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Poll calls for Nisga'a vote: MP

EIGHT OUT of 10 area residents wanted to vote on accepting the Nisga'a Agreement in Principle, indicates a poll done in April 1997 for Skeena Reform MP Mike Scott.

And 61 per cent said the 1996 AIP, which formed the bulk of the treaty initiated yesterday by the Nisga'a and federal and provincial governments in New Aiyansh, won't be mutually beneficial for all residents of the northwest.

Scott released the survey results last week in support of his call for a referendum on the treaty.

Although the survey was done more than a year ago, Scott said its results are still valid as not a word was changed from the AIP as it was incorporated into the final treaty.

"As a matter of fact I believe that the

'don't know' responses in the survey will change the more the issues in the treaty are circulated," he said.

The MP has been joined by provincial Liberal leader Gordon Campbell and BC Reform president Bill Vander Zalm in calls for a referendum.

Scott said the results of his survey clearly point out that the provincial and federal governments are on the wrong track by not having a vote.

"When a government is elected it can change legislation where it be about labour or the environment and so on and that's fine."

"But with this treaty, when it is done, it is final and no government will be allowed to change it but the NDP are going ahead without any real input from the public," said Scott.

The MP said he was not opposed to settling land claims in order to remove the uncertainty surrounding ownership of resources but is opposed to the fashion in which land claims are being negotiated.

Scott is worried about self government clauses in the treaty, saying the amount of authority being given to the Nisga'a creates another level of government and changes the Canadian constitution.

He also believes that people, once they start hearing details of what's in the treaty, will become angry at the provincial government.

"When things are going well, the public is in an apathetic mood," said Scott.

"But when things aren't going well, and they haven't been in B.C. for some time, people turn angry and the Nisga'a treaty will be the last straw."

Here are some of the questions and their responses.

■ *Do you feel both the Nisga'a and the general public in the northwest should be able to vote on the AIP, or should it be the Nisga'a people only.*

Of those who responded, 203 or 83.2 per cent said both general public and Nisga'a, 16.8 per cent said Nisga'a only and 3.2 per cent were unsure.

■ *Do you believe the Nisga'a Agreement in Principle will be mutually beneficial for everyone in the northwest?*

Of those who responded, 61.1 per cent or 107 people said no, 38.9 per cent said yes and 30.6 per cent were undecided.

■ *Are you aware of the negotiations between the federal government and the Nisga'a?*

Of those who responded, 66.7 per cent

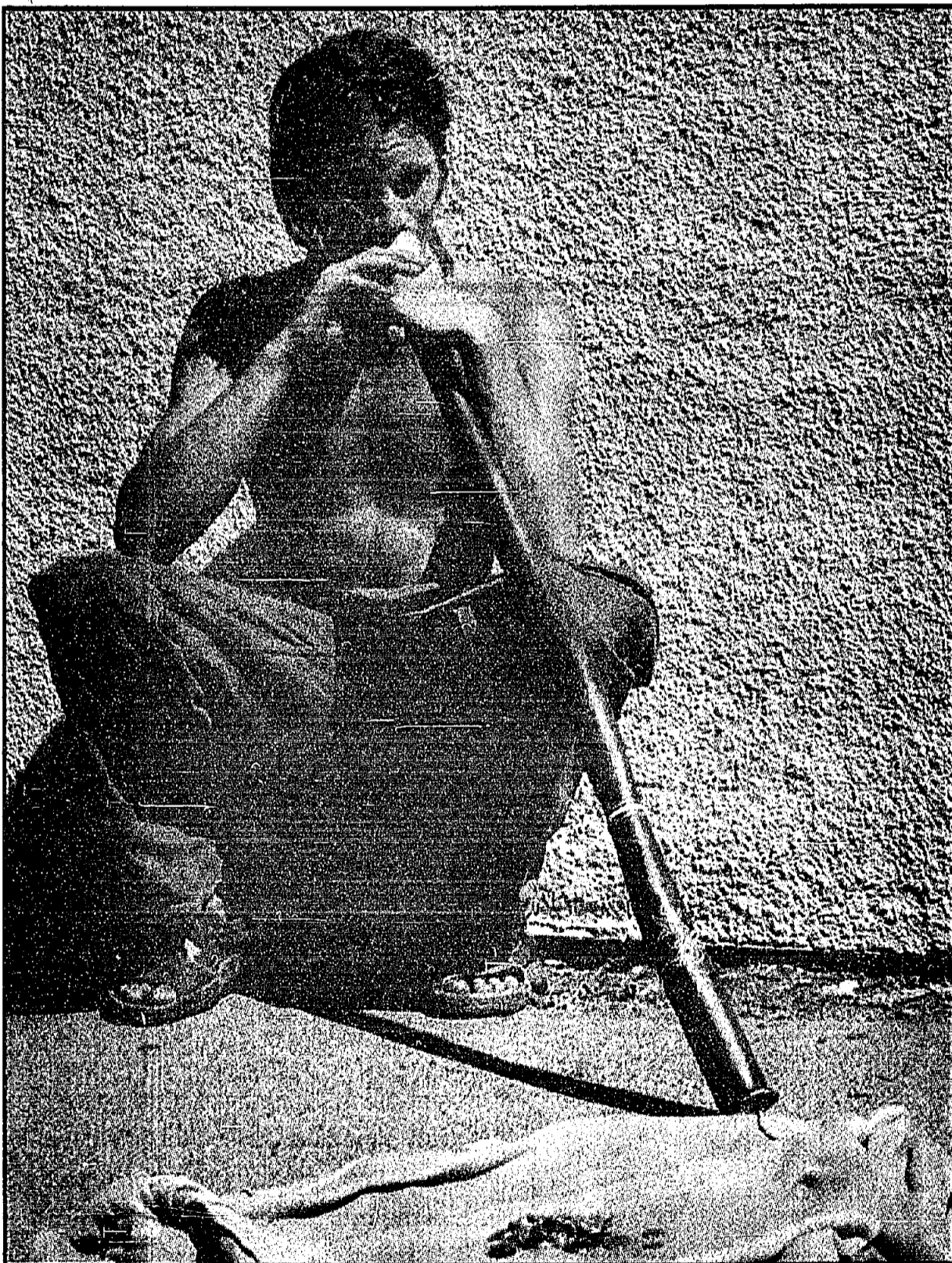
or 166 people said yes, 18.1 per cent said they were a little aware, 15.3 per cent said they weren't aware and 1.2 per cent didn't know.

■ *In your opinion, should the \$200 million offered in the AIP be divided amongst the Nisga'a people individually, or be given to the Nisga'a central government instead.*

Of those who responded, 74.4 per cent or 163 people said the money should go to the Nisga'a central government while 23.7 per cent said it would be divided between people.

As for other questions, those who responded weren't in favour of a Nisga'a police force, corrections service or court system.

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■ Playing a tune

THAT'S DANIEL COSSETTE of Canmore, Alberta playing a tune on his didgeridoo, an Australian aboriginal music instrument. Cossette came up here to

visit friends and to attend some music festivals. He'll be eventually making his way south to Oliver where his plans are to pick fruit for the rest of the summer.

Highway UFO sightings probed

This is a case for Mulder and Scully - the truth is out there. Actually, it's a provincial UFO organization that wants to hear from anybody who has seen anything unusual between here and Prince Rupert.

The curiosity of UFO B.C. comes from what a Terrace woman says she saw. She told UFO B.C. of "a huge object, square on top with something like legs protruding from the bottom of it" 20 minutes east of Prince Rupert on Highway 16 West June 4 at 12:20 a.m.

Graham Conway, president of UFO B.C., a non-profit society that records sightings in B.C. and investigates them to make the public aware of this phenomenon, will not reveal the name of the woman.

UFO B.C.'s records also show that on April 21, 1976,

Terrace RCMP Constable Bill Toffan sighted an unidentified flying object while on the same stretch of highway (approximately 60 miles east of Prince Rupert.)

According to a press release in 1976, when Toffan got closer to the flying vehicle, he was struck by a blinding flash.

He was so startled, he nearly lost control of his patrol car. But when he got out of the car to investigate, he found nothing. Officers the next day couldn't find anything to identify what Toffan saw either.

Due to the close proximity of both sightings, UFO B.C. is interested in other sightings in this area.

If anyone has witnessed anything unusual in the area call the UFO B.C. hotline 878-6511 or e-mail the group at <http://www.ufobc.org>

Businesses reporting tourism traffic down

BUSINESSES ARE disappointed with the number of tourists coming to Terrace this year.

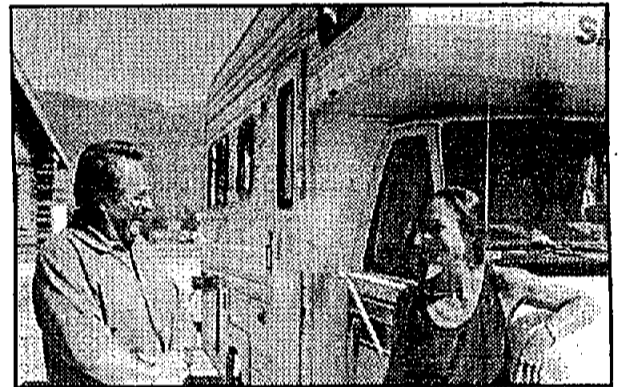
Many tourist businesses, such as motels, attribute the downturn to restrictions in the sports fishing industry and the news coverage surrounding it, starting with the increased licensing fees last year.

Yvonne Danroth, who owns the Wild Duck motel and R.V. park, says business has been down from both tourists and the work crews that used to rent from her.

The first hit to the tourism economy also coincided with the stop in ferry traffic to Prince Rupert last summer.

Adele Johnson, of the Kitwanga Petro-Canada gas station, says she is still seeing tour buses come in from the U.S. with tourists from as far away as Sweden and Australia.

But she says the overall number of tourists passing through the station is down and most of them are heading north to Alaska rather



GERTRUDE KERN and Hubert Bernsteiner, of Austria, toured the northwest for a month in their rented R.V., finishing off with a week-long stop in Terrace. The couple also toured to Hyder and Kitimat.

than west.

Jude Schooner, of the tourist info centre, says her office saw an almost identical number of tourists last month, compared to last year's statistics.

B.C. Parks, on the other hand, seems to be the only business to have seen an increase in customers this season.

Lakelse Lake park reported a 22 per cent increase compared to June of last year while Kleanza

Creek saw 28 per cent more campers.

But Rae Taylor, park facility operator at Lakelse, says numbers for last year were poor because of the weather.

She also says that many of the campers are local, which she attributes to people making alternate vacation plans because of the economy.

"When they're out of work, people camp," she says.

Northwest ignored in fish ad campaign

TERRACE ANGLERS say a \$1.5 million ad campaign paid for by the federal government to counter impressions that all fishing areas are shut down to protect coho stocks ignores the Skeena River.

Organized by the Sport Fishing Institute of B.C., the money is going toward large ads in major B.C., Alberta, and Washington State newspapers.

The ad campaign called "Facts vs. fish stories," offers a toll-free number to Supernatural B.C., a branch of the provincial government that distributes fishing information guides to potential tourists.

While the Skeena River itself is closed to fishing that could affect coho, there are other locations in the northwest where fishing is allowed.

The fresh water guide offers saltwater and freshwater fishing in other locations but not here and that upsets local angling businesses.

"It's totally misleading," said Brian Patrick, owner of Misty River Tackle and Hunting. "I've had tourists from Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer who've seen the ad get up here and be really disappointed, because there's no coho to fish," said Patrick. The ad may work for Vancouver-based operators offering fishing in other spots but does nothing for the northwest, he said.

Jim Culp, owner of the River's Edge Fishing Lodge in Terrace, wasn't surprised by the lack of institute representation in the northwest.

"Up here we're kind of forgotten, that's for sure," said Culp. He said the institute represents a lot of larger saltwater organizations and fresh water fisheries feel like "small potatoes" in comparison.

There just wasn't enough time and money to include Skeena river attractions, said Tom Bird, the institute's director.

The 10-week campaign was announced June 20, the day after federal fishery closures were announced.

Bird said the ad campaign was set up in a hurry and would have included northwest operators if the institute had more time.

"We had a bigger budget than any other year, but we still couldn't cover everything," said Bird.

He hopes future campaigns will include more provincial money than was offered by Tourism BC in 1998 and more fresh water operations.

As to where the money came from, federal fisheries representative John Fraser said the \$1.5 million is not part of the \$400 million federal compensation package promised to those hurt by coho closures.

Fraser said the Department of Fisheries and Oceans supports the Sport Fishing Institute.

"No one's pretending there's fishing as usual in B.C.," said Fraser. "But quite clearly fishing season is not over, either." "We're trying to minimize the impact on local economies."

STOP Press NEWS

Body found

THE BODY of a 40-year-old Terrace man was found Monday northeast of Terrace. Two watershed restoration workers found the man in his parked car around 10 a.m. near Kalum Lake Drive and Lean-to Creek.

Terrace RCMP say the body appears to have been there for several days. RCMP are investigating the cause of death and are withholding the man's identity until family members are notified.

Back in business

PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS from outside the area are once more being admitted to Mills Memorial Hospital's psych unit thanks to the temporary hiring of a psychiatrist.

Dr. Karl Enright began work Aug. 31 and will be on duty until Aug. 16, temporarily ending a ban on admissions to the 10-bed psych unit for people from outside the Terrace area.

That ban came after local general practitioners said services at the unit were too inadequate to admit those patients. Although there are three psychiatrists on duty in Terrace, they haven't been active at the psych unit although one has been providing advice.

Prince Rupert health care professionals said the admissions ban caused problems for coastal residents in need of more advanced care.

A local physician, Dr. Gillian Hodge, who has operated a geriatric outreach program in the region, will work at the psych unit for three months, beginning Aug. 17.

Dr. Enright, formerly of Riverview, will also be in contact with out-of-town patients and health care professionals by telephone and will work with Northwest Community Health Services Society mental health workers.

Court bid fails

A GROUP of dissident Nisga'a opposed to yesterday's initialing of the Nisga'a land claims treaty failed in their last-minute bid to halt the proceedings.

From Kincolith, one of four Nisga'a villages, the group had said the 1996 Agreement in Principle, which formed the basis for the treaty, was not approved by enough Nisga'a in 1996.

And they felt the agreement and subsequent treaty gave up too much land and resources.

But Kamloops-based Supreme Court Justice Robert Hunter found that the group did not act in a timely manner but waiting until 1997 to file their claim.

The group now has the option of organizing opposition to a referendum needed by the Nisga'a to approve the treaty.

From front

Vote wanted

But the majority of those contacted said the Nisga'a should have control over child custody and adoption, lands and resources, environmental protection, education, health and social services and marriage.

More people opposed Nisga'a control over taxation than were in favour.

Scott survey details

SKEENA REFORM MP Mike Scott's survey concerning the Nisga'a land claim was conducted by CV Marketing Research of Abbotsford between April 9 and April 15 1997.

The company asked 32 questions, 21 of which were exclusively about Nisga'a negotiations.

CV contacted 252 people by telephone and says the margin of error is 6.2 per cent.

"In other words, if all the residents in the survey area were contacted, the results of that survey would be within 6.2 per cent of the results of this one, 19 times out of 20," said the company in a covering letter accompanying the survey.


The company said it contacted people between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. each day.

Those responding were all over the age of 18 and were screened to eliminate people in public relations, those who worked for news organizations, those who were in federal or provincial politics and those who are Nisga'a.

Just under three quarters of those questioned were between 25-54, 11.5 per cent were natives other than Nisga'a and there was an almost even split between males and females.

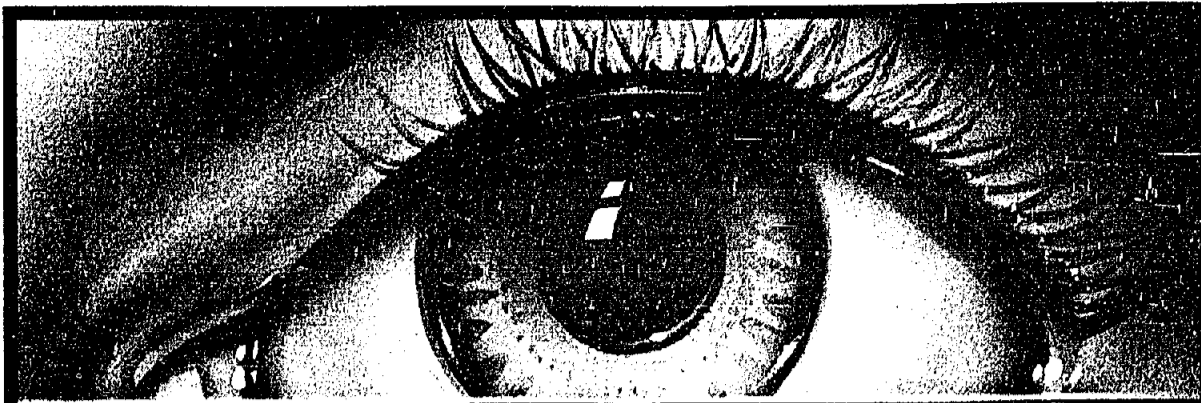
Scott said he was told it was appropriate to spend money from his office budget on the survey.

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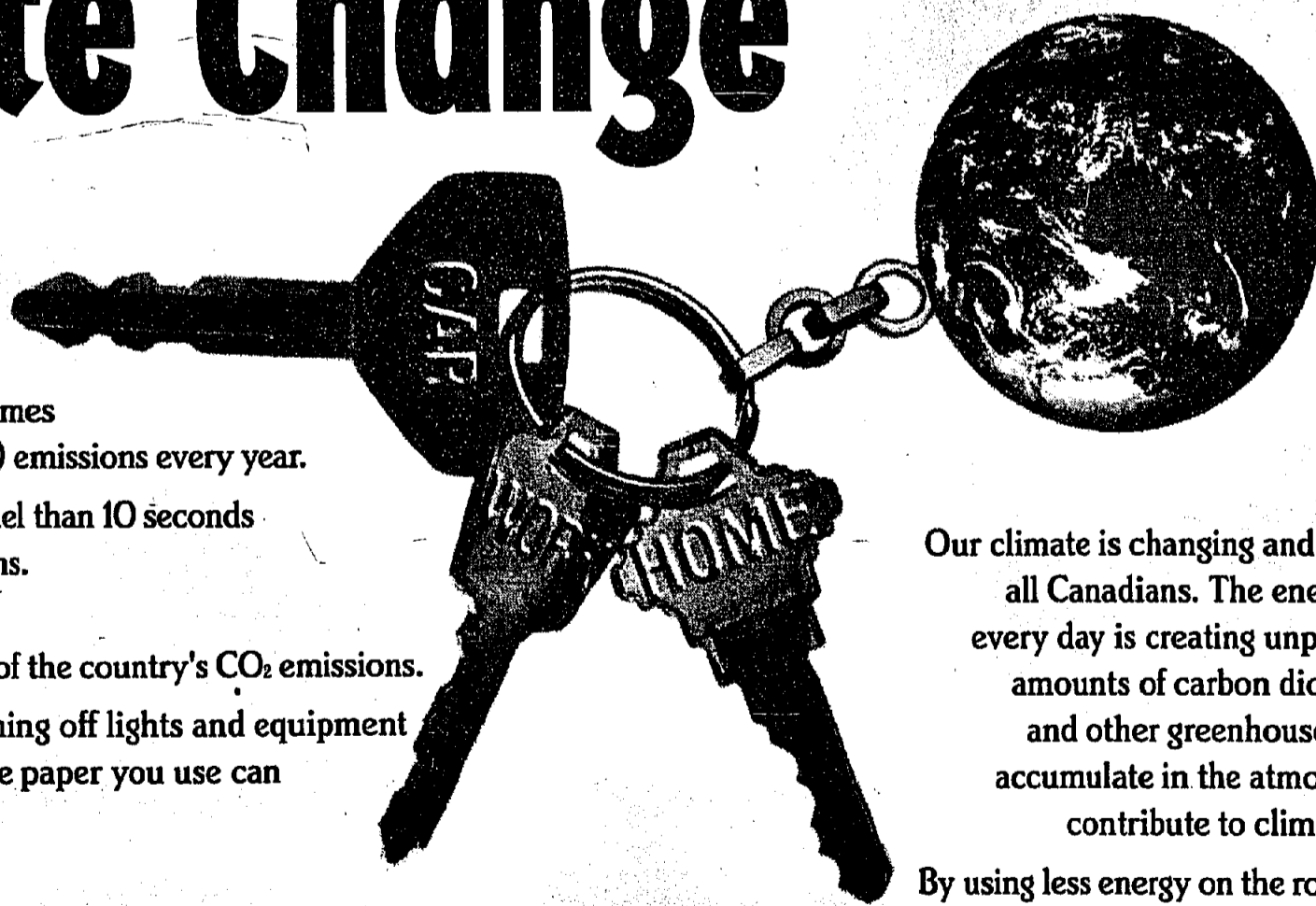
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Stop dumping in my backyard

USE THE dump, not the woods, say many residents of the Copper Mountain subdivision.

Dogwalkers and night strollers say they're sick of looking at garbage when they go for walks on trails in the wooded area just south Haaland Avenue.

"It really boils me that people dump their garbage in the bush when they can take it to the dump for free," said Russ Sparkes, whose worried his dogs will get cut on all the scattered broken glass.

The trails in this area are littered with household garbage, cars, beer bottles, old clothes, furniture, and whole whack of other garbage.

Three weeks ago someone dumped 36 tires alongside the path.

"I don't like my dogs sniffing around other people's garbage," Sparkes said. "You never know what's in there. It's just dirty."

Terrace district conservation officer Adrian Juch said littering in the bush occurs frequently.

"We're constantly charging people," he said.

According to Juch, littering in the bush is an offence

under the Waste Management Act and is finable through the courts.

The minimum fine for dumping business waste in the forest is \$575. The fine for dumping household waste is normally \$115.

"Violators will be investigated and charges will be laid," he said.

That means conservation officers will go through bags of garbage found in the woods to determine who discarded them.

Most times, offender will be charged, fined and forced to clean up their mess, Juch said.

"People should know it's a lot cheaper to spend the time and gas driving to the landfill because (if they're caught dumping in the bush) then they have to take the time to clean up their garbage and drive to the landfill and pay their fine," he said.

According to Juch, people litter in the bush just because they're lazy.

"If someone has their garbage in their truck and they haven't made it to the dump, they'll just throw it in the bush," he said. "It's just laziness here."



News In Brief

Reporters win awards

THREE REPORTERS have won national awards from the Canadian Community Newspapers Association for stories appearing in *The Terrace Standard* last year.

Dave Taylor placed second for outstanding reporter initiative for a feature story on the debacle surrounding last year's attempt by the provincial government to increase fishing licence fees. He used the provincial Freedom of Information Act to obtain crucial documents.

Cris Leykauf placed third for best historical story for a feature on the discovery in the Nass Valley of a 160-year-old Hudson Bay fort, built in the last century as a bulwark against imperial Russian incursions on the north coast.

And Jeff Nagel placed third in the best business writing category for his coverage early on in 1997 of the Skeena Cellulose/Repap financial crisis.

Derrick Penner, a reporter with *The Northern Sentinel* in Kitimat, a sister paper to *The Terrace Standard*, placed second in the best news story category for his coverage of the triple murder and subsequent events surrounding the search for Kevin Vermette.

The awards were announced July 25 at the Canadian Community Newspapers Association annual convention in Winnipeg.

New Sergeant in Aiyansh

SERGEANT RANDY CURTAIN's arrival in New Aiyansh to command the RCMP detachment there marked something significant.

He's the first detachment commander to arrive as a sergeant, reflecting an increase in the number of officers at the detachment and the anticipation of growth in the area from the Nisga'a land claims treaty.

Curtain's posting to the Nass Valley also marks something of a homecoming because Terrace was his first detachment as a young RCMP officer 23 years ago.

"I'm looking forward to settling in," said Curtain who was recently promoted from corporal. His last posting was commanding the Port Alice detachment on northern Vancouver Island.

There are now five RCMP officers at the detachment, and that's the level at which the commanding officer rank rises from corporal to sergeant.

Bigger, better Ootsa park

B.C. PARKS will officially open its new facilities at Little Andrews Bay Marine provincial park this Saturday.

The new site, on Ootsa Lake, includes eight new campsites, a boat launch, an information kiosk and provides better shelter from the weather, as well as protection for the site's fish-bearing stream, Andrews Creek.

The opening ceremony will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include a barbecue and tours of the new site.

Report critiques NWCC management

A REVIEW of the management structure at Northwest Community College calls for the addition of new staff but college president, Michael Hill, says he doesn't know where the money is going to come from.

"We're wondering how we're going to be able to afford these (recommendations) and we don't have the answer yet," he says.

Hill says the review's critique of college management came as no surprise.

"We're stretched too thin," says Hill.

"We've made cuts and more cuts."

The review says that the current structure falls short in a number of management areas, including leadership, regional decision making, speed and effectiveness of central services, adequacy of computer systems, and the lack of an educational plan.

The review points out that decentralization and downsizing efforts over the past decade have made administrative staff uneasy and that remaining positions have a high turnover rate.

Hill says cutbacks have meant that people filling the remaining management positions are simply very tired and often don't have the time to do a lot of the planning required.

"There are cuts that can be made, but eventually you cut to the bone," he says.

Among its restructuring recommendations the review recommends the creation of two new positions, a dean of education, reporting to the president, and a regional director for the eastern division.

The review suggests the College make every effort to obtain funding from the ministry and from business and industry.

"The solution is not, of course, to be able to throw money at it," says Hill.

The college has had no annual increase in funding since the mid 1990s, which Hill says, with inflation and other factors, adds up to a net decrease.

Cuts in federal transfer payments to the province and financial restructuring in the government have also hit the college, says Hill.

Although the college has grown from approximately 850 full-time-equivalent students in the 1987/88 year to approximately 1500 this year, management staff for all of the campuses has dropped from almost 40 to 22.

The college's board of governors will look at whether to adopt the review's recommendations at its next meeting in early September.



Grand Prize Winners

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Nov. 8	Carmen Mailloux	20,000	April 18	Georgina Barton	5,000
Nov. 14	Margaret Elsie Moore	20,380.50	May 13	Peggy Burger	20,000
Nov. 20	Edward Derrick	6,666.67	May 14	Molly Tashoots	20,000
Nov. 30	Irene Derrick	10,000	June 1	Laurie Hall	4,000
Dec. 2	Katherine Larson	20,000	July 4	Brenda Bouzane	20,000
Dec. 4	Mavis McIsaac	6666.67	July 5	Melaine Ducharme	10,000
Dec. 11	Kathleen Robinson	5,000	July 24	Viviane Wright	20,000
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About time

CONGRATULATIONS TO federal finance minister Paul Martin for killing his plan to eliminate Old Age Security and Guaranteed Annual Income supplements in favour of something called the Seniors Benefit.

Although well-intentioned in the effort to help low income seniors by increasing support payments, the Seniors Benefit would have been a terrible thing to unleash.

That's because it would have set a ceiling for senior income. Past that ceiling, seniors would have seen payments clawed back.

In other words, seniors who saved for their retirement would have been penalized for all of the efforts they put in over the years to provide for themselves once their working life had ended. The more they saved, the more they lost.

Even worse was the proposal under the Seniors Benefit program to make it applicable to family income and not treat the income of individuals separately. Thus, a woman's retirement income would have been added to that of her spouse to determine what the family should receive. And that doesn't say much for equality.

Mr. Martin's original plan was also conceived in order to save the federal government money. With the federal fiscal situation in better shape than it was five years ago, Mr. Martin says there is now no need to change things.

That's fine as far as it goes but Mr. Martin's original premise to assist low income seniors should not be forgotten. But it should be done in such a fashion that it won't penalize others.

Photo history

INVITATIONS SENT out to yesterday's initialing of the Nisga'a treaty had on the front a photograph of the 1913 version of the Nisga'a Land Committee. This committee is the one which sent a petition to London, England in support of the Nisga'a claim to the lands of the Nass Valley. The message was obvious — the current band of Nisga'a negotiators is but one group in a long line of those who have tried to reach a settlement.

It's also a sobering message for those who think that once the treaty is ratified the effort is over. That's far from the truth, for it will be at least 10 years before we see the effects of what has been accomplished.

The job of establishing new government-mechanisms, the job of building roads and the job of providing jobs isn't something which will take place in one year, two years or even five years.

Indeed, it may not be too much out of place to suggest that one day people will be getting invitations to attend some other kind of ceremony in the Nass Valley. And on the front of that invitation will be a photo of the 1998 version of the Nisga'a Tribal Council. And once more people will be talking about what that earlier group did for its people.



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Stupid, yes, but not a danger

VICTORIA — Once again, last week, we were treated to the spectacle of what has become Doug Collins against the majority of society.

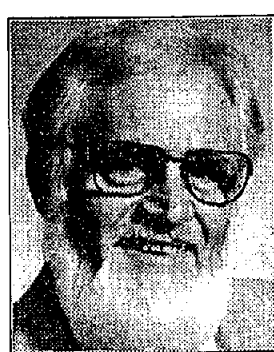
Collins, the immigrant-bashing, Jew-baiting columnist, now mercifully retired, gave one last grand-standing performance at a hearing of the B.C. Human Rights Commission.

Shortly after the proceedings got underway, Collins walked out, claiming the hearing was a "kangaroo court." For good measure, he added that he was the victim of "that immigrant (Ujjal) Dosanjh," British Columbia's attorney general.

And even though his thick British accent left no doubt that he, too, came here as an immigrant, I suppose Collins believes he's the right kind of immigrant, white, Anglo-Saxon, and all that.

Collins is without a doubt one of the crudest and most ill-guided characters ever to practice the craft of journalism. He doesn't deal in outright lies, preferring half-truths and innuendo instead.

Thus he will admit that perhaps a few hundred thousand Jews died in concentration camps in Hitler Germany, but then goes on to talk about the six-million propaganda story.



FROM THE CAPITAL
HUBERT BEYER

Writing about the movie Schindler's List, which he referred to as Swindler's List, Collins hinted darkly at the Jewish Hollywood conspiracy, dedicated to keep the Holocaust propaganda going.

No, Collins is not the kind of writer you'd want your kids exposed to without your knowledge and input, but that doesn't give anyone the right to shut him up. And that's what many individuals and institutions have been trying to do for years.

British Columbia's Human Rights Code prohibits publication or display of anything that is discriminatory or exposes people to hatred or contempt on the basis of race, religion, ancestry or place of origin, among other things.

Anyone writing something, someone else may find in violation of those taboos, will sooner or later find himself or herself before the Human Rights Commission.

In a submission to the Collins hearing, a Dr. Frances Henry, professor emeritus in the department of anthropology at York University, and consultant in human rights relations, said that three columns in question, written by Collins, constituted hate literature.

I am not going to argue with Dr. Henry's finding, but I would like to pose the rhetorical question whether an opinion should be suppressed because someone else considers it hateful?

We accept certain limitations on free speech. We don't yell "fire" in a crowded theatre. We don't joke about bombs in airplanes. These are common-sense arrangements. But at what point does the suppression of ideas and opinions, no matter how ludicrous, wrong or even hateful, become a legitimate excuse for scuttling free speech?

I carefully read the three Collins columns under scrutiny. They are not shining examples of journalistic excellence. They are shallow attempts at calling into question the extent of the Holocaust.

They propagate the myth of a

Jewish conspiracy. They are the self-serving ranting of a man in the twilight of his life and career, who loves to see himself as a victim, oppressed by Big Brother and a society that worships political correctness.

I found the columns to be stupid (I'm sure some people place my columns in that category), but I saw nothing in them that could possibly convince me their publication was a danger to our society.

In fact, I wonder about a society that believes its moral fibre is so fragile that it must be protected by draconian laws. Surely, we will continue to function as a tolerant society without having to suppress every opinion that might insult one segment or other.

Collins is right about one thing: we have become obsessed with political correctness. And the hearing he walked out of is but one manifestation of that obsession.

Victoria businessman Harry Abrams, who launched the current complaint against Collins, undoubtedly means well. But if I were him, I wouldn't have given Collins the time of day, leave alone the platform he so relishes.

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Discarded salmon a waste

SATURDAY MORNING, on his way to MK Bay marina to do some halibut fishing, a New Hazelton resident came upon a large salmon sprawled on the pavement of Highway 16. He pulled over to inspect the salmon.

Though not up to barbecue freshness, it would serve as halibut bait to replace expensive herring. Had it been on the highway longer, a raven or eagle would surely have claimed the silvery carcass.

Searching the ditch for a plastic bag to swaddle the salmon for its ride in the canopied box of his Ford crewcab, he found four more derby-sized salmon.

Salvaging the five fish delayed him 50 minutes.

No doubt the salmon had been taken from the Skeena. But who dumped them? A local or a tourist? And why would anyone discard five valuable, edible salmon?

Did a net fisherman so exceed



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his allowable catch that he had to lighten the load on his truck springs?

Was he frightened into jettisoning his prize by the risk of a potential road block ahead?

Or maybe for the fisherman who landed them they were undersize.

Could be, too, the fish were dropped there by a freak wind after

some form of twister sucked them from the Skeena's waters up into the sky. I've read about frogs and minnows transported great distances that way, to be rained down in a cornfield.

I'd as soon believe these five fish succumbed to heat exhaustion while hiking overland on some piscine portage.

The New Hazelton man told me, in previous years rafting down the Skeena he's found nets full of rotting fish. He's also seen - and smelled - great heaps of rotting fish at his town's landfill.

I have no trouble believing his stories. I do have trouble accepting that salmon are wasted in such wholesale style.

But why, and by whom? If one believes the earnest talk of both whites and natives who gaze into TV cameras and vow they will protect the fishery stocks, everyone is concerned about preserving what

ever salmon runs we have left. All claim judicious use and conservation of the species.

So who's the profligate discarding valuable, tasty salmon to putrefy like roadkill?

Unfortunately for fish, they're cost free. Unlike cattle, hogs, or even chickens, with wild fish there's no fencing, feeding, or day-to-day husbandry involved. There's no rising at dawn to feed them, to nurse them through birthing; no providing them with warm, dry shelter throughout six months of the year. They come free.

So everyone can afford to possess as many salmon as he can haul to shore. Greed and gluttony rule, until a conservation officer shows up.

At 8 o'clock in the morning along Highway 16 conservation officers are as rare as motorists who would be perturbed by someone heaving salmon into a ditch.



The Mail Bag

Screwy logic

Dear Sir:

The whole point about my business being fined for allegedly selling cigarettes to a minor ("Smoke seller disputes ticket", *The Terrace Standard*, July 22, 1998) was to awaken the Canadian people to the problem of our government using our basic morals and values in order to profit.

Our federal and provincial governments are able to justify the fining of legitimate businesses by appealing to the public's moral values.

It's OK to force businesses to pay the government close to \$3,000 in fines because the government is doing a public service. I agree with keeping minors away from the awful habit of cigarette smoking.

The government, without proof, can fine any business it chooses for apparently selling to minors. No business is safe! It is the same thing as being fined for speeding and not have been radar detected or having a policeman witness the speeder.

A 16-year-old kid who apparently is not old enough to decide whether or not he/she can smoke is now being given the autocratic power to say which business did or didn't sell cigarettes to them. This is without any witnesses, documentation of the transaction or any real proof. You are guilty unless you remember a transaction that occurred months ago, thousands of transactions ago. Guilty until proven innocent.

Cigarettes kill. There is no need for cigarettes, only a want. My business sells cigarettes because the market demands them. I sell cigarettes to make a profit so that my bills get paid. The business as an entity does not care who gets hurt when cigarettes are used, but I do and the public does.

Ban cigarettes. The government hates cigarettes, the public hates cigarettes and yes, businesses hate selling the legalized drug, too.

Oh, wait. Our country pulls in hundreds of millions of dollars off the tax-paying nicotine addict every year and this money goes to schools, hospitals and government institutions that non-smokers use, too. We can't ban cigarettes from Canada.

If we can't ban cigarettes from being sold, we might as well launch a very profitable crusade against businesses that have no choice but to sell them, since every other business does.

We'll fine those caught selling to minors and this will be approved by the public because nobody likes to see minors getting addicted to cigarettes.

After all, it's not the governments' fault that kids are smoking. It's not the parents' fault. It's the business community's fault. Since businesses sell them, businesses will be responsible for them. Perfect logic.

Now just hold the government accountable for all alcohol-related deaths due to wife-beating, drinking and driving, fighting, and general tragic violence resulting from the consumption of alcohol. After all, Glen Clark and the NDP own the liquor stores.

Ted Sfikas, Terrace, B.C.

Who welcomed whom?

Dear Sir:

Regarding the comment of provincial negotiator Jack Ebbels, "The Deputy Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, "...who was dispatched to his old treaty table earlier this year to bring the deal home, noted the Nisga'a have always said they wanted to negotiate their way into B.C. and Canada, 'I would like to say to the Nisga'a nation, welcome to British Columbia,' Ebbels said to a thunder of drums and applause." (*The Terrace Standard*, July 22, 1998).

Perhaps Mr. Ebbels should clarify what he meant. The way it is written, he is actually welcoming the nation to B.C., whereas all aboriginal people were in what is now known as British Columbia long before it became known as such by the Europeans.

What is wrong here? Poor research, or run-of-the-mouth amidst the emotional celebration? Was this an official statement by the aboriginal affairs minister? Or was he just stating what he felt personally, taking the fact that one can say anything and still receive thunderous applause?

After all, he is the provincial negotiator, and what is said, either at the table, or in public, should be well-thought out so as not to raise concerns.

Perhaps it was *The Terrace Standard's* way of writing. Was research done on the comment "...the Nisga'a have always said they wanted to negotiate their way into B.C. and Canada."

What "way" — traditional? Sharing of resources where there never was sharing by both federal and provincial governments prior to the present? A voice into what the government does to our people?

The Standard should put more research into this, and present it to the public in a more responsible manner, clear and concise, not muddled to the point where comments could be misinterpreted.

Maybe the comment should have been, "Welcome to the new working partnership with British Columbia".

After all, aboriginal people were instrumental in welcoming Europeans onto Turtle Island, and what did they do? History is history. Let's not repeat that.

Bill Christiansen, Terrace, B.C.

Pull over next time

Dear Sir:

I was recently a passerby of an accident. Before we reached the scene, three emergency vehicles had passed our vehicle. From what I could see our vehicle was the only one to pull off the road to let these emergency vehicles go by.

I know if I were on the other end waiting for them to arrive I would hope that other drivers were being courteous and as helpful as they could be, without knowing the destination of these emergency vehicles.

Sometimes it could be as harmless as a cat stuck in a tree, or something as serious as someone fighting for their life.

So my hope and prayer is that more drivers will be courteous and pull over the next time they hear a siren or see an emergency vehicle coming.

Melissa Jaakkola, Terrace, B.C.

The Terrace Standard welcomes letters to the editor. Our deadline is noon Friday for the following Wednesday's issue. Our mailing address is 3210 Clinton St., Terrace, B.C. V8G 5R2. Our fax number is 250-638-8432. We particularly welcome letters via e-mail. Our e-mail address is standard@kermode.net

More letters, Page A6



COUNTERCLOCKWISE, from above: the Gitlaxdax Sayt K'ilim Goot Nisga'a dancers; the Skeena mall clowns; the Terrace Inn Gigi's Pub float; Priscilla Pratt, Mary McFarland and Betty Demmitt of the Happy Gang centre; Luke Bahm and his sister Kelsey Bahm, Colter Bahm and Andrea Stefanik.

Saturday's Riverboat Days parade was a hit with the crowd. Participants gathered afterwards at the Legion hall for the parade's award presentations.

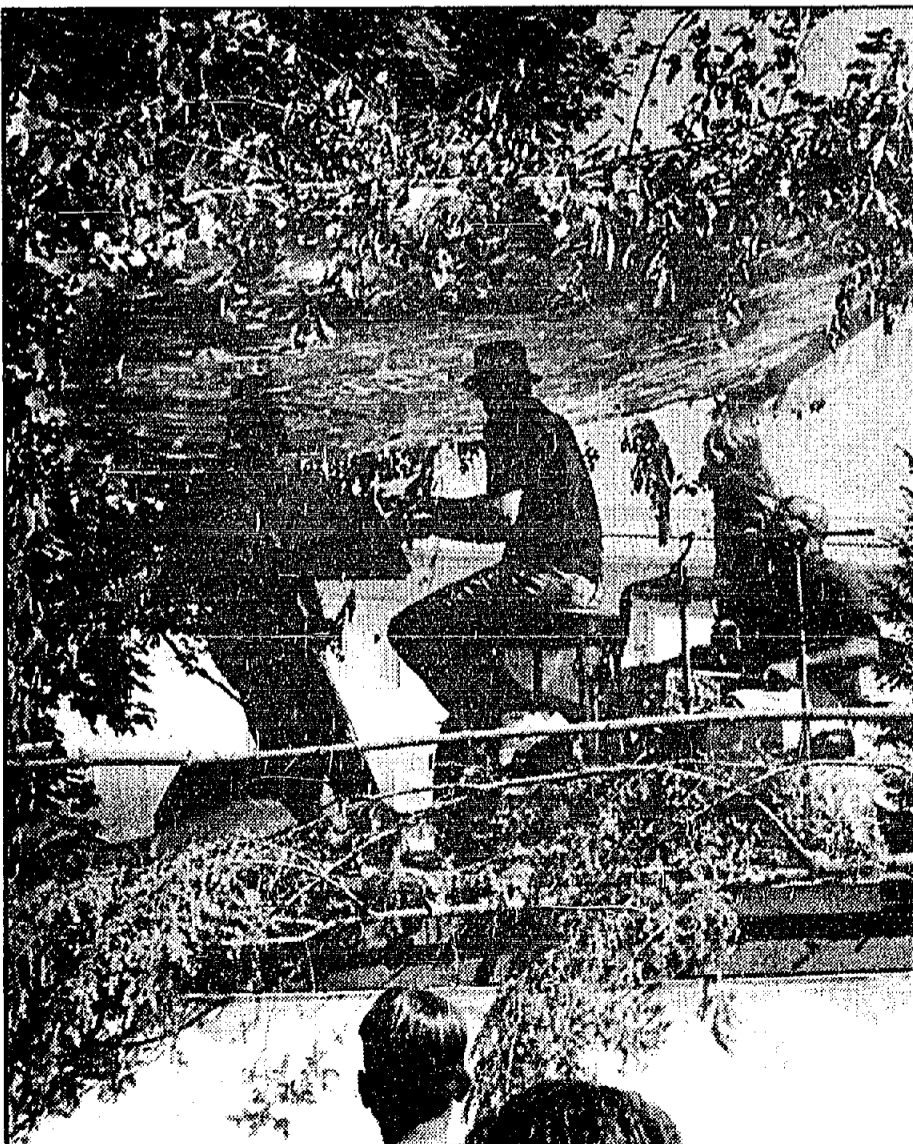
The prize for best overall float went to the Terrace Inn's Gigi's Pub.

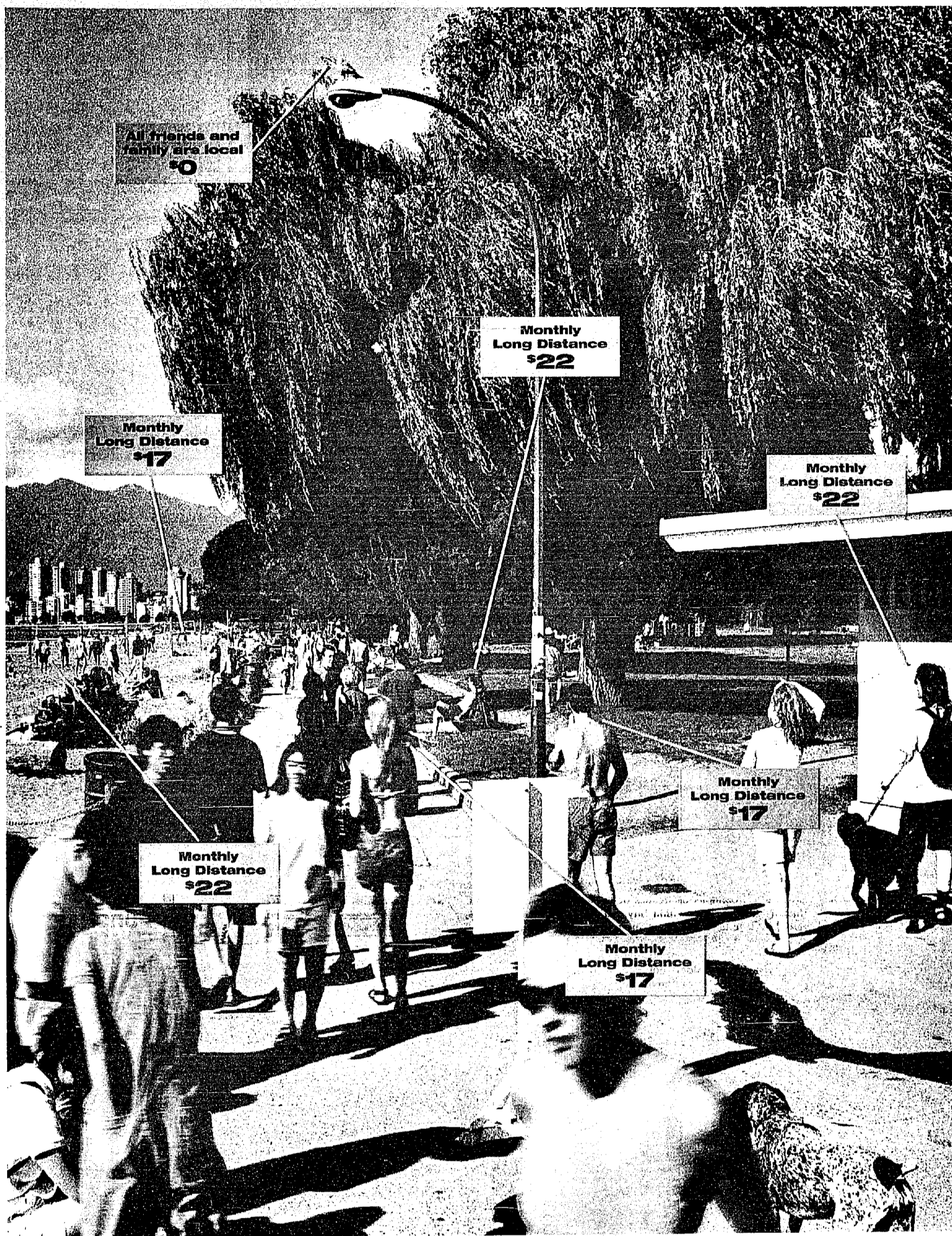
First place for commercial floats went to Shoppers Drug Mart, while BC Hydro took second and Misty rivers took third place.

The City of Prince Rupert won first prize in the non-commercial floats category, with the Pentacostal Sunday School and the Royal Canadian Legion taking second and third respectively.

The Nisga'a Tribal Council won for best group, while Kitsumkalum came in second and Citizens on Patrol came in third.



The Shriners Club won by default as the only entry in the best vehicles category.





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BUILDERS FROM MGB Developments work on a home in a new subdivision in the Mountain Vista area. Like other builders, they will have to wait several more months to find out exactly how new building regulations will affect their business.

Homeowner bite delayed for now

HOMEOWNERS AND builders will have to wait longer to find out exactly how they'll be affected by the fall-out of the leaky condo debate.

The province passed legislation last Wednesday opting to leave many of the decisions around new building regulations up to the industry-financed Homeowner Protection Office, which opens Oct. 1.

Phasing in of the new regulations will start on Jan. 1 of next year but the ministry says many of the regulations will initially apply only in the lower mainland, where problems have been the worst.

Eric Kaye, of the municipal affairs ministry, says the Homeowner office will decide how to phase in regulations to other regions after that.

Kaye adds the province decided against imposing a \$1,000 levy on lower mainland developers to support a zero-interest loan program for people to repair their leaky condos.

But he says the new office will decide on a new plan to recover that money from developers.

A new statutory home warranty on all new residential buildings will still affect all of B.C.

Calls for government and industry assistance to assist owners of lower mainland leaky condos grew louder following the release of a report earlier this summer by Dave Barrett.

He proposed a mixture of government, industry and banking assistance.

Those anticipated costs, along with a government call for developers in rapid-

ly growing areas to pay money to help buy land for schools, has upset the home construction industry.

Why it got lost

A MAP READING error not only sent an ambulance in the wrong direction when it was dispatched to help a choking baby but an agreement between the B.C. Ambulance Service and the fire department was also broken.

Provincial ambulance official Bob Pearce said a Kamloops-based dispatcher ordered the ambulance crew, in town from Smithers to deliver a patient to Mills Memorial Hospital, to help the baby because it was immediately available.

The dispatcher felt sending the Smithers-based ambulance to newly-born Jade Tsares on Olson in the Horseshoe would be faster than calling the fire department's First Responder vehicle, said Pearce.

By not calling the fire department, the dispatcher broke an agreement between the ambulance service and the fire department to immediately alert the fire department of all life-threatening calls.

"The dispatcher believed the ambulance was well on its way to the call and would arrive at the location far in advance of the fire department," said Pearce. He added that local ambulance crews were on duty but were on other calls and farther away than the Smithers unit.

But the dispatcher was working from a map of Terrace which had both Mills Memorial Hospital and the two high schools marked with the letter 'H.' And that caused the ambulance crew, which was unfamiliar with local streets, to be sent south of the hospital instead of north into the Horseshoe. The ambulance got lost and had to call for new directions.

Firefighters were monitoring communications between the lost ambulance and the dispatcher but were turned down when they offered to go to the Tsares home.

But realizing the ambulance was lost, firefighters decided to go to anyway. Baby Jade was already recovering on arrival, though it would be six minutes before the Smithers ambulance got there.

Local fire chief Randy Smith said firefighters on duty acted out of concern for the baby and recognized that the fire department should have been asked to respond.

Smith summed up the incident as an element of human error and that usually local ambulance and fire department units work together well.

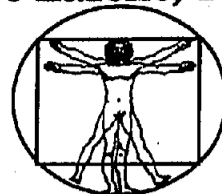
He said the incident was "fairly rare" and that it wouldn't have happened if there had been a Terrace ambulance available. "We generally have local care here, and everyone knows that," said Smith.

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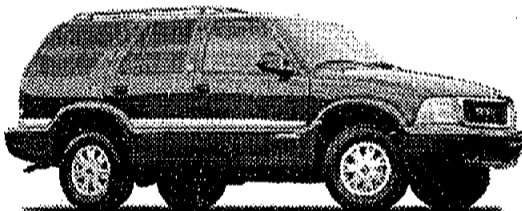
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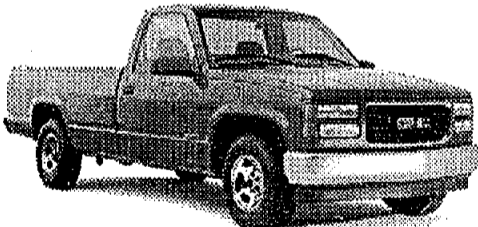
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Challenging season expected

Shames remains optimistic

THE NUMBER of visitors to Shames Mountain last winter plunged by more than 20 per cent from the previous year — despite the best skiing the hill has had in years.

The ski resort recorded 25,000 skier visits, compared to 32,000 in 1996/97, said company president Gerry Martin.

The resort's later-than-usual opening on Dec. 20, coupled with increasing concern about the local economy were the factors Martin pointed to for the drop in visits.

"Weather-wise and skiing wise, it was probably as good a year as we've had up there," Martin said. "But it was a tough year from a revenue perspective."

He's hoping local residents will support the mountain this winter despite the continuing economic downturn.

"It's going to be tough again this year," he added. "It's a difficult time for discretionary disposable spending. So that's going to hurt."

The mountain has committed to run at the same level of operations as last year, and is hoping for an earlier start, Martin said.

"If you can't get people into the sport early in the season and get them committed to it you lose them," he said.

He said the company hasn't acted further on a

study paid for last year by the federal government that helped identify ways the mountain could boost its revenues.

Much of that centred on expanded lodge operations, particularly restaurant and bar service, where revenue isn't hitting levels recorded at similarly sized ski hills.

Although the study might have led to matching grants to cover portions of an expansion, Martin said

Shames' investors don't have their portion of the money at this time.

"We would need 300,000 or 400,000 dollars of our own money to put up," he said. "We don't have those kinds of dollars to put up. That's why that didn't go any further."

When the hill is in better financial position, however, Martin sees expanded food and liquor service operations as a major area of opportunity.

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If the lodge were expanded he also sees potential to market it in the summer as a lodge for campers, hikers, mountain bikers and anglers.

"It has a lot of potential, it just takes capital to do things like that," he added.

Although no major capital expansion is planned this year, the mountain is in the midst of an extensive summer maintenance program.



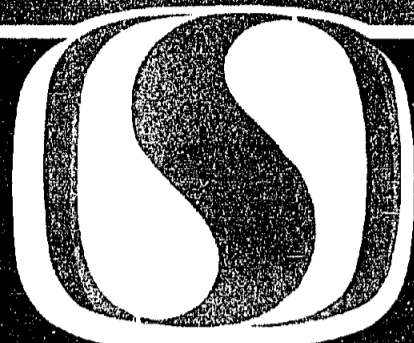
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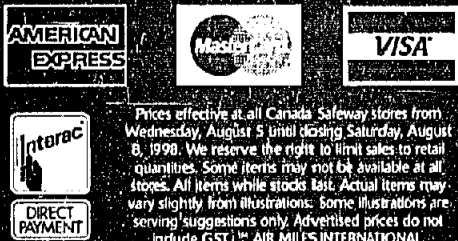


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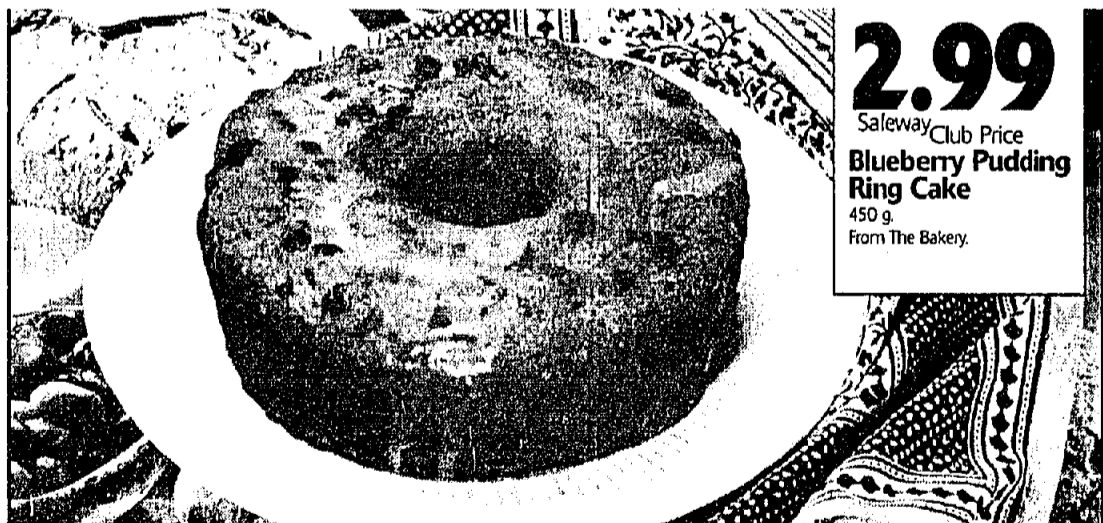
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BC Tel faces spill charge

ALMOST A YEAR after a 4,000 litres of diesel fuel spilled from a BC Tel repeater station near Meziadin Lake last fall, the provincial government is taking BC Tel to court.

BC Tel officials are scheduled to appear in a Smithers courtroom Aug. 10 on one charge of introducing waste into the environment.

If liable, BC Tel could pay a \$1 million penalty under the Waste Management Act.

According to provincial environmental safety officers, the spill occurred over an eight-day period between Aug. 25 and Sep. 12 last year.

Diesel is used to operate the generators that supply power to the repeater station located in the middle of Meziadin Lake Provincial Park.

But things went wrong when a connector hose reportedly cracked and diesel gradually leaked into an area surrounding the station.

BC Tel is reported to have excavated more than 200 cubic metres of contaminated soil last October in an effort to clean up the park. It's not known if diesel leached into ground water surrounding Meziadin Lake.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

Native tourism takes off

THERE'S ECONOMIC opportunity for natives and others in developing an aboriginal tourism industry, says a northwest board member of a new group.

Laurel Mould of Hazelton says the newly created Aboriginal Tourism Association of B.C. will help develop opportunities designed to appeal to tourists eager to learn more about the province's aboriginal cultures.

The association, last week in Prince Rupert, signed a partnership deal with Tourism B.C., the provincial government's tourism marketing agency.

Mould is the executive director of Ksan Village, a cultural and historical centre just outside of Hazelton.

The village is 28 years old this year and is being used as an example of how aboriginal culture and history can be marketed to domestic and international tourists.

The village is a destination spot for all kinds of tourists and, in recognition of its clientele, offers tours in French and German and has publications in both of those languages.

"There is value in having an association for aboriginal tourism operators," said Mould last week after the signing of the

partnership deal with Tourism B.C. "It will be able to help aboriginal tourism operators become market-ready and provide a voice," she said.

Tourism B.C. chairman Jean Anderson said the partnership will help expand tourism, which ranks near the top in the province's economy.

Provincial research indicates two-thirds of all tourists coming to B.C. are looking for a cultural experience, creating a large and ready market for aboriginal tourism.

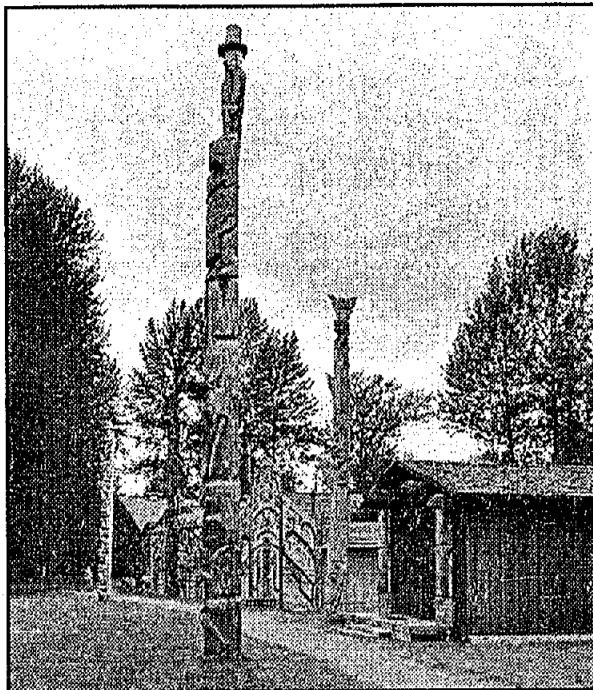
"There is much to be made of working together," said Anderson.

Mould said the northwest is in a strong position to benefit by more aboriginal tourism opportunities and by marketing them to the world.

The newly-created Nisga'a Lava Bed Memorial Park in the Nass Valley is also beginning to attract visitors.

A growing tourism industry in the northwest will also provide jobs and development to buffer downturns in more traditional resource industries, said Mould.

The deal between Tourism B.C. and the Aboriginal Tourism Association of B.C. is believed to be the first of its kind in Canada.



KSAN VILLAGE, a native cultural and historical centre outside of Old Hazelton, is an example of the appeal northwest native sites can have to tourists.

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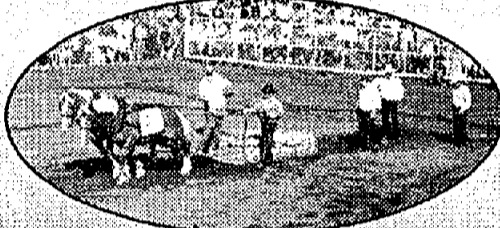
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Second storey job

NOPE. IT won't be a rooftop dining patio.

But what is going up on top of Don Diego's on Kalum is an apartment for its owners, says restaurant owner Annalee Davis.

"It'll have balconies and decks," says Davis of the accommodation.

Also watch for new windows and air conditioning for the restaurant itself, which celebrated 15 years of business July 15. The building once housed the now-defunct Terrace Daily Herald.

Out & About

New guys taking over

FORESTRY AND MINING are running behind the service industry and manufacturing when it comes to driving the provincial economy.

Traditional resource sectors have higher production costs and that makes them less competitive in global markets, says the B.C. Cen-

tral Credit Union.

"Growth in B.C.'s service industries has been mainly fuelled by technological changes and population influx," said credit union chief economist Helmut Patrick. "Computer and communications sectors have expanded rapidly, while high population growth has boosted retail trade, real estate and other service sectors, along with construction."

More video choices

A RAPIDLY expanding video rental enterprise has set up shop in Terrace.

Gone Hollywood, now open in the Lakelse mall containing Northern Photo, is being run by Kim and Jean Randrup.

"We were looking for a business opportunity that could keep us here and provide employment for our kids," said Jean Randrup last week. They've lived here for five years.

The next closest Gone Hollywood location is in Smithers and there are plans to open one in Kitimat.

Miners get a break

MINING EXPLORATION is getting a break from the provincial government thanks to a refundable tax credit worth 20 per cent of eligible exploration expenses approved last week by the provincial legislature.

The new tax credit is for exploration conducted after Aug. 1, 1998 and before July 31, 2003.

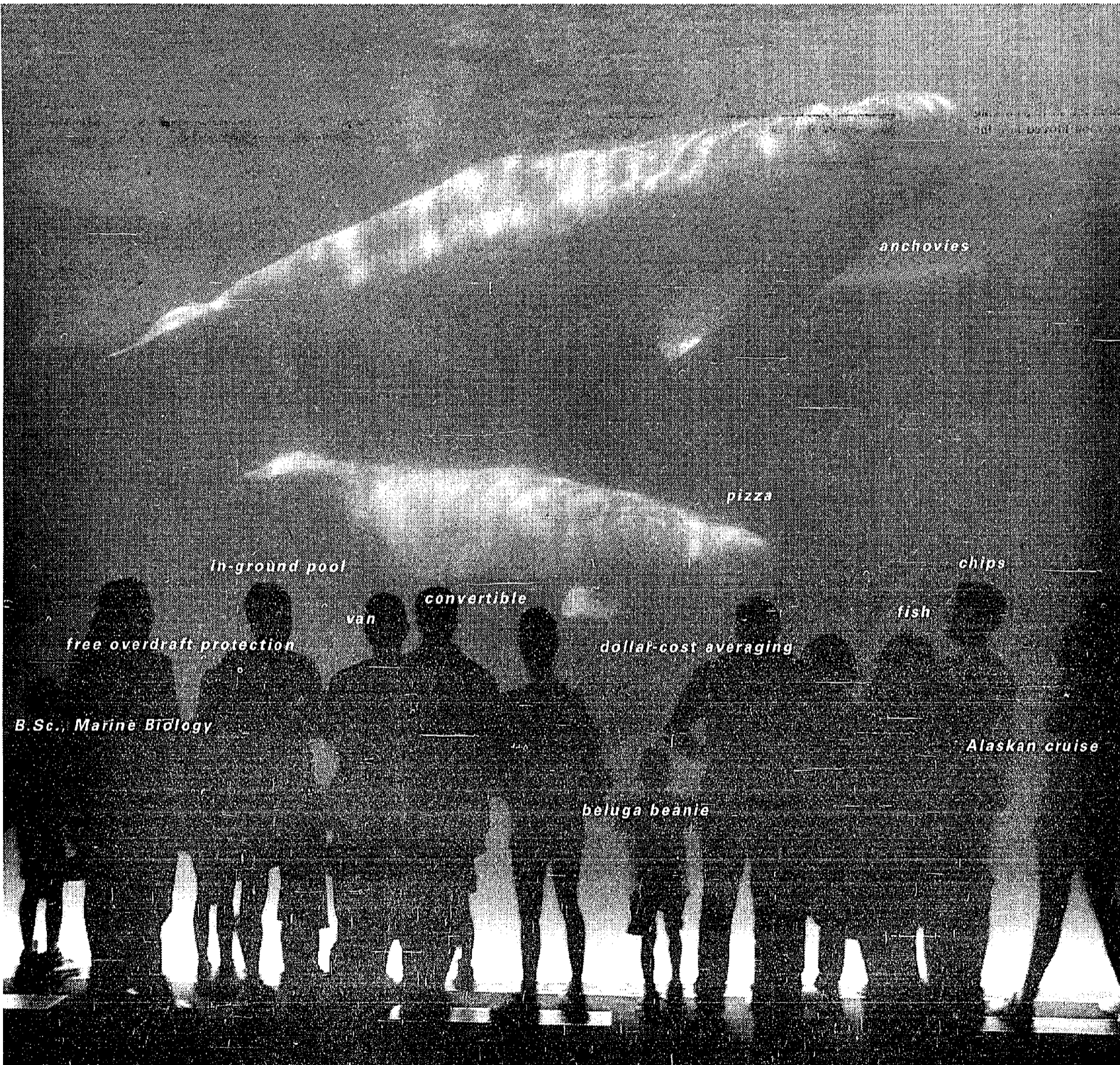
Government officials said the credit recognizes the importance of mining to B.C.

Net name change

A PORTION of RGS Internet Services is going through a name change.

All internet access is now being run under a new entity called Kermode Net Inc. RGS Internet will continue to exist but will focus solely on web page publishing and internet consulting.

As well, the company is no longer in the computer sale and servicing business.



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News in Brief

KFC talks put on hold

TALKS BETWEEN Kentucky Fried Chicken and the Canadian Auto Workers Union are still on hold after the union's B.C. members rejected KFC's final offer in a July 22 vote.

The 481 members who voted rejected the offer by a narrow 53 to 47 per cent margin.

The rejection means that the company and the union can restart bargaining but KFC representative Jared Patrick says the company is still evaluating its position.

The package would have given unionized employees a 6.8 per cent increase over the course of the three-year agreement.

Road rage

ROAD RAGE hit Terrace last week when an unidentified male driver assaulted another motorist.

The suspect became enraged after being cut off by the motorist and proceeded to get out of his red Ford pick-up while he and the victim were stopped at the intersection of Sparks St. and Lakelse Ave.

The suspect verbally assaulted the victim, punched the victim in the face and then fled.

The incident happened July 29 at approximately 10:15 a.m. RCMP are looking for more information by calling the detachment at 638-7400 or Crimestoppers at 638-TIPS.

Fight

CHARGES HAVE been laid after a 36-year-old man was assaulted by a group of men at the Copperside Foods store in Thornhill July 28 at 9 p.m.

RCMP say the fight started in the store's parking lot but soon moved into the store where an unknown amount of property damage occurred.

Four males, between the ages of 21 and 32 will appear in court Sep. 11, 1998 on charges of assault, causing a disturbance, and mischief.

Two of the attackers escaped and the cause of the fight is not known.

The victim is from Terrace and sustained some bruises.

Assault near library

A 26-YEAR OLD Terrace man is scheduled to appear in court this month after he allegedly assaulted his 22-year-old partner early Saturday morning, July 25.

RCMP say the couple were walking along Kalum Street between one and two a.m. when they started arguing. RCMP officers allege the man punched the female several times. She sustained bruising.

Assault, gun charge

RCMP ARRESTED and charged a 58-year-old Terrace man with unsafe storage of a weapon and assault July 23.

The man was arrested after his wife told the RCMP that her husband had hit her several times on her face. When RCMP officers went to the couple's home to investigate, they found also loaded rifle.

The man was released from custody, but is scheduled to appear in court in September.

Smashing spree

TERRACE RCMP are looking for vandals who smashed the windows of four vehicles July 21-22.

Three of the vehicles were parked on the 3400 block of Kalum Street and another was located on the 4500 block of Lazelle Avenue. One one vehicle was scratched on it's hood and trunk.



BOX THAT holds the future to a sure-fire Terrace souvenir idea is the brain-child of Stefka and Randy Haigh. It has to be seen to be believed.

Local souvenir concept becoming more visible

RANDY AND Stefka Haigh want their boxes of transparent apples to become Terrace's most famous souvenir.

The inventors think it could be the Oogopogo of Terrace but, after 16 years, the idea still hasn't taken off.

The small cardboard boxes are painted with images of Terrace, including a Kermode bear, a record-weight chinook salmon, the area's longest cedar pole, local scenery and the "hybrid transparent apple orchard."

"All the things that Terrace stands for are in there," says Stefka Haigh.

Randy Haigh is quick to point out that the boxes aren't empty, as they first appear, but contain a bottomless selection of the transparent apples, in all shapes and sizes.

The couple doesn't want to market the boxes themselves but hopes that a charity will pick up on the idea to make a profit.

The Haighs say another feature of the boxes is that, other than the actual construction of the boxes, which was done in Vancouver, everything about them, including the paper they're made of, is from Terrace.

Students get more money

STUDENTS WITH dependents will receive an additional \$50 a week of student financial assistance from the province after August 1.

The increase will boost the weekly maximum for students with families to \$435.

The money is part of the \$13.4 million increase in student aid announced in the province's March budget.

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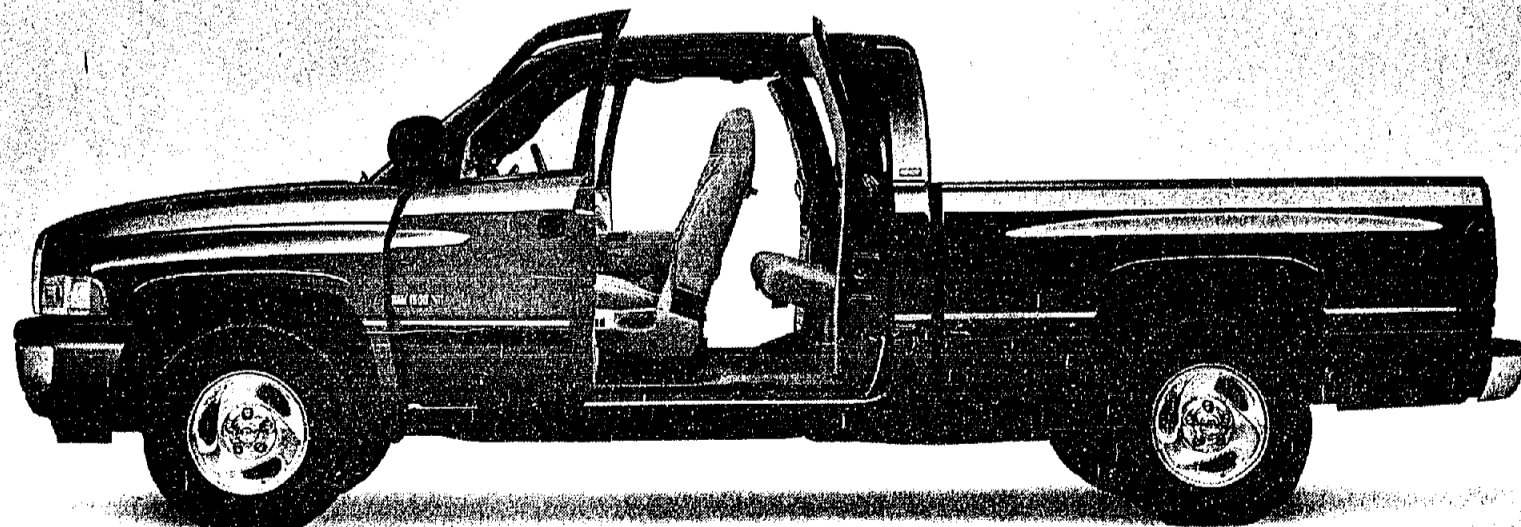
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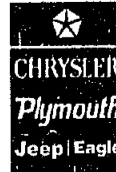
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Development co. ordered to clean up after itself

A COMPANY building a road to land it wants to develop into lots next to Terrace Mountain will have to repair some of the environmental damage caused by clearing work.

Rosco Ventures will have to return the land already cleared, but which isn't needed for the road, back to its native state, says city planner David Trawin.

The city issued a stop work order a month ago after neighbours complained that road work and clearing was going ahead without a development permit.

Rosco Ventures already has developed lots in the area but that was done before the property in question came under new regulations pertaining to environmentally sensitive or potentially hazardous areas.

Trawin said Rosco Ventures thought it didn't need a permit for its new project because none was required for its initial development.

"After we contacted Rosco Ventures and the stop work order was issued, it did order a geotechnical study and an environmental assessment as required," he said.

"The geotechnical study and the environmental assessment have been done and now Rosco is complying with what is needed."

The requirement to replant land already cleared that isn't need for a road will have to be done to specifications of a biologist, Trawin added.

Rosco's work has been criticized by neighbours next to the development, saying the area has been needlessly cleared.

They also complain that access to the Terrace Mountain trail, which is on Rosco property, has been blocked and that fill being brought in has overflowed onto their property.

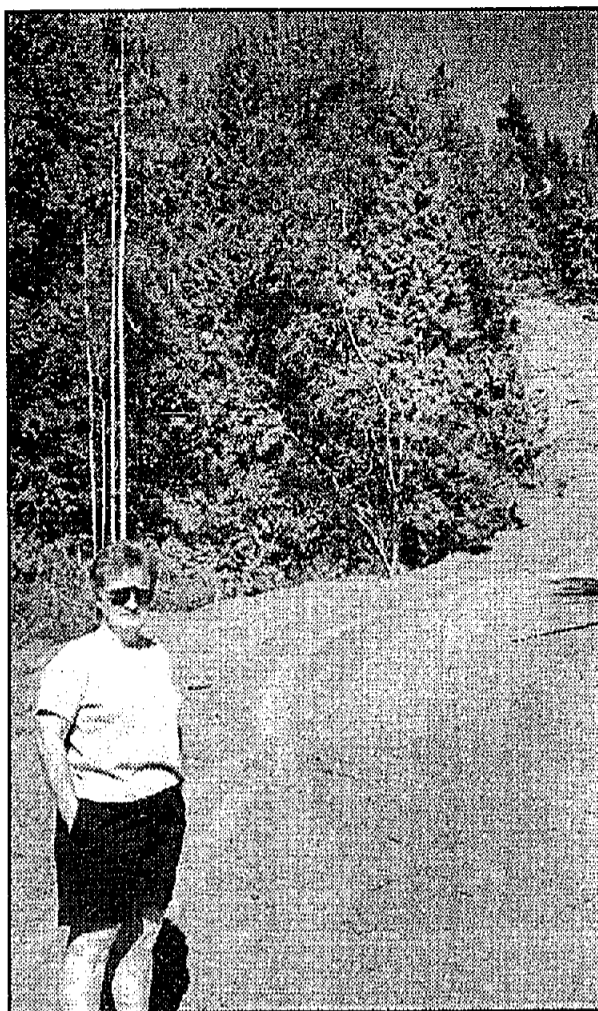
The company is being allowed to continue work outside of areas deemed environmentally sensitive and can continue its road construction.

"The area where the road is going to be put has been pretty much destroyed anyway," said Trawin.

Fill being placed that is spilling onto neighbouring properties is on land that falls outside the environmentally sensitive designation.

Trawin did note that the road to the proposed building lots will be a private one and is being termed as a private driveway.

That designation requires a lower standard of design and construction than if the road was going to be a public one.



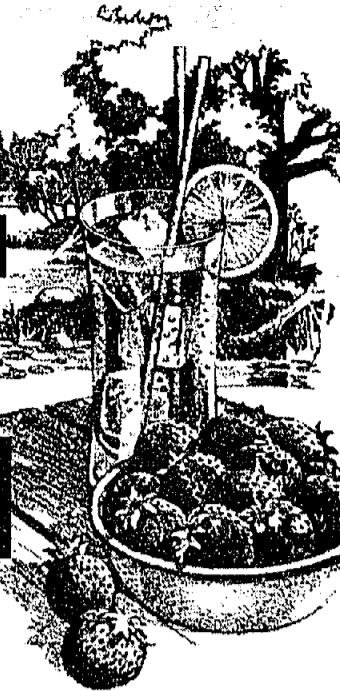
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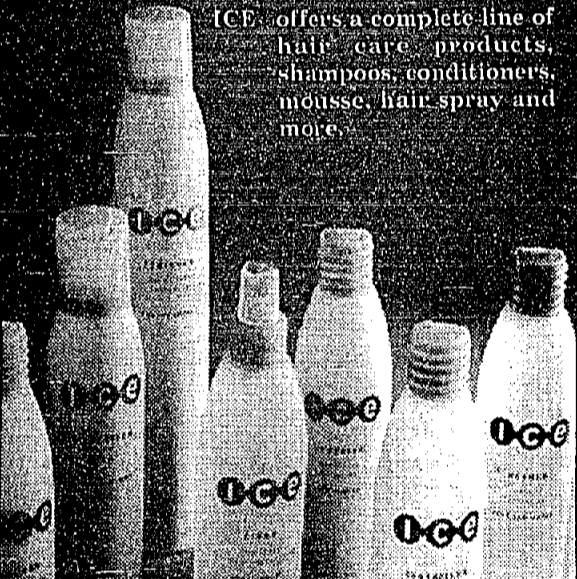
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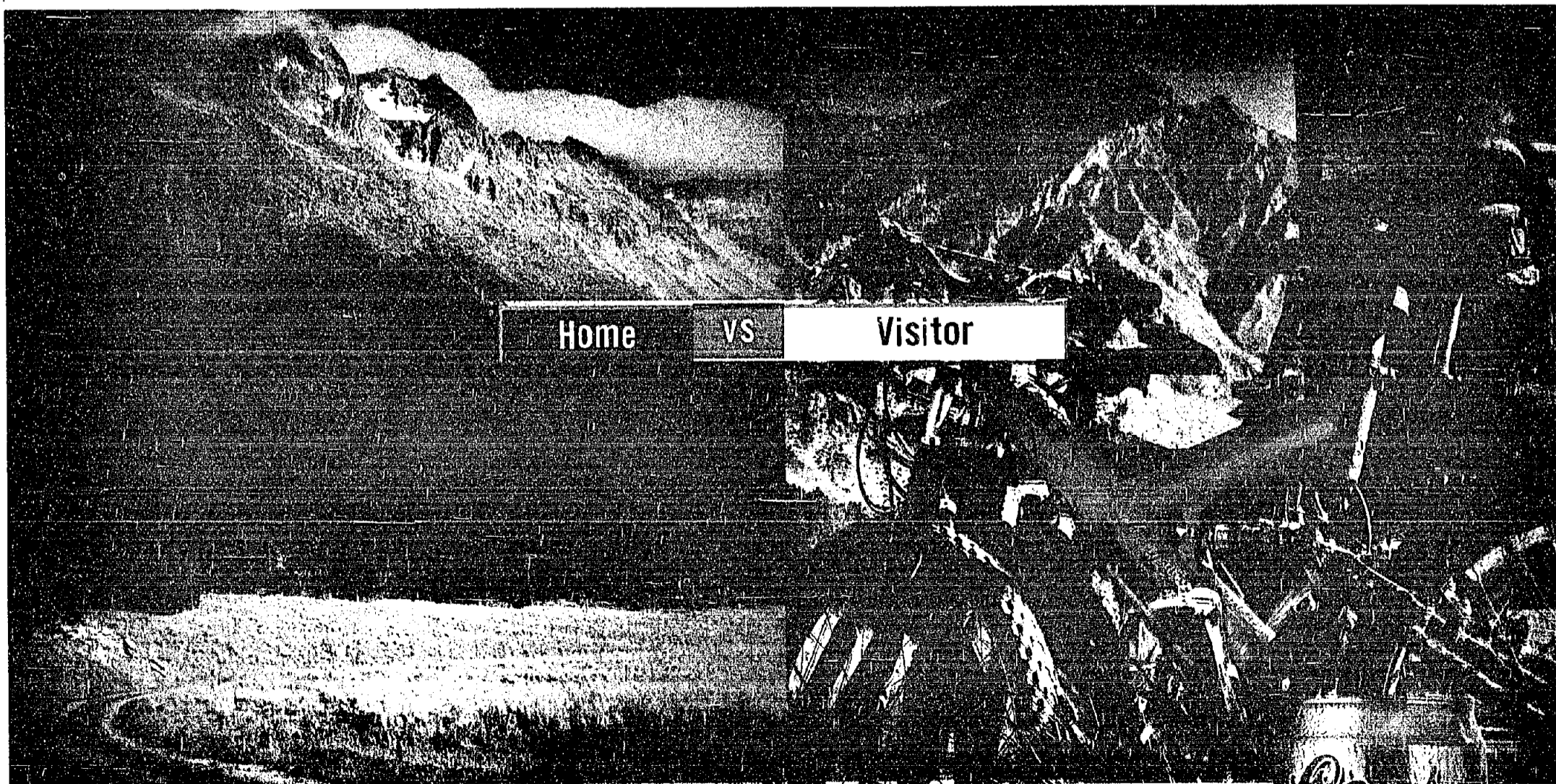


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Books still banned here

Grocery stores are great places. Elevator music, fluorescent lights, sample cracker displays, the low drone of crying kids and squeaking wheels all give me a certain warm fuzzy feeling.

No, really. I like to grocery shop. I meet people I haven't seen in years. I get engaged in riveting discussions over coupon savings with customers behind me in line. And I get to talk to the cashiers. Last week I was talking over my bank card, staring mutely at the flickering green price on the register, when my cashier asked, "They don't ban books in Canada anymore, do they?"

I was startled. What was this person talking about? "What?!", I asked in a confused tone. "Your button," the cashier pointed out, "It says 'I read banned books'."

Oh right. That button. I'd forgotten I was wearing the jacket it was on. Cashiers are inquisitive, and I decide my button is proving good fuel for discussion, so I jump into the foray and tell my cashier how yes, all kinds of books are banned in Canada.

He's amazed. Isn't that stopping people from getting information, thinking their own thoughts, practicing freedom of thinking? The woman in line behind me pipes up. She's older than the cashier, and in a stern but patient voice, she asks our cashier exactly where he's been all his life.

"They ban books all the time," my new ally states. "Haven't you heard of Little Sisters Books, or that case in Williams Lake where those parents insisted all those science texts not be used, or the Surrey school board thing?"

This woman obviously knows quite a bit about the topic of banning books. I haven't heard anything about books being banned in Williams Lake. What I do know is books are banned all the time in Canada, and even in small places like Terrace, the censorship is felt.

Women, along with other people in underprivileged groups, often feel the effects of censorship most acutely. We're the ones whose voice are often under represented, and so we feel the effect of our perspectives being banned even more acutely than others.

Some real doozers have been banned too. The year Jane Rule's book, *The Young in One Another's Arms*, won national recognition and awards, it was banned entry into Canada.

Such noted feminist authors as bell hooks have had writings denied entrance to Canada, and even a cook book about chili peppers entitled *Hot, hot, hot...* was banned at the Canadian border.

In Victoria, a women's run collective bookstore, *Everywomen's Books*, routinely had orders stopped or delayed at the border, while larger bookstores like *Book Warehouse* had no trouble getting the same material through.

Terrace is certainly not immune to Canadian craziness on censorship. Several years ago an issue over censorship erupted here. The books in question? Romance novels! The largest readership of these books? Women.

TLT summer camp rocks

CHILDREN IN Terrace Little Theatre's summer daycamps think acting is cool.

Eleven children aged 6-9 presented July 23 a 15-minute play called *The Elephants Child* and 18 children aged 10-12 presented a 30-minute play *A Party To Die For* in front of proud parents and siblings.

At their dress rehearsal, each of the 29 budding young actors was pumped.

"Acting rules," said youngster Tyler Scaife. He also said he was simply and positively not nervous whatsoever about performing in front of an audience.

And how did these young actors find memorizing their lines?

It was a snap, said Erik Holtom, who played a bird in the play.

To prove it, Holtom repeated the longest line in the play out loud.

Most of the young actors said they liked acting simply because it was a cool thing to do.



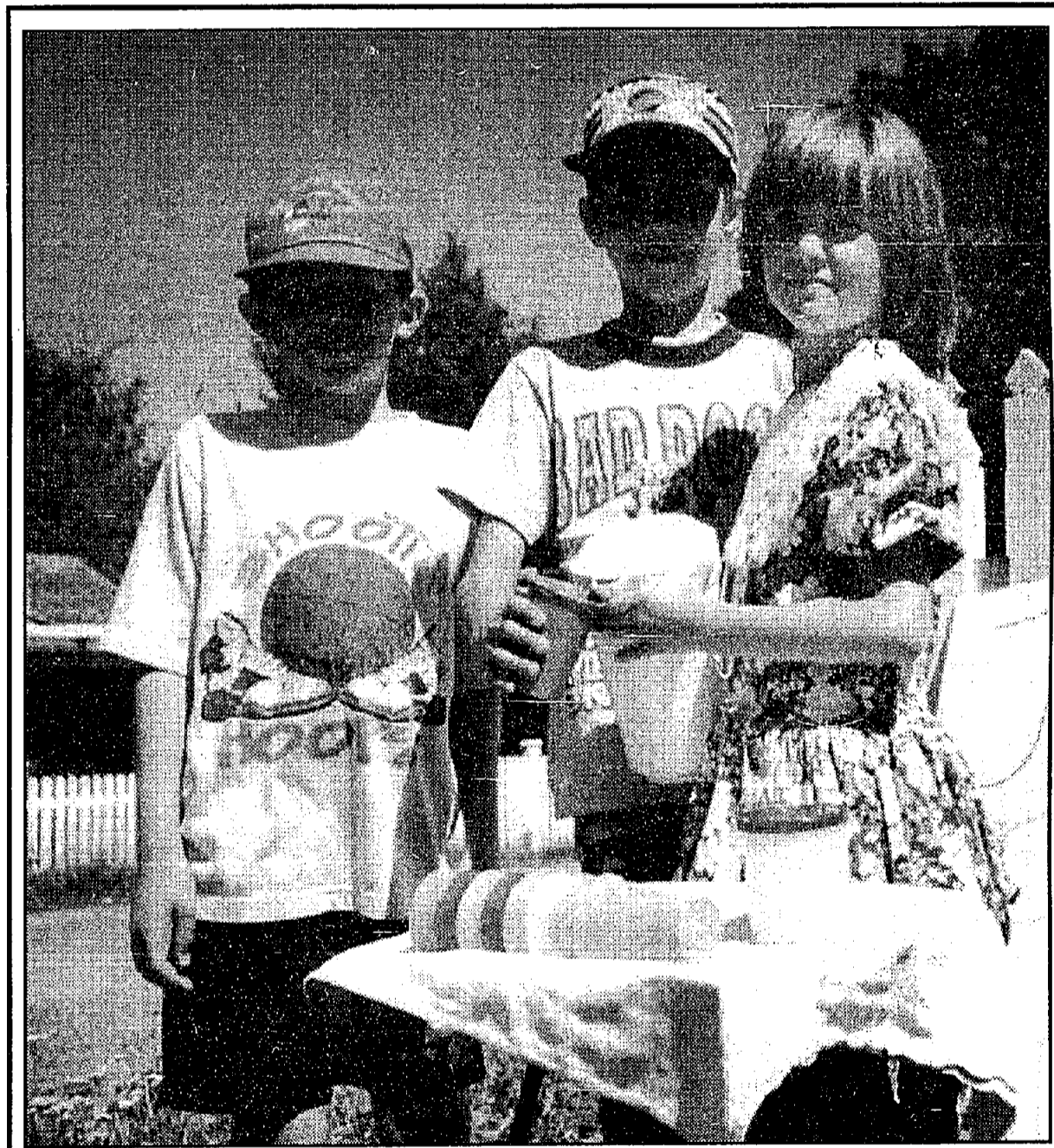
BREAKING A LEG: The dress rehearsal for the murder mystery play *A Party To Die For* performed July 23 by children in Terrace Little Theatre's summer daycamp went impeccably well. Lines were memorized and nerves were calmed.

"Acting is fun 'cause you get to be different characters than yourself," said youngster Brianna Kelly, who got to play the male role of a

banker. Aside from working on the play, children at camp play games, learn how to improvise and change sets,

and how to project their voices.

There are still spots available for children to join the theatre's August daycamps.



■ Kool Ade tastes great!

CHEAPEST DRINKS IN TOWN: Nathan Petersen, 9, Brandon Braam, 10, and Erica Braam, 7, were selling cold drinks last Thursday afternoon on Eby Street. At 10 cents a glass for an iced tea or tropical punch, the little entrepreneurs had made 45 cents after an hours work. They plan on spending their hard earned cash on hockey cards and dalmation toys.

Garage sales: good bargains or dangerous goods?

GARAGE SALES can offer some great deals, but some of the second hand products for sale could be dangerously unsafe merchandise.

Many old toys and gadgets have been banned over the years in Canada because they've been proven to be unsafe for children.

"Certain car seats and highchairs that are circulating may not meet Canadian standards," said Ester Brisch, Terrace's regional coordinator for the Child/Youth Injury Prevention Program.

Brisch said vendors should be aware of what they sell since they could be held responsible if another person suffers an injury because of an item bought at a garage sale. "It's better to destroy and throw away items that you aren't sure about," she said. "We just want vendors and buyers to be aware."

The following is a list of items that are commonly for sale at garage sales but could be unsafe:

- Baby gates, the large V-types are strangling hazards.
- Baby walkers are banned in Canada because they've

caused head injuries and broken bones.

- Car seats and booster seats may be outdated, and may be missing straps and instructions.

- Children's sleepwear — the 100 per cent cotton ones are very flammable, look for cotton blends.

- Cribs and cradles — bars that are too far apart are a strangling hazard.

- High chairs without a safety strap are a falling hazard

- Hockey helmets and fall protectors may be outdated and cracked equipment will not protect your child.

- Playpens may be outdated and could be a pinching or choking hazard.

- Strollers without a lap belt are a falling hazard.

- Toys if broken or those with sharp edges or points may cause injuries. Toys with small parts are a choking hazard especially for children under three years of age.

- Lawn darts are banned in Canada because of injuries and deaths.

- Electrical appliances with frayed cords, or cracks and dents are a fire hazard.

Around Town

Musicians needed

The Rosswood Music Jamboree needs performers, entertainers and volunteers for this year's event Saturday, September 12. Pick up performer applications at Sight and Sound on Keith avenue and at Misty River Books. For info on volunteering call Yvonne at 635-2263.

Rosswood market

The Rosswood farmers market will run from now until Sept 16 every Sunday from 12-4. All vendors welcome. For more info call 638-5831 between 6-8 p.m.

Skating registration

The Terrace Skating Club is registering for both fall and winter school programs in the lobby at the arena from 10-2 p.m. Come and meet new coaches. There will also be a skate and clothing swap. Phone Lana 638-8098 for more info.

Bluegrass meeting

The B.C. Bluegrass association presents three days of music and fun Sept 11-13 at the Terrace curling rink. Performing will be Reviver (gospel), Earl & Amy (fiddlers), Earl Sonneveldt (harmonica), and many more. For more info call Rene at 638-0483.

Looking for old trees

A LOCAL WOMAN is going on a tree hunt.

Allisa Thompson needs help looking for Terrace's oldest and dearest hardwoods and softwoods.

She wants to put together a pamphlet on heritage trees in Terrace, so locals and tourists can learn about the town's history.

"When I moved to Terrace last August I thought it would be a good project to get to know the area," she said.

She wants to provide enough information in the pamphlet so that people can drive around and learn what kind of trees they're looking at and when they were planted.

To her, heritage trees are those 50 years old or older. The trees, however, must be planted, not naturally seeded.

Along with this project, Thompson has also started a gardening club in Terrace called *Blooming*.

So far, the club's 15 members have made hanging baskets, toured an organic farm, and have completed various workshops.

"I'm interested in anything botanical!" she said laughing.

Thompson said the club gets together to talk about gardening problems. They'll also divide plants and seed swap.

If anyone can help Allisa with information on heritage trees in the area, call 635-0935.

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Rene 638-0483 or Audrey 635-5311.

▲ **KERMODE FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY:** challenge 98 summer day camp for children ages 7-12 runs from July 6 - August 29. For more information call Burt at 635-4906. No registration fees.

▲ **TERRACE ART GALLERY** presents Artwalk '98, featuring the artists of Terrace. Local art can be found at these locations until August 4: Uniglobe Courtesy Travel, Central Flowers, Groundworks, Pendragon Computers, Misty River Books, Northern Savings Credit Union, Terrace Art Gallery, Cotton Pick n' Quilt Patch, Trigo's Footwear, Elan Travel, Don Diego's, Scotia Bank, Kristin's Emporium, Hava Java, The North Store, and Sight and Sound.

▲ **SHAMES MOUNTAIN:** Shames Mountain Blueberry Fest is on Sunday, August 16 from noon until 5 p.m. Bring your buckets and pick your own blueberries. They will weigh them and

award prizes for the most picked. Enjoy delicious blueberry deserts. Reservations call 635-6244.

NIGHTS ALIVE

▲ **FRIDAY NIGHTS** are for youth from 8-midnight at the Carpenters Hall. Check out the tunes, movies and refreshments.

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ART CONTEST: SU-SIT'AATK EDUCATION SOCIETY is holding an art contest for their logo. Contestants must be of First Nations ancestry, art should be related to the theme: Su-Sit' Aatk means 'a new beginning' in Tsimshain, artwork must be in by Sept 28. There will be prizes for all age groups. For more info call 635-4544.

TERRACE FIRST NATIONS COUNCIL OF WOMEN SEASONAL GATHERING OF FOODS: If you don't want your rhubarb, fruit or berries, the First Nations council of women will pick. Don't let your fruit go to waste. There are others who can benefit from it. Please call: 635-9429.

WILLING TO DO VOLUNTEER WORK: The Skeena Native Development Society's first Summer Student Youth Program is looking to assist seniors, and those in need. We are able to help with yard work, car washing, small painting projects, and other small jobs. If you need some help, call 638-0797. Please leave a message.

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KIDS TIME MINISTRIES: Sunday school every Sunday until August 30 from 9:15-10:15 a.m. for ages 4-12. Children's Church every Sunday morning until August 30 from 10:30-12 p.m. for ages 3-8. Vacation Bible School from August 3-7 for ages 6-12 from 2-4 p.m. For more information call the Pentecostal Church 635-2434.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 10-14 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at the corner of McConnell

and Kalum Lake Drive (across from college.)

**Wednesday, August 5
FREE MEDITATION INSTRUCTION** from 7-10:30 p.m. at Northwest Community College Conference room 2001 at 6331 McConnell Ave. Free informational talk on the awakening of the soul through meditation of the inner Light and Sound.

**Friday, August 7
ATTENTION SENIORS:** Pat Tremblay will be talking about pension problems and changes to the pension structure at the Happy Gang Centre at 10 a.m. No cost.

**Tuesday, August 11
NATURE WALK:** The Terrace women's resource centre is offering a chance for women to explore the natural flora and fauna around Howe Creek from 10 a.m. until noon.

**Thursday, August 13
PARENTING AFTER SEPARATION** workshop at 7 pm in the library board room. Free information sessions to help families adjust to the challenges following family separation.

**Saturday, August 15
SKATING REGISTRATION** for the Terrace Skating Club's fall and winter school programs (kidskate, Canskate, Junior ans Senior Skate, Precision, and Canpowerskate) will take place in the lobby at the arena from 10-2 p.m. Come and meet our new coaches. There will also be a skate and clothing swap. Phone Lana 638-8098 for more info.

**Wednesday, August 19
FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME SUPPORT GROUP** meets at 7 p.m. For more info call the Family Place 638-1863 or Gwyn 635-6931.

**Saturday, August 29
SCOUTS GARAGE SALE** at Scout Hall behind Terrace Builders from 8 a.m. until noon. Proceeds go to World Jamboree Travel fund. Anyone who wants to donate items for garage sale or pop cans call 635-3656 for pickup.

**Tuesday, Sept 01
POETRY DEADLINE** — All young poets must submit their poems for the library's poetry contest by today. Contest open to those aged 12-18. Cash prizes. For more info drop by the library and pick up an information sheet.

**Sunday, September 6
25th ANNUAL LABOUR DAY CLASSIC:** The interior's oldest footrace held on Sunday, September 6 in Prince George is accepting entries. All former competitors are especially urged to attend tis anniversary event, and new competitors are welcome. Entrants can choose from an 8.5 mile run, 17 mile run, a 3-by-3 mile relay, or wheelchair, walk, and parent with stroller divisions. To enter or for information, call 962-7672.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

**FRIDAYS
THE TERRACE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE** hosts a lesbian drop-in during lunch hour, the first Friday of each month. For more info call 638-0228.

**WEDNESDAYS
PARENTS DROP IN** to weigh babies takes place Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m. at the health services society (formerly Skeena Health Unit) at 3412 Kalum St.) Public health nurse on hand to answer questions.

TERRACE ROD AND GUN Club meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:15 p.m. at the rifle range clubhouse. Anyone interested in outdoor sports including fishing, hunting and shooting is invited to attend.

TERRACE COMMUNITY LEARNING council meets the first Wednesday of every month at the boardroom of the Ministry of Education at the BC Access Centre at 3 p.m. New members are welcome. For more info call Mary Anne at 635-5449.

TWIN'S CLUB meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Place. Call 635-9669.

KINETTE CLUB OF TERRACE meets every second Wednesday. New members are welcome. For more, call Fiona at 635-1854 or Jennifer at 635-3175.

747 ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS Unicorn Squadron holds air cadet training sessions every Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. at the air cadet hall at the airport. For more info, call Linda at 635-5567.

TERRACE CENTENNIAL LIONS meet every second Wednesday at lunch at the Coast Inn of the West. For more info call John Whittington at 635-3209.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY dancing happens every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Knox United Church Hall at 4907 Lazelle Ave. For more info call 635-5163.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS Coffee Group meets every second Wednesday at the White Spot at 10 a.m. Call Judy at 635-3258 for info.

LESBIAN DROP-IN happens noon hour on every third Wednesday of the month at the Terrace Women's Centre. Ask for Elizabeth or Maria.

ZAZEN MEDITATION takes place at 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening at the Terrace Buddhist Center. Everyone is welcome. For more info, call 638-8396 or 635-9242.

**THURSDAYS
SATHYA SAI BABA** Information centre holds weekly devotional singing from 7:30-9:15 p.m. Thursday nights. For more info call 635-9544 or 638-0433.

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 those events for which there is no admission charge. Items will run two weeks before each event.

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WHEN WHITE settlers started coming to this area in 1905, there were only a few native families living here permanently.

Emma and Charles Nelson made up one of those native families.

The first time Emma and Charlie discovered someone new had moved into the area, they were out paddling in their canoe. They saw smoke coming out the bush near the site of the old Skeena bridge.

Later they learned the smoke was coming from George Little's cabin. They wondered why anyone would want to live in the middle of nowhere surrounded by dense bush.

Most of the native families living at Kitsumgallum in 1905 left the valley each spring to work in the canneries at the lower Skeena.

Charlie worked gillnetting during the salmon run and Emma worked in the factories.

They would return home, however, in time to catch



EMMA AND CHARLES Nelson were two of the earliest settlers living at Kitsumgallum. Some of their relatives still live in Terrace and Kitsumgallum today.

the last of the salmon run. Then they'd smoke their fish and collect berries and roots for their winter food supply.

They had plenty of mouths to feed since they raised nine children: Grace, Cecilia, Elizabeth, Josephine, Miriam, Gordon, Charlie Jr., Billy and Dave.

When Charlie passed away in 1930, Emma worked for a few families in Terrace as a housekeeper.

She worked very hard washing clothes on a scrub board and scrubbing floors.

Emma died in Terrace June 27, 1959 at the age of 105.

Both Emma and Charlie gave years of service to the Skeena Valley and to their fellow citizens.

Charlie made great contributions to the Skeena Valley by sharing his wisdom and knowledge of the area with other pioneer settlers.

He taught people about the river and how to catch fish and hunt, just as he had been taught by his ancestors.

Both Emma and Charlie are remembered with fondness by early settlers' children, who have not forgotten the stories Charlie told them.

Both of these people have contributed greatly to Terrace and Kitsumgallum's success.

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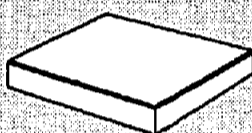
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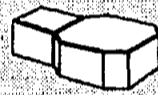


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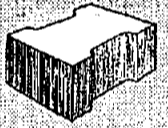
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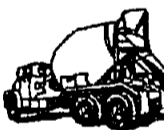


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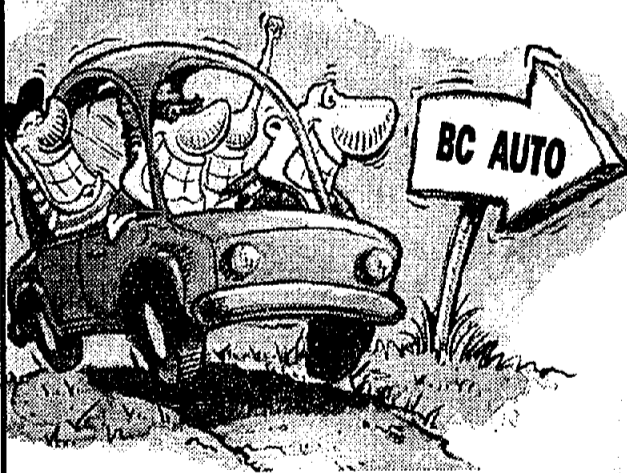
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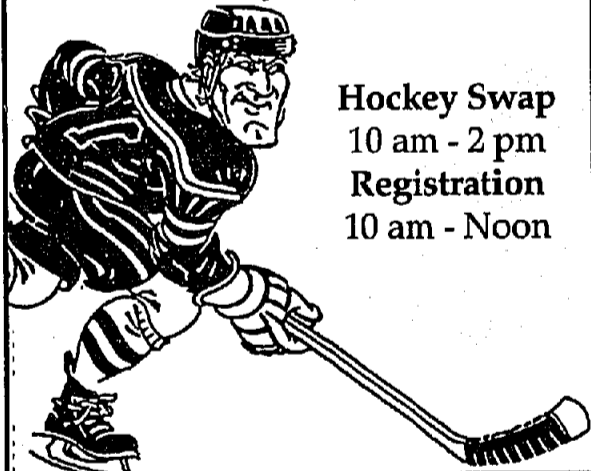


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Park Report

by Marie-Josée Banville



Beavers can be found in Lakelse Lake Provincial Park. However, how much do you know about them?

The beaver is widely known for its habit of building dams and for its closely knit family units. Beavers feed on plants, mainly tree bark, but in the spring they eat a lot of water plants. Sometimes, they eat other things like berries and wild roses.

Unlike most animals, beavers never stop growing. Each year, they get bigger and bigger until they die, usually at about age 10. With its short legs, the beaver walks slowly but in water it zips along at 8 km an hour. Its fur may be blond, reddish, brown, or black and is waterproof. When in danger, a beaver hits its tail on the water as an alarm system.

Beavers cut down trees to get bark for food, and twigs and branches for building houses and dams. Using strong jaw muscles and sharp front teeth, beavers gnaw through small trees in minutes. A beaver can fell a tree measuring 0.5 metres thick in just 15 minutes. The beaver's teeth are always sharp and always growing, so the beaver must gnaw wood to keep them trimmed. Two beavers can build a small dam overnight, but they need several nights to build a large one. Beavers build their dams to provide protection from predators and to ensure a stable environment with a constant food and water supply. Beavers carry mud, earth, and stones with their forepaws from stream banks or beds to dam sites. Dams are reinforced with twigs, branches, and small logs. Dam building is most intensive in the spring and fall, with both adults, especially adult females, and young participating in the construction.

Beavers build their cone-shaped lodges from the inside out, burrowing into the bank of a pond, lake, or island. All adult family members help pile sticks, moss, grass, and mud over the burrow as the living chamber is hollowed out about the water line inside. Begun in early autumn, the lodge houses the beaver family throughout the winter, when an extra layer of mud protects against the cold and the digging claws of predators.



LAKELSE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK VISITORS PROGRAMS

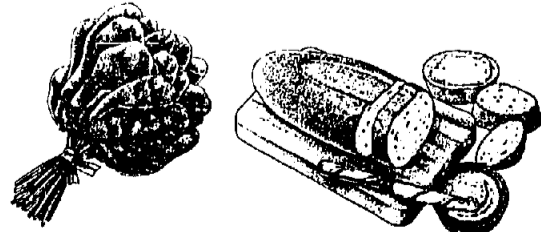
- THURSDAY AUGUST 6**
4:00 pm **Wild Water World** Learn about the mysterious world of fish and make your own fish puppet. Children's craft.
7:00 pm **Hunters by Day and Night** Learn about the birds of prey that visit the park.
- FRIDAY AUGUST 7**
4:00 pm **Totem Poles** Long before writing was used by First Nations, totem poles were carved to tell stories and record events. Learn about totem poles and make your own to take home.
7:00 pm **Nisga'a Lava Park** This is one of the newest parks in the Terrace area. Slides and presentation.
- SATURDAY AUGUST 8 FAMILY DAY**
11:00 am **Scavenger Hunt** See if you can find some of the more interesting things in the park.
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- SUNDAY AUGUST 9**
4:00 pm **Animal Woodies** Talk about animals in the park and make your own animal to take home.
7:00 pm **Jerry's Ranger "Green Team"** Learn how you can save our world. Garbage Gobbler.
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PASSING THE TORCH: (From left) Terrace Little Theatre's Vicky Curtis and Gordon Oates say goodbye to Chris Holtom who's leaving Terrace for Ontario. Oates gave her a print of Terrace to remember the theatre and her friends here. Curtis will take over from Holtom as the Terrace Little Theatre's general manager.

You say goodbye and I say hello

EXIT CHRIS Holtom and enter Vicky Curtis.

Curtis is taking over as the Terrace Little Theatre's general manager now that Holtom is giving up her job to move to London, Ontario with her family.

As general manager, Curtis will ensure the theatre runs smoothly by taking care of the day to day chores and looking after its 150 members.

"I'm pretty much like a support staff — I'll be there as much as they need me," she said.

That means making sure bills and taxes are paid, buying supplies, going through the mail, helping with productions and doing whatever else pops up.

Because the majority of members of the

Terrace Little Theatre are volunteers, she's also needed to get everyone else organized.

"It's exciting. 'I'll be in the hub of it all and learning every aspect of the theatre.'"

Since moving here from Edmonton a year ago with her family, Curtis became involved in the arts through the dinner theatre.

It wasn't until she became assistant manager of the dinner theatre, however, that she learned how productions really worked.

Even though she's a bit overwhelmed with her new job, she said she loves the theatre and enjoys learning how it all works.

"I'm looking forward to working with such a diverse crowd. I think there's a lot of talent here — and not just actors."

Concert society revs up

TERRACE'S FALL and winter concert line-up is chocked full of worthy performers: Latin guitarist Oscar Lopez, CBC comic Lorne Elliot and classical guitarists the Diez Trio, to name a few.

"The arts are alive and well and touring," said Karen Birkedal, president of the Terrace Concert Society.

"We're all excited," she said. "The theatre will be busy and happening."

This year's concert season kicks open October 10 with Vancouver Theatre Sports.

The Diez trio, along with Canadian virtuoso Norbert Kraft, will also grace Terrace's stage in the fall. This strings and classical guitar group from New York will delight Terrace's classical music fans October 18.

To start Terrace swinging November 7, jazz per-

formers Christine Duncan, who sings, and Bob Murphy, who plays the piano, will strut their stuff.

"They sound kind of like Holly Cole," Birkedal said.

To start the new year off, The Weird Sisters are here January 9 performing a vocal contemporary folk comedy.

Latin guitarist Oscar Lopez will grace the stage later in the month. For those who missed seeing Lopez and his flaming fingers at the Smithers' Midsummer festival will get their chance to hear him here January 22.

For Terrace's murder mystery buffs, the play Cypher will be performed February 6. Get ready for espionage and coded messages!

To lighten things up, The Arogant Worms will be bring their comedy music

here March 5.

Ending the season March 26 will be CBC comic Lorne Elliot.

"He's just very funny," Birkedal said. "And he doesn't have to be crass to be funny."

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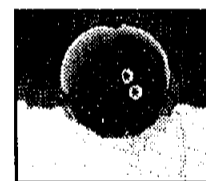
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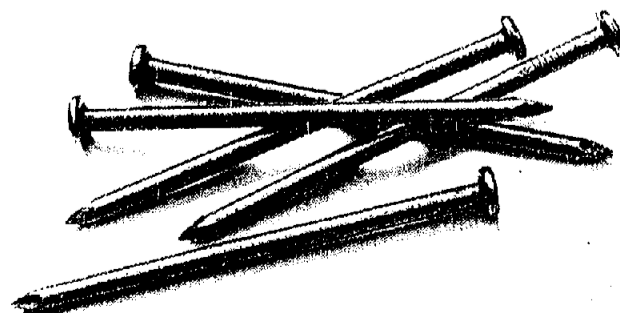
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1. Bycatch is the amount of fish, or other creatures, killed in a fishery that are not the target of that fishery, and, therefore, go to waste.

Two famous examples of bycatch are the sea turtles caught in the shrimp fishery off the east coast of the U.S. and the dolphins caught by tuna fishers. Bycatch can also refer to fish of the same family. For example, fishers attempting to catch sockeye salmon catch summer coho and steelhead.

Which of the following fishers will have the largest bycatch: (a) a sport fisher with a barbless hook (b) a saltwater sport fishing guide (c) a gillnetter working the approach waters to the Skeena River?

2. Which of the following Scenarios represents the best economic use of the resource?

(a) Scenario One: A summer steelhead is caught in a gillnet at the mouth of the Skeena. Commercial fishers are required by law to report all steelhead caught to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Market fishers know that if large numbers of steelhead are reported, fishing openings will be reduced. Like so many of his fellows the gillnetter takes the fish home. It winds up on the barbecue.

(b) Scenario Two: Another summer steelhead has the good fortune to reach the mouth of the Skeena when the commercial fishery is closed. Over the next few weeks the fish makes it as far as the Old Bridge in Terrace where it is snared in a gillnet set by First Nations fishers using Second Nations technology. Unlike the sockeye caught in the same net, which are sold to white folks, the steelhead is smoked and eaten.

(c) Scenario Three: A third steelhead, fifteen pounds and as bright as a newly minted coin makes it upriver to Shames Bar where it is hooked by a German Sportsman who has spent over a thousand dollars on air fare and related travel expenses and is paying his guide a couple of hundred dollars a day. This Gentleman will spend another thousand bucks on fishing tackle and other goods before he leaves. After the fish is released virtually unharmed it makes its way upstream, past native gillnets to Kitwanga where it is hooked and released again by a sportsman from Smithers who spends a thousand dollars a year on tackle and licenses, gas and food related to the sport he loves. By late September the same fish has made it to the Babine River where it is hooked and released again, this time by an American Industrialist who is paying \$3500 a week for the privilege of angling on the fabled Babine River. The fish is released and spawns the next spring.

3. Which of the above represents the most ecologically friendly use of the resource: (a), (b), or (c)?

4. Coho salmon, abundant only a few years ago, are headed for extinction as a result of a hundred years of overfishing by commercial fishers, habitat destruction, and dramatic changes in the marine habitat. As Senior Mucky Muck of DFO do you:

(a) Shut down all net fisheries where coho are a bycatch. Severely restrict salt water sportfishing operations that impact coho. Remove all in river gillnets, ban bait and insist that freshwater sportfishers use barbless hooks and release all coho.

(b) Allow commercial fishing openings off the Nass where coho are no better off than they are in the Skeena drainage. Do nothing about the First Nations gillnets fishing the length of the Skeena, and close down the lucrative low impact sportfishery for the summer.

(c) Initiate a task force and study the problem.

Okay, let's see how we did.

The answers are 1.(c) 2.(c) 3.(c) 4.(a). If you got them all right, move to the head of the riffle. If you got three out of four good. If you got every question wrong you may wish to consider a career in fisheries management with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

She's going big time

SHE'S QUITE POSSIBLY provincial material.

Fourteen-year-old Emily Arndt has been asked to try out for the girls provincial soccer team next spring. Thirty-six players from eight different B.C. Summer Games teams were chosen to try out.

Organizers announced the list of qualifiers zone by zone, selecting qualifiers. Arndt's name was one of the last called. She had no idea she was about to be chosen. Her team scored only two goals during the Summer Games and she didn't think provincial team scouts had much to go by.

"I sat and watched as other player's names were chosen," said Arndt. "I was shocked when they called me, I just sat there." But shock soon led to excitement and the realization she had a lot of training ahead of her.

Well, more than she usually does.

She trains with her coach Nick Koliass three, sometimes four times a week. But she also takes the ball out before dinner, on breaks and whenever she can to work in a little more practice time.

"I just love soccer," said Arndt with an infectious grin. "The playing is just all there."

Arndt went on to say that soccer is just one of those sports that you can make the most of. If you want to stand on the sidelines you can, but if you want to go for it, it's up to you she said.

And Arndt has a reputation for playing hard. She pulls down her knee length sports sock to show off a football-sized bruise.

"That's going right through my shin pad," she said. "I would have broken my leg if I wasn't wearing protection."

She has also sustained multiple scars, numerous sprained fingers, a broken toe at last year's summer games and broken thumb the only time coach Koliass ever put her in goal. "That was the last time he did that," she laughed.

Her favourite position is centre forward, because she gets to move fast and score a lot of goals — six hat tricks so far this year.

Her favourite move is the slide tackle, a down-and-dirty play banned in the women's league. Laughing, Arndt tells a story of a game she played against an adult team. "I slide tackled the doctor who gave birth to me. She told me I had to show some respect."

Though Emily would like to play professionally some day, she knows that living in Terrace has some disadvantages. "Other players can practice 12 months a year," said Emily, who said she has a little bit of soccer withdrawal when the season ends.

Last winter she worked out indoors and she helped coach Koliass train youngsters in his winter workshop. "Practicing indoors actually helps with ball control because you don't have a lot of room to work with," she said.

She also referees the youth league, and helps with workshops and coaching whenever she can.

She started playing at nine against 12-year-olds because there weren't enough female players in her age group. She's trained with coach Koliass ever since then, sometimes in her own age group, sometimes with older girls when the younger competition was too easy.

"But I wish I started when I was six," said Arndt who thinks she has a lot of work to do before the provincial qualifiers, "I'd be that much better by now."



LOOKIN' LIKE A PRO: That's Emily Arndt in her new provincial team T-shirt that she got at the Summer Games in Maple Ridge. Arndt qualified for next spring's try outs despite a disappointing turnout for the zone seven under 14 girls team.



HE'S A STRONG ONE: Kiel Davis brought home one of Terrace's two gold medals. Davis threw the discus 44.91 metres in his first throw, wowing all his competitors before they stepped up to the plate. Davis also placed fifth in javelin.

B.C. Summer Games results

YOU GOTTA WATCH out for those quiet ones.

At least that's what Kiel Davis's competitors were saying after the 15-year-old Greenville boy who goes to Skeena High School won the gold discus medal in his first throw. "I just started practicing this spring too," he said quietly with a huge smile on his face.

Another local track and field competitor in Maple Ridge July 23-26 was Koltan Taekama in the 1500 metre steeplechase and 3000 metre race (eleventh and sixteenth). Jared Connatti placed seventh in the boys long jump, Descrai Vandevelde placed tenth in the girls 100 metre and Kaliopi Koliass placed seventh and tenth in the 100 and 400 metre races.

Double medalist Lynn Levoic won a gold and silver in the western equestrian division. Audra Johnson placed fourth in the equestrian jumping competition.

Tennis competitors Deane Jenion and Chuck and Dianne Cey placed eighth in the ladies open doubles and the masters mixed doubles.

Two wrestlers, Angie Mcrae and Ajit Jaswal competed in the zone seven wrestling team. Their teams placed seventh and sixth. Cadet cyclists David Andrucezn and Lance Pierce placed in the top twenty, junior off road cyclists Jon Lambert, Kyle Mason, Chris Scarborough and Brandon Smoley came in sixth, thirteenth, seventh and fourteenth.



Roger Chicoine

The boys basketball team placed sixth, the boys soccer team placed seventh out of eight teams, girls soccer placed last, boys softball came in seventh, girls softball came in fourth, boys volleyball came in last and the Lakelse Water-ski club placed fourth.

Terrace's Roger Chicoine won silver in parachuting, completing 15 new jumps.

Tennis trouble in Stanley Park

VANCOUVER'S STANLEY PARK open was games were tough and ended 6-2, 7-6. Richard Kriegl's last tennis tournament of the season and he wanted to win.

And after winning his first two rounds of singles play in the July 25 to Aug. 2 tournament, he wasn't doing too badly.

But then he got to the third round, looked up, and saw Anton Rudjac — the same guy he'd lost to in his last two meets. But the Stanley Park open registered 128 players and what are the chances? Not great, but there Rudjac was and Kriegl had to make the best of it.

The games started out well, with Kriegl leading 4-2, 5-3 in each match. Stocked with long rallies and hard hitting serves the

and his partner Alex Kotai lost in the quarter finals 6-3, 6-4.

"The games were terrible. We started play late Tuesday at 8 p.m.," Kriegl said, after they waited for misscheduled match ahead of them to clear the courts.

"We just weren't prepared mentally once we finally got on the court."

Kriegl played in the recreational Terrace Open Tournament at the Halliwell courts during Riverboat days last weekend. He competed in singles and doubles competition with Jeremy Lafontaine against sometime doubles partner Alex Kotai.

Score Board

Women's Soccer

July game results to July 23, 1998

July 9 Artistic Hair/Northern Svngs. 4 — Blessings Children's Wear 2

July 14 Oasis Sports Club 2 — Blessings Children's Wear 0
Artistic Hair/Northern Svngs. 2 — Central Flowers 0

July 18 Team Sexsmith 2 — Central Flowers 1

July 21 Artistic Hair/Northern Svngs. 1 — Almwood Contracting 1
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NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
E99-05-9694
HARPER FOREST SERVICE ROAD
In accordance with the contract dated April 6, 1998.
BETWEEN OWNER: Ministry Of Forests and CONTRACTOR: White River Logging Ltd. 3104 Hampton Street Terrace, British Columbia V8G 5R5
This is to certify that the work described therein has been SUBSTANTIALLY PERFORMED on July 22, 1998. For all purposes under the contract, wherein the rights, duties and obligations of all parties concerned are described, and for all purposes under the Lion Legislation applicable to the place of work, Substantial Performance shall be regarded as equivalent to "Completed" as described thereunder.
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UNDER WAREHOUSE LIEN ACT
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Belonging to Mervick Trixie will be sold to recover \$600.00. The sale will take place at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1998 at Doane's Farm Kihwanga, B.C. (Near Price Creek & Hwy. 16)

340. LEGAL NOTICES

CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR COMMERCIAL THINNING TIMBER SALE LAYOUT
CONTRACT 9925-023
Sealed Tenders for the Commercial Thinning Timber Sale Layout Contract No. 9925-023, under the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, will be received by the District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Kalam Forest District, 200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, B.C. V8G 1L1, until 1:30 p.m. on August 20, 1998. This contract will require the layout, timber cruising and tree marking of approximately 120 hectares of Timber Sales in 6 blocks.
A review of the contract conditions will be held at 8:00 a.m. on the 13th day of August, 1998. Attendance is not mandatory, but it is recommended. All inquiries should be directed to Trevor Shannon, Contract Coordinator, at the above address. Phone (250) 638-5100. Contract particulars package can be obtained at the Kalam Forest District Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The contract package will not be available until August 7, 1998.
Tenders will only be accepted from local contractors in the Terrace and Kitimat area. No tender will be considered having any qualifying clauses whatsoever, and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.
Contract award is subject to funding being available at the time.

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A43382
Pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, sealed tender applications will be accepted by the District Manager, Kalam Forest District, Terrace, British Columbia, up to 10:30 a.m., on the 20th day of August 1998, to be opened at 9:30 a.m., on the 20th day of August 1998, for Timber Sale Licence A43382 authorizing the harvesting of timber located in the vicinity of the Arbor Mainline, Branch A-25 in the Nass Timber Supply Area.
Only tenders from registrants in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category One (1) and/or Two (2), will be accepted.
TOTAL VOLUME: 18,661 cubic metres, more or less
SPECIES: Hemlock: 45%, Balsam: 55%, more or less
TERM: Oct 89 (1) year
UPSET STUMPAGE: \$9.80
BILLING METHOD: Scale Based
LOGGING SYSTEM: Highlead Grapple/GBS
LOGGING SEASON: Spring/Summer
ACCESS: Via the Arbor Forest Service Road, Branch A-25, ± 16km
This licence requires the building of approximately 2.5 km of on block road and approximately 0.5 km of access road under an associated Road Permit.
Additional information and tender packages may be obtained from the District Manager, Kalam Forest District at #200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1.

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Only tenders from registrants in the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program, Category One (1) and/or Two (2), will be accepted.
TOTAL VOLUME: 16,417 cubic metres, more or less
SPECIES: Hemlock: 41%, Balsam: 59%, more or less
TERM: One (1) year
UPSET STUMPAGE: \$4.47
BILLING METHOD: Scale Based
LOGGING SYSTEM: Ground Based and Highlead Grapple
LOGGING SEASON: Summer
ACCESS: Via the Arbor Forest Service Road, Branch A-35, ± 17km
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Registration Begins

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Register for kidskate, canskate, junior, senior precision and canpower skate programs at the Terrace Arena on Aug. 15.

Come to the arena lobby between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and meet the skating club's newest coaches.

There will also be a clothing and skate swap. Contact Lana at 638-8098 for more information.

Saddle club benefit

The Tweedsmuir Cavalier Saddle Club Fall Fair horse show on Aug. 22 in Burn's Lake will be a fundraiser this year.

Money from entry fees will be donated to three-year old Stuart Cowan, the son of a well-known northwest riding coach Karen Ritchey. Cowan was kicked in the head by a horse July 24 and requires surgery to repair injuries to his jaw, pallet and nose.

To obtain an entry form contact Sandi Hedin at 696-3678 or Cecile Phillips at 698-7627 in Burns Lake.

Summer sensation

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Defence!

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"Darling, why is it so cold in the apartment?" Mario pulled on an extra sweater. Mario's wife, Anna, sighed. "Our landlord has makes life so difficult." "The window's broken with no safety catches. I've called at least 20 times. The landlord still doesn't send anyone. It's a terrible hazard for our toddlers. If ever they push against the window, they will plunge to their death."

The doorbell rang. "Maybe that's the repair man." Anna ran to the door and unbolted the lock. It was the repair man.

"I'm so glad you are here. Let me show you which window is defective."

The man installed new panes and left. Mario went over to inspect the work.

"This is terrible. The safety catches haven't been installed. You must watch the children like a hawk. Tomorrow, I'll call the landlord myself. We can't continue like this."

Anna became nervous. "Mario, should we withhold the rent?" Mario frowned.

"Not at all. I have a strong suspicion the landlord is trying to force us to move out. We mustn't miss one payment."

Anna tried to pay the landlord. She refused to accept the rent.

The next month, they suffered another disaster. The bathroom faucets gave up the ghost. They were unusable.

"Mario, call the landlord. The windows are a danger and now we have no water."

Mario called the landlord. The repair man was sent over to start the work. But he left before he

was finished. "Anna, we have no water. We haven't had any water for days. Why did we ever leave the old country?"

"Mario, shall I withhold the rent?" "No, a thousand times no. That landlord is just looking for an excuse to throw us out. We can't afford anything better. We'll have to put up with this."

Again, the landlord refused the rent. Then, the landlord took the family to court to evict them for non-payment of rent.

Agitated, the landlord paced as she talked. "Your Honour, Mario and Anna are horrible tenants. They are destructive. They broke the window and the bathroom faucet, causing the building extra expense. They harass me all the time about their apartment. They aren't nice about it. They didn't pay the rent for last month either. I want them out of the building."

Mario and Anna were shocked. "Your Honour, we tried to pay the rent, but the landlord wouldn't take it! We tried to get minimal repairs done in the apartment, and got nothing but grief and delays. We have two small children who could have been killed over our landlord's actions. Don't punish us for her poor attitude."

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