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Yanks threaten boycott over grizzly bear hunt

AN AMERICAN environmental group is calling for an immediate boycott of B.C. timber unless sport hunting of grizzly bears here stops.

"We are appealing to everyone in San Francisco, California and the United States to boycott timber products from B.C. unless the B.C. government enacts an immediate moratorium on sport hunting and takes urgent action to protect adequate grizzly bear habitat," said Allan Thornton at a press conference in San Francisco.

Thornton is president of the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), a US environmental group based out of Washington, D.C.

More than 114 environmental, wildlife conservation and animal welfare groups have joined their appeal.

The call comes just six weeks after an independent report on grizzly bears called for B.C. to stop making logging roads in grizzly habitat.

The report, *Grizzlies on the Brink, British Columbia's Bear Conservation Strategy*, says the provincial environment ministry doesn't know the real number of grizzlies in B.C. and can't protect them.

They simply don't have the money or the power, says one of the report's three authors, Brian Horejsi.

"They need money and time and trained people and an agency with mandate," said Horejsi. The ministry, he added, employs a lot of good people but needs policy changes at senior levels.

The problem in B.C., Horejsi says, is that the environment ministry is ineffective — it's not in charge of the land grizzlies live on.

To Horejsi, the grizzlies' fate in B.C. depends on the very ministry responsible for logging, the forests ministry.

The loss and management of grizzly bear habitat, writes

Horejsi is "a management realm clearly beyond the legal mandate of the Ministry of Environment, Lands, and Parks."

Facing budget cuts, the environment ministry also needs more money to know exactly how many grizzlies are out there.

"They need to build a data base to track the movements of bears," Horejsi said of a study that could take up to 10 years to do. "We can't do that, we don't have the money," he said.

As it stands now, Horejsi said the ministry studied a sample area in Southeast B.C. and extrapolated the data.

"There's enormous potential for error there," he said. Horejsi and researchers did their own grizzly study on the population of bears in coastal areas.

They say ministry population estimates (13,000 grizzlies) in B.C. are inflated 41 to 88 per cent when hunting, deforestation and lack of salmon are included.

The report also says that the ministry should make bear data more available to the public and asks for public debates.

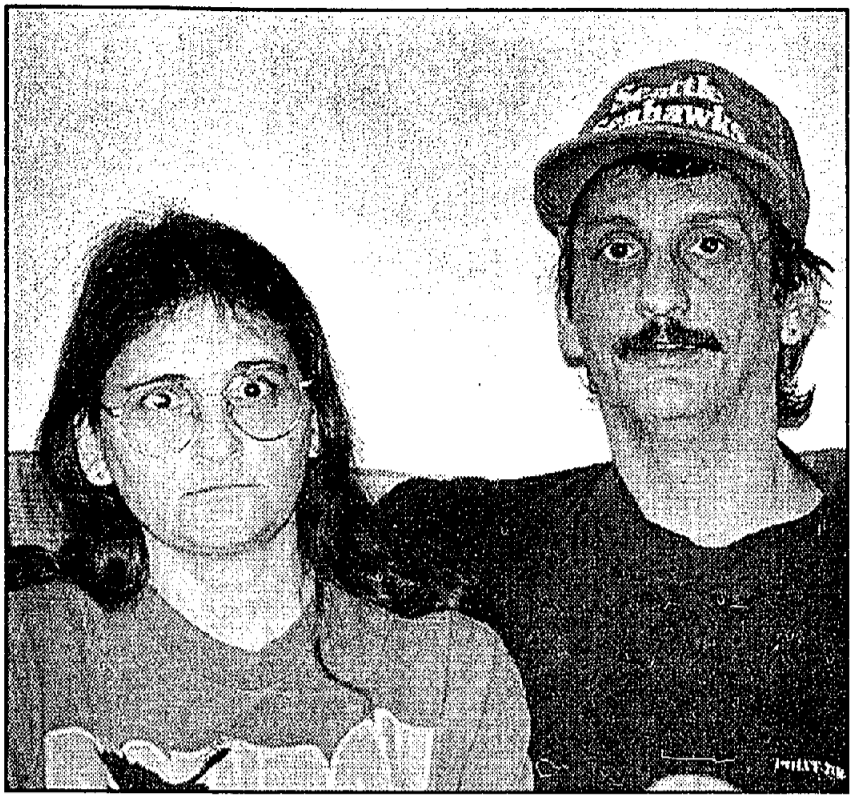
Horejsi commended local biologist Dionys de Leeuw for his critical March 1998 report asking for increased input in sport hunting licences.

"He is absolutely right," said Horejsi. "We have to view grizzlies as public."

The report also asks for a moratorium on grizzly hunting and that protected areas for grizzly bears be increased from 12 to 60 per cent, based on American studies.

"B.C. bears are no different than anywhere else," he said.

By instituting more protected areas, he said, B.C. could use bears, through tourism, to add to their economic base.



KATHARINE AND Joseph Miller have successfully appealed a court order which prohibited them from living together.

Rights violated, they say

A TERRACE man says a probation officers and crown prosecutor here violated his human rights when they used his mental illness to try to stop him from reuniting with his wife.

Joseph John Miller was sentenced to 18 months probation on March 10, 1998 for assaulting his wife, Katharine Miller, while they were living in Prince George. Miller says he has schizophrenia and bipolar diseases.

As a part of his sentence, he was ordered not to have any contact or communication with Katharine Miller.

But in October, the couple decided to get back together.

Katharine Miller, who also suffers from bipolar disorder and who has been admitted twice to hospital for depression, says she's not worried about Joseph hurting her.

"I'm not afraid of him," she said. They applied to have the no contact order lifted.

But the couple's probation officer didn't think that was a good idea.

"I am skeptical about their reunion given their disorders, particularly with the difficulties Mrs. Miller is currently experiencing," writes Herb Resch in a letter to crown prosecutor, Rita Kis.

Miller says he regularly takes lithium and other medication for his schizophrenia and bipolar disease and Resch's focus on them really amounts to discrimination.

"Just because I have a mental illness doesn't mean I don't have feelings," he said. "A person has a right to be treated with dignity, kindness and respect."

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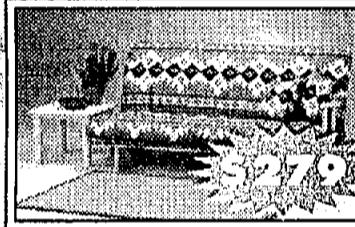
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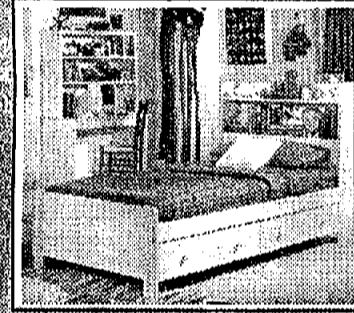
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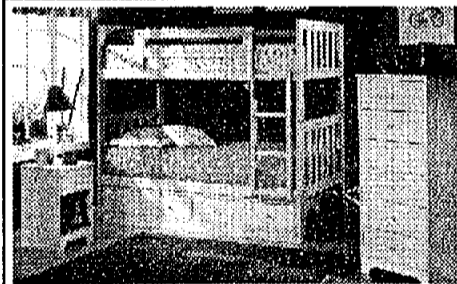


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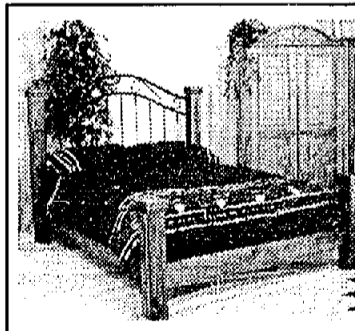
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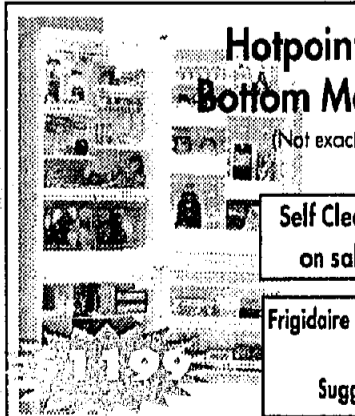
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Pair expand show's reach

A LOCALLY-PRODUCED outdoors television show now shown on the community access channel is soon to get more exposure.

"Skeena Outdoors," a labour of love its two producers hope will turn into a business, is to move to CFTK here and to a TV station in Dawson Creek next year.

Tim Lepp and Dustin Kovacvich stress that conservation and education is a prominent part of their show.

"You could say it's the show's credo," said Kovacvich who is primarily responsible for the show's content while Lepp handles production and sponsor duties.

"What we're looking to do is give people a better understanding and appreciation of the outdoors," he adds.

"It's about the basic ethics and morals of the outdoors."

The show's been airing since June with about one-third of the content of an average 30-minute segment on fishing, outdoor cooking, a how-to segment and a book review typically fill out the rest of the time period.

The pair's outdoors ethics position is causing them to be wary of attempting to move the show too fast to a more commercial level.

They want to ensure it retains its quality and that who they sign deals with agree with their position on outdoors conduct.

At the same time, Lepp and Kovacvich have outlined a business plan to take them to the end of 1999.

By that time, they hope to also be on Prince George television, to be on other stations across B.C. and to have a website up and running.

They're also concentrating on selling their own fishing flies under the brand name "Simply Effective."

The website will be used to help sell the flies and the prospect of internet video replay means the pair can put on segments net surfers can watch at their leisure.

Kovacvich is the fly-tying expert and the line is intended to stand up to northern conditions.

The pair now use video equipment provided by Cable 10 and have applied for a 16-37 Community Futures Development Corporation loan to help them purchase latest model digital technology.

"Each show takes between 30 to 40 hours to do," said Lepp. "The industry says it takes one hour to do one minute."

Although excited at the prospect of moving to another level of television, the pair say they enjoy Cable 10.

"We'd love to stay on public television but we have to



MOVING FROM Cable 10 to commercial television next year with "Skeena Outdoors" are Tim Lepp (background) and Dustin Kovacvich.

eat, too," said Lepp.

Lepp's lived here since he was two and Kovacvich moved here three years ago.

They met through friends and found they had common interests in the outdoors.

"We both have individual strengths and we use them to bring the show together," said Lepp.

You can catch "Skeena Outdoors" on Channel 10 on Sundays around 2 p.m. and Tuesdays around 7 p.m. Exact viewing times may vary due to other programming.

Heavy industry needs a home

THE CITY needs to think seriously about whether its heavy industrial zoning really reflects that those areas are where the city would welcome extremely heavy industry.

That suggestion from city councillor David Hull came in response to the ongoing issue of noise from a chipper operated by Don Hull and Sons Contracting for Skeena Cellulose.

Opposition to chipper noise sends a signal to other developers that really noisy

industries — like a drop forge factory — won't be wanted even in the city's heaviest industrial zone, he said.

"A lot of industry makes a lot more noise than that debarker does," he noted.

Hull said it may be that the city should consider part of the airport lands, which

are expected to become part of the city under a boundary extension in the new year, as a zone for ultra-heavy industry well away from residential areas.

Moving
AVCO Financial Services Ltd. is moving to a

larger office on Lakelse Ave.

"We've outgrown this location," branch manager Marty Bader said of the financing firm's Lakelse Ave. home.

The Terrace branch's six employees will make the move into the new office between the Bank of Montreal and Chalky's around Jan. 18.

The branch marked 20 years in Terrace this year, said Bader, who came here in June.

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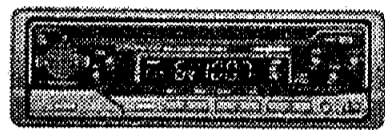


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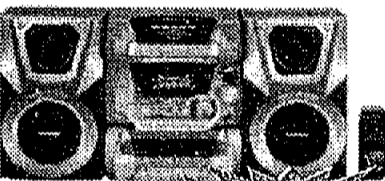
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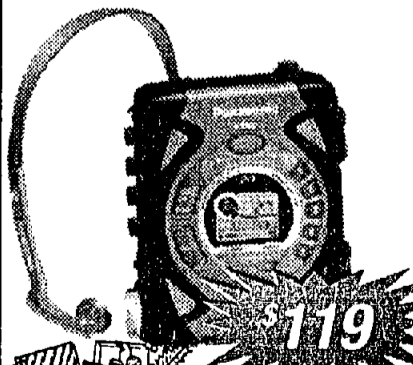
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Safe drivers rewarded under new ICBC plan

LOCAL DRIVERS with good safety records can expect a drop in the cost of some of their ICBC coverage next year.

Reductions of between \$40 and \$70 are in order for drivers who have had no at-fault claims for at least 15 years.

The reductions come in extended third party liability, collision, comprehensive, specified perils and loss of use premiums.

The savings come from a new ICBC program called RoadStar Gold.

Drivers now receive discounts after four years of no at-fault claims and after nine years.

For example, the qualifying driver of a 1989 Honda Civic DX who has insurance for driving more than 15km to work or to school can expect a savings of \$54 with RoadStar Gold.

That driver now pays \$946 a year under the current RoadStar program and will pay \$892 under RoadStar Gold.

The driver of a 1994 Chev S-10 two-wheel drive pickup, with the same coverage as listed above, now pays \$1,039 under the RoadStar program but with RoadStar Gold will pay \$976, a drop

of \$63. RoadStar savings are five per cent for extended third party liability and 10 per cent for collision, comprehensive, specified perils and loss of use.

The new program is expected to benefit approximately 700,000 motorists, one-third of ICBC's policy holders.

ICBC spokesman Sam Corea noted that insurance rates for Terrace are lower than in Vancouver or in Prince George.

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Auto theft claims drop here and across B.C.

THE NUMBER of car thefts for the first three-quarters of 1998 in Terrace and area declined when compared to the same period in 1997, reports ICBC.

Vehicle theft claims numbered 42 for the first three-quarters of 1997, dropping to 26 for the first three-quarters of this year, says corporation spokesman Sam Corea.

Much the same was reported elsewhere in the north with 1,214 theft claims for the first three-quarters in

1997 and 1,062 for the same period in 1998.

Province-wide, thefts dropped to 13,500 for the same period in 1998 compared to 15,500 in 1997.

Corea attributed some of the decrease to increased awareness and to more measures designed to minimize theft.

"Some of the trend is also due to increased use of anti-theft devices," he said, adding that approved devices can reduce insurance coverage costs.

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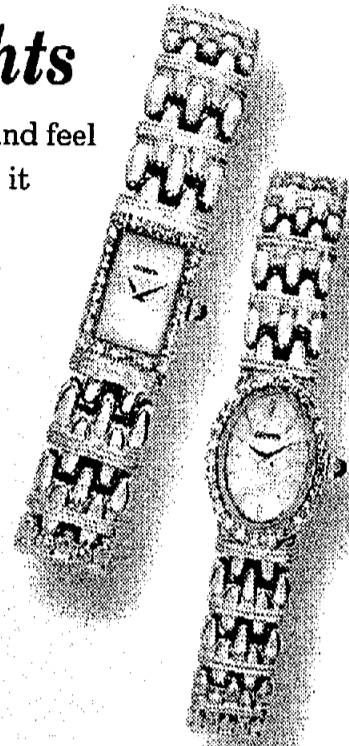
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Regional health care board said cure for budget ailment

THE NORTHWEST doesn't have the proper governing structure to make regional health care services efficient and affordable, says the chair of the local community health council.

And a board with authority over all spending in the region may be the answer, said Larisa Tarwick last week.

She made the comments in relation to a deepening budget crisis at Mills Memorial Hospital caused, in part, by the amount of regional services it provides but for which it doesn't receive any money.

"A lot of the problems we face come from issues that are regional in nature," said Tarwick.

A prime example is the intensive care unit which comes under patient-load and expense pressures when other northwest hospitals close equivalent services and people are then sent to Mills.

"I don't think we're ever going to be able to really deal with any of these issues we talk about until we as a region

can work together," said Tarwick.

"We may need a governing structure — a regional health council — and have the money allotted to the region where it can make a decision as to who would do what," she said.

A regional health board was set up with representatives from community health councils but it was disbanded by the provincial government in 1996.

Tarwick said she's been in favour of a regional health council all along.

"You can bash Victoria as much as you want but we have some responsibility in all of this," she added.

Tarwick noted that the northwest is supposed to come up with a regional health services plan for 2000 and beyond but the area's community health councils don't have a budget or the people to do it.

She said the regions that have most of the health care problems are those without an overall governing structure.

Health care worker burnout feared

KEY MEDICAL services areas are in a deficit, adding to the financial woes of Mills Memorial Hospital, indicates a newsletter for the Terrace and Area Community Health Council published Nov. 18.

And there are other problems, states the newsletter written by Michael Leisinger, the chief executive officer of the Terrace and Area Community Health Council which runs Mills and Terraceview Lodge.

Here are some highlights from that newsletter.

Toll on workers

"We are simply too busy and do not have the resources to keep up the pace.

"By resources I don't mean money but also staff. At both Mills Memorial Hospital and Terraceview Lodge, sick time is up over last year."

"The board at its last meeting expressed concern over the worsening deficit and the toll the activity levels are

taking on the employees."

Key problems

■ The operating room budget is in a deficit of \$64,000.

■ The intensive care unit is on budget but the workload has increased by 10 per cent over last year.

■ Combined costs for ophthalmology and intensive care services have increased by \$400,000 over the past two years.

■ The departures of medical specialists due to leaving the area permanently or taking leaves of absence has greatly increased the costs of finding replacements and paying for temporary coverage.

This year that cost could reach \$100,000 which is four to ten times greater than in a normal year.

■ More and more seriously ill patients are being admitted to the hospital's psychiatric unit. Resulting increased treatment costs could result in a deficit of \$75,000.

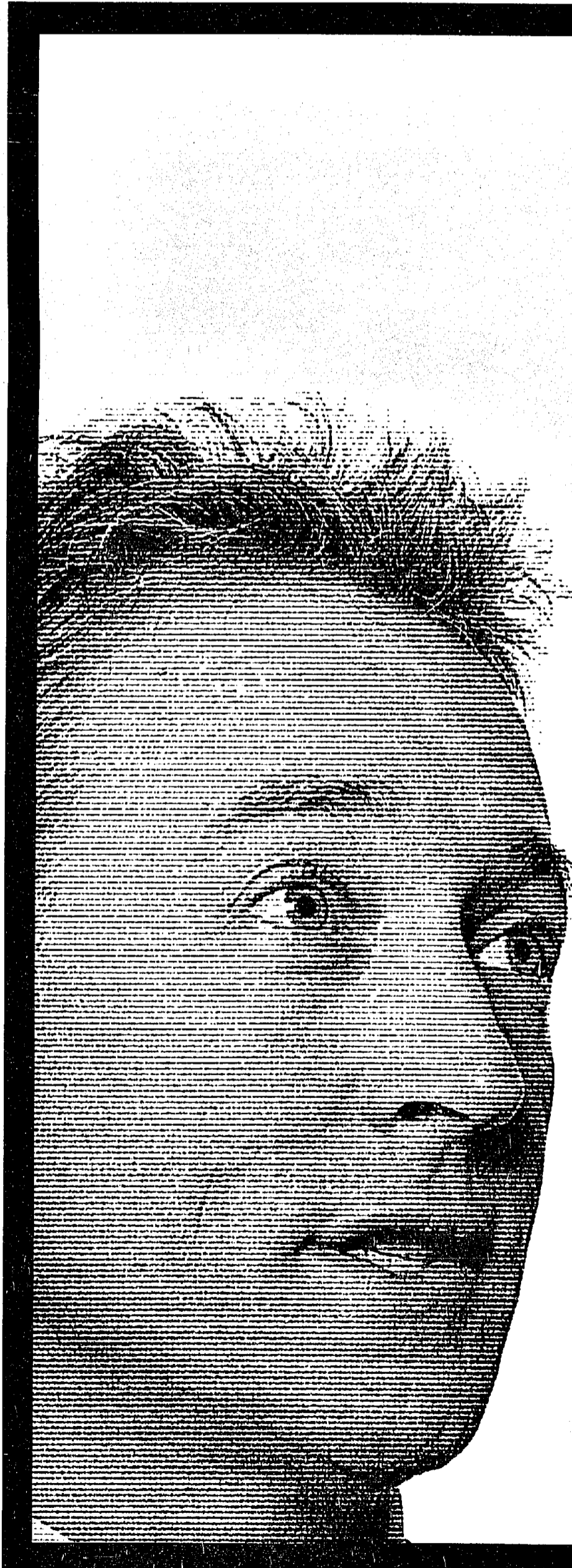
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Air quality was rated good 95 per cent of the time and fair or worse just five per cent of the time, indicate readings taken from instruments located at the provincial access centre.

Government officials began taking measurements several years ago to determine the amount of fine particulate matter in the air.

Large amounts of the matter, when inhaled and deposited deep in the respiratory system, can cause problems for people with asthma or other breathing difficulties.

Say goodbye to Wayne

TERRACE AMBULANCE unit chief Wayne Moi will be leaving Terrace for Fort St. John early in the new year.

He will be the Northeastern B.C. city's unit chief beginning Jan. 4, said Glenn Campbell at the Terrace ambulance unit.

Campbell doesn't expect a new unit chief to be named until early February. In the meantime, the office will be run by an as-yet-unnamed acting unit chief.

Man hurt in accident

A THORNHILL man was brought to Mills Memorial Hospital Thursday, Dec. 3 after his truck rolled down a 30-foot embankment.

The 29-year-old man lost control of his truck driving south on Old Lakelse Lake Drive near Crescent Road around 10 p.m.

The truck landed on its side and the man had to be removed with the help of the Thornhill and Terrace fire departments and ambulance personnel. RCMP believe alcohol and poor weather were a factor in the accident. He sustained non-life threatening injuries.

Kitimat bails on dump site

THE DISTRICT of Kitimat isn't interested in participating in a possible new dump at Onion Lake, says Kitimat's municipal manager, Trafford Hall.

"There's no environmental, cost or service advantage to the Onion Lake site," Hall said of the location which is being promoted by the Kitimat-Stikine regional district.

He said Kitimat council had to tell the regional district board of its decision because its participation was included in an original cost analysis.

Hall said Kitimat councillors are in no rush to find a new landfill because the one they use is still good for another 40 years.

He also said Kitimat would have to consider building a transfer station to cut costs and transportation time for commercial haulers, industrial garbage and personal disposal which makes up about 50 per cent of the area's garbage.

And there is no guarantee that Kitimat would be free of monitoring or remedial work on its current landfill while paying the additional cost of trucking garbage to Onion Lake.

The end result, said Kitimat officials in a report to council, is less service to Kitimat residents at a higher cost.

Hall wasn't sure if Kitimat's refusal to participate rules out Onion Lake, thereby making an expanded and revamped Thornhill site a more viable option for Terrace-area garbage.

Roger Tooms, the regional district works and services manager, realizes Kitimat isn't willing to cost-share.

He said the regional district will still consider both sites until it has finished pricing the cost of treating leachate, or garbage liquids, at each location.

From there, the process will be fine-tuned and a detailed design of the chosen site will be made. Only then will the district know what the true cost will be, Tooms said.

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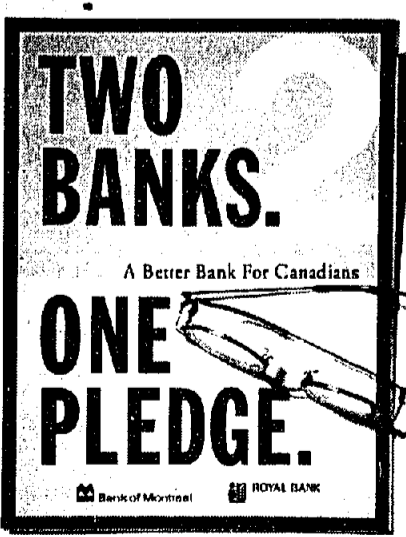
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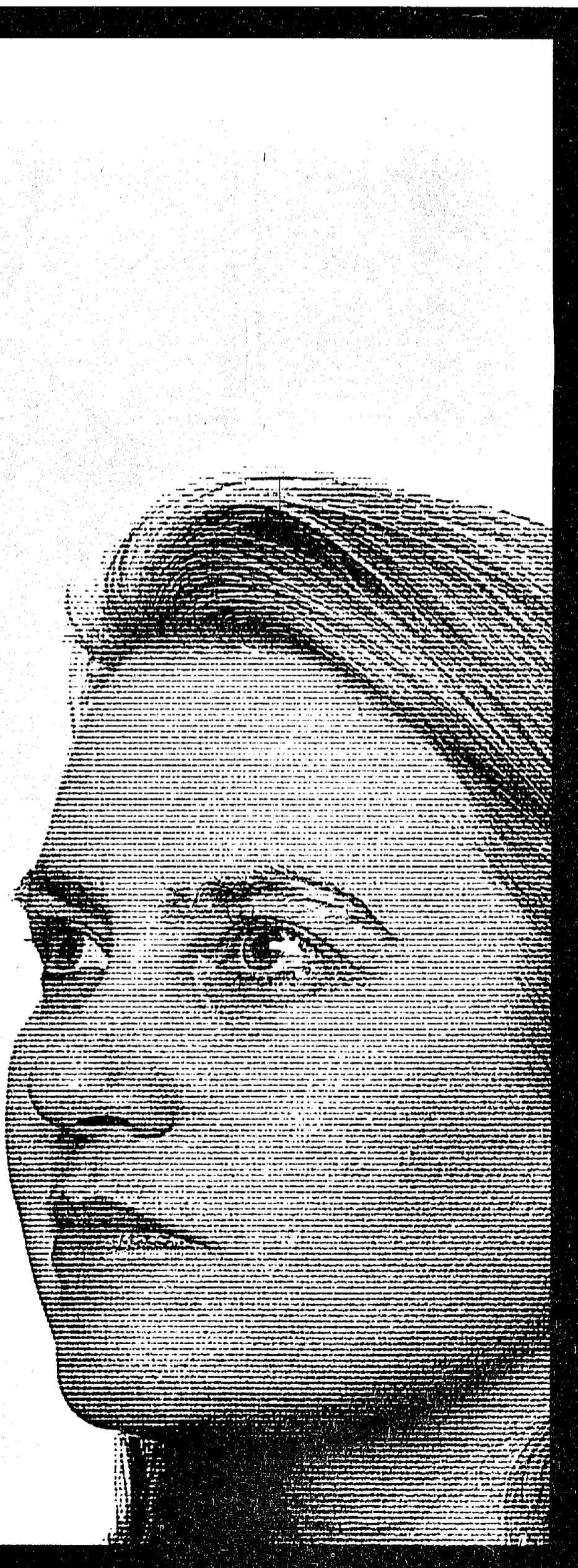
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NDP to lose crucial support in boundary shift proposal

THE PROVINCIAL Skeena riding will lose the Kitwanga area should the recommendations of an electoral boundary commission be adopted.

Judging from the results of the 1996 provincial election, that could also mean a loss of crucial votes to sitting NDP MLA Helmut Giesbrecht.

The area contains the villages of Gitanyow and Gitwagak, both of which voted heavily for Giesbrecht, and the predominantly white community of Kitwanga.

In fact, of the 443 votes cast in the three places, Giesbrecht claimed 277. His overall margin of victory for Skeena was less than 600.

The commission recommends the area, essentially those people who live west of Hwy37 as it runs north of Kitwanga, be added to the riding of Bulkley Valley-Stikine.

Should the change go ahead, the Skeena riding will consist of Terrace, Kitimat and tiny Cedarvale.

"We're obliged by the Electoral Boundaries Commission Act, and reminded by the courts, that we must adhere to the principle of representation by population as much as possible," reported commission chairman Josiah Wood in a report released last week.

"At the same time we must balance that principle against other factors relevant to effective representation, such as geography, history and community interests," he said.

Giesbrecht's not thrilled at losing the area, saying the commission instead might have moved the boundary a bit east. That way, he would represent residents who live on both sides of the highway.

"I would have preferred to have that happen instead of this," said Giesbrecht of the recommendation.

Giesbrecht added he'll probably bring it up when the commission holds a series of meetings to hear what people have to say before issuing its final report.

There are 22 such meetings scheduled but there only two in the north, one in Fort St. John and the other in Prince George.

"I've contacted them and said that's not good enough," said Giesbrecht.

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Other northwest changes would see Meziadian Junction taken out of Bulkley Valley-Stikine and added to the North Coast riding.

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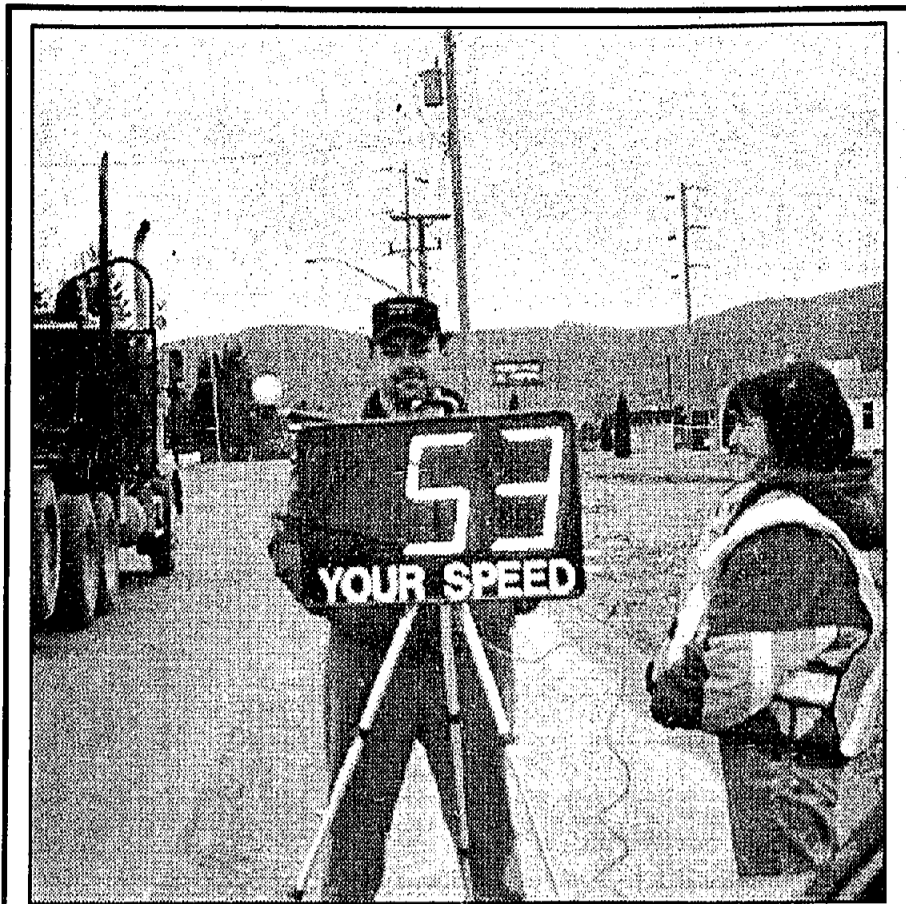
Across the province, the commission recommended adding four new seats — two in the Surrey-White Rock area, one in the eastern Fraser Valley and one in the Burnaby-Coquitlam area to reflect increased population. Other urban ridings would be adjusted to take into account that increased population.

The commission did not recommend the elimination of any of the current 75 seats in the legislature. And it did have the authority to add as many as six seats to the legislature.

It did note that rural ridings were difficult to deal with. That's because legislation requires riding populations to deviate no more than 25 per cent above or 25 per cent below the provincial riding population average.

The electoral commission can recommend straying beyond that limit due to special circumstances.

Its report noted that while modern communications technology is an asset in rural areas, it in itself is not an adequate replacement for face-to-face contact with an MLA.



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Members of Citizens on Patrol, Lyman Jaakkola, a new recruit, and Barb Hazzard are making sure people don't speed along Keith Avenue. Citizens on Patrol, don't issue speeding tickets; they are volunteers who work with RCMP to reduce speeding and crime. The group is hosting an open house Dec. 12 from noon to 5 p.m. at their new office in the Skeena Mall.

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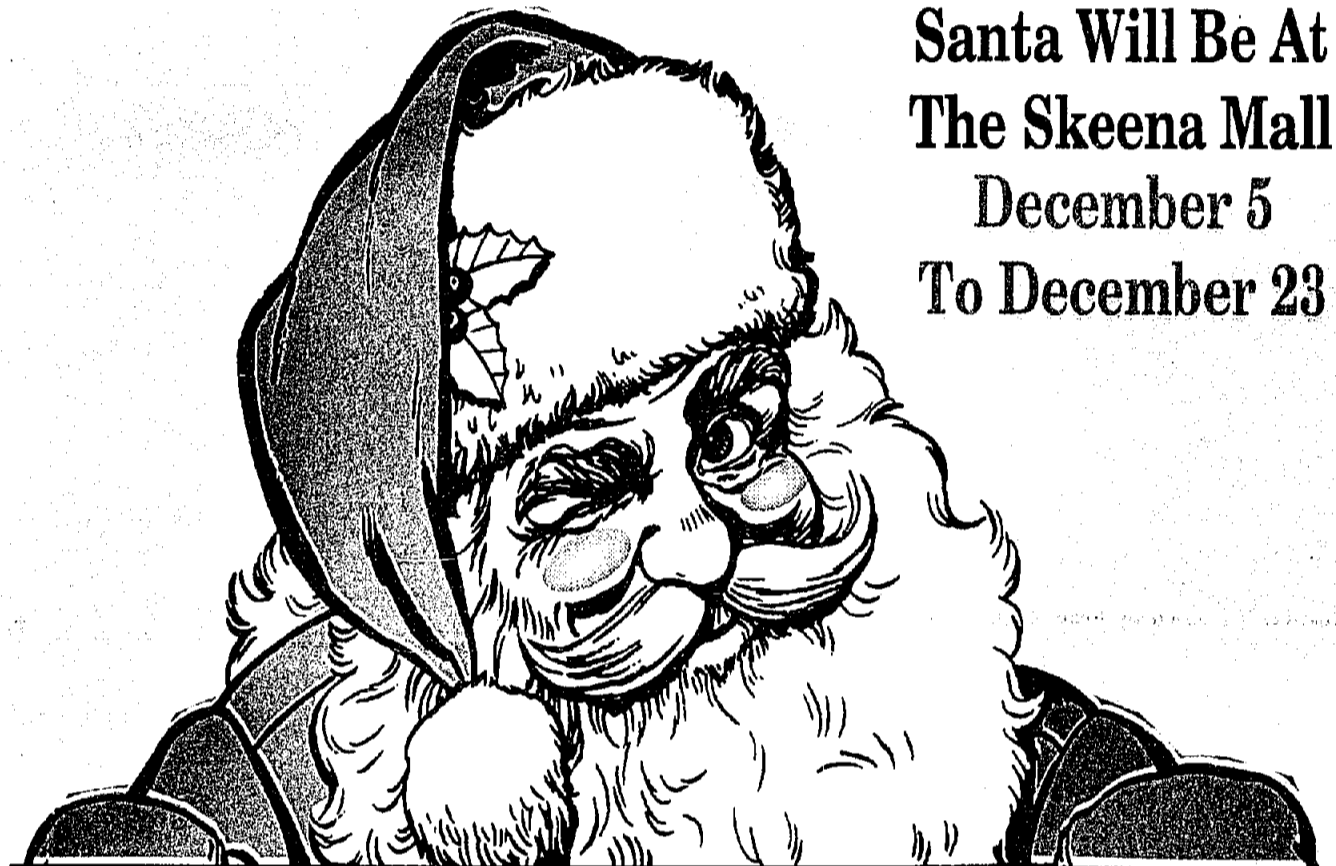
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Mayor stands by support of treaty deal

TERRACE MAYOR Jack Talstra doesn't plan to actively campaign for the Nisga'a treaty — but says he stands by his support of the deal.

Talstra said he's not planning to take the treaty to the next meeting of the northwest mayors to seek a joint declaration of support.

"Let's face it — the population is split on this thing," he said. "And I expect the mayors are split on this thing as well."

Talstra said he continues to back the treaty and believes his city council does as well — although he said some of the "good Liberals" on council might be backtracking as Liberal leader Gordon Campbell intensifies his opposition of the treaty.

"By and large, as a council, we like the agreement," Talstra said. "You can nitpick if you want, but it's part of a tradeoff process."

"We like the agreement and we'd like to see it signed off so we can get on with our lives."

Talstra said Campbell's court challenge of the treaty to force a referendum on constitutional grounds amounts to "posturing" and playing legal games, rather than addressing real life issues.

"You can go through the courts and jump up and down and shout and so on. That's a great exercise, but for what? What's that exercise trying to attain, really?" he asked.

"The real essence of the situation is different groups of people trying to live together on the same land and sharing goals and objectives," he said. "That's reality to me."

Talstra suggested the treaty could meet the same fate as the Charlottetown constitutional accord, which was defeated in a national referendum.

"The Rafe Mairs of the day, they fought against the constitution, but we still have the problem and we still have Quebec threatening to leave, and nobody has a better answer today," Talstra said.

"Are we going to do this again now with the Nisga'a treaty? Are we going to trash this one and then flounder around for the next 50 years?"

"The more we mess around today, the worse it gets at a future time and for our children," he warned.

Like the constitutional accord, Talstra said, critics of the treaty are trying to find fault but offering few solutions.

"It's a little difficult to determine what the critics are after," he said. "If not this, then what? If not now, then when?"

He said B.C. natives have steadily gained ground in defining aboriginal title in the courts, raising questions of how any alternatives suggested by treaty critics could be imposed.

"In the psyche of the white person in B.C., we still have a view that we should tell them what's right for them and we're telling them this treaty isn't right for them," Talstra said.

"I think we have to be more respectful than that. These people have some of the best advice in the country. Their lawyers are second to none. This is what they want. In fact they wanted more. But this is the compromise that resulted."

Talstra said he continues to be dismayed that provincial politicians are for the most part using the treaty as just another political battlefield.

"What's lacking here is a statesperson," he said. "Somebody who can speak about these things who can rise above the politics. We don't seem to have anybody in British Columbia who can do that."

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Linda Hawes is one local city councillor — and a prominent local B.C. Liberal party organizer — who has not yet come out firmly for or against the treaty as it's written.

She was the only councillor who sat on the fence in the weeks immediately after the treaty was initiated while her fellow councillors pledged their support.

"I am supportive of the treaty in its general intent," Hawes has said. "I am concerned about some of the details. Perhaps if I had some clear and unbiased answers I would feel more comfortable about accepting the whole document but until that time I have to keep reservations about it."

Hawes says there are still many unknowns in terms of how parts of the treaty will work, how it will unfold in years down the road, and what the specific plans of the Nisga'a are on fronts such as economic development.

"Key questions have not been satisfactorily answered and certainly have not been answered by this propaganda campaign of Glen Clark's," she said.

Hawes also said she doesn't object to the Liberal party's court challenge of the treaty, adding it's better to resolve the issue now than wait until someone else mounts a challenge later.

Councillor David Hull, however, says further study of the treaty has led him to firm up his support of the document.

"My position has strengthened," Hull said. "At the get-go I might have been erring a little on the politically correct side. Now in my heart I think this is the right thing to do."



Jack Talstra

City ponders 'net expansion

THE CITY needs more widespread public access to the Internet, says a city councillor.

David Hull said the four public access Internet terminals at the library are constantly booked and the city needs more of them to ensure people without computers at home can still access the net.

City council handed off the issue to its new social planning commission. Hull noted there are government grant programs.

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New NCO on duty

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Solvason said he picked Terrace out of a number of postings in the province.

"There are very good people here."

Solvason has 29 years of experience with the RCMP. He started his service in Clinton before moving to detachments in Kamloops, Vancouver and Surrey.

He is originally from Winnipeg.

Solvason has also spent time in Lower Mainland-based commercial crime, general investigation and national crime and intelligence units.

His last position was B.C. RCMP liaison to work on national security issues with Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).

Although he recognizes Terrace as a challenging place to live because of its remote location, Solvason says he can already feel the sense of community here and that community policing is important to him.

He fills a vacant position left at the detachment when Insp. Steve Leach was transferred to Prince George last summer.

Since then responsibilities at the Terrace RCMP detachment have been shared by Wheeler and Sgt. Darcy Gollan.

Radio merger

A DEAL to merge Okanagan Skeena Group with another radio station company has been approved by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Okanagan Skeena spent \$3 million in cash and \$6.56 million in shares to acquire Nornet Broadcasting, a privately-held company with three radio stations in B.C. and 12 in Alberta.

Those shares will give Nornet owners, the McKinnon family of Vancouver, 24 per cent of the equity of Okanagan Skeena and seven per cent of the votes on its board of directors.

The merged entity has the largest number of radio station licences — 31 — in the country, two TV stations and 12 cable systems.

CRTC official Marguerite Vogel said the merger was approved without a public hearing as no outstanding issues concerning the federal regulator were raised.

"This happened under our streamlined approval process and the dollar amount involved was below the benchmark which would require a hearing," she said.

Vogel noted the merger did not involve any changes in terms of broadcast locations or operations of the two companies.

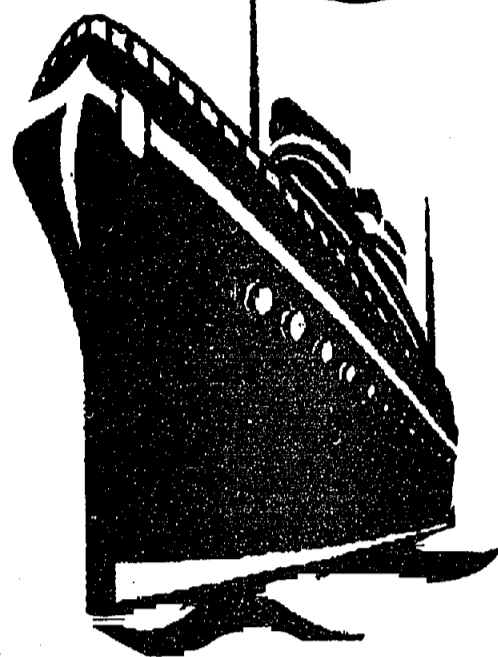
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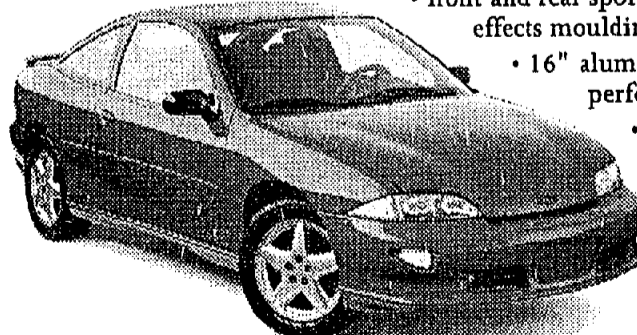
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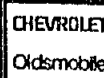
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Adventures in Toyland

THIS TIME OF year I like to remind my mother that she never got me an Easy Bake Oven for Christmas even though I really wanted one.

She had said at the time (about 30 years ago) that she wasn't going to spend that kind of money on a "glorified light bulb." Oh, I was upset, I like to remind her. She laughs, or sometimes apologizes very gravely, and then we usually talk about the toy sewing machine I received when I was about eleven years old.

It was in a big beautiful box with colourful pictures of a happy little girl merrily sewing wonderful things. Inside the box, there were plenty of instructions and diagrams and thread and patterns and even some bits of fabric. The toy sewing machine itself was red. It was sturdy and bright and looked almost like a real one, except cuter. I set it up on a little table in my room and was so proud and pleased. After working with it for a few hours on Christmas Day, then most of Boxing Day, I determined the toy had one flaw: it did not sew.

My dad tried to fix it, my mother attempted to make it work, as I hovered between dissipating disappointment and dashed hopes. Finally they declared it a dud, and said nothing more could be done, particularly on a holiday. (Remember when Boxing Day was a holiday?)

I was so disappointed, I couldn't let it go. The frustration I felt was immense, to receive such a terrific toy with so much possibility, the hours of fun it promised, the admirable items I could have created. The unfairness of it was exquisite.

Although my little boy is not yet four, he has some experience in the field of toy disappointment. Squirting toys that do not squirt, just dribble; squirting toys that do not even dribble because they are manufactured in such a way so as to prevent them from being filled with water.

There have been transformers who don't want to change (even after undergoing psychoanalysis), building toys who refuse to make anything of themselves, crayons who don't make a mark, and walking robots who never get anywhere. It would be enough to make you give up on the whole lot of them, to say good-bye forever to plastic.

But then we embraced mutant toys.

For those of you who haven't watched *Toy Story* 117 times, mutant toys are the creations of the neighbour boy character Sid. He takes bits of one toy and combines them with other pieces, like a crane supported by Barbie legs, a baby doll head with octopus arms made out of Meccano, a duck head with strong-man arms, and so forth.

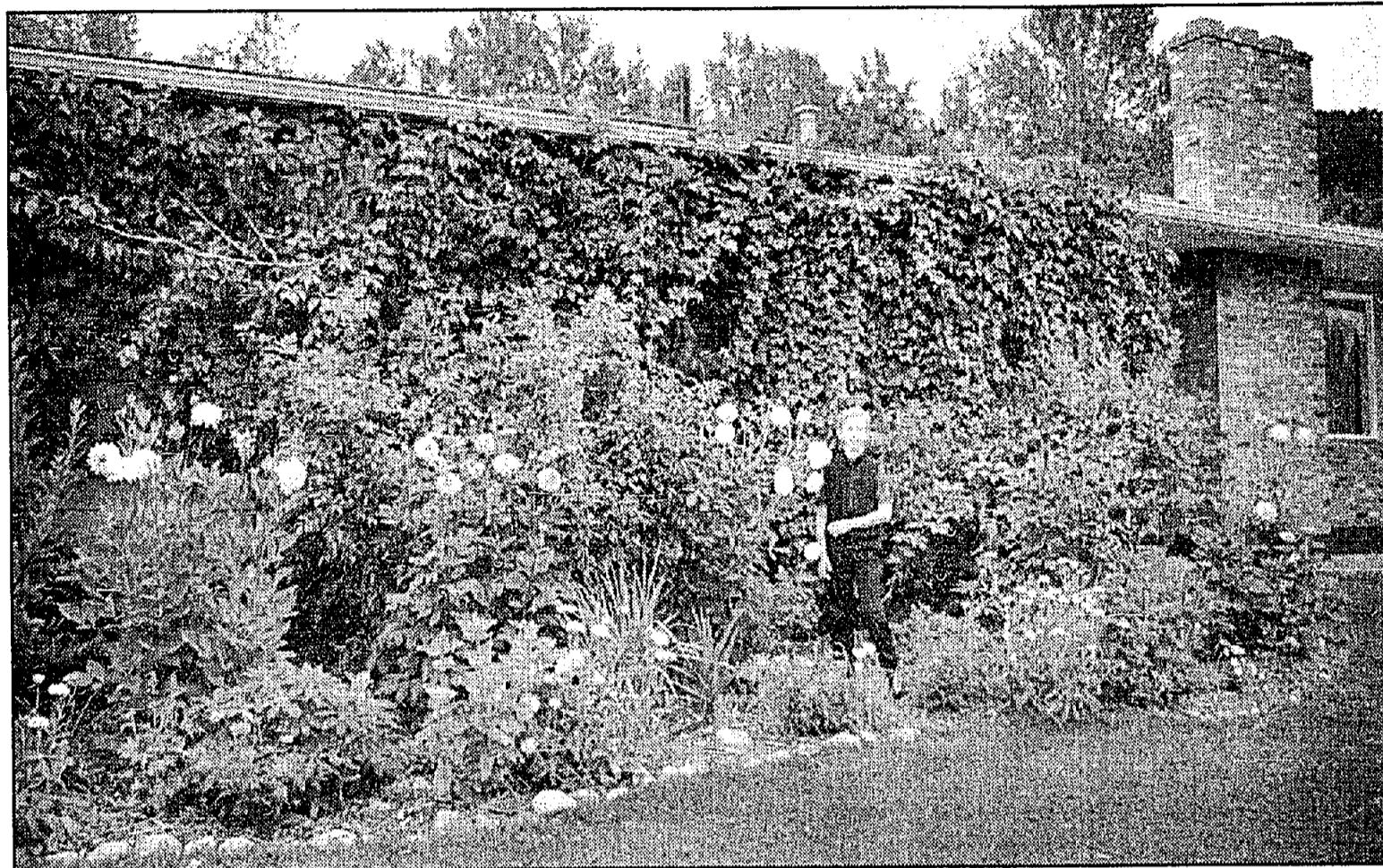
A broken or malfunctioning toy at our house is now cause for celebration, because it means new parts for our manufacturing purposes. We now have an attractive red and black robot with curly blonde hair and long-lashed blue eyes that open and close. Mr. Potato Head doesn't mourn his missing pieces since we found that Build-A-Bug pegs fit him perfectly: he now sports antennae and up to eight green arms whenever he feels like it. And a home-made cardboard Rodan (one of Godzilla's arch-enemies, if you don't know) enjoys wearing Rosie O'Doll's jacket and an Animaniac's trousers, which fortunately already had a hole for its tail.

Our greatest joy, however, was discovering that Multimac mini-robots and vehicles accept Lego pieces and vice-versa. Man, you should see the space ships we make! And when we add Duplo and Megablocks to the mix, we have a fleet that could colonize Mars: space stations with wiggly arms, ant-like surface buggies, robot-operated flying saucers, it is so great. And sometimes, just to make life even sweeter, a piece of broken model finds new purpose by having just the right connector to join our space invasion, and we are so glad it broke off.

And I am so glad now about that malfunctioning toy sewing machine. I had cried bitter tears when my parents left my room in defeat, unable to fix it. I felt like smashing the thing, throwing it to the ground and stomping on it. But I took my fury instead to a letter of complaint I composed. I can't remember all I said, but I know I itemized the manufacturer's faults with both vigor and composure. And I remember the last sentence of the letter, which was: "And so in conclusion, gentlemen, back to the drawing board."

Flushed with success and righteous indignation (the best kind to have), I ran downstairs and read it aloud to my parents. They laughed and laughed and applauded and hugged me and told me what a good writer I was.

What a lovely gift to receive at any time of year. What a great toy that sewing machine was, after all. Like they say, a broken toy is what you make of it.



That's Aaron Varga, 11, standing beside his award-winning garden. The Canadian Gardening magazine awarded him first prize for his age category. Varga is receiving \$800 worth of Royal Dalton china.

Boy wonder wins contest

AARON VARGA is a Canadian gardening champion.

He's also nationally ranked in karate and he cooks, bakes, sews, draws and knits.

By the way, he's only 11 years old.

When Aaron's family moved to Terrace from Smithers in May, the front garden was nothing more than a small bed of tulips overrun by grass.

By August and after multiple trips to the nursery, the Vargas' garden was a blooming extravaganza of colour — thanks to Aaron.

He had never gardened before and his parents aren't green thumbs, but Aaron said he wanted to start his own garden after admiring his grandmother's in Ontario.

After rototilling a larger garden bed and adding manure, peat moss and topsoil, Aaron lined the area with rocks found in his backyard.

Then he picked out dahlias, irises and lilies (his favorites because of their colours) as well as poppies, columbine and delphiniums.

To fill in the spaces between the perennials he chose calendula, zinnias, cosmos and annual poppies.

When his mother, Lynn,

saw a contest in *Canadian Gardening* magazine she encouraged Aaron to enter.

When he got a phone call from the magazine's editor a month ago, Aaron couldn't believe he had placed first in the 11-17 year-old category.

"I was shocked," he said. "I couldn't believe it."

First prize is eight complete place settings of Royal Dalton china worth \$886.

"I wish I could have won the second prize," Aaron said, disappointed that the barbecue would go to the runner up.

Aaron's accomplishments don't stop with gardening.

For Christmas this year, he's decided to make something special for his grandmother.

"My dad likes when we make things, so I decided to knit my granny a scarf," he said.

But not just any scarf — one made of pure llama's wool.

While at the Northwestern Llama Ranch two weeks ago, he saw llama's wool for sale and told his mother he wanted to learn how to knit.

Not knowing how to knit herself, his mother, Lynn, got out a book and Aaron taught himself.

He already knows how to sew (he had made the fleece vest he was wearing), so knitting came naturally to him.

His granny's scarf should be done by Christmas.

Aaron's also fond of baking. His mom said he made a dandy apple pumpkin pie for Thanksgiving — by himself.

"I had quite the trouble rolling the dough though," he said. "It really broke."

His parents Lynn and Keith attribute Aaron's diverse interests to his character and to home schooling.

Lynn, a teacher, prepares lessons for her four children in the morning and gives them free time in the afternoon.

"I like them to be able to have time to do the things they're interested in," Lynn said.

"I think its important for kids to have time to do art and to relax."

To Aaron his accomplishments aren't anything to brag about.

His gardening award isn't a big deal to him and neither are the scarf nor his tasty pies.

"Anyone can do it," he said, shyly. "What's the big deal?"



Aaron practices karate three times a week.

The karate kid also added: about it I'm going to chop "Anybody that teases me them dead!"

Former resident gets 99 per cent on LSAT

Local headed to law school of her choice

FORMER TERRACE resident Jessica Bowering isn't worried about getting into law school.

Bowering, 25, scored 99 per cent on her Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

She was so shocked when she phoned in for her test score that she phoned back again later in the day to make sure there was no mistake.

"I kept asking myself: Did I mishear that? Was I right about the score?" she said in a telephone interview from Vancouver last week.

LSATs are aptitude tests administered across North America. Practically all law schools use them as part of their admissions standards.

Bowering said most law schools value LSAT scores as much as an applicant's GPA.

She explained that LSAT scores are a ranking against everyone else who wrote the test in the past three years.

So only one per cent of people who took the test in the past three years scored higher than she did.

"It means I'm incredibly lucky and have some opportunities now that I wouldn't

have imagined myself having," she said. "I can probably go to any law school in North America barring some collapse in my grades."

Bowering said she studied hard for the test.

She explained that there is nothing factual on the LSAT — it is supposed to be pure aptitude but practice helps.

Bowering is taking the next couple of months to decide which law school she wants to attend.

She said she's considering Harvard, University of Toronto, and Dalhousie.

"I think law school is an important part of developing the long term qualifications that I want, but other things are too, so I may change my mind about the timing," she said.

"I'm not ever planning to go into politics as a candidate, but public policy issues are my area and probably always will be."

Currently Bowering is completing a degree in Philosophy at Simon Fraser University.

She is also working as a constituency assistant for Graham Bowberick, MLA for New Westminister.



Jessica Bowering got 99 per cent on her law school admission test. That means she can go to practically any law school of her choice.

Donations help Africans

WANT TO DONATE money this Christmas to an overseas organization that is guaranteed to use the funds appropriately?

A Terrace teacher can assure you that your donations will go towards buying books for needy school children.

Mary Steeves is currently volunteering for the Canadian Harambe Education Society (CHES) in Kakamega, Kenya.

CHES is a Canadian nonprofit organization dedicated to helping young African women succeed academically.

Steeves is in Kenya organizing scholarships



Mary Steeves

for young women so they can afford to go to school.

Steeves said the schools in Kakamega desperately need textbooks and

French/English dictionaries.

Corresponding by e-mail, Steeves described books in local libraries as old, dusty reference books from the 1960s.

Steeves encourages people to donate money, rather than books, so she can purchase books students need.

The Terrace Women's Resource Centre has agreed to collect donations and to send the money to Steeves in the new year.

For more information contact the Terrace Women's Resource Centre at 638-0228.

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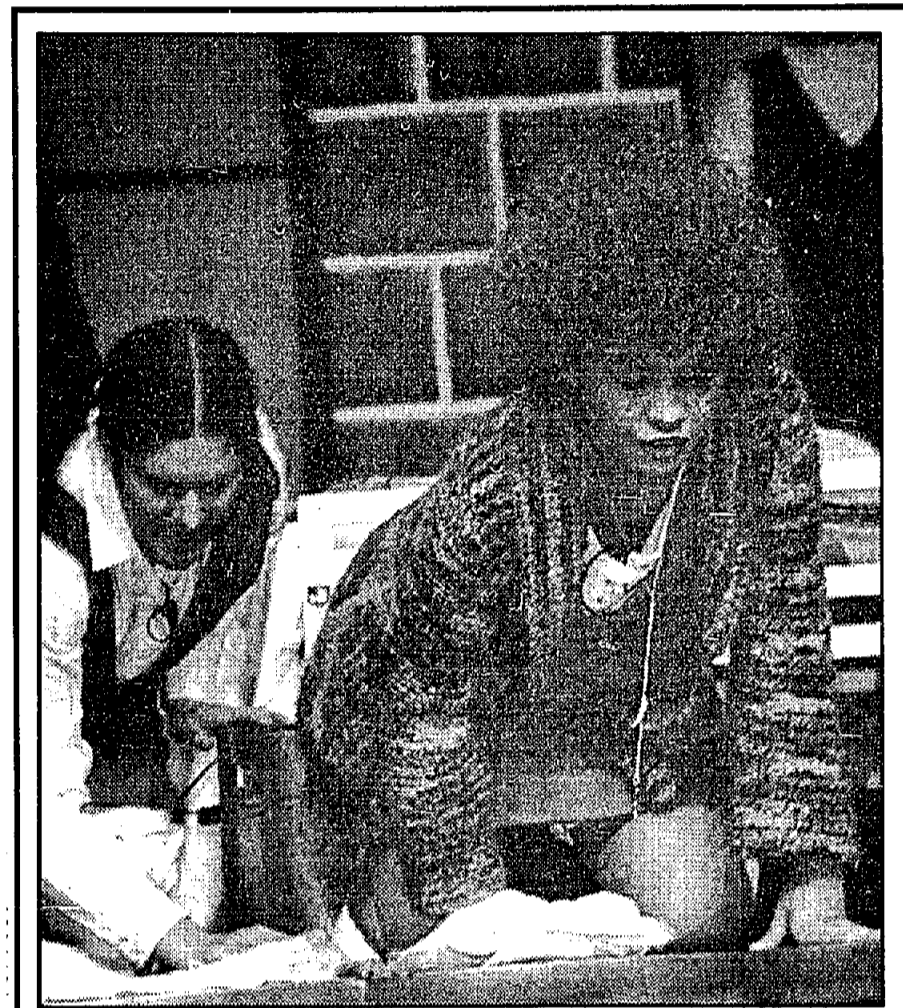
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Joys of motherhood, not so joyful

By BRENDA AGUIAR, RN

FOR MOST WOMEN, having a baby is a time of excitement and joy, filled with great expectations for a future with their new little one.

For many women, however, the reality after delivery falls short of their preconceived ideals of motherhood.

For 80 per cent of women, what is known as the "Baby Blues" sets in for a week to 10 days after delivery accompanied by unexplained tearfulness and sadness that in most cases resolves on its own.

But for another 10 to 20 per cent of women, the emotional feelings escalate into symptoms that are labeled as Post Partum Depression (PPD).

PPD is different than the "Baby Blues" in that the onset of symptoms can be from two weeks to two years after the baby is born and can even happen during the pregnancy itself.

Common symptoms of PPD include: crying for no reason, feeling profound sadness, feeling being overwhelmed, insomnia (unable to sleep), lack of interest in the baby and others, anxiety, panic, irritability, inability to concentrate, nightmares and thoughts of hurting themselves or the baby.

There is no particular profile a women who can develop PPD. It can affect anyone and it doesn't necessarily occur with just the first pregnancy.

There are theories however, that suggest that some

women may be more at risk than others.

Women that have had a past history of depression, have a poor support network, are coping with additional life stresses, have a personality that leans toward perfectionism or are sensitive to change (in this case the profound changes that accompany the birth of a baby), may be more at risk.

Others theorize that it is our modern social structure that contributes to more women having PPD.

This may include the isolation from extended family, and what is known as the "motherhood myth" that places unrealistic expectation on women to be perfect and to never ask for help.

Whatever the cause, the result is depression created by and imbalance of chemicals in the brain. This prevents a woman from simply "snapping out of it."

Treatment of PPD may be antidepressant medication that helps to rebalance the brains' chemistry or counseling or both.

In any case, it is treatable and all women can recover in time with proper care and support.

If you or a family member appears to be suffering after the birth of a child, it is important to ask for help. In Terrace, you can call the crisis line at 1-888-562-1214, make an appointment with your family doctor and talk to a public health nurse at 638-2200.



■ Money for self-defense

When the Kinsmen liberated the Rotary Club of Terrace's gavel (a symbol of the organization) after Rotary's auction Nov. 8, they held it hostage until the Rotary Club donated money to a charity of its choice. Donna Demers from Rotary chose the Women's Resource Centre and presents a \$50 cheque to Melissa Munn, from the Women's Centre. The money will go towards running RAD

(Rape Aggression Defensive) self-defence programs for women. The Women's Resource Centre would like to buy the attack suit (worn by Munn), the protective gear worn when simulating an attack, which will cost \$800 second-hand. The women's centre needs the money in order to provide the programs for free. There are already women on a wait list for next year's courses.

Around Town

Raffle winners

THE WINNERS of the annual 747 Air Cadet Squadron's raffle are:

GEORGE JACOBSEN, (Kitimat) 1st prize: Two Shames Mountain passes valued at \$720.

BRIAN DEACON, (Terrace) 2nd prize: Terrace Safeway gift certificate valued at \$500.

MIKE MCINTYRE, (Terrace) 3rd prize: Two truck tires (235/75R15) mounted valued at \$320.

The squadron would like to take this opportunity to thank the businesses who made this raffle possible. The money raised will finance the squadron's activities. The Unicorn squadron parades 52 cadets every Wednesday night at its facilities at the Terrace/Kitimat airport.

Local Sierra Club formed

At an initial organizing meeting, approximately 50 Northwest residents expressed their support for forming a local group of the Sierra Club of British Columbia. The Sierra club is the oldest North American conservation organization with over one million members. Since the early 1990's the Sierra Club has been noted for its responsible and effective advocacy for the environment.

As an initial project, the local Sierra Club group has chosen to provide access for salmon to Howe Creek. They will be working towards building a fish ladder at the present mouth of Howe Creek near the Kalum Motel. For more information contact Bruce Hill.

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The Treaty WILL NOT result in economic certainty.

- The Treaty has hundreds of clauses and sub-clauses, open to varying interpretation. It calls for further consultation and side agreements on more than 50 issues. There is no certainty with this treaty.
- On September 29, 1998, Auditor General Denis Desautels said the agreements are not achieving their main goal - creating certainty about future use of land and resources. He cites three lawsuits filed by First Nations dissatisfied with the implementation of land claims agreements signed in recent years. One case is a \$5.4 billion claim.
- Outside investors will not make large investments in the resource industries where their sources of supply remain uncertain.
- The Treaty does not end negotiations with the Nisga'a.
- The Treaty will result in new payments to the Nisga'a in addition to the cash and land described. The programs and infrastructure set out in the Treaty are forever backstopped by the B.C. taxpayer.
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If you are concerned about this treaty, call or write your local MLA.

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HERE 'N THERE
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A FEW WEEKS ago I heard a power saw making a racket outside so I went to investigate.

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Way up in a tree-top was tree faller Jim Quigley.

He was cutting the branches off of a Lombardi poplar tree.

Jim was asked to cut down the tree because its roots were causing trouble underneath a home.

It was rather interesting to watch Jim scale up this huge poplar. He was like a cat scurrying up to the top. He he was fearless!

Seeing him way up in the tree reminded me of the hours Jim has spent making

beautiful little walking paths near the old cemetery.

These are the walkways that take you along the side of the hill by the cemetery overlooking the sawmill and the river. He has also made wonderful benches for walkers who want to sit and admire the lovely view.



JUST A FEW weeks ago, I received a phone call from my friend Mrs. Billson.

She wanted to share some important news with me about Mrs. Joan Cooper.

Joan, who is from Cayuga, Ontario, has been the Terrace Anglican church women's prayer partner for 25 years.

Mrs. Billson told me Joan has written a couple of new books.

The first book, *River of Memories*, tells historical stories of the first people to live along the Grande River, highlighting the stretch between York and Cayuga, Ontario.

Her second book, *Princess Trillium*, is an educational tool that can help children understand their heritage in a simple and unpolished way. The book is written for an older child, but suitable for adults to read to younger children.

The story is about a young native girl who becomes friends with a non-native boy and how society negatively views their friendship.

In 1995, Mrs. Billson had the pleasure of visiting Joan



WAY UP: Jim Quigley is trimming the 50-foot-tall Lombardi poplar tree before taking it down. He is an experienced faller.

at her home in Cayuga, the Terrace Anglican Women's Group.

Joan, now 81 years old, is currently working on another book called *"Out of the dark"*, which is about a blind girl.

Mrs. Billson is very involved with her church; she does all the letter writing for

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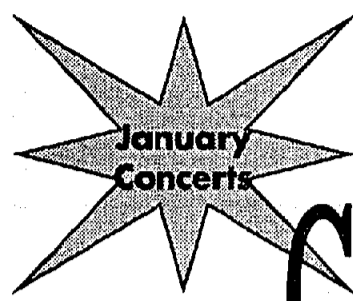
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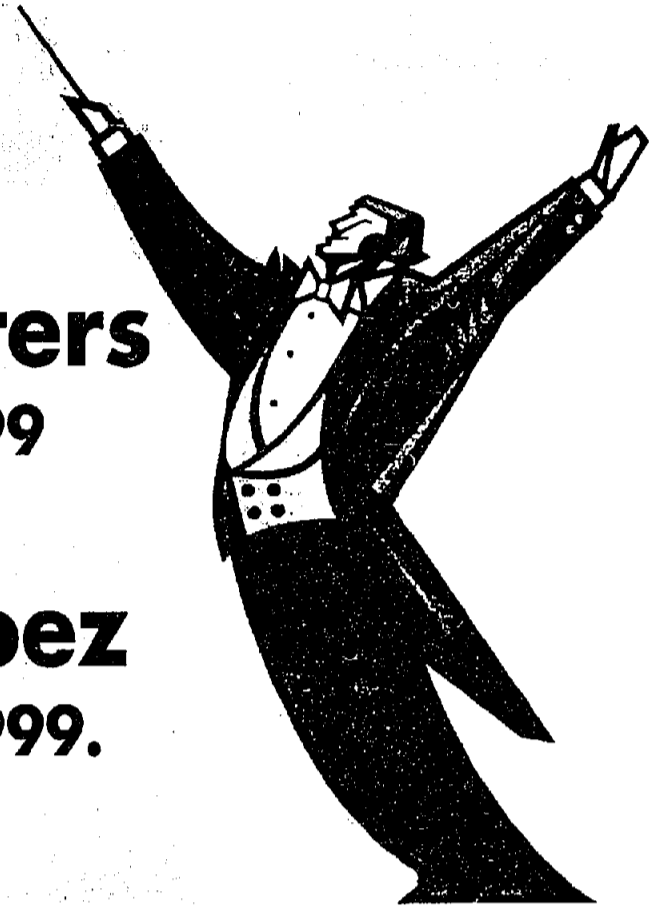
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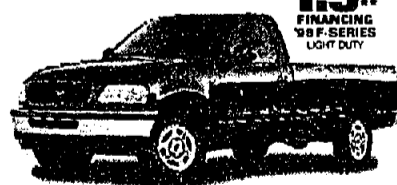
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SKENA ANGLER

Nisga'a treaty good for fish

Since hunting and fishing are central to the culture of the First Nations peoples it is not surprising that politically-minded hunters and fishers have been keenly interested in the issue of aboriginal title. Long before flaky right-wing politicians began mining the issue of aboriginal rights for profit, groups like the B.C. Wildlife Federation and the Steelhead Society were attempting to envision changes to the world of blood sports in a post treaty world.

Sportsmen could easily envision an acquiescent federal government ceding total control over fish and game within land claim areas to retain control over forestry and mining resources. The Gitksan fueled that fear when, over a decade ago, they petitioned fisheries minister Romeo LeBlanc for fisheries bylaws in what appeared to be a prelude to negotiations over land claims in general. Similarly, when the Nisga'a talks began in earnest the fisheries component was front and centre.

I can't recall whether Jim Culp was Sportfishing Ombudsman for the north coast at that time or not, but it was he, in one capacity or another, who, a decade ago, convened a meeting in the Chinook Room of the Terrace Hotel between Fred Wachli and representatives from the sportfishing sector, including guides, conservation organizations and a few keenly interested, unaffiliated fishermen.

Wachli was heading the Nisga'a negotiations on behalf of the federal government at that time. He was an avuncular gentleman I guessed to be in his early sixties. As we sat rapt, steeled for the worst, Wachli summarized negotiations to that point. It quickly became clear that we had more in common with the Nisga'a than the federal team sitting across the table from them, ostensibly representing our interests. While the government side, relying on the information provided them by their DFO advisers, tabled proposals for large scale enhancement via hatcheries — a biologically questionable proposal that would exacerbate the mixed stock fishery problem at the mouth of the Nass — the Nisga'a wanted to go slow.

It was the Nisga'a who were championing conservation and enumeration and habitat restoration, a stance that undoubtedly convinced them to hire biological consultants who ultimately provided them with more information on some aspects of the Nass fisheries than the Department of Fisheries had.

So, here we are on the eve of finalizing this historic treaty. What new rights will the Nisga'a acquire in regard to the Nass Fishery? I wouldn't be unreasonable to expect that the Nisga'a would have first right of harvest or, at least, some kind of managerial control over who harvests when and how much shall be harvested. They don't. Under the agreement the Nisga'a have a specific entitlement to Nass River salmon that represents less than one per cent of the landed value of the coast wide salmon fishery.

Conservation will have priority over Nisga'a fishing rights. The Nisga'a have long participated in the commercial fishing industry, but if the government orders the Nass River fishery closed for reasons of conservation or management it will be closed to all.

The Nisga'a have a separate agreement outside of the treaty granting them nine per cent of the Nass sockeye and pink stocks, but even this has no constitutional protection and is, therefore subject to change by future governments. The treaty promises the Nisga'a 17 per cent of Canadian Nass River salmon which includes the fish required for food and ceremonial purposes.

If there is a surplus of salmon in the Nass the Nisga'a will be allowed to harvest them pending permission by the minister of fisheries. In fact, under the treaty there is not much change in the way things are conducted in the Nass fishery now. The Nisga'a have the right to food fish, and the right harvest ceremonial fish. The question of selling fish was gray. What the treaty does is provide a clear allocation to the Nisga'a and defines their role in the fishery while giving all of this constitutional protection.

Sportfishers have always worried about the sale of steelhead, a practice that goes on uncontrolled in other parts of the northwest. In the case of the Nisga'a the worry will cease. The Nisga'a have agreed to take steelhead for domestic purposes only. As with salmon, any harvest is subject to conservation requirements.

In fisheries management, the Nisga'a will have an advisory role. When it comes to access — a big worry for sportsmen and sportswomen — the right to hunt and fish on Nisga'a public lands will only be regulated for public safety, habitat protection and the preservation of cultural sites.

Sports fishers, hunters, and devotees of outdoor recreation can only hope that the wildlife sections of future treaties are resolved as satisfactorily as those in the Nisga'a Treaty.

Terrace Selects promise RCMP All Stars a tough ride

RCMP OFFICERS are more often associated with roadblocks than hockey games, but this Saturday the RCMP All Stars plan to change that.

The RCMP All Stars, made of 15 officers from Vancouver Island to Prince George will play the Terrace Selects Saturday night at the Arena.

"It'll be and close, competitive, and energetic hockey," said Tim Humberstone of the RCMP in Prince Rupert of the full-contact hockey games.

"There's a lot of talent on both teams." Roger Harris, manager of the Terrace Selects, is willing to go a lot further saying, the RCMP All Stars are about to meet the strongest of the contact teams in the northwest.

"This is hockey at an intense and high level," he said. "It will be physical, action-packed and high scoring."

Harris said the Terrace team played Kitimat and Prince Rupert two weekends ago and won

both matches 5-3, 6-5 playing four men short because of injuries to key players. By Saturday, he expects the team to be back at full strength and ready to play against some of Humberstone's college-ranked players.

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The RCMP roster includes Paul Marleau, who played in college hockey in Maine and Bob Vermette who skated with the East Coast Hockey League in Virginia. The team also boasts forward Jason Smart who was drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins and has International and American Hockey League experience.

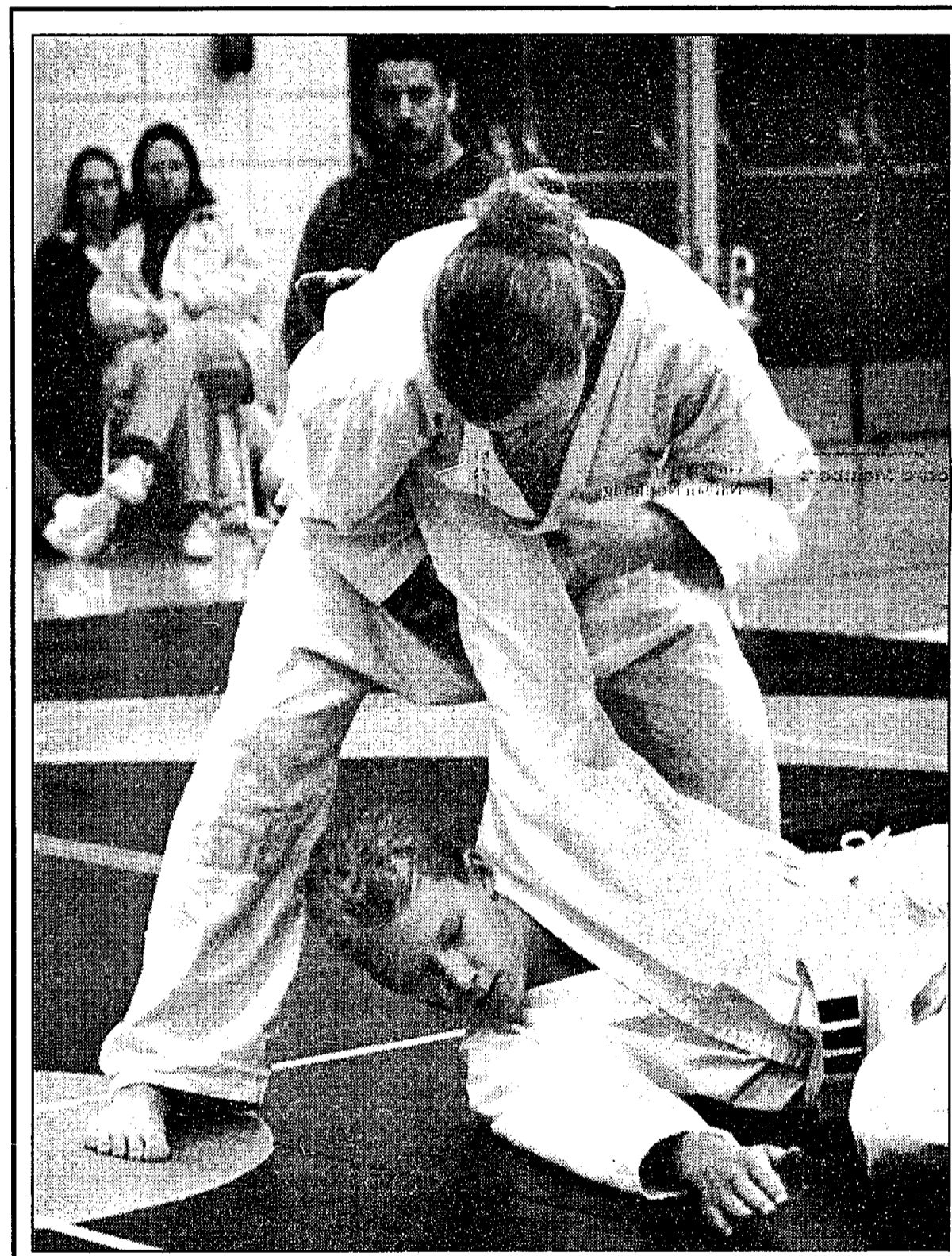
Still, Harris is confident the Selects will give the RCMP competition. "We're not here to let them win," he said.

The series, made of a Friday game against Kitimat, Saturday's game here and a Sunday matchup in Prince Rupert will act as a practice session for the March, 1999 World Police and Fire Games in Stockholm, Sweden which are held every other year. The games unite athletes from police stations and fire departments around the world in events that include everything from hockey to dog handling.

Humberstone played at the 1997 games in Calgary and placed third but hopes to win gold in Stockholm.

So while Saturday's matchup may be competitive, Humberstone says it's meant to show kids that RCMP officers are a part of the community.

The money will go toward player transportation, Terrace Minor Hockey and the Terrace Transition House.



Jujitsu champs

GOTCHA: Martial arts competitors Shauna Pahlicky and Gabriel Varga practice their Jujitsu moves at E.T. Kenney Elementary School in Terrace while parents watched. About 40 children and teenagers took part in the two-day tourna-

ment on Dec. 4 and 5 organized by Shane Pahlicky. Both Gabriel and Shauna were graded on their moves by three separate judges. Early Saturday morning Shauna Pahlicky led the competition with top marks.

Barton named to B.C. team

TERRACE Blueback swimmer Jenine Barton will represent B.C. at the Western Canada Indigenous games.

She made the team after competing in the Prince Rupert's qualifying meet last weekend.

At 13, Barton will swim as a Bantam Girl and would have competed in Fargo, North Dakota had the games not been canceled.

Where and when the Western Canadian Games that unite First Nations athletes will be held was expected to be announced Monday.

Barton can expect to meet tough competitors said Team B.C. organizer Larry King.

Score Board

Terrace Minor Hockey Novice division games to Nov. 29

Sunday, Nov. 29
Long's Logging 6
Ikon 4

R-40 Construction 12
Terrace Elks 3

Saturday, Nov. 28
Long's Logging 5
R-40 Construction 9

Recreational hockey

Tuesday, Dec. 1
Chapter One 7
All Seasons 5

Back Eddy 2
Precision Builders 5

Thursday, Nov. 29
White Spot 4
All Seasons 3

Wednesday, Nov. 28
Skeena Cable 5
Chapter One 2

Monday, Nov. 26
Chapter One 7
Precision Builders 3

Oldtimer's hockey

Sunday, Nov. 29
Northern Okies 5
Subway 6

Saturday, Nov. 28
Northern Okies 5
SRD Blues 1

Wednesday, Nov. 25
Subway 2
SRD Blues 3

Northern Okies 0
Timbermen 6

MEN'S SOCCER

BM sweeps Internationals

SUPER BM turned into a scoring soccer machine at Clarence Michiel Elementary Sunday, Nov. 29.

The league-leading team blasted their way past the Internationals 11-1 — a win some fans credit to missing key players on the Internationals team. Super BM then dueled it out with Western Pacific in a 2-2 defensive game.

Other matches of the evening follow.

NORTHERN KNIGHT 1 — WESTERN PACIFIC 4

Northern Knight took an early 1-0 lead, but saw the game tied up on a penalty shot after a Knight player handled the ball in the goal crease.

Despite the efforts of Northern Knight's keeper, Colin Davies, Western Pacific was able to take the lead into the first half. Western then scored another goal to keep Northern Knight off the scoreboard in the second half.

LEAGUE STANDINGS TO NOV. 29, 1998

FORESTRY FC 6 — CANADIAN TIRE 4

In a tough match, Canadian Tire took an early 3-1 lead in the first half.

Then Forestry FC shifted the game's momentum early in the second half without recognition as Canadian Tire scored their fourth goal of the game. The goal spear-headed quick offence and Forestry pushed hard to score five unanswered goals to win the game 6-4.

Team	GF	GA	GP	W	L	T	Pts
Super BM	52	17	9	6	1	2	20
Forestry FC	30	23	7	5	2	0	15
Western Pacific	31	22	8	4	2	2	14
Internationals	38	35	8	3	4	1	10
Northern Knight	26	67	8	1	6	1	4
Canadian Tire	24	37	8	1	5	2	3

Wrestlers take on Smithers

TERRACE'S BOYS Wrestling Team started their season in Smithers on Nov. 27.

In the boys elite category Jon Pelletier, weighing 54 kg won gold. At 57 kg, Skeena's Danny Champman won bronze and Caledonia's Brent Tremblay (57 kg) and Ajit Jaswal, (66 kg) won gold and silver medals.

In the novice category Thornhill Junior's only medal winner, Robert Wickie, at 38 kg won a gold medal. Skeena's Justin Unra (51 kg) and Luke Hargreaves (51 kg) won bronze and silver medals.

And Caledonia racked up the medal count with four more medals. Nathan Heeley (70 kg), Geoff Dean (63 kg) and Harry Gill (63 kg) each took home silver medals while Mike Webber (86 kg) won a bronze medal.

The wrestlers also faced competitors from Hazelton's Dec. 5 meet, which is the largest competition in northern B.C.

WOMENS' SOCCER

Elwood leads pack after tight Thursday night games

By NAOMI THIBODEAU
LADIES' SOCCER action Thursday, Dec. 3 consisted of two fast-paced games. The first game of the night saw Blessings take on Flower Power.

Pat Kozak score first to give Flower Power the lead. The Flower girls tried to increase their lead with two penalty shot opportunities but couldn't get the ball past Blessing's goalkeeper. Sam MacKenzie finally got one by the keeper to make the final 2-0 for Flower Power.

Later that same night, Oasis Sports Club played Artistic Hair Design. League scoring leader Julie Elwood added one to her personal total early in the game to put Oasis ahead.

It looked as though Artistic Hair would tie the game a short while later when they were awarded a penalty shot, but they couldn't find the back of the net.

Artistic did get ahead a short while later when Leanne Kennedy netted two quick goals.

The ladies played a fast-paced game through the second half, despite short

benches on both sides, but when the final whistle blew Artistic hung on the one-goal lead for the win.


Leading goalscorers to Dec. 3

Name	Goals	Team
Julie Elwood	16	Oasis Sports
Pat Kozak	9	Flower Power
Pam Kawinsky	8	Oasis Sports
Carmen McChesney	8	Braid Insurance
Sheila Denomme	7	Oasis Sports
Heidi Siebring	6	Back Eddy Bullets
Julie Kozier	6	Flower Power


Team standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Flower Power	10	0	2	34
Oasis	8	2	2	30
Artistic Hair	5	5	2	24
Braid Insurance	3	4	4	21
Purple Panthers	3	4	4	21
Beginners' Luck	2	5	4	19
Blessings	2	9	1	17
Back Eddy Bullets	3	7	1	16


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Baby's Name: Lara Jeanne Hayward Date & Time of Birth: November 20, 1998 at 3:50 a.m. Weight: 8 lbs 3 oz. Sex: Female Parents: Rod & Bonnie Hayward	Baby's Name: Stuloh Daewon Moon Skog Date & Time of Birth: November 9, 1998 at 4:21 a.m. Weight: 7 lbs 8 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Susanne Miskelly & Cody Skog

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by Bryan Hunt

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 What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Menopause. by Dr. John Lee
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 The Cancer Syndrome by Ralph W. Moss
 Eat Right For Your Blood Type by Dr. Peter J. D'Adamo
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Terrace rinks take Kitimat open titles

TERRACE SKIP Kim MacDougall almost lost it all at the first Kitimat Ladies Open bonspiel recently held at Hirsh Creek Golf and Winter Club.

She had three well-placed stones ready to counter Kitimat's Barb Opheim in the seventh. But on the home team's last stone, Opheim squeezed through the guards' gate for a hit and button-biting roll to lie one behind cover.

As opposition skip, MacDougall threw outside on her tap back attempt and Opheim got the steal to go 7-5 up.

And when Opheim's quartet stole another in the next, it wasn't looking good for perennial zone contender in the 'A' event.

But MacDougall's rink was hard to panic. They got the pressure on early in the ninth and only a sharp draw by Kitimat third Bev Reed and perfect guard from Opheim held the visitors to a single.

MacDougall's foursome kept it up in the last, taking advantage of missed to get three in the rings under cover.

Opheim's only shot was to raise one of her own in hopes of at least cutting the reds down by one to force an extra end. However, raise threaded the needle of red rocks to give MacDougall, third Kathy Simpson, second Joan Kucharyshen and lead Sylvia Griffith the title, 9-8.

Meanwhile, on the next sheet Kitimat's only other finalist - the Joan Hough rink with Ann Schooling throwing skip rocks - was involved in another nailbiter in the 'C' event final.

However, they were trying to pull off a come-from-behind victory.

Hough had drawn first blood with a single in the opening end, but steals of



TERRACE'S Sylvia Griffith, Joan Kucharyshen, Kathy Simpson and skip Kim MacDougall recently won the ladies 'A' event finals in Kitimat's Ladies Open bonspiel.



SHIRLEY TANK, Laurie Monture, Sara Rauter and skip Jacquie Munson after winning the 'D' event. Terrace rinks won three out of four events at Hirsh Creek Golf and Winter Club's first Ladies Open bonspiel.

one by Terrace's Aina Carlson rink in both the third and seventh had the visitors 4-2 up.

The teams exchanged singles in the next two ends, leaving the Kitimatians coming home with the hammer, but two down. And when Schooling came to throw her rocks, she found herself facing three opposition counters.

On her first she drew to count, but was open for the hit. When Carlson missed, Schooling took advantage, thanks to some excellent sweeping, to creep in for the deuce and force the extra end.

That was as close as the home squad got, however, as Carlson and team-mates Lisa Bulleid, Sonya Lang and Tina McIntyre did the necessary to take the title.

The 'B' event final was an all Smithers affair between Duri and Pratt and the only game to finish early.

Down 3-1 after three, Liz

Duri's quartet lowered the boom with a four in the next and steal of one in the fifth.

Pratt got one back in the sixth, but Duri struck for two in the next and then added another steal that persuaded Pratt to shake hands.

Duri's team included Carol McGregor at third, Denise Fisher at second and lead Kelly Ehalt.

And 'D' event was all Terrace between Denise Sawtell, winner of the Seniors zone a week earlier, and Jacquie Munson.

Sawtell jumped early with two in each of the first two ends. After singles in the fourth and fifth, she looked in command at 6-2 up.

But curling games can turn around quickly and that's just what happened. Munson, third Sara Rauter, second Laurie Monture and lead Shirley Tank fashioned a perfect comeback, including a steal of two in the eighth and final end to force one more in which they stole again for the victory.

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"Darling, drive carefully, it's a second hand car. We don't know what kind of trouble it can surprise us with."

That afternoon Estelle got a phone call from Mason.

Her heart lightened up. Something must be wrong. She never got a call from Mason in the middle of the afternoon.

"Mason, darling, what's wrong, where are you?"

"Not to worry. I'm at the garage. Car needs a brake job and a tune up. No surprises. The former owners told us it would need some repairs. We paid the ridiculous price of \$1,600 for it. We can afford the repairs."

Two days later, Estelle got another phone call from Mason.

"Mason, why this call, you're going to lose your job. You know your boss won't stand for personal phone calls."

"I'm not at work, Estelle, I'm at the garage. The car was losing oil. The mechanic is patching it up. Not to worry."

Two days later, another phone call.

"Mason? Let me guess. You're at the garage."

Mason sounded amazed.

"How'd you guess?"

Estelle ignored the question.

"And the next phone call I get from you you'll tell me we're homeless and have to go live on the streets because you boss fired you for spending more time in the garage than at work. What is it this time?"

"An engine job. That's the only thing that will fix the oil loss. \$829."

Estelle exploded.

"Those no-good-niks who sold us the car. Robbers."

Thieves. We're suing them."

Mason protested. "But Estelle, you're forgetting something, we bought the car "as is" and we never brought a mechanic to inspect it."

Estelle refused to listen to reason.

"Doesn't count. They must have known about the engine and didn't tell us about it. Had we known, we would have negotiated another price. Put on your hat, Mason, job or no job, those son-of-a-cows will see us in court."

Mason and Estelle advanced their side, "Your honour, when we purchased the car, Doug and Rodney said it needed some repairs done. We negotiated the price on this basis. They didn't tell us that the engine would have to be rebuilt or we would have lowered the price further. Make them pay for the engine repairs."

Doug and Rodney disagreed, "You Honour, we had the car examined before we sold it. We told Mason and Estelle exactly what the mechanic told us. They had every opportunity to check the car themselves. They bought the car in "as is" condition. That means they are responsible for it. Don't make us pay for the repairs."

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Canadians finish top-12 in Japan

TOKYO — While Yugoslavia and Italy met in the final of the World Volleyball Championships on Sunday, Nov. 29 Japan and Canada tried to avoid finishing last among the 12 teams that made the journey to the Japanese capital.



Jason Haldane

But a tired Canadian team continued to slide, falling in three sets (15-7, 15-10, 15-6) to Argentina, who Canada had beaten earlier in the three week-long tournament.

Canada dropped four of its five matches since upsetting Spain on Nov. 22. Its overall record was just 4-8.

Canada went in with much the same cast as in previous matches, the exception being Terry Martin, who made frequent appearances the final two sets. Coach Garth Pischke said the team had no choice but to go with the same lineup every time.

"I don't think we have the depth of some of the other teams here," he said, "So, we had to go with our starting six."

Martin did impress during his limited playing time, registering six kills and three blocks. Captain Jason Haldane, originally from Terrace, was the team leader with 16 kills.

Martin looked to be enjoying himself, too. "When you get some game time, you've got to bring some emotion off the bench," he explained. "It's a game, you

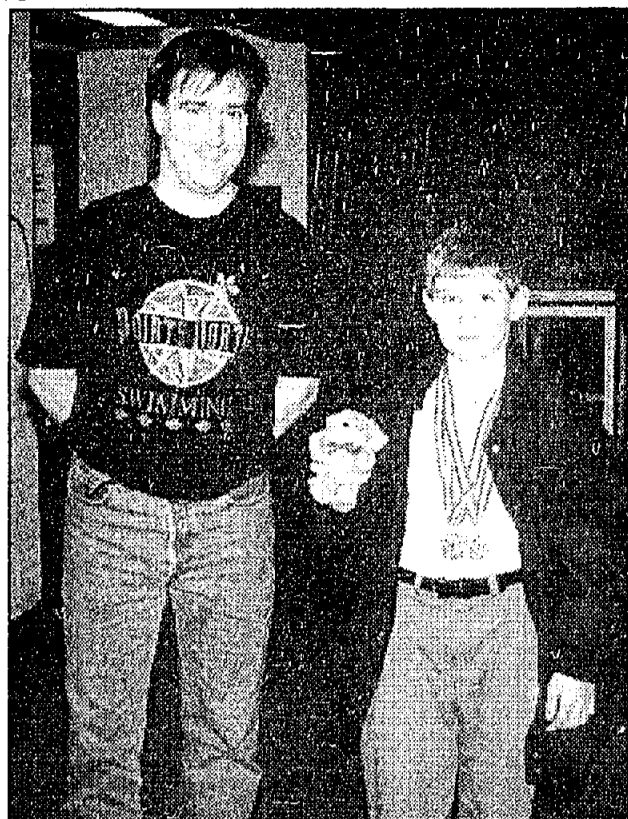
got to have fun."

Coach Pischke tried to put a positive spin on Canada's disappointing finish at the championships. He says we may have raised our sights too high after back-to-back wins over Argentina and Spain, which had been undefeated up until then.

"This was a very tough tournament for Canada," he said. "We came in hoping for a top-12 finish. We found out early we were a top-12 team."

"Then our goals changed a bit. Maybe we put a little too much pressure on ourselves."

Canada will now try to regroup for a very difficult year ahead. The team will reassemble in Winnipeg in May. In the succeeding months it will compete in the Pan-American Games, the World League and will also try to qualify for one of just 12 berths in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.



TRAINING TEAM: Thomas Demetzer and swim coach Mike Carlyle at a competition last season. Demetzer is one of the club's leading swimmers but will be leaving this winter in a move to Prince George.

Bluebacks lose top-10 swimmer

IT'S NOT as if the Blueback Swim Club wouldn't have lost Thomas Demetzer anyway.

But nobody thought it would happen so soon. Especially not his long-time coach, Mike Carlyle.

"It's a huge loss," said Carlyle.

Two weeks ago, Demetzer, now 13, was ranked as Canada's tenth best 200-metre backstroke for 11 and 12 year-old boys.

His nine top-50 rankings last season helped boost Points North, a joint team of Northwest swimmers, into 31st spot — it's best position yet this early in the season.

Carlyle says Demetzer is easy to train, focussed, and a hard worker. His dedication pushes others to do better and swim harder.

But Demetzer plans to move to Prince George in January because his dad, Harold Demetzer, is being transferred.

He would have eventually been drafted to the national-level training team in Victoria like Terrace predecessor Garth Coxford.

As a feeder club, the Bluebacks couldn't offer Demetzer the same amount of pool time or number of challenging competitors as Victoria, Carlyle said.

"We're still really ticked it had to happen so soon."

The Bluebacks also lose Demetzer's mother, Lois Demetzer, who is a member of the club's executive and is the club's chief fundraiser. Harold Demetzer is the club's only referee.

Sports Scope

Snow report

LAST WE HEARD, Shames ski hill plans on opening the slopes from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

Check out the hill's hotline at 638-8SKI for day-to-day updates and bring some cans of food for the food bank to ski for free. Last Saturday's snowfall charted 135 cm at the top of the hill and 60 cm at the lodge.

Also showing at the ski hill on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. will be *Free Riders*, a film by Warren Miller. Tickets are available at the Shames Office in Terrace or at the door.

Grizzlies top charts

WITH the NBA lockout and lack of wins at GM Place stadium in Vancouver, the Grizzlies are hardly ever associated with winning basketball games in B.C.

But in Terrace, the Grizzlies can call themselves champs of the minibasketball league after last week's final tournament. In second, third and fourth place were the Raptors, Bulls and Lakers. Anyone interested in helping out for next year's planned league expansion to include Grades 3 through 9 should call Cam Mackay or Scott Stewart at 635-6531.

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Indoor soccer

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Go jump in the lake

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