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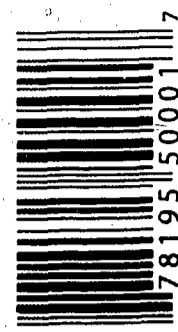


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Rupert container port gets go ahead

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

THE PORT of Prince Rupert got a huge boost last week as the federal and provincial governments announced they are going ahead with a \$120 million container port there.

The project is expected to pump millions of dollars into the regional economy and will become a major gateway for Asia-Pacific trade.

The go-ahead comes after an announcement late last week that the federal government will inject \$30 million toward the project. The B.C. government will match that commitment by adding an additional \$12.8 million to the \$17.2 million it already promised for the port expansion.

American-based Maher Terminals Inc., which will operate the new container port, is also expected to pump \$60 million toward the mammoth project.

"Today brings conclusion to a lot of work done by a lot of people over the last four years to put in

place what is truly a watershed project for the north," said Skeena MLA Roger Harris last week.

"It will allow every community to tap into the global market in a way that they never dreamed possible before. I think with the security of this investment and the security of knowing it's going to happen every community should be taking down their community plan and rethinking about what it is they can become."

Terrace will benefit from the announcement, he added.

"We provided the community with a significant investment in the airport lands, we are strategically on the rail and we are as positioned as anybody in B.C. to start to take advantage of this," Harris said. "This community is, I think,

well positioned or better than most, to tie into this container port."

The port means major upgrades along the CN rail tracks leading to the port. When B.C. rail was bought by CN in 2004, the company committed itself to shelling out \$15 million to be used for upgrades of terminal trackage at Prince Rupert as well as the mainline from Prince George to handle trains carrying heavier loads.

CN spokesman Mark Hallman said the company is approaching its board of directors this week to ask for an additional \$15 million to that end. Roughly \$10 million of that money will be used to allow double stacked container cars to pass through existing tunnels.

Hallman said the tunnel work won't involve any major blasting, rather simple "scraping of tunnel walls."

Once freight starts rolling, CN will pump an additional \$125 million into rolling stock and locomotives to help deal with the increased traffic, Hallman said. The port will be connected with the rest of CN's rail line which extends to all of the major consumer markets in Canada and also into the United States.

Prince Rupert's strategic location at the North American entry point of the North West Transportation Corridor, means the new container port will offer the shortest land-sea transportation route — an attractive feature for businesses looking to ship goods overseas quickly.

The container port is expected to increase Canada and B.C.'s competitive edge when it comes to Asia-Pacific trade opportunities. The port will be built in two phases over four years.

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— Roger Harris



Spring cleaning

HELPING to clean up in front of St. Matthews Anglican Church on Lakelse Avenue is (from left to right) Heather Cook, 9, Lara Hayward, 6, and Ken Smallwood. The church does a yearly cleanup of the grass and bushes on its property. DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

Sawmill sale negotiations moving fast

THE receiver overseeing the sale of the Terrace sawmill to a group of local investors says the deal could be approved within weeks.

Larry Prentice, says if all goes well, the deal could close as early as the end of this month.

John Ryan, the chairman of the board for TLC, said he's pleased with how fast negotiations are going.

But before the sale can close, the company is required to work out a deal with the City of Terrace regarding the land the mill sits on and that appears to have happened.

"The city told us that they are satisfied and they are telling Larry that they are satisfied," says Ryan.

Not expected to hold up the sale of the mill is Prince Rupert's recent appeal victory in the B.C. Court of Appeal.

That appeal regarded how the allocation cost of land associated with New Skeena's assets was determined.

"We felt comfortable going ahead with the Terrace Lumber Company sale," Prentice said. "Doing so was not going to prejudice the position of the other creditors down the line."

And Prentice is confident the new method of determining the allocation costs will not mean TLC will have to come up with more money for the land deal.

That's because the City of Terrace's claim to unpaid property taxes associated with the Terrace mill would amount to more than what the new costs of the land might work out to.

How much the land deal between the city and TLC is worth has not been revealed.

If all goes well, Prentice could have his report to the court, recommending the sale's approval, ready later this week.

That report will then have to be submitted to the court before approval is given.

In the meantime, the company is still forging ahead with plans for a June start-up date.

And company officials are currently negotiating a long term contract with members of the Steelworkers Union, Ryan said.

Those negotiations are expected to be concluded this week.

Exploration to inject money into Terrace economy

By ROD LINK

A VERY large and promising gold, silver and copper mining exploration project north of here is pouring money into the local economy.

NovaGold Resources will spend at least \$25 million this summer on its Galore Creek property and is using Terrace as its main service center.

It has hired Quantum Helicopters to fly people and goods in and out of its site, Black's Expediting to round up items it needs and Bandstra Transportation to truck core samples down to a Vancouver lab for testing, says Galore Creek general manager Carl Gagnier.

"One of the factors in choosing Terrace is that it has the facilities and the businesses we need for the sheer size of our project," he said.

"Terrace has the Finning dealership and that was also one of the factors."

The \$25 million estimated expenditure makes it one of the more extensive exploration and development projects in B.C. this year.

Exploration expenditures have slumped over the past years, but began to revive two years ago.

Provincial mining ministry officials are now predicting \$200 million could be spent on mineral finding activity this year.

NovaGold's budget exceeds the \$15 million it spent last year.

This year's expenditures include expanding its on-site camp to accommodate 175 people.

There's no road access to the site so everything needed has to be brought in and out by helicopter. Galore Creek is located 75km northwest of the existing Eskay Creek gold mine and is on traditional Tahltan territory.

"One of the factors in choosing Terrace is that it has the facilities and the businesses we need for the sheer size of our project,"
— Carl Gagnier

Several Tahltan-owned companies have been providing catering and other services to the camp, said Gagnier.

Drilling equipment is coming from Smithers and Gagnier said the level of exploration activity has increased to the point it was difficult to find

what the company needed.

"There's been a large exploration demand this year. We've been very fortunate to have signed up good quality contractors," he said.

The success of last year's \$15 million project, which has led to this year's \$25 million one, meant NovaGold was able to keep key geologists on contract throughout the winter.

"It's similar to a regular mining operation. We need the people to have cross shifts, to keep continuity," said Gagnier.

The size of a crew change at the site also means NovaGold is in discussions with airlines about chartering aircraft to ferry workers to and from Vancouver.

That's because regular commercial flights wouldn't have the capacity to meet NovaGold's requirements, said Gagnier.

If everything goes according to plan, the company will submit its formal development application to the provincial government by mid 2006. Should quick approval be granted, the company is looking at a one-year project to build a road to the site and a two-year mine construction period.

"It really means we would open in 2010," said Gagnier.

Kitimat sues B.C. government over power sales

KITIMAT has filed a legal challenge against the province of British Columbia over its position regarding Alcan's power sales.

Kitimat is claiming that ministerial orders giving Alcan permission to export power generated by its Kemano plant are illegal.

Kitimat has long argued that public resource should be used to smelt aluminum and create jobs in the northwest.

"We believe the BC government overstepped its authority in issuing ministerial orders that allow Alcan to ignore its obligations in the original contract that gave Alcan access to the Nechako/Kemano water resource that powers Kemano," said Kitimat Mayor Rick Wozney in a press release last week.

"Those ministerial orders allow Alcan to sell cheap power at huge profits rather than create wealth for B.C. by fueling industry, which is the explicit premise of the original 1950 agreement."

Wozney hopes to see those orders rescinded, forcing Alcan to smelt more aluminum and abandon its interest in power sales.

Airport eyes terminal expansion

THE SOCIETY that runs the Northwestern Regional Airport wants to expand its main terminal building at the same time as work for a new passenger check in and baggage handling area takes place.

Doing so would be cheaper in the long run and less disruptive to airlines and passengers, says society president Fraser Mackie.

"I don't think we would want to have all the work done for a new secure hold area and then later on, start ripping walls out all over again," he said last week.

The new check in, baggage and waiting room area follows on regulations for increased security introduced after 9/11 by the federal Canadian Air Transport Security Agency (CATSA).

It and the airport have gone back and forth for two years on design plans, costs and construction schedules.

While CATSA has been focussed on security regulations involving more scrutiny of travellers and of their luggage, the airport and its airline tenants have wanted the result to be as less onerous on passengers as possible.

"We've even had Jazz and Hawkair representative go to CATSA to make their case. But CATSA has been quite stubborn," said Mackie.

"We do know we're going to have to do something by this fall, but we want it and our expansion to happen at the same time."

The new CATSA-required check in, baggage and waiting area will go in where Hawkair now has its counter and working space.

And the area now occupied by the current holding room will be eliminated in favour of a larger baggage claim area and a room which could, one day, become a Canada Customs spot.

The terminal expansion plans by the society will mean moving out to the west of the building and out the front.

"We can't move out to the air-side of the terminal, so out to the west and out the front is our only option. The work out the front will include a vestibule and canopy," said Mackie.

Expansion costs will be carried by the society and made easier because it received a \$2 million federal/provincial grant to help defray the cost of its \$3 million runway lengthening project now underway.

"We're not flush, but we do have some elbow room," Mackie added.

The society has received nearly \$1 million from a federal government program designed to help smaller airports purchase equipment and make improvements.



KEVIN PETERSON, a pre-board screener at the Terrace-Kitimat airport, checks a passenger before departure. FILE PHOTO

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Application for Approval of a Transmission System Capital Plan

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THE APPLICATION

British Columbia Transmission Corporation ("BCTC") has filed with the British Columbia Utilities Commission ("the Commission") for approval of BCTC's Transmission System Capital Plan F2006 to F2015 ("the 2005 Capital Plan"), for expenditures that it will make or commence in F2006 and F2007, pursuant to Sections 45(6) and 45(6.1) of the Utilities Commission Act. The approvals requested by BCTC include confirmation that expenditures for certain projects contained in the 2005 Capital Plan are in the public interest.

THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The Commission will review the 2005 Capital Plan Application using a Written Public Hearing process according to a Regulatory Schedule established by Order No. G-33-05, available upon request or on the BCUC web site.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF THE DOCUMENTS

The Application and supporting material are available for inspection at the following locations:

British Columbia Transmission Corporation Suite 1100 Four Bentall Centre 1055 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver, B.C. V7X 1V5 www.bctc.com	British Columbia Utilities Commission Sixth Floor 900 Howe Street Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2N3 www.bcuc.com
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INTERVENTIONS

Persons who expect to actively participate in the written public hearing process should register as Intervenor with the Commission, in writing, by Friday, April 22, 2005, identifying the nature of their interest in the 2005 Capital Plan Application. Intervenor will receive copies of the Application, all correspondence and filed documentation.

Persons not expecting to actively participate, but who have an interest in the 2005 Capital Plan Application, should register as Interested Parties with the Commission, in writing, by the same date and identify their interest in the matter. Interested Parties will receive a copy of the Application's Executive Summary and all Orders issued.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact Mr. Robert J. Pellatt, Commission Secretary, or Mr. Robert Rerie, Senior Electrical Engineer as follows:

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Shelter busy from more dogs, cats

People leave pets behind

A LOCAL animal control officer says last year's rise in animals brought to the shelter may be related to a poor economy and people moving away from the city without their pets.

While there were just 587 animals impounded in 2003, that number rose 21 per cent to 710 in 2004.

The number of cats brought to the shelter went up from 362 in 2003 to 395 last year while dogs were up from 178 to 274.

City animal control officer Tammy McLean says a disturbing trend of animals being abandoned has gone up in the last two years.

"Probably the last couple years have been the worst," she says, adding the number of feral cats has gone up due to cats being abandoned rather than being brought to the shelter.

And the chances of rehabilitating and re-socializing feral cats to the point where they are suitable for adoption are not good.

"They're just too wild," she says.

Last year a total of seven dogs were put down and the shelter while 189 cats had to be euthanized.

McLean says the shelter does its best to keep animals for as long as possible before the choice to euthanize is made.

While kittens are popular adoptees, adult cats are more difficult to place.

And this month marks the one year anniversary of the city's animal crematorium being operational.

The crematorium is a way for area residents or veterinarians to dispose of the remains of deceased animals in a more environmentally friendly manner. It also reduces the amount of animals which are disposed of at the landfill, says McLean.

The crematorium saw 224 outside cremations take place by the end of 2004. 114 animals were cremated with no remains being returned. Private cremations where the remains were returned in a scatter box numbered 72 while private cremations where remains were returned in an urn was 38.

The money generated from the crematorium totaled \$10,540.



CITY ANIMAL control officer Tammy McLean holds a cat. More cats and more dogs are being dropped off at the shelter, because of the poor economy or because owners are leaving town. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

News In Brief

Rocks for liquor

SOMEONE HURLED a rock through the front window of the beer and wine store at the Coast Inn of the West around 4:30 a.m. on April 12.

The suspect entered and stole three bottles of liquor worth about \$58.65. Damage to the window is estimated at \$2,000.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers at 635-8477 or Terrace RCMP at 638-7400.

Searching for Furlong vandals

TERRACE RCMP are searching for whoever caused thousands of dollars of destruction at the Furlong Bay campground between March 5 and 7.

The vandals broke into several buildings, including the public washrooms. Damages are assessed at approximately \$10,000.

Please call the Terrace RCMP at 638-7400 or Crimestoppers at 635-8477 if you have any knowledge of this crime.

Nurses stay in north

THE NORTHERN Health Authority has hired 48 of the 58 nurses graduating this year from the University of Northern British Columbia's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

They'll be headed to Fort St. John, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Smithers, Burnis Lake, Fort St. James, Vanderhoof, and Prince George.

"Northern Health is pleased that the vast majority of UNBC's nursing graduates have again chosen to stay in the north," said Northern Health CEO Malcolm Maxwell. "Our goal now is to make sure that Northern Health provides these new nurses with a rewarding work life so they choose to stay with us over the long term."

This year's recruiting results follows 2004's recruitment of 33 of 38 UNBC nursing graduates to positions across northern B.C.

The health authority works closely with educational institutions across the region to provide hands-on education for future health professionals as they complete their studies.

Diabetes pitch made

THE CANADIAN Diabetes Association is urging the provincial government to add new medications and supplies to its Pharmacare coverage package to benefit lower income people.

The association says people who rely on Pharmacare don't have access to a full range of medications and supplies unless they can pay for them.

It also notes diabetes medication and other bills can reach \$5,000 a year.

The association says doctors and their patients are faced with fewer choices in making decisions as to the appropriate kind of treatment.

More than 210,000 British Columbians now have diabetes, a figure the association says will grow dramatically to more than 350,000 people by 2016.

It is also predicting a dramatic increase in the cost of dealing with diabetes.

Board leaves smoke pits alone

SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 is still looking for a way to address the problem of student smoke pits.

A proposed policy that would have seen smokers pushed 50 metres off school property didn't even go to a vote on April 6.

"We'll revisit it rather than push it," said Lorie Gowen, the board's chair. "We'd like to focus more on cessation and helping smokers quit."

The plan was turfed because it was seen as downloading the smoke pit problem into the neighbourhood. Gowen said pushing students away from the school might work in an urban

area, but no here.

"Where we're situated, we're too close to people's houses."

Gowen said the district does want to abolish smoke pits.

But, for now, she said the district will try to revise the existing policy before the end of this school year. "Every single high school has a smoke pit - we understand that they exist," she said. "We want to find a balance between addressing (smoke pits) and promoting a healthy life style."

Discipline is also a balance, says Cam Mackay, principal of Caledonia Senior Secondary.

"We don't want to lose sight of why they're at school - for education," he said. "If we do have to punish them, we like to keep them in school."

While Mackay said his student body is mostly respectful, going off-property to smoke, some require discipline.

Students caught smoking on school property are first warned and repeat offenders at Caledonia will get in-school suspensions or Friday school, where students come in on their day off.

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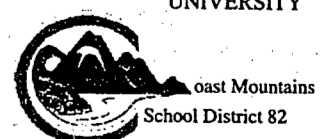
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Wood words

THE RELEASE two weeks ago of a report on small-scale forestry very much points to the future of how the northwest can make its living from the woods.

After surveying existing operations, forestry consultant Rick Brouwer and others have come up with a solid set of recommendations aimed at supporting and encouraging small operators.

What's required first and foremost, says Mr. Brouwer, is access by small operators to a secure fibre supply. More importantly is that the access be in such a way that small operators have flexibility in regulations to permit them to cut or purchase wood that fits their business plans and their markets.

That will involve B.C. Timber Sales, the provincial agency formed several years ago to market small amounts of wood. Like any government bureaucracy it thrives on regulations. The trick is to ensure those regulations make sense. It comes down to deciding whether B.C. Timber Sales operates for the benefit or small operators or whether small operators have to tailor their plans to fit B.C. Timber Sales. It should be the former.

Mr. Brouwer also sees great potential in small operators banding together for greater purchasing power. They could also jointly finance and share facilities such as dry kilns and other bigger ticket items which they would otherwise not be able to afford or sustain. Items such as common log holding areas would also provide benefits to small operators.

None of this is new. A group of people here several years ago proposed a common sorting yard, a sort of supermarket for wood purchasers to gather and examine what was for sale.

What Mr. Brouwer's report does do is lay it all out in a comprehensive package. There is a will and now it needs support, says Mr. Brouwer.

Most telling is Mr. Brouwer's breaking down of the job numbers. He points out that small operators already provide 79 jobs in this area, more than that of a single shift at the Terrace Lumber Company once it gets started. Changes benefiting small operators would double that 79 job figure, easily equalling that of two shifts from the Terrace Lumber Company.

That's not to denigrate the Terrace Lumber Company which is creating itself as a larger, down home version of a small scale operation.

But what it does point out that taken collectively, the potential of small scale forestry operations could provide the same level of employment and resulting economic spinoffs that a larger and more visible operation provides.

In many ways, this would return the area to the early days of the sawmilling industry where local control was the key. It's worth doing again.

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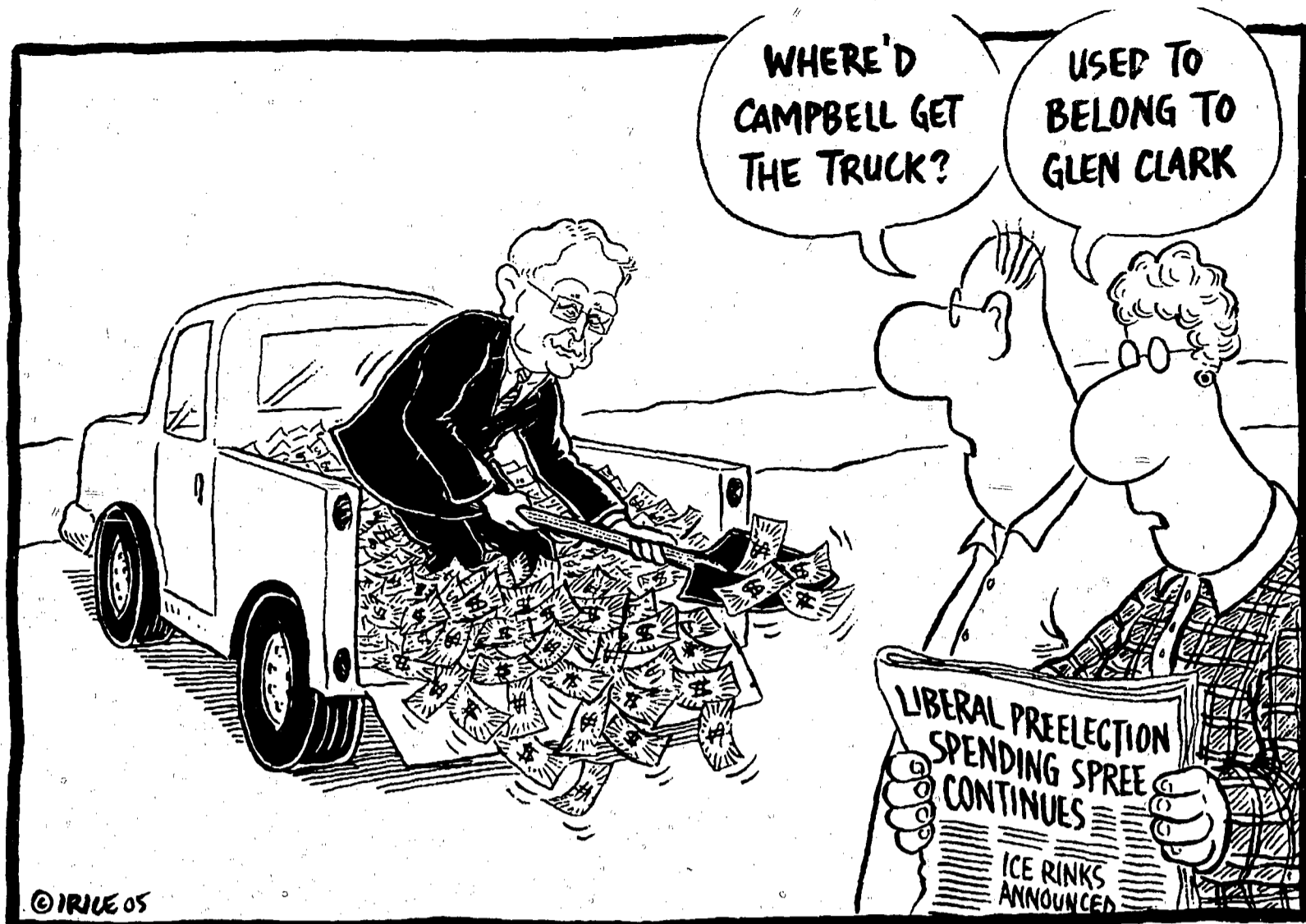
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Gov't fumbles surgical wait lists

VICTORIA - I guess it's good news that the provincial government has discovered that 11,000 of the 80,000 names on surgical waiting lists shouldn't be there.

At least the problem has been identified, and is apparently being fixed.

But that's the extent of the good news, and there's much that's discouraging in the discovery, and in the fact that waits for many procedures are still up over the last years.

The number of names on a wait list shouldn't matter much. Most of us care about how long it takes for us to get the procedure done, not how many others are on the list with us.

But wait lists matter to people who manage the system. If the list for one procedure keeps growing, then managers devote more resources to the treatment. And if the decisions are based on bad information, then money may be misspent.

The health ministry says it's identified the problem, and will have a new wait list system within the next year that will offer patients and managers accurate information. But it's 2005, long into an era when health care and waiting lists are supposed to be a priority, and basic management information isn't available. (A situation that is true across Canada.)

The news is also gloomy on the wait time front.

Deputy health minister Penny Ballem stresses the progress



FROM THE CAPITAL
PAUL WILLCOCKS

in providing treatment. The system provided 33 per cent more knee replacements in 2003-4 than it did three years earlier, and 41 per cent more angioplasties.

But the system has not kept up with demand.

The latest data shows that median waits have increased for 11 types of non-emergency surgery since the election, and fallen for five procedures. The wait for cardiac surgery has been cut by about four weeks, to two months.

But other waits have increased substantially. People are waiting one-third longer for knee replacements, with the median wait now 28 weeks. Since the median wait measures the time it takes for half the people to get surgery, that means that many are waiting much longer. The median wait for hip replacements has increased by a month, to almost 22 weeks. Both waits

are shorter than in Ontario, according to a new review; both are much longer than the standard recommended by the Canadian Orthopaedic Association.)

Lots of factors have driven the increased demand. The most significant, Ballem says, is an increase in the rate at which most procedures are being performed. Surgeries hurt less, require less rehab time and provide more consistently successful results. More people are candidates. In 1990, about 1,300 people had knee replacement surgery in B.C.; the annual number is almost three times that today.

The procedures work, so people in pain or with other problems expect treatment.

And since we are not paying for enough surgeries to meet the need, waiting lists grow. In the long term, we can find ways to keep people healthier and reduce demand, and increase efficiency. But now, either governments provide more money or waits increase.

That decision deserves much more open public debate, starting with a clear statement of how long it's reasonable for people to wait for different types of treatment, based on the severity of their condition and the impact on their overall health and lives.

The Wait Time Alliance of Canada, a doctors' group, has just released its proposals. Health Canada is supposed to have a list of acceptable wait

times by the end of this year as part of the last health accord signed with the provinces.

We are fumbling with the issue of wait times, with too little information - as the wait list problems showed - and too little honesty.

People need to know what their governments are prepared to deliver, and at what cost. Only then can they decide if that is enough to meet patients' needs.

Footnote: The model that has worked in at least some other jurisdictions is wait guarantees - knee replacement for moderate case within nine months, for example, of the government pays for surgery outside the system. The process forces an open, honest debate on what we are prepared to promise, and pay for.

And last week's announcement regarding the Cariboo Connector, the name given by the province for its planned four-lane highway leading to the south from Prince George, is obviously linked to the election, and to winning seats for the Liberals.

But while the project makes sense, the Cariboo Connector name doesn't. The new name should be aimed at persuading tourists that a trip to Prince George - and then to Prince Rupert - should be part of their plans. The route's name should sell the region's history and beauty, and lure tourists down the road.

Proper parenting takes time

POOR PARENTING creates hoodlums. For proof, watch Supernanny or Nanny 911 to witness brats become angels in one week of proper parenting.

Arnold Schwarzenegger's family needs no nanny's help. Arnold and his wife, Maria Kennedy Shriver, believe in work and discipline, not indulgence of their kids.

Even though Arnold is governor of the state of California, their three kids must make their own beds, do their own laundry (including bedsheets), hang up their own clothes, and put away their shoes.

If Arnold finds any clothing or shoes where they shouldn't be, he throws them in the fire or hides them where the kid may never find them.

The two sisters, 13 and 15, and their 9-year-old brother, have no phone of their own or a TV in their bedroom. The only TV sits in the family room where parents and kids watch programs together and, like other families, scrap over the remote and channel choices.

Maria demands to know



THROUGH BIFOCALS
CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

where her children are and with whom. When they visit friends on playdates, she phones the home to be sure a parent is present and check that her child was invited.

This firm handling of kids is similar to the parenting style of Ivana Trump. The Trumps could well afford anything a kid might desire, yet Ivana refused to give her teenagers an allowance.

She insisted they earn their

own spending money by delivering newspapers or doing other small jobs. Like Schwarzenegger, Ivana grew up poor and worked hard to better herself. Wanting the best for her kids, she lets them have the satisfaction of a job well done.

These two families parent similar to Supernanny, Nanny 911, and Dr. Phil. The result is happy kids that respect their parents and each other, help with the chores, and live within parental boundaries so Mom and Dad can enjoy their company.

I watch Supernanny and Nanny 911 for the sheer joy of seeing a roomful of rowdies shredding sofa cushions, climbing furniture and yelling, metamorph into a polite, sociable unit taking turns with toys and doing Mom's bidding without backtalk.

This behavioural transformation-in-seven-days works because the nanny coaches the parents to be consistent, to set consequences and follow through.

"A child should be able to

predict the consequences of his actions with one hundred percent accuracy," says Dr. Phil.

If mom warns, "bite your sister again and you'll lose your GameBoy for a week," that's exactly what should happen if the child nips again. No knuckling under because wrestling the GameBoy out of his grip will be too much effort, or Mom worries her child won't love her.

A parent's job is not to be loved by her kid but to raise a socially acceptable child. Otherwise by his or her teens, the kid could be pregnant, doing drugs, or stealing cars, well on the road to a life behind bars.

Where's the love in that?

We all want our kids to be happy, but indulgence isn't the way to reach that goal. A kid is happier living within consistent boundaries so he isn't scolded, punished, in trouble with neighbours, school or the law.

Criminals are made by parents who let kids do as they please because parenting takes effort, commitment, and time.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Terrace's little secret is out and skiing and snowboarding industry representatives are heading for our hills.

A special report by Sarah A. Zimmerman and Margaret Speirs

Untouched snow tantalizes mags, movie makers

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

TERRACE locals have known for years our mountains are home to backcountry skiing and snowboarding opportunities that are simply outstanding.

With an annual average snowfall of 40 feet at Shames Mountain and seemingly endless backcountry terrain, it's no wonder locals like keeping it Terrace's little secret.

But the secret is out.

In the last three months alone, industry photographers and ski and snowboard filmmakers have spent no less than three weeks filming jaw-dropping sequences for upcoming videos and magazine articles.

What sets the Terrace area apart from many other, more high profile, backcountry skiing locations is its terrain, a relatively reliable backcountry snowpack, its proximity to a town complete with amenities, airlines that provide daily service to and from Vancouver and a heli-skiing operation located close to town.

Making movies

"We produce one film a year, that's what we're working on right now," says Mike Hatchett of Standard Films, who left Terrace late last week after two weeks here.

His company produces visually stunning snowboarding movies that are primarily distributed as videos through snowboard, skateboard and surf shops around the world.

Standard Films and other production companies, such as Matchstick Productions, are among the top five companies making movies of this genre, distributing more than 50,000 copies a year. Those videos usually end up being passed around from friend to friend, meaning the viewership extends far beyond its initial distribution numbers.

Finding new places to shoot is key to giving audiences a glimpse of untouched areas around the world, featuring the world's most talented free skiers and snowboarders.

Hatchett expects a two to three-minute segment from the Terrace trip to appear in Standard Films' new release in September 2005.

And he also anticipates seeing a full segment featuring Terrace on the Standard Snowboard Show, a half-hour weekly program on Fox network's satellite channel called Fuel, a 24-hour-a-day action sport television channel.

Terrace terrain

The terrain here is its biggest draw, Hatchett says.

"The mountains are gigantic but if you break down the mountain visually and look at a small section of it that's only 300 vertical feet long or 500 vertical feet long, there's very workable terrain features - one of the best things about Terrace is the amazing terrain features to work with."

Those features range from soft pillowy lines, to steep, jagged cliff drops, long run-outs and tree skiing.

Jim Barr, a writer for the Edmonton Sun and employee for Edmonton-based adventure travel wholesaler Downhill Riders, was here in early February and was awed by the snow.

"Two days before we got there they got 200 cm of snow," he recalls. "At Jasper, if we get 50 cm in three days, we're stoked."

Barr was invited to Terrace by his friend Ted Allsopp, who also works for Downhill Riders, but is also part owner of Terrace's Northern Escape Heli-skiing.

Barr's experience heli-skiing was simply incredible and he raved about it in an article published in the Edmonton Sun.

"It was outstanding," he says. "It was the best day of my life, actually."

"I think it's the terrain as well, I mean, you're skiing a mountain range there that is just endless - we were skiing runs there that had never been skied before."

The concept of hitting virgin runs is a major draw for professional skiers, snowboarders and the media who report on what they do. Tapping into a frontier that has yet to be fully discovered makes the Terrace area unique and very attractive to the industry.

"It's a huge draw for us because you know, in Alaska there's so much hype and there are so many skiers now and snowboarders and film crews," says Hatchett. "To come to a small spot where there is no other snowboarders heli-skiing is definitely a draw - going to a small place and going to some place new."

Alluring amenities

Scott Gaffney, a cinematographer for Matchstick Production agrees. He and his crew of professional skiers that included Canada's ace free skier Hugo Harrison, was at the Northern Escape along with the Standard Film crew.

Filming some of the extreme shots that his company looks for is, by nature, an endeavour that takes his crew to remote locations. Sometimes, he says, his crew has spent days cooped up in a fly-in hut on a mountain in a remote mountain range, waiting for the weather to clear.

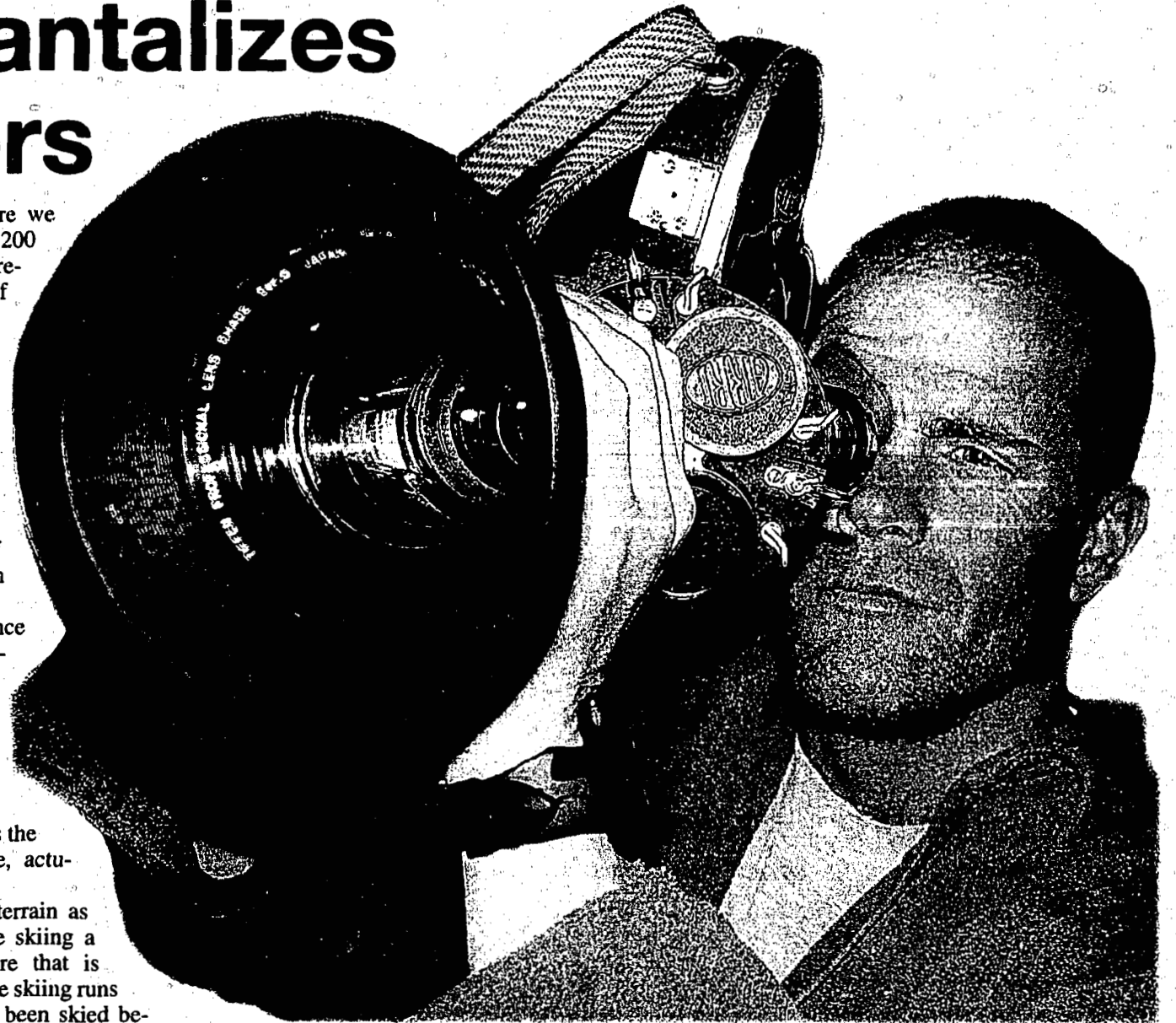
Northern Escape's lodge, located less than 15 minutes from the City of Terrace, makes it an attractive home base for his team.

Being near an amenity-rich city means athletes and film crews can get out and enjoy what it has to offer while waiting for what avid skiers and boarders call "bluebird" days - days with crystal clear blue skies create the perfect conditions for shooting. To facilitate their shoots, both Hatchett and Gaffney agree its critical to have a heli-skiing operation that understands the needs of the film-making industry.

And with bills for a week's stay at the local lodge topping \$40,000 for each of the film crews that translates into a substantial amount of money coming into the local economy. Combine that with money spent by visitors in local restaurants, bars and other venues and the contribution to the economy is significant.

Easy access

While access to the backcountry is just minutes away by helicopter, access from the Lower Mainland is attracting more and more people here as



SCOTT GAFFNEY, a cinematographer for Matchstick Productions, produces visually stunning ski and snowboarding movies featuring the world's top athletes. The Matchstick crew was here for two weeks this month, filming.

SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

well.

Jim Barr was amazed at just how easy it is to get from Vancouver to Terrace.

"I caught a flight at 6:30 a.m. in Vancouver and was in the chopper by, like, 11:30 a.m.," Barr recalls. "That's a really cool feature."

John Forrest, Northern Escape's president, says the quick trip to Terrace from Vancouver is a major selling point for his guests from the Lower Mainland.

"The access is really good here," Forrest says. "We're selling season passes to people because they can get here faster and more safely than Whistler."

Clients have told Forrest they'd prefer to fly from the south terminal to Terrace than drive the often-dangerous Sea to Sky highway.

And it's not just high-paying heli-skiing clients that are impressed with the easy access to backcountry skiing.

Several people who've been here this winter have been impressed with how easy it is to get from Vancouver to Terrace and then just a quick drive to Shames for lift-serviced skiing.

Barr says he hears good things about Shames through the adventure travel company he works for.

"I hear a lot about Shames and again, it's about the snow and it's about the backcountry."

Locals have known for years that a short hike above the T-bar at the top of the resort gives people access to untouched powder and steep terrain that is usually accessible only by helicopter. For skiers here, it's all in a day's work, but for people from outside the region, the easy access to the powder in the backcountry is nothing short of overwhelming.

"Basically, I was just blown away by the backcountry access," says Jordan Manley, a photographer who visited Shames in February after hearing that the snow here was good, while Whistler was suffering from a serious lack of the white stuff. "There's only that one little lift but it provides you with this massive area you've got access to. I thought it was just the greatest thing."

What the future holds

With the increase of exposure for this area soaring, more filmmakers, television crews and magazines are bound to start coming this way.

Both Matchstick and Standard are entering into an agreement with Northern Escape to return to Terrace on a regular basis next year. Hatchett says his company will essentially be on 24-hour notice. When the conditions are right, the snowboarders and shooters will get on a flight to Terrace and start shooting.



JIM BARR, a freelance writer for the Edmonton Sun, says the heli-skiing experience he had here was the best day of skiing of his life.

TED ALLSOPP PHOTO

Tourism head seeks out exposure

By MARGARET SPEIRS

OUTDOOR tourism is blasting onto ski slopes all over and extreme tourists could soon be coming to town in droves if Terrace Tourism has its way.

Last winter's excellent snow conditions here and lack of snow at other ski hills, including Whistler, led Jennifer Lewis, executive director of the Terrace Tourism Society, to contact all the major newspapers in Vancouver, as well as B.C. Tourism, which resulted in a flood of phone inquiries from travel writers and photographers.

Her e-mail to the lower mainland was simple: "...we have 90 cm of fresh powder at our local ski hill and why aren't you up here?" Lewis explains.

B.C. Tourism received requests for travel arrangements and helped organize and fund three separate trips here.

Those inquisitive travellers included people from the Edmonton Sun, Adventure West Magazine, Northshore News, Skier magazine, Doglotion from Whistler, Matchstick Productions from Colorado, and Canadian professional free skier Hugo Harrison, to name a few.

The upshot of the trips saw those people not just hitting the slopes but checking out local restaurants, spas, sports facilities and stores.

And feedback from the travellers indicate they

were very impressed with the local services available here.

"If anything, that was what they were the most surprised about: the diversity of the food they could get here," says Lewis adding visitors were particularly impressed with the availability and variety of ethnic fare here.

The potential exists for more skiers and snowboarders to come to town thanks to the stories that have already been written about these trips, she says.

Jim Barr, also known as Dr. Pow, wrote a rave review of his experience heli-skiing in Terrace which was printed in February in the Edmonton Sun.

Jamie Bond, an avid backcountry skier who hosts a web site for free skiers (people who hit backcountry slopes rather than lift-assisted runs) also wrote a stunning review of his trip here in February. That trip came soon after a huge dump of snow hit the slopes here and he was awed by the quality of runs at Shames Mountain and its easy access to the backcountry.

His stories appeared on his web site doglotion.com and in the Whistler Question newspaper.

"Hopefully we'll get lots of coverage in next year's ski magazines," Lewis said.

And those Whistler based skiers were amazed

how many of their own were here this winter.

"People from Whistler couldn't believe how many people they saw that were local (from Whistler)," Lewis said.

Terrace Tourism is currently calculating the total number of winter tourists as a baseline, which will help determine future increases.

Staff are placing different 1-800 telephone numbers on tourism publications to learn how and where tourists hear about Terrace. Each marketing area has its own number to call which allows Terrace Tourism to track interest geographically.

"If we know nobody came from Edmonton and nobody phoned the visitor info centre, we'll market another place where people are interested," Lewis says.

Lewis believes Shames Mountain could become a vacation destination for "ski addicts" - die hards who appreciate a back country ski hill with a two-seater chairlift and chalet. As for attracting certain age groups, Lewis believes age isn't the main factor with action sport tourists.

"I think it's actually the personality more than the age," she said.

"It's the addicted skier that at any age, whether a young or older person, if they can't ski because their mountain isn't open, they'll start looking for another place."



PRINCE RUPERT skier Jake Palmer is caught on film by professional photographer Jordan Manley in the back bowl near Shames Mountain.

JORDAN MANLEY PHOTO

The Mail Bag

Terrace is not dying, says Chamber prez

Dear Sir:

As the 'voice of business' in Terrace, the Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce takes exception to the all too familiar Save-the-Northwest package that was mailed to local Terrace businesses with a cover letter that stated Terrace is dying.

Terrace is not dying!

The people and businesses of Terrace have worked hard over these past few years for the future of the Pacific Northwest, our community and for the future of our children. There are many positives on the horizon that, through all the hard work of these

great people and businesses, will come to fruition.

It is most unfortunate that even though Kitimat has many forward thinking businesses who look to the future as Terrace does, Kitimat now has a national reputation as a "dying" community. We do not want to be branded the same. Terrace will not allow itself to be labeled with this negativity.

Terrace is alive and well...and working towards the future.

**Bert Husband, President,
Terrace & District
Chamber of Commerce**

Forestry is not dead

Dear Sir:

An Open Letter to Robin Austin, NDP Candidate, Skeena.

Mr. Austin, you told NWCC students this week that "forestry is in the past" in this community.

Over the past few years, we have endured troubled markets and then the unfulfilled hopes and promises of New Skeena.

Loggers, sawmill workers, contractors and suppliers have struggled to stay in this business.

The recent local investment in the Terrace Lumber Company, the new market logging opportunities, the 48 local sawmills and

governments actions are evidence that others see a future in forestry in the northwest.

The forests of the northwest are productive and an asset.

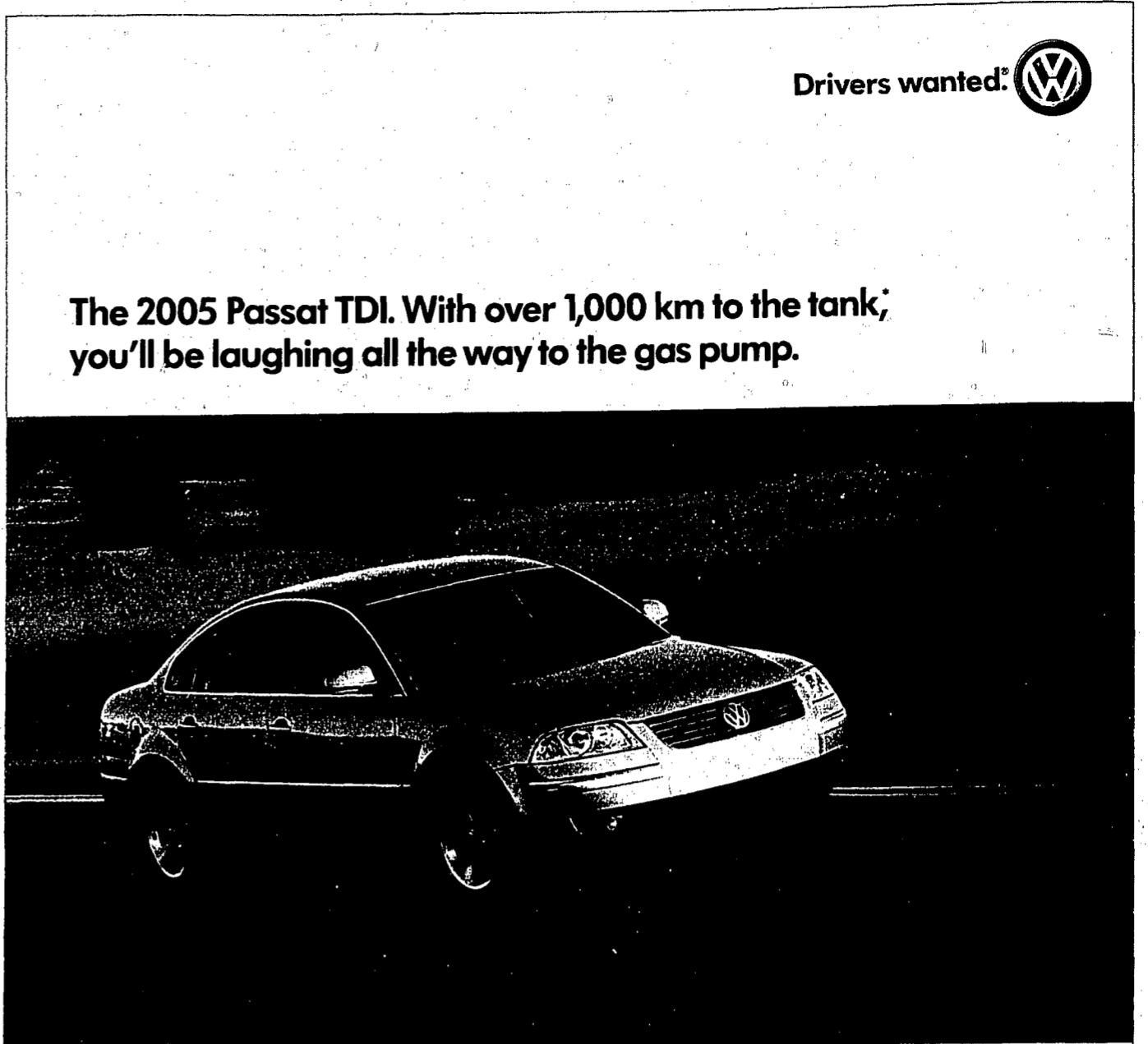
Terrace has a strong forestry heritage and opportunities for growth.

Many are working hard to diversify and to re-establish the northwest as a forest economy.

For you, Mr. Austin, to think otherwise exposes a lack of understanding of how important forestry is to this community.

Let's paint a brighter picture of the future to students in our community.

Brian Downie, Terrace, B.C.



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Don't judge people who are coping with eating disorders

Dear Sir:
I am responding to Claudette Sandeck's story, "Bulimia's The Real Villain".

She has given her opinion with regards to bulimia and I wanted to share mine from the perspective of someone who has struggled with this disease.

I am a recovered bulimic who spent many years struggling with disordered eating.

I learned in my recovery that bulimia is not about losing weight. For myself bulimia was about numbing emotional pain.

One truth that I have realized about eating disorders is that people suffering from them have had significant hurt in their lives.

By controlling what I ate, I was trying to control my terrible pain.

In her article, Claudette Sandeck spoke about Terri Schiavo's family and friends.

She wondered "if her parents and

friends had heaped one tenth of their present concern on her as a child she might have grown up feeling so confident she'd never have become overweight in the first place".

I do not feel that is a fair assumption of Terri's family life as a child.

We do not know what life was like for Terri and we do not know what events took place in her life.

We do not know what her family and friends were doing when Terri was struggling with her bulimia.

It has been my experience working with women who struggle with eating disorders that some family and friends are desperate for them to seek help.

The family may want recovery for the person more than anything,

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

The Mail Bag

but the individual has to want it.

You can be brought to the door, but you have to walk through it. I wanted to respond to this article so I could be a voice of others who are struggling. I understand that this illness is not about losing weight.

If that were true we would be happy when we were thin and near death, but we aren't; we are scared and miserable.

If you or someone you know is struggling with an eating disorder please know that there is help out there.

When I was ready for my recovery to begin I contacted a not for profit organization called EDEN, Eating Disorders and Education Network.

I joined EDEN's 21 Week Recovery Skills group and began my journey of recovery.

If you would like more information on the EDEN Process or my upcoming 21 Week Recovery Skills Group in Terrace, please visit eden-process.com.

Susan Moldenhauer,
Terrace, B.C.

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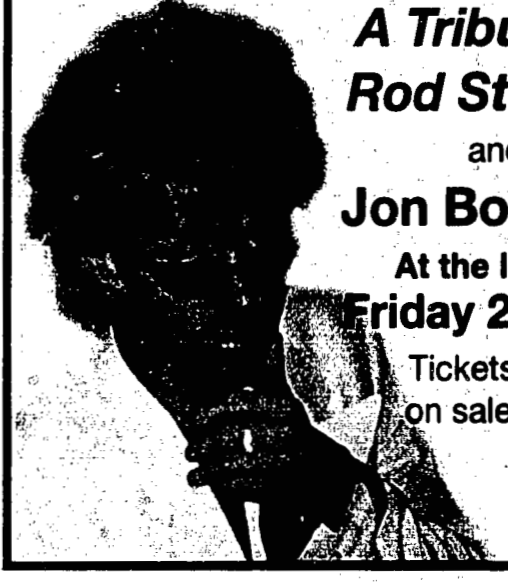
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Trustee takes exception to MLA's opinion on education

Dear Sir:
In the media recently MLA Roger Harris has made comments about the Coast Mountains School District and myself.

He makes reference to the \$150 million, it sounds like a lot of money but what our district gets is a lot less. Since our funding has been frozen for the last four years we have been under funded to the tune of \$22.5 million. This is because we have had all the costs in the district increasing wages, gas, fuel, electricity, WCB, insurance and the list goes on.

Our share of the \$150 million is just less than \$1 million; our net under funding becomes \$21.5 million.

The seismic upgrade money Roger Harris says "They are fully within their rights to ask that that lift in capital dollars not go to seismic this year, that they put it to something else. They actually just have to ask."

Well we met with the ministry of education in Vancouver at the beginning of the month and told them what Roger Harris said. They said it was "absolutely not true."

Besides if we used the money elsewhere and there was an earthquake and children die, how could we explain not using the money for children's safety?

When I was elected in 1990 Dave Parker never attacked the school board and supported in any way he could. Helmut Giesbrecht never attacked the school board and supported in any way he could. I was not a member of the NDP. Then Roger Harris got elected, he attacked the school board and never supported us in any way.

In 2003 I realized the only way I could fight for public education and Kitimat was to join the NDP.

Roger Harris: about my remarks at public meetings about the future of public education says, "Which is about as inappropriate as you get."

When is it appropriate to give the people the facts and to tell the truth? I have been

re-elected by the people I represent four times. When Roger Harris has been re-elected four times, then he can give me a lecture about when it is inappropriate to tell the truth!

Roger Harris's com-

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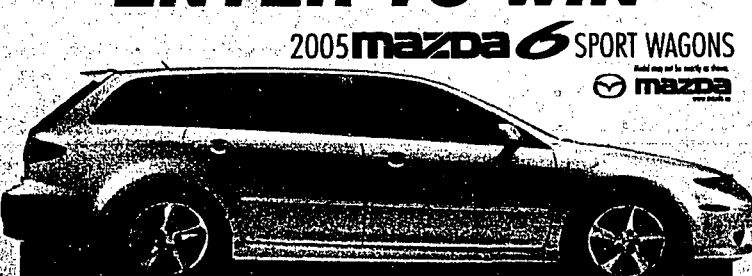
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Caledonia still ranked near bottom

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

LOCAL SCHOOL district administrators say they're not concerned with the low ratings given to the area's three high schools in a think tank's yearly results released last week.

"I don't pay attention to the Fraser Institute's rankings," said Cam Mackay, Caledonia Senior Secondary School principal. "We already know our exam results."

Caledonia slipped from a 5.7 out of 10 rating last year, to a 5.5 rating this year.

The ratings measure eight indicators, including average provincial exam mark, percentage of provincial exams failed, the gap between a school and the provincial exam average, gender differences in math and English results, graduation rate and the number of provincially-examinable courses taken per student.

Data can't tell the whole story, says Mackay.

"Private schools and (wealthy area-schools) will always have a much higher level compared to the North," he said. "But, all the clientele is different."

School board chair Lorrie Gowen agreed, saying no other district has the range or diversity of race and economic classes seen in schools here.

Peter Cowley, the Vancouver-based institute's director of school performance studies and co-author of the report, says a school's cultural diversity shouldn't be a factor.

"Some schools simply do better than others," Cowley said.

However, the author did point out the rankings include parents' average education in years, a stat, with few exceptions he said, runs in direct correlation with income.

Gowen said she doesn't put much stock into the yearly results, preferring instead to focus on the job they're doing.

"We're concerned with making strides ourselves and what the students do," she said.

Cowley said school administrators need not use the findings for comparison, but to compare them to their own history.

Despite a poor overall mark and little evidence of improvement at Caledonia, Cowley said the school has improved over five years in the number of provincially-examinable courses taken.

Of 282 B.C. high schools, the Terrace school ranked no. 199. Mount Elizabeth Secondary in Kitimat and Hazelton Secondary came in at no. 226 and 259 respectively.

The public policy group has been ranking schools for 12 years.

School smoking pits not moving to neighbourhood

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 is still looking for a way to address the problem of student smoke pits.

A proposed policy that would have seen smokers pushed 50 metres off school property didn't even go to a vote on April 6.

"We'll revisit it rather than push it," said Lorrie Gowen, the board's chair. "We'd like to focus more on cessation and helping smokers quit."

The plan was turfed because it was seen as down-loading the smoke pit problem into the neighbourhood.

Gowen said pushing students away from the school might work in an urban area, but not here.

"Where we're situated, we're too close to people's houses."

Gowen said the district would ultimately like to abolish smoke pits, calling the practice of underage smoking illegal.

But, for now, she said the district will try to revise the existing policy before the end of this school year.

"Every single high school has a smoke pit - we understand that they exist," she said. "We want to find a balance between addressing (smoke pits) and promoting a healthy lifestyle."

Discipline is also a balance, says Cam Mackay, principal of Caledonia Senior Secondary.

"We don't want to lose sight of why they're at school - for education," he said. "If we do have to punish them, we have to keep them in school."

While Mackay said his student body is mostly respectful, going off-property to smoke, some require discipline.

Students caught smoking on school property are first warned and repeat offenders at Caledonia will get in-school suspensions or Friday school, where students come in on their day off.

Mackay said the school will move the existing smoking pit from its current location at the public bus stop, so students disembarking don't have to wade through clouds of smoke.

The secondary school principal said treating the problem - addiction - is most vital.



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UNBC nurses to stay in north

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"Northern Health is pleased that the vast majority of UNBC's nursing graduates have again chosen to stay in the north," said Northern Health CEO Malcolm Maxwell.

"Our goal now is to make sure that Northern Health provides these new nurses with a rewarding work life so they choose to stay with us over the long term."

This year's recruiting results follows 2004's recruitment of 33 of 38 UNBC nursing graduates to positions across northern B.C.

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Tuition fees rise again

By ROD LINK

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It's a modest bump compared to recent years which have seen annual increases that have nearly doubled tuition from the \$2,257 figure of the late 1990s.

The provincial Liberal government ended a tuition fee freeze brought in by the previous NDP government in the 1990s.

The provincial government now wants to limit tuition increases to the level of inflation.

Overall, tuition fees make up 26.7 per cent of UNBC's \$52.4 million budget for this year.

That percentage has increased over the last years in line with tuition hikes.

But some of the budget increase comes from an increase in the provincial government grant from \$34.6 million this year to \$36.5 million this year.

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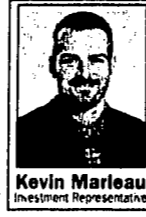
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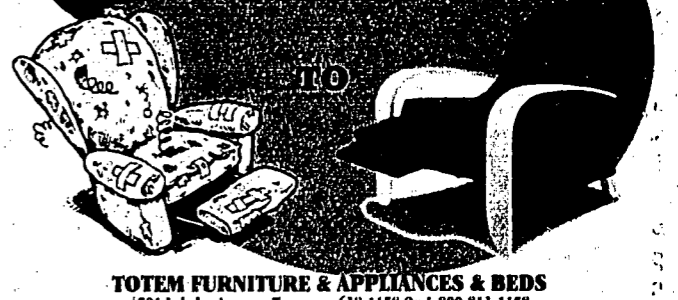
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Spring brings threat of fire

By **DUSTIN QUEZADA**
SPRINGTIME FOR most of us means milder weather and the dawn of summer's endless outdoor possibilities.

For people entrusted to keep forest fires under control, however, spring and summer bring less joyous times.

This year, the Northwest is a bit ahead of time with spring conditions, says a spokesperson for the region's fire centre.

"We had a mild January and February, but it's cooled off the last couple of weeks," said Gord Munro, the Northwest Fire Centre's senior protection officer, operations. "The spring fire season appears to be one to two weeks ahead of normal."

That's especially true in the low valleys, Munro said, where snow pack is lower than normal for this time of year.

And that could spell an early and long fire season.

Deciduous trees, such as aspen and alder, haven't leafed out yet, contributing dead material to the forest floor.

At this time of the year, dry forests are susceptible to the elements, in particular sun, humidity and wind.

A fourth element - lightning - is largely absent in spring.

The main cause of wild fires in spring is human activity, Munro said.

Prevention, therefore, is the focus for fire control officials.

The provincial forest ministry has a firesmart manual to help communities combat wildfires.

Additionally, the ministry's protection program uses media advisories, posts advertising, and educates in schools with mascot Smokey the Bear.

"We encourage people to be careful with fires when conditions are dry and to err on the side of caution," said Munro, based in Smithers, the fire centre's operational headquarters.

The Northwest Fire Centre, one of six jurisdictions in the province, covers 25 million hectares from the Queen Charlotte Islands to just west of Endako and from the Yukon border to Tweedsmuir Park.

The district reported 50 wild fires exceeding 10 hectares in 2004.

The first - one of three in April - was discovered April 12, while the last wildfire was reported Sept. 29.

The Northwest Fire Centre is split into four zones with 15 regular year-round staff, including the Skeena zone based in Terrace.

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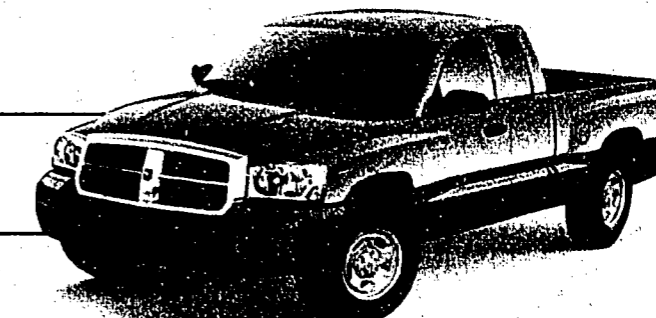
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BUSINESS REVIEW

Chamber wants better use made of airport, fisheries

President will take proposals to annual meeting in May

THE CHAMBER of commerce here wants the provincial government to help develop smaller airports into becoming part of the overall transportation system in B.C.

That kind of involvement can only help B.C. work on a global market presence, says chamber president Bert Husband.

He and other local members are taking down their plan for airport development to the B.C. Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting next month at Harrison Hot Springs in the Fraser Valley.

Although there are 19 designated airports in B.C., only five are considered part of the federal system, leaving the remaining 14 (including the Terrace airport) out in the cold, said Husband.

"We think that needs to change," he said, adding more effective lobbying to connect all airports with other transportation systems is essential.

The proposal will be debated and then accepted or not accepted by the chamber membership.

The chamber also feels it is time to transfer fisheries responsibilities from the federal government to the provincial government.

That's to ensure various initiatives to improve the fishery fits the needs of British Columbia, said Husband.

"It's a huge bureaucracy in Ottawa and we don't think it's producing much that helps us," he said.

A third proposal being taken down is to have the



Bert Husband

provincial government create a ministry of state for industry and advanced manufacturing.

"If we want to move into more technology-based and value-added businesses, then this is something that should

take place," said Husband. The proposal also says a ministry of this kind would encourage manufacturers to move out of the lower mainland.

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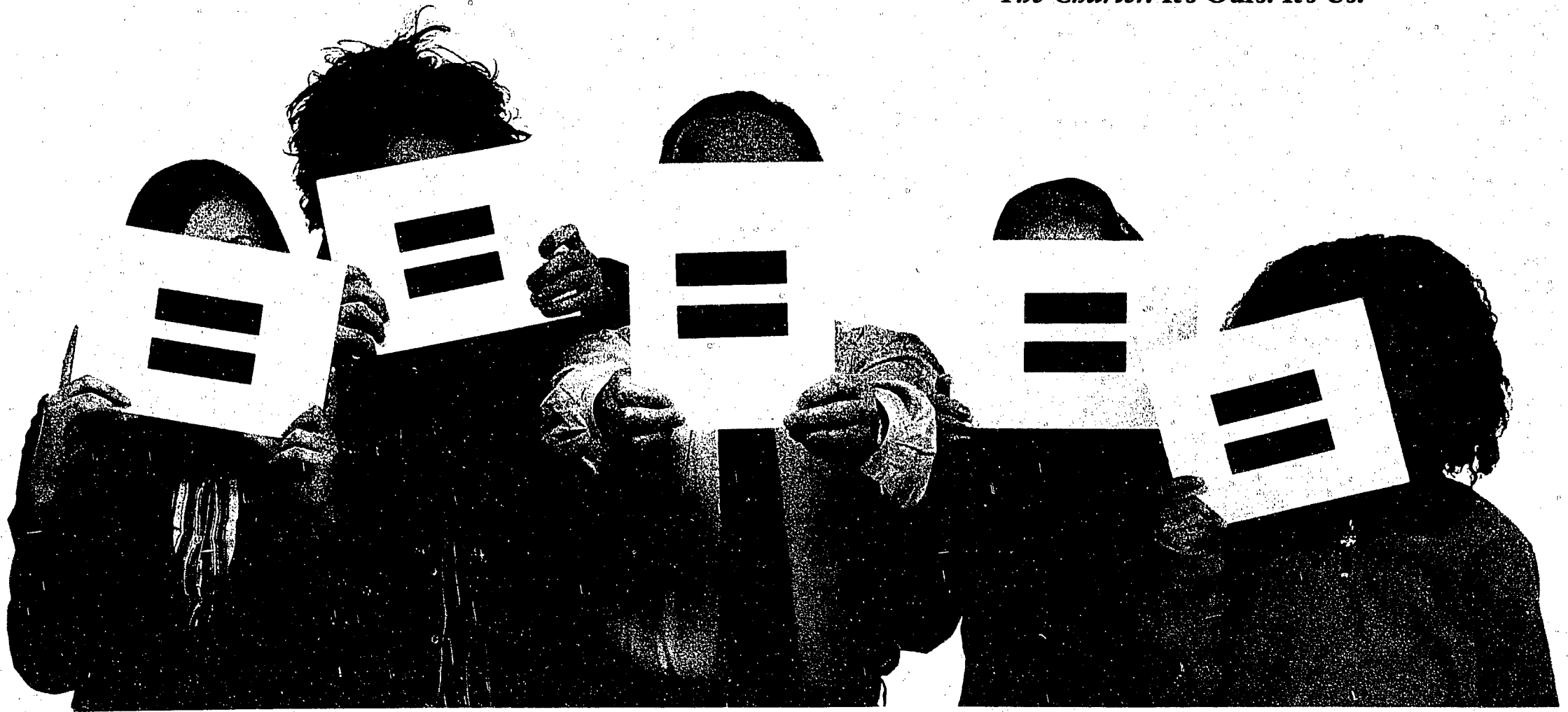
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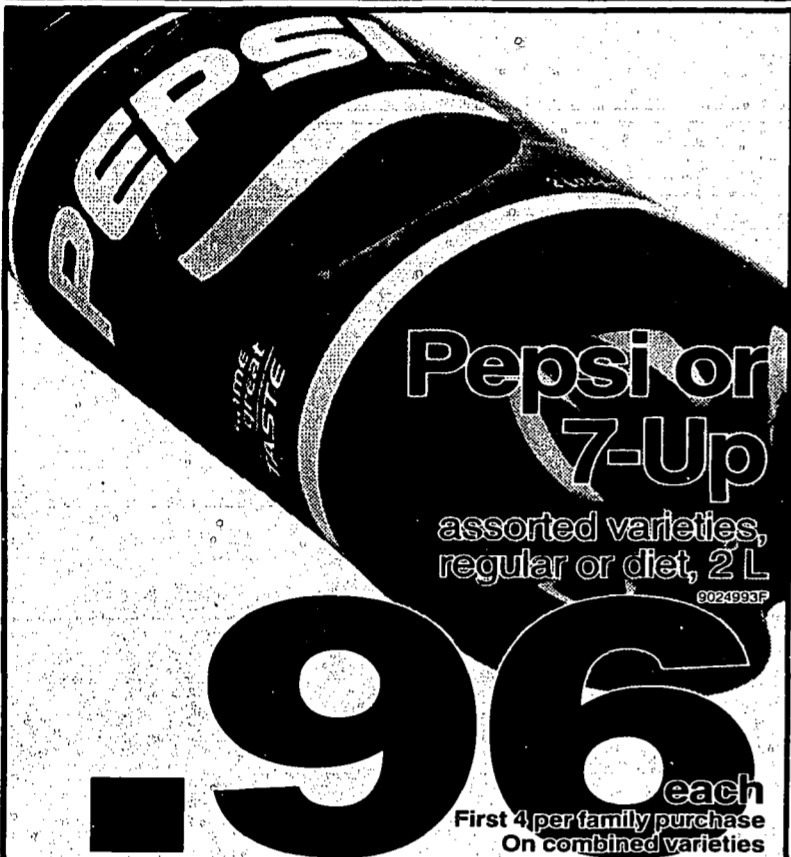
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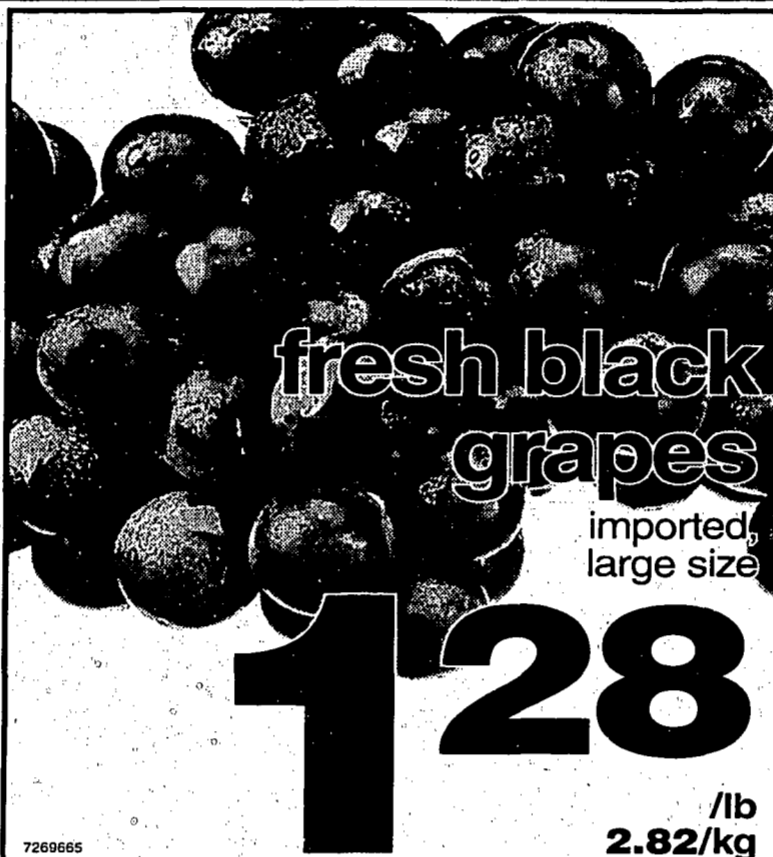
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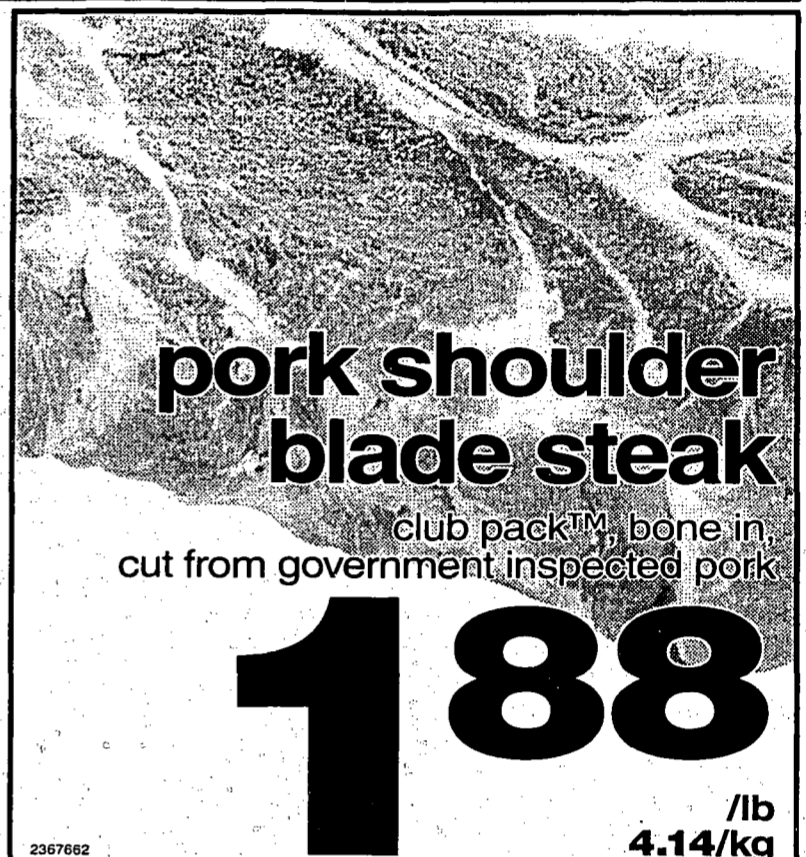
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Spring spruce-up

MINDIE Burkett, an employee for the Kitimat-Stikine regional district paints one of the outside doors of the Ed Fairless Memorial Gymnasium which is attached to the Thornhill Community Centre.

ROD LINK PHOTO

Greyhound applies to reduce departures

GREYHOUND has gone one step further in its bid to reduce the number of buses servicing Terrace by half.

The company has formally submitted an application to the new Passenger Transportation Board requesting permission to reduce the number of daily departures here from two to one, says company spokesperson Brad Shephard.

"If we get approval for that, then we would determine what type of schedule service we would run there," Shephard says. "Based on the demand that we are seeing right now it would be reduced."

Currently the Smithers to Prince Rupert portion of the route sees just 10 passengers per departure. In order for the route to be viable economically he'd like to see those numbers rise to 20 or 22.

Currently the carrier's license requires a minimum two departures per day schedule. This application seeks to reduce that minimum requirement.

The application has been submitted to B.C. Registrar of Passenger Transportation. It will review Greyhound's application to ensure it has all the information required by the Passenger Transportation Board to make its decision, then it will be forwarded to that body for approval.

"The board has to consider the public need, it has to consider whether the applicant is a fit and proper applicant capable of providing the service, and how it impacts the passenger transportation business in B.C.," explains Jan Broocke a director for the board.

And while the board is not required to, Shephard says he expects a public consultation period to occur which will allow people in the northwest to comment on the proposed reduction in the schedule.

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It is not known when that decision is made.

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BRENDA SISSONS of the Family Place plays with children Dylan Kryzanowski, Madison Macdonald and Avery Back. That's Shella Monette from the Terrace nad District Credit Union, one of the sponsors of a new program called Success by Six aimed at ensuring young children are well prepared before they start school.
ROD LINK PHOTO

New program zeroes in on kids under six

CHILD DEVELOPMENT workers here are planning a family information fair this fall to give information on literacy and vision, hearing and language screening.

It's all part of a province-wide effort, undertaken in this area by the two credit unions, to focus on children under the age of six.

"Local service providers report that children often don't get seen from the time they stop their shots at 18 months until they register for kindergarten," says Brenda Sissons.

She is managing the "Success by 6" project out of The Family Place, located on Park Ave.

"By that time, valuable years of learning may have been missed if there are hearing, vision or speech problems," she said.

Sissons said statistics show as many as 25 per cent of B.C.'s children under the age of six aren't physically, socially and emotionally ready to start school.

Success by 6 has seed money from the provincial government and is being supported by the Terrace and District Credit Union and the Northern Savings Credit Union in this area.

Donations can be made at either credit union to help finance the fall family information fair. Those who donate more than \$10 will receive tax receipts.

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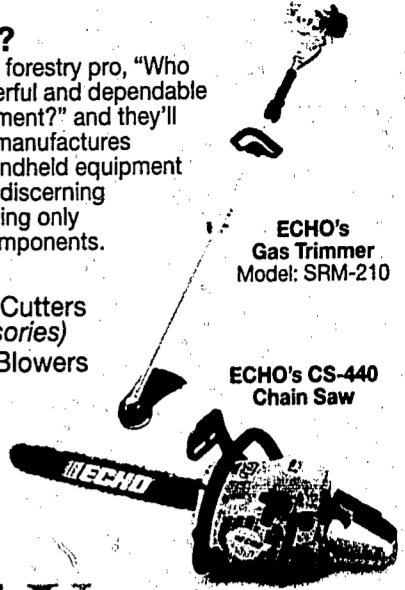
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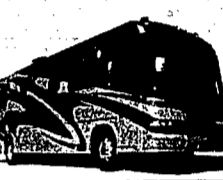
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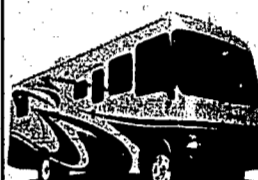
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Around Town

Critical Mass part of
Earth Day in Terrace

TERRACE'S first-ever Critical Mass will be staged on Friday, April 22 at 5 p.m. at the band shell in George Little Park.

Critical Mass is an event held typically on Earth Day in cities around the world, where bicyclists and self-propelled people take to the streets en masse.

Critical Mass has no leaders, and no goals other than to enjoy the security of riding, rolling and travelling through the city together.

According to Patrick Hayes, Skeena Green Party candidate, since rides started in San Francisco in 1992, Critical Mass has had an undeniable effect in exhorting local government and city planners to consider cyclists' needs and facilities in urban planning.

It has since spread to more than 325 cities around the world.

Dress up in Earth Day celebratory wear and bring a dish and share some food at the park afterwards.

Later that evening, The Kiva Sports Café hosts a Get Your Vote On party at 8 p.m. as part of Earth Day. Provincial election candidates Ian Austin, Roger Harris and Hayes will appear, as will local band Dr. Fishy. The Kiva is in the trades building at NWCC campus. No cost and prizes to be dolled out.

Relay For Life
fundraising builds

RANDY SMALBRUGGE, superintendant of schools for school district 82, is putting his well-groomed appearance on the line in the name of cancer research.

Smalbrugge has promised his team, The Amazing Racers, that if they raise \$2,500, he'll shave his head, and if they raise \$4,000, he'll shave his head and pierce his ears. The team, new to the relay, is captained by Joyce Gibsen (635-7913).

On Friday, April 8 the Northern Healthcare team successfully staged a second annual barbecue and cake sale with help from second-year culinary arts students from NWCC. The returning team is captained by Loretta Kuemper (615-5151).

This year's Relay for Life is Sunday, May 8th. It is a 12-hour relay from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. that ends with a luminary ceremony and guest speaker.

There's food, entertainment, and kids' activities throughout the day.

The relay has become the signature fundraising event of the Canadian Cancer Society, last year raising more than \$22.9 million across Canada for research and support programs.

Scientists sought for
volunteer workshops

THE NORTHWEST Science and Innovation Society and Science World is looking for participants to attend a Scientists in the Schools workshop in Terrace Monday, April 25.

Organizers are seeking scientists, technologists and technicians in any field who might like to volunteer four to five hours per school year presenting their real-world work experiences with regional kindergarten to Grade 12 students.

The orientation workshop will assist prospective volunteers to prepare for the in-class speaking engagements.

It will take place at Northwest Community College, room 2001 in the cafeteria building between 5-8:30 p.m.

Registration is required and can be done by calling Angela at Science World 1-800-363-1611 or Betty 635-6244.

Society aims to raise
violence awareness

THE KSAN Society is planning a week-long community awareness campaign during Prevention of Violence Against Women Week, April 25-29.

Organizations are invited to pick a time to provide displays or activities relating to the theme.

The campaign is based on "Together We Can," a community initiative to make four pairs of button blankets.

Displays will be put up in the community room at Skeena Mall.

For information or to book a time slot, call Fiona at 635-2373.

Milk Run 2005

STUDENTS FROM Thornhill Junior Secondary and Caledonia Senior Secondary schools will take part in Milk Run 2005: Survival of the Fittest on Wednesday, April 20.



A CENTRIFUGE destined for Ecuador is tagged YTA and ready to go at Mills Memorial Hospital April 12. From left to right is Sharon Prinze, Elizabeth Engkjer, Joanne Monaghan and Richard Engkjer.

DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

Yo te amo, Terrace

By
DUSTIN QUEZADA

THE NORTHWEST has proven to be a medical goldmine for an American couple that operates a medical clinic in impoverished Ecuador.

Through generosity and coincidence, individuals and the medical communities in Terrace and Kitimat will be helping out inculcably.

Joanne Monaghan, a Kitimat-based counselor and regional district official, was alerted to the Denver-based project while in the Colorado city in 2002.

Her friend of 45 years, Dottie McGuire, is a board member with Fundación Yo Te Amo, Colorado, which translated means I love you, Colorado.

With contacts at the Northern Health Authority, Monaghan saw an opportunity to arrange a significant donation.

Elizabeth Engkjer, vice-president of the seven-year-old project came to Kitimat in the fall of 2004.

She was interviewed on the radio to raise the public's awareness.

When she returned last week with husband Richard and McGuire, they were overwhelmed with the scope of the accumulated supplies.

"It's a miraculous event," said Engkjer. "(Individuals) have donated hospital gowns, crutches, braces, walkers, empty prescription medical bottles and plastic bags."

However, the biggest coup came from the hospitals.

Monaghan again had contacts, including Sharon Prinze, head of day surgery at Mills Memorial Hospital.

"I asked Sharon if the hospital had any equipment that could be donated and she said they had a big room of stuff," Monaghan said.

Equipment, such as X-ray machines, gurnies and hospital beds that have become obsolete here, is state of the art where it is destined.

The foundation opened a medical clinic in October 2004 in El Florón, a shanty town on the

outskirts of Porto Viejo in the South American country.

The clinic is run by an Ecuadorean doctor and the foundation sends a team of 20 doctors from the U.S. every year for a week.

With money raised through a yearly yard sale, private donations and church fundraisers, there is little money for the desperately-needed medical supplies.

The last hurdle is getting the goods down to the equatorial country.

Monaghan has contacted the air force in Alaska and shipping companies trying to get the equipment to Seattle.

Once there, says Richard Engkjer, the foundation's president, a U.S. government program that ships donations to Third World countries for free would take over.

Ecuadorean customs would be the last hurdle.

Other notable donors in Terrace include Benson Optical, ophthalmologist Dr. Thomas Nagy and dentist Dr. Peter Okimi.



Randy Smalbrugge

Gamers
game for
marathon
LAN partyBy
DUSTIN QUEZADA

KILLSWITCH, BUZZING on 65-milligram caffeine drinks, is one of 30 fixated on his screen in a dim-lit, abandoned store.

Welcome to the world of gamers.

"Everyone has an alias," says Richard Jenniss, AKA Killswitch, when competing against others in video games.

Jenniss, a computer technician and salesperson by trade, is also a gamer.

He organized a LAN party in Terrace Sunday, April 10 that drew 31 participants.

LAN stands for local area network and its associated party is a gathering of gamers that engage in video battle.

In games such as Assault and Capture the Flag, groups are pitted against one another for an hour or more.

In a LAN party, all players are connected on a network by a server.

And with some help from friends, Jenniss put it all together.

"Terrace has had smaller events," said Jenniss, who had travelled before to Smithers to get his gaming fix.

Set up in an unused store in the Keith Avenue Mall, Jenniss had the power for up to 42 gamers, but was satisfied with the 31 that came.

Needing power cords and bars, tables, a switch server and two projection screens, the 25-year-old spent about \$1,000 to stage the tournament.

Charging \$20 a head, Jenniss said he'd use 20 per cent of that money to



PLUGGED in to the local area network, Smithers resident Tyler Johnson engages in video warfare with peers at the Terrace LAN party April 10.

DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

cover his costs.

The hobby isn't cheap. Besides a computer and a network cable for tournaments, gamers need game cards to play.

*It's a way to immerse
yourself in another
world*

"Game cards act like a production line with each segment drawing frame after frame," said Jenniss, comparing the images to the wire drawings used in computer animation movies.

Cards need to be upgraded every 18 months or so because the games change so fast, and the high-end ones cost upwards of \$800.

Most games are designed for multiple players, but can still be played individually, often as a means of practice

for wider matches.

"The better players exceed human ability (in their movements)," Jenniss said. "It's a way to immerse yourself in another world."

Although two women took part, gamers are mainly boys and men.

With players sporting headphones, the atmosphere was eerily quiet in the dark space, lit only by the glowing PC screens and the two wall projections.

Jenniss had the space from Friday to Sunday and he said some players, fuelled by Bawls, were practising all night.

The drink of choice for gamers, Bawls contains 65 milligrams of caffeine.

"Unlike coffee or Red Bull, it doesn't bother your stomach," said Jenniss, who supplied a steady supply of the energizing drink. "It gives your head a buzz until your head gives out."

The next LAN party for Terrace is planned for June.

Enjoy BC
Arts and
Culture
week hereSubmitted by
KARLA HENNIG

ON APRIL 24 - 30, people across B.C. will celebrate Arts and Culture Week, a recognition of British Columbia's vibrant arts and culture sector.

Arts and Culture Week highlights the contribution that arts and culture make to our everyday life. Music, films, media arts, dance, books, theatre and visual art are a part of daily life, and have a lasting impact. They inspire us and challenge us.

In Terrace, we have a broad range of top rate arts groups, who bring creativity into our lives. Here are a few of the many groups who enrich our lives through the arts:

Theatre

Terrace Little Theatre, the longest continuously running community theatre group in B.C., boasts a membership of over 200 people, and has been producing plays since the 1950s. Long-time members are full of enticing stories. Like the night actors had to wade through the flood water streaming through the set. Or, the performance where a boulder was placed on the lighting console to keep it going.

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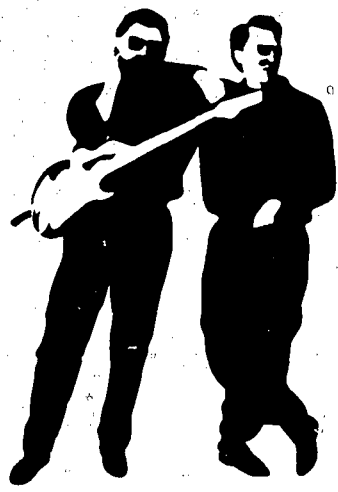
Clubs & pubs

GEORGE'S PUB: Semi Chronic April 22-23; Moonlight and Rosie April 29-30.
HANKY'S: Tues. karaoke, free foosball/Wed. karaoke, free pool/Thurs. college games night/Fri.-Sat. dance music & door prizes/Sun. live band **THORNHILL PUB:** Wingin' It April 22-23 & 29-30. Karaoke Sunday nights
THE TERRACE LEGION: Friday night music or karaoke, Saturdays meat draw and jam sessions from 4-6 p.m.

Live music

■ **Pacific Northwest Music Festival** celebrates its 40th anniversary April 7-23. The 17-day festival celebrates the music and culture of the Northwest with a variety of activities for all ages. Competitions in disciplines of dance, strings, guitar, piano, vocal and choral, speech arts, brass, band and woodwinds. Local and out-of-town performers. Contact Carol Lomas, the festival's publicity director, for info at 635-4729.

■ **The Kiva Sport Café** on the campus of the Northwest Community College presents two shows. On Friday, April 22, local outfit Dr. Fishy plays as part of the Get Your Vote On/Earth Day party. The show is free.



Shane Philip, a Smithers didgeridoo performer, plays Saturday, April 23. Tickets \$8 adults/\$5 seniors & students available at the door.

■ **The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 13** hosts a Rod Stewart and Jon Bon Jovi tribute artist on Friday, April 29. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Visual arts

■ **The Terrace Art Gallery** presents April's exhibit Spring & Winter, featuring local

watercolour artists Rita Anderson, Wally Hargrave, Karen Millard, Lorraine Jordan and Danielle. April 1-24. For info call 638-8884.

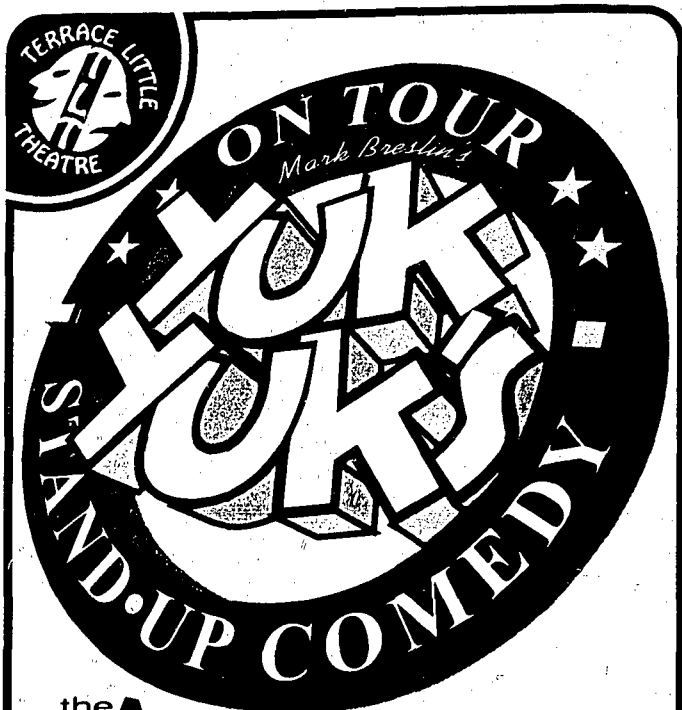
Chris Harrison will be signing copies of her book, Ted Johnston - Memoirs/Terrace Area Pioneers, at the Terrace Art Gallery, 4610 Park Avenue, Sunday, April 24 between 2-4 p.m. Books will be for sale at Gallery.

Etc.

■ **The House of Flying Daggers** (subtitled) plays at the Tillicum Twin Theatre April 27 as part of the Terrace Not Paris Film Festival. An astounding martial arts epic, featuring the formidable talents of megastars from China. Nominated for best foreign language film at the 2005 Golden Globe Awards. Show starts at 7 p.m., cost is \$8.

■ **The Terrace Public Library**, in conjunction with Misty River Books, is hosting a poetry contest. Submissions accepted at the library until April 29. Prizes will be awarded in children, teen and adult categories.

The library also hosts four authors shortlisted for the B.C. Bookprizes sharing their books on Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. Join Aislinn Hunter, Sandy Frances Duncan, Cynthia Nugent and Kevin Hutchings.



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 23: The Pacific Northwest Music Festival - Gala Night. A charming mixture of arts disciplines in performance. 7:30 pm Tickets \$12. Available at Misty River Books
 26: All Candidates Meeting. Sponsored by the Terrace Standard. 7:00 p.m. Free Admission. This is your opportunity to pose questions to the candidates.
 27: All Candidates Forum on Public Education - 7:00, Free Admission. Sponsored by Twelve Partners in Education. Bring your questions
 30: Year End Performance - Sophia's Dance Studio
 May
 10: Duffle Bag Theatre
 27: Dry Grad Fashion Show, School Performance
 28: Northwest Community College Graduation Ceremony, School Performance

Terrace Concert Society Tickets	Terrace Little Theatre Tickets
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The Terrace Standard offers the Community Calendar as a public service to its readers and community organizations. This column is intended for non-profit organizations and events without an admission charge. Space permitting, items will run two weeks before each event. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursdays. Fax your event or PSA to 638-8432. For complete listings, visit www.terracestandard.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

APRIL 1-24
The Terrace Art Gallery presents April's exhibit Spring and Winter, a watercolour exhibit by several local artists and students from April 1-24. Gallery hours are: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 12-4 p.m., Fridays 12-6 p.m. and Sundays 1-4 p.m. Hand drumming workshops continue Sundays at 7 p.m. Members \$6.50/Drop-in \$8.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 22
Get Your Vote On, a project to inform youth about electoral issues and increase the number of younger voters, will be at the Kiva Sport Café Friday, April 22 in conjunction with Earth Day. Election candidates Ian Austin, Roger Harris and Patrick Hayes will appear, as will local band Dr. Fishy. The Kiva is in the trades building at NWCC campus. Starts at 8 p.m. and entry is free. FREE PRIZES.

APRIL 22-23
Terrace Little Theatre presents Vancouver Get ready to Laugh! It's time for Yuk Yuks! Comedians Dave Nystrom and Brad Muise in two shows at the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club at 9 p.m. Doors open at 8. Tickets are \$17 and are on sale now at Uniglobe.

APRIL 22-23
Terrace Churches' Food Bank will distribute food over four days at the rear of 4647 Lazelle Ave. from 1-3 p.m. starting on Monday, April 18 for surnames A to H; Tuesday, April 19 for surnames I to R; Wednesday, April 20 for surnames S to Z; and Thursday, April 21 for anyone missed. The above order will be enforced, so please come on the right day and bring identification for yourself and your dependents.

APRIL 22-24
Diocesan Centre in Prince George hosts the 11th annual Catholic Diocesan Youth Conference. All youth from grades 8-12 welcome. Registration forms available at local parishes. For info or call 250-9644424.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
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FRIDAY, APRIL 29
The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 13 hosts a Rod Stewart and Jon Bon Jovi tribute artist. Tickets are \$15 per person.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30
Rotary Club of Terrace presents the 7th Annual Wine Festival at the Coast Inn of the West at 7 p.m. Tickets available from any Rotary member or at the Coast Inn of the West front desk (638-8141).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
The King's University College Choir comes to the Terrace Christian Reformed Church at 7:30 p.m. For info call the college toll free at 800-661-TKUC.

JULY 1-2
The 2nd annual Gingolx Music Festival. Featuring Chilliwack, Trooper, Prairie Oyster and more. Call the Gingolx Arts Society at 250-326-2322.

PSAs

Terrace Public Library, the Family Place and Weaving Literacy will hold an open house for Southside residents at Skeena-Kalium Housing (4616-A Haugland Ave.) April 20 from 5-7 p.m. Call the library 638-8177 or the Family Place 638-1863.

Greater Terrace Beautification needs perennial plants for its annual fundraiser sale on May 7. Drop off at 5242 Soucie Ave. or call 638-1049.

Community groups and entertainers wanted. Now scheduling trade show entertainment for April 22-24. Call Tony at 635-5333

Terrace Toastmasters is now meeting on the second and third Wednesday of each month. Always open to new members. Call Bob 638-0923 or Rolf 635-6911 for info on next meeting location.

Terrace Mental Health Authority's advisory committee is looking for people interested in mental health issues to join their committee. Call Linda or Pam for information at 638-2202.

Does your loved one have a brain disorder such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, panic/anxiety disorder, personality disorder or OCD? For free information and/or support call Northwest B.C. Schizophrenia coordinator in Terrace at 635-8206 or toll free: 1-866-7877 (FAM-SUPP). Or attend the Terrace Support Group on the third Tuesday of the month (except July, August and December) at 7:30 p.m. at #102-4450 Greig Ave.

The North West Health Unit presents the Parent & Child Mother Goose Program starting Thursday, April 7, running weekly until May 26 from 10-11 a.m. Simple rhymes and action songs to delight your child (newborn to 18 months). No charge. To register call 638-2200.

Terrace Public Library presents four authors shortlisted for the B.C. Bookprizes sharing their books on Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. Join Aislinn Hunter, Sandy Frances Duncan, Cynthia Nugent and Kevin Hutchings. On Friday, April 22, the library hosts children's author/illustrator Dianna Bonder. She'll read and discuss her illustrations. Call the library at 638-8177 to register for the free presentation.

A Men's Healing Circle meets Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at Ksan House Society, at 4724 Lazelle Ave. For more information, please call 635-2373.

Terrace Women's Centre presents an April series of drop-in discussion groups on self-care and relaxation. Fridays 12-1 p.m. April 22: Honouring Gala - Mother Earth Day celebration on the lawn. Centre open Wednesday to Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 4542 Park Ave. (near the pool). Call 638-0228 or drop by.

The women's centre also presents a child custody and access issues workshop with Judith Kenacan on Monday, April 25 from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Terrace Public Library board room. Call 638-0228 to register for this free seminar.

The Canadian Cancer Resource Centre offers cancer support group for family and friends meeting every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Next meetings April 28. The cancer centre is at 207-4650 Lazelle Ave. It's open Monday to Friday from 12-2 p.m. Internet access for cancer research is available. For information about emergency aid or peer support programs, call 638-8583.

Women Empowered is a drop-in support group for women who have experienced or are in an abusive relationship. The group meets each Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Terrace Transition House. Call Allison for details 635-7018.

The Kitsumkalum Prenatal Program is dedicated to offering support and enhancing positive lifestyle and nutrition choices before, during and after pregnancy. Donations of baby or maternity clothes for clients always accepted. Please call Catherine at 615-8132 for info or pick-up.

Terrace Emergency Shelter accepts donations of used clothing - coats, gloves, socks, sweaters, hats - anything to help keep those less fortunate warm and dry. Donations can be dropped off at Ksan House Society office at 4724 Lazelle Ave. or at the shelter at 2812 Hall St. anytime.

Terrace Big Brothers and Big Sisters are people who have found a rewarding and meaningful relationship with a child. They spend a couple of hours a week opening up a new world of experiences for a child. It's easier than you might think to get involved. For info call 635-4232.

APRIL SPECIALS
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Lunch 11-4 p.m.
Crisp Vegetarian & Chicken Spring Rolls
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 \$5.25

Oriental Sesame Chicken Rice Bowl \$9.50

Teriyaki Beef Wrap \$9.50
 (Beef, rice & sweet peppers) served with house salad

Dinner After 4 p.m.
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Baby's Name: Caitlyn Alvey Date & Time of Birth: March 29, 2005 at 4:06 a.m. Weight: 6 lbs. 6 oz. Sex: Female Parents: Charles & Michele "Little sister for Courteney"	Baby's Name: Tamika Lincoln Date & Time of Birth: April 5, 2005 at 1:20 p.m. Weight: 7 lbs. 3 oz. Sex: Female Parents: Tiffany Stewart & Jacob Lincoln "Little sister for Dallas"
Baby's Name: Jillian Alexandria Johnson Date & Time of Birth: April 1, 2005 at 6:50 p.m. Weight: 8 lbs. 7 oz. Sex: Female Parents: Doug & Shelly Johnson "Little sister for Angle, Michaela & Magnus"	Baby's Name: Bryson Xander Cage Stephens Date & Time of Birth: April 5, 2005 at 4:28 a.m. Weight: 8 lbs. 5 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Everalda Stephens

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congratulates the parents on the new additions to their families.

Music memories continued

Dear Sir:

I competed in voice, solo trumpet and band classes throughout junior and senior high school.

I remember all the nervous energy I carried into the room in the early years when it seemed that this festival was the biggest, most important thing in my life so far.

When you're 13 years old and paralyzed with fear as the adjudicator asks you to begin your piece, somewhere, deep inside, you just know that this is the moment of truth that everything else in your life has brought you toward.

This was the big show.

I remember seeing my friends perform in everything from piano to speech arts, as well as in my own events.

I knew that a lot of these kids had enormous talent, far above my own, and being humbled by it.

These otherwise ordinary, normal kids had developed their talents to an unbelievable level.

Yet, if you passed them on the street, you wouldn't know it.

I learned that people you meet every day carry around gifts and talents that you wouldn't realize, unless you sought them out.

For me, this is the legacy that the music festival left behind, and it is a lesson I've never forgotten.

Max Durando,
Victoria, B.C.

★★★★



DANCER Meghan MacRae of Prince Rupert stretches in the R.E.M. Lee Theatre before participating in an interpretive dance competition April 13.

DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO

Dear Sir:

As a former competitor in the Pacific Northwest Music Festival, I would like to congratulate the committee and volunteers for their hard work and dedication in keeping the festival's ideas and traditions alive.

During my 12 years of competition in the speech arts category, I formed numerous, lasting friendships and learned the true meaning of healthy competition. It was teachers like Mary Hallor and Bonnie Shaw, who devoted countless hours each year of their own time to ensure that all of their students were prepared for the festival.

During my 12 years of competition, the skills I acquired from competing in speech arts have been an asset in my career as a peace officer and negotiator with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Once again, "congratulations" to all of those involved who make this festival year after year an ongoing success.

Rosanne Komlos

A reminder on the Pacific Northwest Music Festival front, all performances are free to the public except the Scholarship Competition and the Gala Performance and Awards Night.

The Scholarship Competition goes Friday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre, while the Gala Performance and Awards Night is Saturday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m. also at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre.

Tickets, \$6 and \$12 for both events respectively, are available at Misty River Books.

From B1

Arts and culture activities not limited to one week

Or, the time the audience thought there was a fire - until they realized those explosions were part of the play.) TLT has been chosen to represent this region in province-wide competitions many times, and has had actors, directors and technicians recognized provincially for their outstanding work. In addition, TLT has helped aspiring playwrights by producing their play drafts. They have a casting call out for their fall musical, Nunsense.

Another Terrace theatre company is the Northwest First Nation's Theatre Collective that, with TLT, co-produced Wawatay, by Penny Gummerson, a story about family that discovers its First Nations roots. Currently, they are working with Larry Guno, whose original play, Bunk Number Seven, will have its Canadian premiere in Toronto in 2006.

Music - instrumental

Terrace has BOTH a community band and a symphony orchestra. Local residents meet throughout the year to play, learn and grow in their skills and have a great time making wonderful music.

From the annual Symphony Halloween Concert with costumed musicians (last year the entire string section turned up as angels) and Carols in the Park sing-a-longs with the band, to formal concerts at the R.E.M. Lee with professional musicians, our band and symphony continues to surprise and delight their dedicated audiences.

Moderato, the adult "beginner" band is also a high profile and engaging group, one of many local groups invited to Music Fest Canada last year. In a true partnership, the excellent school band programs feed our adult music societies and they, in turn, are helped by the community/school partnership of "Dare to Dream" - a non-profit organization formed when band classes were cut from schools budgets. If you are looking for smaller groups, take in the Aurora Quartet - Terrace's woodwind ensemble that was featured at this year's CBC Christmas Carol. The group has been bringing classical music to concerts and small house parties for 12 years. And if woodwinds aren't

your thing, check out Classical Act, a small group of string players (with one flute). Gorgeous sound, fun people.

Music - Choral

If you like to sing or listen to choruses, you also have a choice. The Northwest Singers is an auditioned choir which has been performing for 23 years. The Northwest Singers is one of 10 choirs representing Canada at Kathaumixw, an international choral festival, have sung with the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble and were invited to be a showcase choir for BC Festival of the Arts. This year, they performed with the Nathaniel Dett Choir in Terrace, and they are planning a Mother's Day dessert concert at the local golf course. If barbershop is more your style, you might want to join the Pacific Mist Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. These lusty women meet once a week in Terrace and once a month, with their sisters in Prince Rupert, to perform barbershop melodies. The Pacific Mist Chorus competes regionally once a year, and is often invited to perform locally with various groups. Look out for their upcoming fall concert.

Visual Arts

The Terrace Art Association operates the Terrace Art Gallery out of the lower level of the Terrace Public Library. Over the years, they have provided a wide range of exhibits including watercolour, acrylic and oil paintings, pottery, sculpture, woodcrafts, quilting, weaving and other textiles, as well as annual shows for local youth and members at large. Most of the shows feature our very talented local artists, but artists from throughout the region have also put on outstanding exhibits over the years. On May 4th Terrace will be able to sample the exceptional talents of young artists through the district. The gallery also features a small gift shop containing many small and exquisite treasures, perfect for gift giving and special events. This summer the gallery is hoping to offer a complete children's summer art school program in July and August. The gallery hosts a series of arts-related meetings - providing

meeting space for the Camera Club on Wednesday evenings, as well as for the new Visual Arts Club. The art gallery is also a venue for local and travelling musicians who perform "coffee house" concerts.

Film

The Terrace & District Arts Council sponsors a series of independent films in conjunction with the Toronto International Film Festival. Known as "The Terrace Not Paris" film series, movies are screened at the Tillicum Twin Theatres in Terrace on the last Wednesday of the month (Sept. to June), there is one showing at 7 p.m. The remaining shows in the series are: House of Flying Daggers (subtitled) April 27; The Sea Inside (subtitled) 2005 Academy Award, best foreign film May 25; The Merchant of Venice June 15.

Dance

Terrace is fortunate to have two first-rate dance companies in our communities. The over 200 dancers hone their skill, compete in festivals around the province and perform locally several times a year. There is also a Scottish country dancing and square dancing group, and the breakdancing group, Soul Steps, which performs locally and in festivals.

Lots More

The residents of Terrace are intricately involved in the arts. In addition to the groups mentioned above, there is a myriad of dancers, singers, instrumentalists, potters and visual artists who create works for themselves and their community. Supporting arts groups are the Terrace and District Arts Council, and Theatre Alive. Both groups raise and donate money to help artistic creativity flourish in our community.

So this week, and in the weeks to follow, treat yourself. Take yourself out to a show, performance, coffee house or film. See the amazing variety that Terrace has to offer. Terrace has a creative atmosphere which is compelling and enriching.

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This year's message is "Volunteers Grow Community" and how true that is! Volunteers are instrumental in the creation of a civil society. Volunteers are students, workers and retirees. People who are ready to roll up their sleeves and tackle a cause; serve on boards, work an event, or help a neighbour. They are essential to the organization that serve the needs of their community. Each individual volunteer makes a difference in others' lives; their combined efforts are a force for change in our society.

Our special focus this year is to pay tribute to all volunteers in the Terrace area who have shown again and again that they are the "heart of the community". Our world is sometimes a difficult place to live and yet volunteering offers an opportunity to do something good and feel something real. To all of you who have given so generously of your time to the service agencies in town, Terraceview Lodge, The Family Place, BC Sunshine Olympics, The Salvation Army, Terrace Anti Poverty Group and The Adult Sunshine Centre to name just a few - we thank you! To all of you who have helped our seniors with snow shoveling, yard work or friendly visits - we thank you! To all of you who have helped organize and participate in the many special events around town - we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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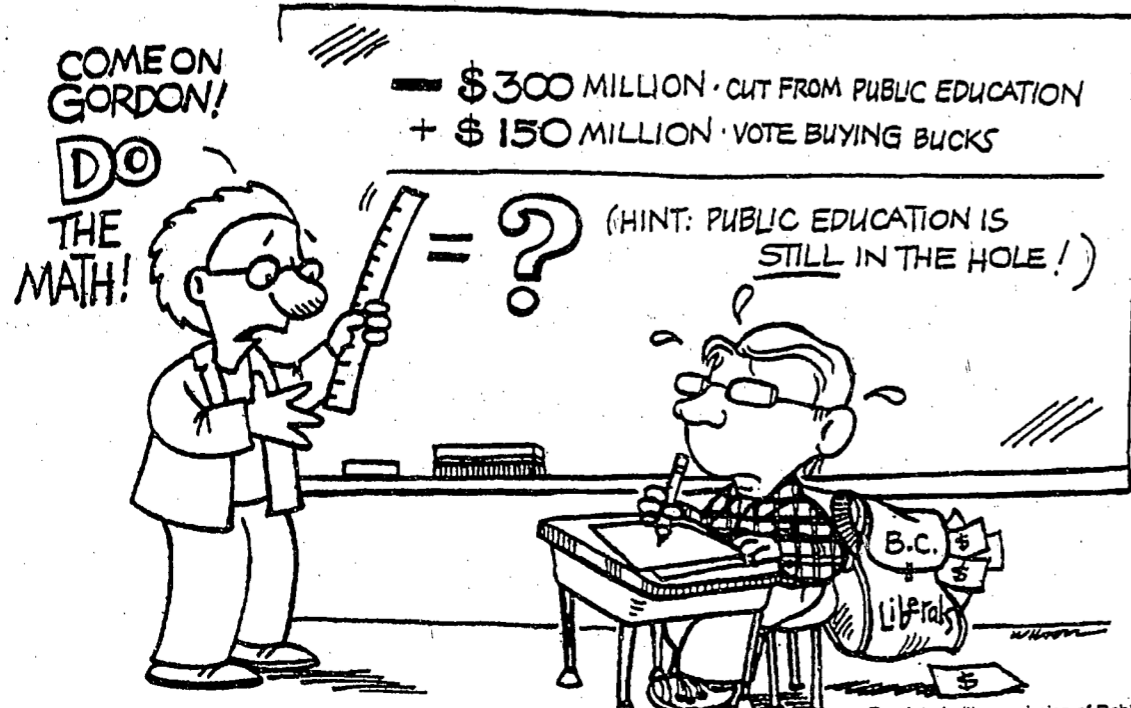
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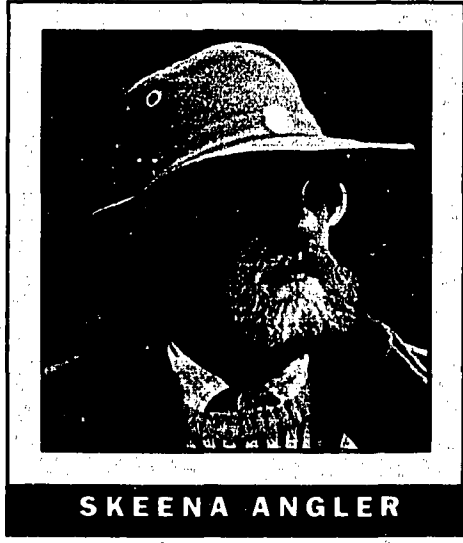
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Not dark yet

Is it my imagination or are the lights getting dimmer?" says Karen, looking up to examine the fixtures on the ceiling of the camper.

"I don't think so. I just put in a brand new battery - a hundred and forty bucks after taxes."

We clean up and drive slowly through the campground - slowly because the gravel road looks and feels as if it's recently withstood heavy shelling.

The contract for the maintenance of the park has been awarded to an outfit in Massett village, Bob Crookes told me.

The contractors ran out of money before they could hire a grader. A SNAFU typical of those that attend privatization.

Minutes later we are on the highway, enjoying the speed and the smooth ride. The clouds are high and broken with sun shining through the cracks.

We pass the cluttered and confused intersection at Port Clements and over the dark tide swollen waters of Kumdis.

Then drive on toward the north end of the north island on the preferred route, detouring for a quick tour through the melancholy shambles of Massett.

"What on earth is that?" Karen asks as we pass the enigmatic structure a few miles past Massett.

"The Elephant Cage," I say, repeating what Peter Buck told me, "part of the DEW line, the Delayed Early Warning system; part of NORAD."

This brings me to the end of all I know - and want to know - about the site.

We have to stop for pavers just past the bridge crossing the Sangan River.

There's a homey cabin nestled in the dark green woods.

"I think that's Susan Musgrave's place," I say to pass time and hasten the wait. "Maybe we should go knock on the door and say hello."

"Yeah, we could ask her what she was thinking when she wrote *The Charcoal Burners*," Karen says.

"Not good?"

"I didn't like it. It's about a woman who's tortured, sexually abused, then murdered by these people called the charcoal burners," Karen answers. "I still have it at home somewhere, if you want to read it."

I decide I don't need any more light reading. The flag lady waves us on.

We stop at the Hyellen for lunch, turn on the lights and watch the light die.

Damn. A hassle on holidays seems so much more upsetting than one that occurs on a working day.

We decide that there's nothing to do but drive to Queen Charlotte City and find a mechanic.

The first one we see when we arrive is Pierre's. Pierre is too busy doing paper work to even have a look see.

"Maybe tomorrow," he growls.

I feel sorry for his help, a young lad with a baseball hat and coveralls who looks up from under the hood of a truck as we talk.

"Forget Pierre," I say as I climb back into the truck.

It's close to closing time when we pull into Queen Charlotte Island Tire. They're even busier than the sourpuss up the road, but at least they're sympathetic and kind enough to offer some suggestions as well as the assurance that they'll jump on the job if I can return the next day.

There's a part shop up the road. I violate what I am sure must be one of the cardinal rules of tinkering, one that states when you are trying to determine why a system has failed you should start by testing the cheapest part and proceed from there to arrive at a diagnosis.

I buy a new battery, leaving the old/new one on charge.

Karen switches the fridge to electricity.

We drive back to Misty Meadows where we dine and read under bright lights, glancing upward from time to time to assure ourselves that the lights are as bright as they were when we first turned them on.

Are they dimming? No. You sure? Yeah.

Then we get an aural tip off.

The hum on the furnace fan lowers in pitch. The batteries are still not communicating.

I start the engine and wiggle the cable, exhausting my mechanical repertoire. The lights blaze.

"It's like frogs in a frying pan," I say. Karen looks puzzled.

"If you put a frog in water in a frying pan and heat it up gradually, it'll get accustomed to the heating and not jump out until it can't because it's boiled alive. I read it in some environmental journal.

"If the furnace had been off we might have read unsuspectingly as the light dimmed by degrees and then, suddenly, it would have been black. It's like a metaphor for gradually exhausting the earth's life supports," I enthuse.

"Yeah. I get it," says Karen patiently.



CALEDONIA'S SENIOR girls volleyball team poses on the beach in Hawaii during their trip there to play in the Sun Surf Invitational Volleyball Tournament over spring break. The girls enjoyed a 13th place finish and sightseeing that included snorkeling and surfing. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Cal girls hula in Hawaii

Volleyball team competes and views sights in Oahu during spring break

By MARGARET SPEIRS
CALEDONIA GIRLS volleyball became hula girls for a week when they travelled to Hawaii for a tourney and sightseeing over spring break.

The 2005 Sun Surf Invitational Volleyball Tournament beckoned about a dozen teams from Canada to join eight from Hawaii.

Cal finished 13th out of 20 to their delight.

"Everybody was happy with the way they played. We were in every game," said coach Mark Neid, adding the Hawaiian teams were phenomenal.

In round robin play, Cal lost close ones 21-13 and 21-18 to Birchmount from Ontario.

They fought hard but couldn't quite hold out against Cardinal Leger from Ontario, dropping two matches 22-20.

The Palama club team from Hawaii, a "very solid team" who "did everything right", walloped Cal 21-6 and 21-14.

Then the Lanakila 1 club team from Hawaii, who Neid described as a squad that "served very

tough, like playing against provincial players," belted Cal 21-9 and 21-14.

Cal finished fifth in their pool, moving to a 10 team double elimination tourney.

They showed up ready to play, hammering Quebec's Francis Quest 21-6 and 21-15.

Then they destroyed Ontario's Seaway 21-9 in their first meeting.

Their second game topped Neid's highlight reel.

Cal was down 20-14, but rallied back to a 22-20 victory.

"I have played a lot of volleyball and watched a lot of volleyball and have never witnessed a comeback like that," Neid said.

"I was very proud of the girls coming back like that."

"When we were down, we scored a few points and I looked at Ron Poole, the assistant coach, and said 'maybe?'"

"Next thing you know it was 20-20. All the girls on the floor and the bench were going cra-

zy."

"The girls didn't quit, play after play they kept going."

"It was a huge win, very overwhelming, Easily the highlight of the year."

Cal followed with two close games against Brant youth from Ontario that ended in the eastern Canadians' favour 21-18.

After the game the girls took advantage of the outdoor pool to cool down from the 28 degree Celsius heat.

"It was pretty sticky," Neid said, adding he didn't believe the heat played a factor.

"They went down to play competitively and they did and had a holiday."

The team then enjoyed a sightseeing tour of the island, including surfing and snorkeling.

"It was a farewell tour for our Grade 12s and another step ahead for the Grade 11s who will play next year," he said.

"Without the support of the girls' parents this trip would not have taken place."

Shames wraps up this year, prepares for next

By MARGARET SPEIRS
THE BEST ski hill in the province saw the opening of a new snowboard park, wonky weather and close to normal attendance to cap another year of operation.

Shames Mountain's new snowboard freestyle park, that took over Panhandler, numbered among the season's highlights.

The park included 27 different events for snowboarders to tackle.

"It's really probably one of the best in the province," said Gerry Martin, president of Shames Mountain Ski Corporation. "It was really impressive."

The Nancy Greene program and the Shames Mt. Ski Club counted as other season highlights.

Shames swished into gear with a great Christmas season before running into tough weather to start this year. Martin said.

The first three months of 2005 noted an "awesome" quality of snow, despite January's rain that may have slowed ski visits.

Martin said a final count hadn't been tabulated but he speculated the ski hill welcomed close to similar numbers of skiers and snowboarders as last year.

Considering the province's ski hills suffered from a lack of snow, Shames triumphed with quality snow, although per-

haps less than usual.

Over nine metres fell mid-mountain and about 10 to 12 metres at the peak, Martin said.

Financially, Shames will be close to last year's totals.

"We're going to be in the same ballpark," he said.

"We struggle every year to break even."

"We're probably pretty close to that this year, maybe a little bit up or down."

Next season is already in mind.

Over the summer, Shames staff plan to clear some treed areas to create new runs.

"It's always nice to have something new," Martin said.

A new double black diamond run will be carved out for 600 metres between Hangover and Galloway with glades on each side.

A second run will form part of Deliverance off of Southpaw, stretching 220 metres along the mountain.

Despite persistent rumours to the contrary, Martin promises Shames will open next year.

"You get that kind of talk and people are reluctant to make an [season pass] investment, but we're there for the long haul," he said.

Ultimate runs again

LOCAL ultimate players are getting pumped up for another season of disc throwing and good times.

The Terrace Ultimate Club has been playing the exciting, fast-paced sport for more than six years and are currently inviting new players to give it a try.

"It's a fun co-ed exhilarating new sport," says club spokesman Richard Klein.

"We would encourage all people to come out and give it a try. We will teach and coach those who would like to try a new sport."

Ultimate is a team sport played on a field. It encompasses running, catching, throwing and it's a great social sport, Klein adds.

Ultimate is widely known for its focus on fair play and self-refereeing. And its a sport

that takes a walk on the wild side from time to time with all sorts of wacky twists to how the game can be played.

The first pull (releasing the disc at the beginning of a game) of the season is scheduled to take place May 9th at the fields immediately east of Caledonia Senior Secondary School.

Games are played each Monday and Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. with increased play dates as the season progresses.

The first couple weeks of the season are dedicated to getting back into the swing of things and teaching the finer points of ultimate to newcomers.

Anyone looking for more information can contact Richard Klein at 635-6636.

Sports Menu

- April 23
Pacific North Coasters triathlon club splashes into a swim clinic at 10:30 a.m. at the Terrace Aquatic Centre. Contact Crystal at 635-4632 for more details.
- April 23
Totem Saddle Club rides into its new season with its first-ever Team Cattle Sorting event at 3 p.m. at the Thornhill Community Grounds. A warm-up goes on Friday evening. Call James Muller at 635-5100 for more info.
- April 23
Terrace Peaks Gymnastics Club bounds into their new season with an invitational competition at the Ed Fairless Memorial Gym from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- April 24
Totem Saddle Club hosts a Gymkhana, Percentage Day and Clear Rounds starting at 10 a.m. at the Thornhill Community Grounds. Registration for all events starts at 9 a.m. at the show office. Admission is free.

Score Board

Rec Division - season end stats

	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	PIM
Chapter One Aeros	33	30	2	1	61	230	63	166
Blue Ridge Graphics	30	15	10	4	34	148	109	188
Neyens Blasting Caps	31	12	12	7	31	117	129	176
Braid Insurance	33	9	22	3	21	123	180	120
All Seasons	32	2	24	6	10	77	208	152

Rec Division- top 10 scorers

Player	Team	G	A	Tot.
Scott Mulder	Chap. One	29	55	84
Garrett Kerr	Chap. One	32	50	82
Troy Farkvam	Chap. One	42	28	70
Mitch Shinde	Neyens	33	27	60
Craig Konst	Chap. One	30	28	58
Lawrence Stella	Blue Ridge	24	25	49
Rich Clair	Chap. One	20	28	48
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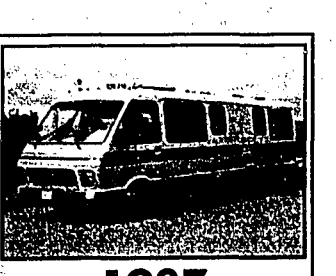
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS Re: The estate of **JOANNE MARGARET SNAIR**, deceased, formerly of Stewart, British Columbia. Creditors and others having claims against the estate of Joanne Margaret Snair are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the undersigned Executor at #200-4630 La-zelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C., V8G 1S6, on or before May 15, 2005, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims that have then been received. **Joni Lee Snair, Executor.** Warner Bandstra Brown, Solicitors

NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR CONTRACT EN06TSKHA-403. Sealed Tenders for the construction of 3447 m, more or less, of subgrade on the Hodder Lake Forest Service Road will be received by the Timber Sale Manager, BC Timber Sales, Skeena Business Area, #200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, BC, V8G 1L1, up to 11:00 am on May 25, 2005, and will be opened in public at that time. Tenders must be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the tender package. The successful Contractor must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Conditions of Tender. The lowest priced or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Contract Award is subject to funding being available at the time. Bidders are required to submit 10% of the tendered price as a bid bond or cash deposit. This will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders. In addition, the successful bidder must supply a Performance Bond of 50% of the tendered price and a Labour & Material Payment Bond of 50% of the tendered price, or a cash security of 10% in a form acceptable to the Province.

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BC TIMBER SALES NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A64101 Ministry of Forests. Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, timber sale licence A64101 is being offered for sale by BC Timber Sales, Skeena Business Area, Terrace Field Team. **Closing Date:** April 28, 2005 @ 8:30 am **Geographic Location:** Williams Creek FSR **Estimated Volume:** 19,607 cubic metres, more or less **Term:** 18 months This timber sale licence has been designed for harvest using cable logging. The use of other systems may be subject to the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act and its regulations. The upset stumpage rate \$ 28.22/m³ for the competitive volume, approximately 15,099 m³, was determined by the variable cost method and is applicable only to coniferous green sawlog grades (except Interior Grade 3). This timber sale licence is fully developed. **Species percent:** Balsam 41%, Cedar 9%, Hemlock 50% Tenders will be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a BC Timber Sales Enterprise in Category 1, 2 or 3. Applications will be accepted by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1. Tenders will be opened in public at 9:30 am April 28, 2005. There is additional material that the applicant must consider in their application. This material which includes application forms and other information about the TSL can be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Office by contacting the receptionist at 250 638-5100. Contact Trevor Shannon at 250 638-5112 for Field enquiries only. Electronic version of this notice & tender pkg is available at: http://www5.for.gov.bc.ca/notices/Intl.da/notice id=1665

830 Tenders

CITY OF TERRACE **4800 SCOTT AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION CONTRACT** Tender documents for full roadway reconstruction, including drainage works and watermain replacement, along the 4800 block of Scott Avenue are available from April 21st, 2005, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00. A site meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 26th, 2005, at 10:00 am, at the intersection of Scott Avenue and Eby Street. Tender to close at 2:00 p.m. on May 5th, 2005.

INVITATION TO TENDER Project No. T-15-2005 **JANITORIAL SERVICES** **BOSTON PIZZA 4924 HIGHWAY 16 WEST, TERRACE, B.C.** Project Description: Janitorial Services A bid security will not be required. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. A pretender site visit will be mandatory. Date April 18, 2005. Tenders will be received by 0700497 BC Ltd. at the address noted below no later than 2:00 p.m., April 25, 2005. Tender documents are available from the following address: 0700497 BC Ltd. 5720 Highway 16 West Terrace, B.C., V8G 4C3 Telephone: (250) 635-3443 Fax: (250) 635-8689 Ken Behiel General Manager

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Youth shine at Whistler Cup

By MARGARET SPEIRS

THREE local youth competed in an international ski race for their first time earlier this month. Lina Gasser, Kylar Highe and Ainsleigh Mensah, all 12 years old, skied in the Sierra Wireless Whistler Cup on April 2 and 3 against young people from Norway, Korea, New Zealand, Belgium, Austria and the USA to name a few.

The trio didn't finish near the top but were ranked among the best skiers in the world.

Highe finished in 48th place out of 80 in the giant slalom and 66th in the slalom.

Gasser swished her way to 69th spot in the giant slalom and to 47th place in the slalom.

Mensah skied to 61st spot in the giant slalom and 58th in the slalom.

The trio was happy with their finishes, considering the talent of their opponents.

"Definitely a unique experience for them to be competing against international competitors," said Urs Gasser, Lina's father, who added that just being in Whistler was a thrill for the kids.

The three qualified based on the cumulative number of points from three previous races, including the provincials in Smithers, which took place the weekend before the Cup.

Results were tallied on Monday March 28 and they were notified they had to be in Whistler three days later.

"It was over spring break so there was no time



LINA GASSER was one of three local young people to compete in the Sierra Wireless Whistler Cup against international skiers in Whistler earlier this month. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

to tell the school. Just pack and go," Urs said. He believes the children's participation in the event will demonstrate that Shames is a competitive ski hill.

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Hope to see everybody for 2006

Atoms take third in PG

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TERRACE ATOMS snagged third at the Shane Davis Memorial Tournament in Prince George on March 18-20.

The Atom Development Program team, formed specifically for this tournament, went up against their hosts, Quesnel and Vanderhoof, teams that had been playing together all year.

Terrace came out strong with a win against the Quesnel Thunder Selects and Prince George Canadians before losing a hard fought match to the Prince George Oilers.

The Kermodes finished second in their pool, earning a berth in the playoffs against the Vanderhoof Bears for third place overall.

Terrace managed to get off to a quick three goal lead against the Bears before Vanderhoof cut the deficit to only one by the end of the first.

The second period ended with both teams squared at four each.

The teams exchanged two goals in the third and the game ended 6-6.

A four-on-four five minute sudden death overtime played to the delight of players and parents.

When this still didn't settle the game, a three-player shootout began.

Terrace's goaltender, Bradley Duarte, managed to stop all three Vanderhoof shots but Terrace couldn't put one past the Bears' net minder.

The game went to a sudden death shootout with Vanderhoof's third player scoring first.

Terrace's Nick Homeniuk put the puck past the Vanderhoof goalie's stick side.

Duarte stoned the next shooter and Jason Vandeveld scored the winner for Terrace.

Triathlon club plans for first competition

SWIM. BIKE. RUN.

If those three words start the adrenaline rushing through your body, then Terrace's newest club is for you.

The Pacific North Coasters triathlon club, which formed last month, is already planning their first triathlon on July 10 at the Kin Kamp at Lakelse Lake.

The Barkman triathlon will be an Olympic distance with a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike ride and 10 km run.

A short course will also be offered with a 750 metre swim, 20 km bike and 6 km run.

Teams will be allowed to compete on the long course, letting two or three people complete the events.

Club president Crystal Thomas loves the combined trio of sports and the social aspect.

"Triathlon is really so cool," she says.

"Lots can bike and run but can they swim, bike and run all at the same time and make it through the triathlon.

"To be with like minded people is really cool."

She said the Barkman will include a cross-country run component, a change from the usual highway run in other triathlons.

The run will take athletes down First Avenue and along the Twin Spruce trails at Furlong Bay, which is "unbelievable" scenery.

"The trees are huge and you run over little bridges. It's so picturesque," says Thomas, adding that the trees will shield runners from any rain.

But first, athletes will swim along a 750-metre triangular course at the Kin Kamp.

Long course athletes will complete two laps, while short course swimmers will finish one lap.

Athletes then hop on their bikes and ride through Jackpine Flats on Old Lakelse Lake Road from the Kin Camp to Hwy 16 down to Thornhill Creek and back.

Any bike is welcome, but a road bike is preferred.

"A road bike is faster but riding on a mountain bike is completely legal," she says.

Then the run loops the trails from the Kin Camp to the trail turnaround at the Furlong Bay entrance and back to the camp.

Ideas are already in the works for regular training days and events and a junior program that will eventually be organized through the Kids of Steel program in Kitimat.

Tentative plans include a swim session for wetsuit training at Lakelse Lake in May and a nutrition clinic in autumn.

So far 14 members, including some Kitimat and Prince Rupert athletes, have joined the club.

Interested members or Barkman volunteers can contact Thomas at 635-4632 to become involved.

TRADE SHOW 2005

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Trade Show Chairman's Welcome!

The Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce with its group of volunteer directors and members, continue to make Terrace a viable city to do business in. There are many positives on the horizon that, through the hard work of great people and businesses of our community, will make Terrace an even better place to live. That is why the theme for the Trades Show this year is "Together we make our future Bright".

We invite everyone to visit our 13th Annual Trade Show. This year we have another exciting full house of exhibitors ranging from RV's to home improvement. Once again Tony Demelo for Sight & Sound has assembled a vast array of local talent to entertain us throughout the weekend. This year we have Mat Duffus as a headline act. Mat is a children's entertainer from Vernon with great reviews. As well, Ruins Board Shop will be hosting a Competition at the Skate Board Park entry is free. Come show off you boarding talents.

The Skeena Valley Rotary Club has an amazing Door Prize of a trip for two to Europe courtesy of Uniglobe Travel, Hawkair and Air Transit Holidays (you must be 18 to win) and Petland has donated an Aquarium Kit as a prize for the Kids. Entry into the trade show is \$2 per person and \$5 per family and gives you a chance to win these great prizes and many more from the exhibitors. All proceeds go back into our community.

I invite you, your family and friends to join us at the trade show and check out all the wonderful exhibits and entertainers and view first hand what our community has to offer.

Kevin Jeffery
Trade Show Chair



Kevin Jeffery

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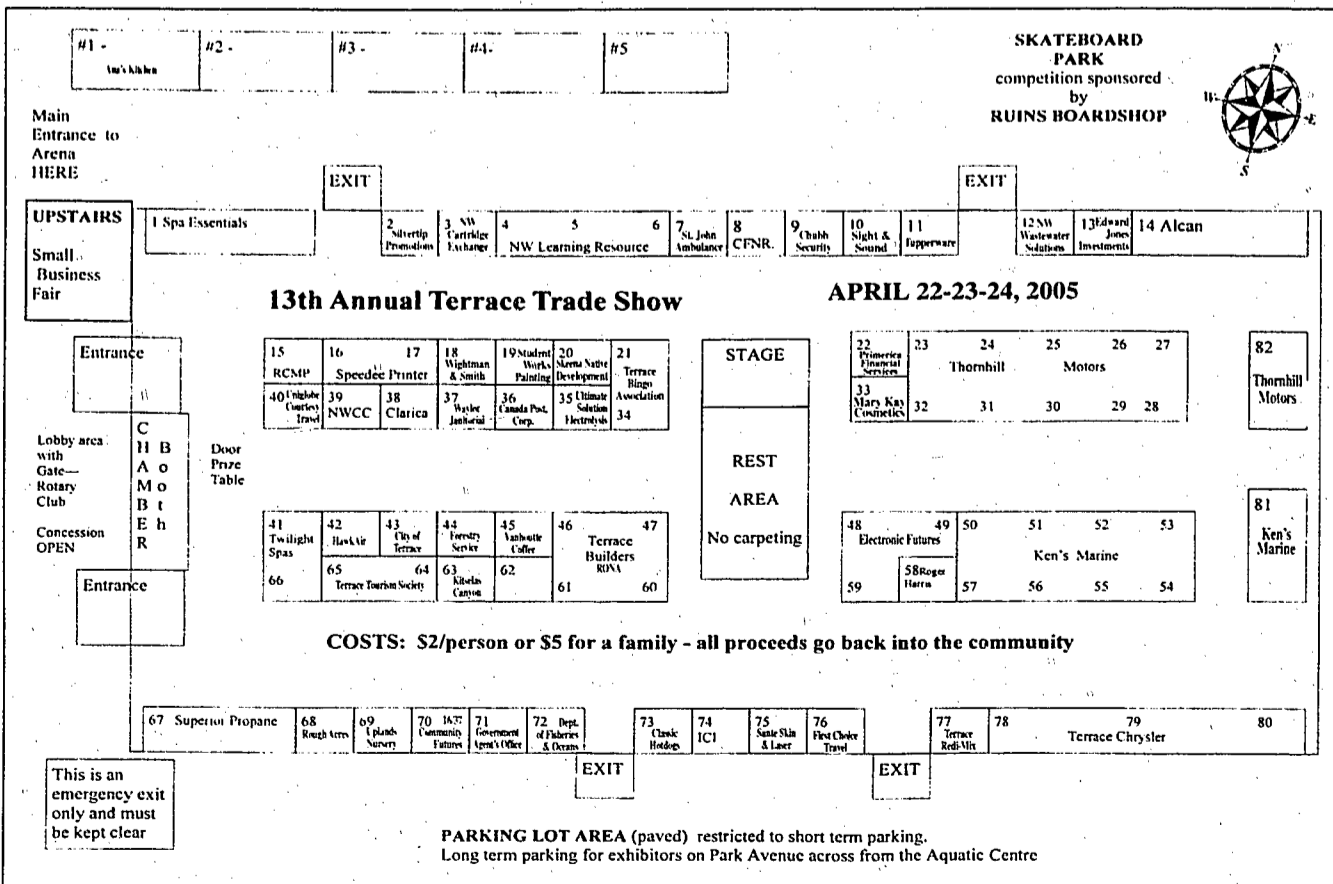
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