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New Skeena given a reprieve

Get money or buyer by Jan. 30, judge says

By JEFF NAGEL
NEW SKEENA Forest Products has been given two more months to either raise enough money to start up or else find a buyer to stave off bankruptcy.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Donald Brenner last week approved a twin-track strategy to find buyers while simultaneously allowing the owners to continue to pursue financing.

The judge set a deadline of Jan. 30 for offers and monitors at PricewaterhouseCoopers are to report back to the court on Feb. 9.

The sale process allows proposals to buy the company whole or piecemeal.

The monitors will also get estimates of how much could be raised through a total liquidation.

The Dec. 9 order keeps New Skeena under protection from its creditors under the Companies Creditors Arrangements Act.

If there's no successful sale or refinancing, the company faces bankruptcy and liquidation.

Northwest towns, including Terrace, must also return mobile equipment they seized last month from New Skeena. The judge rejected their arguments that the equipment could stay in place for now.

"I'm assuming it will go back very quickly," Terrace mayor Jack Talstra said of equipment that was moved to the city's public works yard.

"We don't want to carry the insurance

■ One mill does sell, Page A2.

■ Softwood deal affects company plans, Page A10.

on it any longer than we have to."

He said the court did confirm the towns have first charge over New Skeena land where property taxes are unpaid.

Talstra said the return date of Feb. 9 was part of an agreement reached by lawyers for the towns and New Skeena.

"It appears to bring some finality to this issue," Talstra said. "We know what has to be produced by that date. We

know where the parties stand. The judge seems to be inclined to bring closure to this issue sooner rather than later."

The first report of the monitor says another forest company has formally indicated serious interest in investing \$20 million in New Skeena.

That deal would be subject to NWBC and the other company raising a further \$30 million to provide a total \$50 million to restart the operations.

"We understand that NWBC and the industry investor have had discussions with a financial institution who has expressed a strong interest in participating in such funding," the monitor's report says.

Once a deal is signed it could take an extra two to three months to get the \$30 million, it says.

It says New Skeena is also in talks with two other parties aimed at raising a further \$55 million.

While the refinancing efforts could succeed, the report says "the prospects can best be described as speculative."

While some financial details have emerged from the court proceedings—including the shift in recent months of \$4.1 million out of New Skeena to NWBC—Talstra said there are still unknowns.

He noted there's no information on the finances of NWBC Timber and Pulp, the parent company that owns New Skeena and is its main secured creditor.

Talstra said while the monitors indicate Veniez has taken little salary from New Skeena, when expenses are added to that, "it's a nice chunk."



Hark!

ANGELS proclaim the birth of Jesus in one of seven vignettes at the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly's drive-through nativity last weekend. More than 50 actors were involved in portraying the living nativity held here for the first time. Motorists drove through the church's parking lot to visit each of the carefully crafted scenes.

SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

Youngsters given a chance to make history

YOUNG CHILDREN can get a taste of the future by attending the Dec. 21 time capsule event at Heritage Park.

Since the time capsule is being placed in the ground there with instructions to open it in 75 years, young children are being invited to attend the ceremony and then return to witness the digging up of the historical container in 2078.

"And what better way to mark both occasions, the one now and in the future, than to have your picture taken with the capsule," says 75th committee chairman Marilyn Davies.

"A picture taken now can go in the family album and become part of the family's historical record as the years go on," she said. Davies said the 75th anniversary committee is reinforcing the idea by

issuing a special invitation to young children and their parents.

"The time capsule is an excellent way to take a snapshot of this year in the city's history," said Davies. "Having somebody return in 75 years, with their photo and with their children or grandchildren, becomes part of that history."

The time capsule itself will have been placed and buried by the time of the Dec. 21 ceremony. Placed on top of it will be a large boulder to signify its presence and children can be photographed with the boulder.

The time capsule event is taking place in conjunction with an old-fashioned Christmas at Heritage Park beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 21.

The last items for the capsule are being inserted



MADE OF steel, the official City of Terrace's 75th anniversary time capsule is being filled with items prior to its placement in the ground at Heritage Park. Shown here are 75th committee members, from left to right, Yvonne Moen, capsule chair Willy Schneider, Brian Downie, Tony Jones, Betty Campbell, 75th committee chair Marilyn Davies and Denise Fisher.

into it this morning at Northwest Community College. Instructor Peter Haigh and his welding

students will then seal the capsule in preparation for its transport to Heritage Park. You'll find more about

what will be going on at Heritage Park on Dec. 21 by turning to Page B1 of this newspaper.

Runway work nudging close to \$3 million

THE COST of extending the main runway at the airport here is nudging close to the \$3 million mark, up from an original estimate of \$2.5 million.

Items such as moving fences, hydro-electric poles and beefing up the airport's electrical service weren't included in original calculations to add 1,500 feet to the main 6,000-foot runway, says Northwest Regional Airport manager Laurie Brown.

Contractors will also clear a longer area than what is needed immediately for the extension in anticipation some day of the need for an even longer runway, he said.

Also scheduled to be moved is some of the equipment connected with the instrument landing system installed just last year, but that cost was included in the original \$2.5 million figure, Brown added.

A final location for that equipment will be decided by an engineering firm hired by the airport. The plan is to be able to move the equipment past what is needed for the 1,500 extension and have it in place in anticipation of an even longer runway some day.

Although the cost has gone up, the society is going forward with its construction plan.

"We've secured financing up to that \$3 million level," said Brown.

Clearing a route for the longer runway is well on its way to being finished and Brown hopes a contractor to prepare and pave the extension will be selected by early February. "We'd like to be out first thing in the spring," he said of the projected work plan.

Airport society president Fraser Mackie said it is applying for a variety of federal and provincial grants in anticipation of reducing the amount of money that will have to be borrowed.

"We've pretty much got our oar in every pond," said Mackie.

"We continue to look for money wherever we can," he added.

There was a possibility of getting a provincial transportation grant from an amount allocated in this year's provincial budget, but the society has been told that most of that has already been committed.

In the meantime, the society has been asking for letters of support from local governments and other organizations it can then forward to the federal and provincial governments.

Mackie said the society can handle the expense of borrowing up to \$3 million.

But it is also banking on more revenue from increased passenger numbers by attracting new airline companies because of the longer runway.

The airport was criticized back in the spring, when it first announced plans for a longer runway, for wanting to expand to attract WestJet, thereby affecting locally-run Hawkair.

Officials have said a runway extension could mean attracting flights from overseas in addition to any anticipated domestic increase.

The search by the airport here for federal and/or provincial money comes at a time when the Prince George airport is making moves to expand.

In early fall it received a federal \$1.85 million softwood relief grant and two weeks ago was listed as the recipient of \$4 million from the sale of B.C. Rail to CN.

Prince George airport officials have their eye on more international cargo and passenger traffic and say a renovation and expansion project would cost \$15 million.

It's that kind of plan that has the airport here clearing land to possibly one day extend the runway to more than 8,000 feet.

Mackie said Terrace could be a logical stopover point for large cargo-carrying aircraft flying between Europe and Asia.

School trustees let loose at MLA over his remarks

By JENNIFER LANG

SO MUCH for a new working relationship with Skeena MLA Roger Harris, say school trustees who were floored to learn what the MLA had to say about how the school district should save money.

Harris, who met with trustees last month, recently told *The Terrace Standard* he doesn't think more money is necessarily the answer to the financial problems facing the district.

Trustees were surprised to learn the MLA still advocates selling or leasing closed schools, and prefers year-round schooling to the four-day school week introduced here to cut costs.

School board vice chair Nicole Bingham said she was stunned by Harris' remarks. "It floored me, to be honest," she told trustees.

"Mr. Harris sat here and said we are going to build a partnership, that this was going to be a new beginning," Bingham said.

She had hoped Harris would act as an advocate on behalf of the district's needs to the education ministry.

"It's very clear to me that Mr. Harris would like us to sell our schools," Bingham said. "I am not about to do that," she said.

Bingham said Harris has told the board student enrolment will increase here when the economy improves and more families move back.

"We will need those schools," she said.

Bingham was also concerned about Harris' and education minister Christy Clark's stance that school districts shouldn't introduce a four-day school week simply to save money.

"I don't think they understand our district," Bingham said. "I don't think they understand our needs. I don't think they give a damn."

Gary Turner, a former Thornhill trustee, was so alarmed by Harris' cost-cutting suggestions he went to the December school board meeting to urge the board to take action.

"When is it that you people are going to say, enough's enough?" asked Turner, who was unseated last year. "There's not enough money in the system."

Turner said the board should refuse to make any more cuts to education — even if it means being fired and replaced by a ministry-appointed trustee.

"This has been a brutal year," board chair Lorrie Gowen said, but she isn't prepared to run that risk.

"I am not about to hand my child over to the Liberal government," she said. "I'm stuck between a rock and a hard place."

Gowen said the board considered handing in two budgets last spring — a balanced budget and a so-called "needs" budget, but she doesn't know if the board will consider taking that action this year.

"It all comes down to an evaluation of the four-day school week," she said. "We'd make that decision once we get that in."

When the board introduced a four-day school week to save an anticipated \$1.4 million, trustees said they believed it would be less disruptive than simply closing more schools.

The board has turned down at least one request to sell Mountainview elementary and has not changed its official position that it won't lease closed schools to private schools.

Trustee Hal Stedham, meanwhile, was baffled by Harris' praise for the New Westminster school district, which opened up a school inside another school district.

"Can you imagine anything more ludicrous?" Stedham said. "He's from another planet."

Surrey firm buys Kitwanga mill

By JEFF NAGEL

NEW SKEENA Forest Products has struck a deal to sell its Kitwanga sawmill to Surrey-based Westex Alberta Ltd for \$6.5 million.

The terms of the deal, reached Dec. 5, create a big incentive for New Skeena to swiftly restart its idled Prince Rupert pulp mill.

That's because Westex would not have to pay \$3.5 million of the purchase price for Kitwanga Lumber if the pulp mill doesn't restart by Sept. 1, 2004.

Westex has already paid a \$500,000 non-refundable deposit and is to pay another \$2 million when the sale closes in January and another \$500,000 on May 31.

Westex Alberta Ltd. president Kumar Senthil said making more than half the purchase price contingent on the pulp mill's startup makes sense because about half of Kitwanga Lumber's revenue comes from the chips it produces.

With no running pulp mill, he said, the sawmill's revenue stream is greatly reduced and therefore it's worth less.

Senthil says Westex would far prefer to pay full price and see the pulp mill restart — whether under the present New Skeena ownership or under different owners.

An agreement between the firms guarantees New Skeena a supply of chips from Kitwanga.

Senthil said Westex plans to restart the Kitwanga sawmill around mid-January and have loggers back to work before then.

He said there are no immediate plans to change the mill, which employs 50 workers.

"We don't want to tinker around with the existing operations," he said, adding the mill could eventually add another shift and hire more workers.

Westex Alberta Ltd. is the export division of Westex Timber Mills, also of Surrey.

Westex is a wholesaler that has been buying lumber from Kitwanga, treating it with preservatives at a Langley plant and exporting the lumber to

Asian markets.

"We already have the market in place for the Kitwanga products," Senthil said.

Westex founder Mohinder Gill is a former Westar employee who once worked at mills in the upper Skeena area.

New Skeena's parent company, NWBC Timber and Pulp, would agree to make some of the pro-

ceeds from the Kitwanga sale available to keep New Skeena running for the short term.

Without that, New Skeena would run out of cash at its current rate by the end of January, court-appointed monitors with PricewaterhouseCoopers say.

The monitors' first report to the court says

they're satisfied New Skeena is making all efforts to keep costs under control and preserve cash.

"Twelve employees and contractors were laid off after the CCAA filing, and all current salaried personnel and contractors have accepted a 40 per cent wage reduction effective the date of the CCAA filing," the report says.

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Shelter offers Christmas meal

Workers expect a large demand

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

ON CHRISTMAS day dozens of people are expected to cram the sofas, chairs and dining room table at the Terrace emergency shelter.

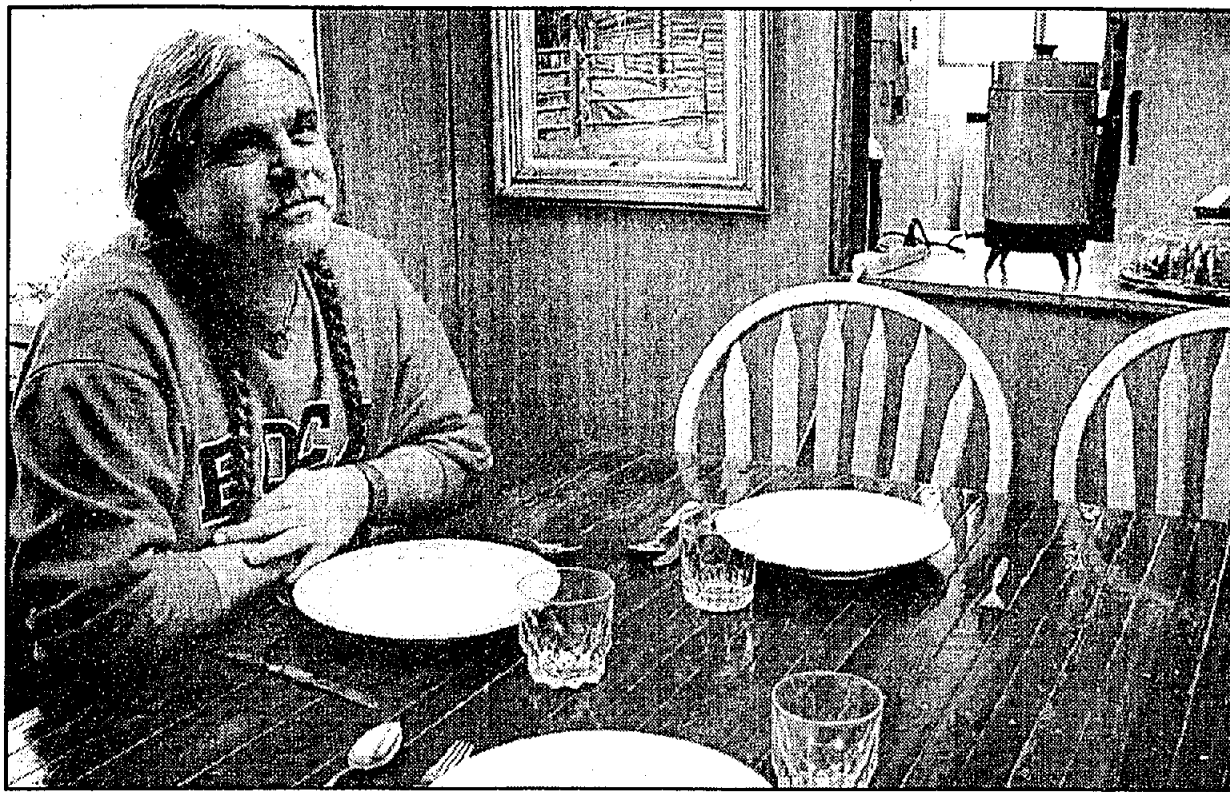
With a table that only seats six, people will eat their turkey dinner in shifts and find room to sit wherever they can.

Last year 50 people turned up at the shelter on Christmas day for a meal with all the trimmings — workers at the shelter expect that number to balloon this year.

The anticipation of more mouths to feed is based in part on the huge number of people who turned out to the shelter for Thanksgiving dinner, says shelter worker Blaine Stensgaard. This year more than 150 people went to the shelter, many of whom were young families and teenagers.

"There are a lot of people here who are having a very hard time finding jobs," says Stensgaard. "They just aren't there for them."

To prepare for the meal, the shelter is looking to the public for food dona-



BLAINE STENSGAARD and other workers at the Terrace Emergency Shelter hope the kitchen table will be loaded down with Christmas dinner on Dec.

tions to make sure they can feed everyone who arrives.

Stensgaard estimates the shelter will need at least five or six turkeys, potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, frozen vegetables, homemade pies or desserts and any canned goods.

"And bread, we always need bread," Stensgaard says.

Leftovers from Christmas parties are also more than welcome at the shelter — it is open 24 hours a

day. It's one more way fresh food can be put on the table.

In addition to food for Christmas dinner, the shelter is always in need of canned goods, frozen food and even toiletries.

The shelter provides shampoo, conditioner, razors and shaving cream to its guests — those types of items are always a welcome bonus, otherwise it comes out of the shelter's food budget.

This year's Christmas dinner will be especially

important to people at the shelter. That's because it's being dedicated to Robert Wesley, a Terrace man who died in October just a week after being beaten up.

Wesley earned his living by collecting bottles. But his friends, family and workers at the emergency shelter say he will be remembered most for his generosity.

"He could be looked at as an inspirational kind of guy," says Stensgaard, saying though Wesley collected bottles he still managed to keep his own apartment and put food on the shelves.

It wasn't unusual for Wesley to share whatever he had with anyone else in need, Stensgaard says.

"He was always giving stuff away even though he had so little."

Anyone interested in donating to the emergency shelter or volunteering to help serve Christmas dinner can call 635-5891.

News In Brief

Voters sought

NOBODY KNOWS when Prime Minister Paul Martin is going to call the next election, but federal elections officials are already working at a expanding the voters list.

They're doing so by mailing out more than 1.5 million registration forms, 400,000 of those are in B.C., to confirm that those people contacted are eligible to vote in the next election.

"It is our mission to keep the National Register of Voters as accurate, complete and up to date as possible," said Canadian chief electoral officer Jean-Pierre Kingsley.

Those being contacted are tax filers who, on their tax forms, consented to have Elections Canada add them to the registry of voters. But now they must confirm they are Canadian citizens.

Pay up or else, says school district

THE SCHOOL board says it's time to pay up or get off the bus.

Private schools and post secondary institutions will be hit with bills from the school district asking them to pay for students riding Coast Mountains school buses.

The school board decided to crack down on riders who aren't technically eligible to ride the school bus by charging them money — to help recoup costs and provide a more accurate picture of the district's eligible riders.

When in September just one such ineligible rider had paid, the board decided to send a letter reminding private school students who want to ride a Coast Mountains school bus to pay up.

The grace period is officially over, trustees decided Dec. 3.

Instead of billing individual riders, independent schools and post secondary institutions will be billed \$500 for each non-eligible full time student and \$250 for each part time student caught on a district school bus.

Highway blocked

A SEMI-TRAILER which lost control on slippery roads caused the closure of Highway 16 east of Terrace for more than four hours Dec. 6.

Police say the rig lost control due to poor road conditions and went off the road hitting a rock face.

The trailer slid sideways across the highway blocking west and eastbound traffic until emergency crews and a tow truck could arrive at the scene and move the vehicle.

The driver, who police say was driving on northern B.C. roads for the first time, was transferred to Mills Memorial Hospital, treated and released.

The Dec. 6 accident happened at 2 p.m. near Flint Creek, about 65 km east of Terrace. The road reopened at 6:10 p.m.

No charges are being recommended by police and no other vehicles were involved in the accident.

Costly health worker injuries targeted

THE NORTHERN Health Authority and the Workers' Compensation Board are spending nearly \$300,000 to cut down on injuries to health care workers.

Most of the money will go to buying lift devices so nurses and other employees can move patients without the chances of injuring themselves.

Injuries resulting in lost time cost hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, say health care officials. Lost time also puts a strain on an already short supply of nurses, added Mark Karjaluto of the Northern Health Authority.

There are lift devices at Mills Memorial and Terraceview Lodge in Terrace already, but

not all of them are suited for moving patients safely, he said.

"It's a matter of putting the right lift together with the right bed," added Karjaluto. Some ceiling lift devices can cost as much as \$7,000.

Mills recorded 49 claims amounting to 3,690 lost days costing \$488,000 between 1997 and 2002, he said. Terraceview racked up a similar bill for 39 claims totalling 3,261 lost days for the same period.

Trimming lost time injuries will not only keep workers healthy, but cut down on overtime and other costs incurred when other employees have to fill in while injured workers

are off, Karjaluto said.

The lift device program is one of a series of efforts underway by the health authority to reduce overall staffing costs.

The installation of patient lifts at the Pouce Coupe Care Home near Dawson Creek has resulted in the elimination of time loss injuries related to patient handling. In the eight months prior to the installation the facility averaged three incidents per month, indicate figures gathered by the health authority.

As well as the lift device program, the Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare is spending \$300,000 in the north to prevent injuries and speed recovery time.

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Jack's way

ROGER HARRIS should send Terrace mayor Jack Talstra an extra special Christmas card.

That's because Mr. Talstra's suggestion the city might join in on the pending lawsuit between Kitimat and Alcan offers an ingenious solution for all concerned, especially for Mr. Harris.

First, a recap. Alcan now produces more power than it is using to smelt aluminum at its Kitimat smelter. It already sells a portion of its surplus and has been quite clear it wishes to sell more.

Kitimat council fears substantial job loss should Alcan expand its power sales and even goes as far to suggest Alcan might forgo its smelting business altogether and become a pure hydro-electric power marketer.

So Kitimat council is forcing the issue via a lawsuit asking for a definition of the phrase "in the vicinity of the Works" that's contained in the 1950 provincial legislation which permitted Alcan to construct its Kemano hydro-electric generating capacity. "The Works" is Alcan's smelter and the phrase, Kitimat council suggests, pretty much means the company must use its power locally and not have it exported to the outside.

This isn't the kind of thing Mr. Harris - or his government - needs right now. There is precious little good economic news in the northwest and the thought of a municipality targeting the region's largest private sector employer sends a bad message to the business community.

But Mr. Talstra says Terrace might join the lawsuit, asking that the phrase "in the vicinity of the Works" be expanded to include Terrace.

In doing so, Mr. Talstra would argue that Terrace is as much a part of Alcan's natural area of operations as is Kitimat. Substantial numbers of Alcan employees live in Terrace and its businesses sell millions in goods and services to the aluminum giant.

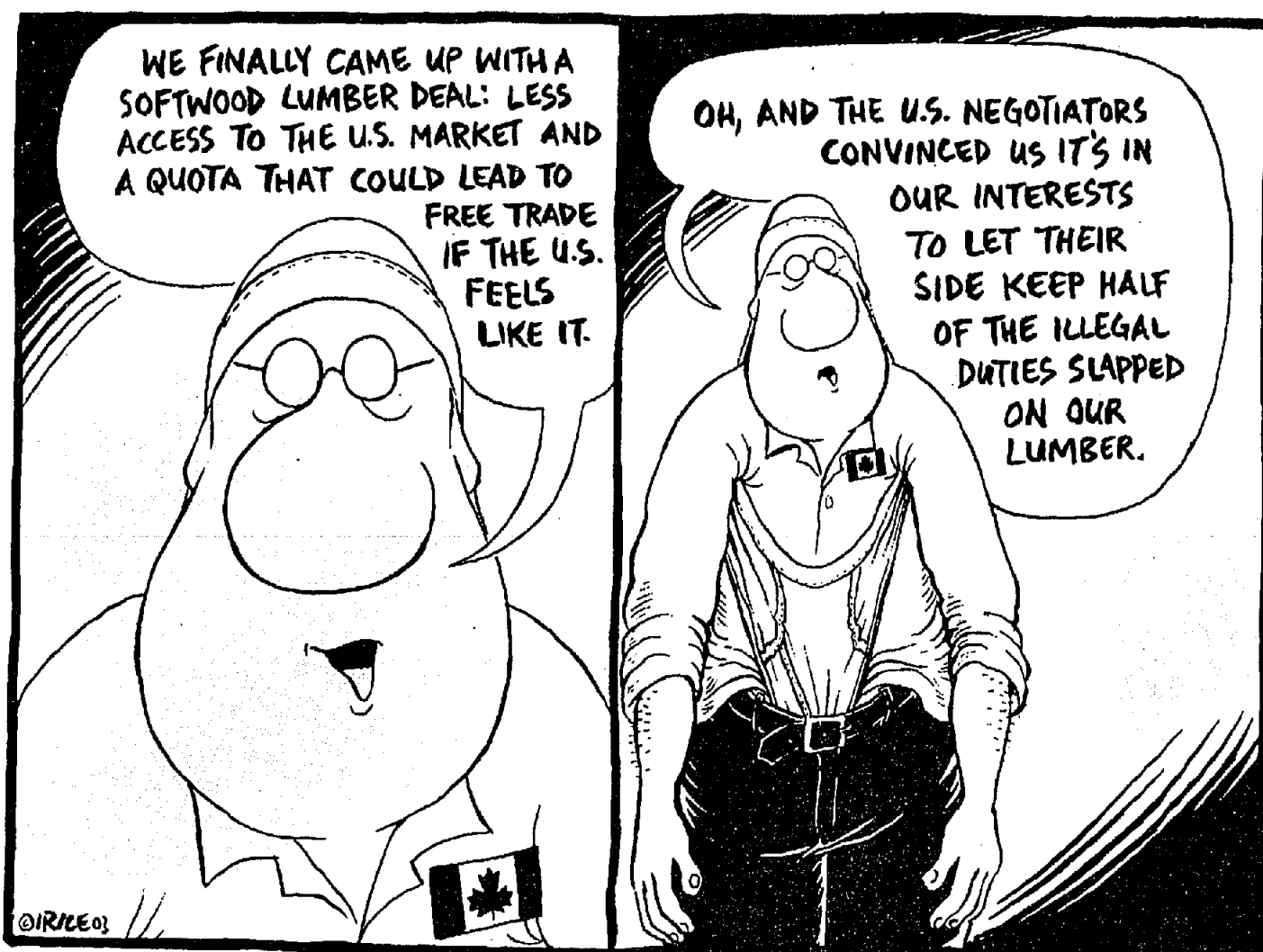
Politically, this would move the dispute from a purely Kitimat vs. Alcan confrontation, offering the start of a practical solution for a negotiated settlement as compared to a court-ordered one.

It geographically expands Kitimat's contention that local power be used locally. It has the possibility of attracting new business by creating an area where cheap hydro power is available, close to existing Kitimat port facilities and close to the pending Prince Rupert container port.

Alcan should be happy with Mr. Talstra's plan because it would offer a framework for attracting customers for its power without the kind of nasty fight that could otherwise result.

Mr. Harris and his government would come out way ahead by moving on this idea.

It's classic Jack Talstra politics. Don't take sides. Be all things to all people. A perfect platform for a person thinking of higher political office. A power broker in every sense of the word.



Small classes don't mean much

VICTORIA - I never did believe that small class sizes translate into better education, and now it seems that researchers agree with that assessment.

New studies by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have shown that class size is a less important factor than others in the learning process.

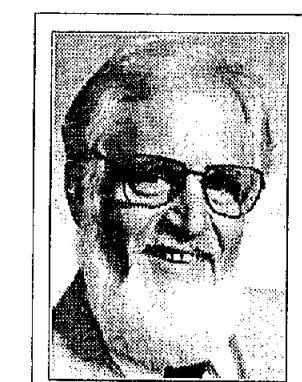
Doug Willms, director of the University of New Brunswick's Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy, led the OECD project.

He says class size makes a small difference but doesn't have a substantial effect. "There are other kinds of interventions that can have much more powerful effects," he says.

These other interventions include improving relations between teachers and students, hiring literacy specialists, teaching educators better classroom management, and encouraging parents to read to their children starting at an early age.

To that I would add naked fear of teachers on the students' part. I'm kidding. Well, actually, I'm only half-kidding.

When I went through the education system in post-war Germany, class sizes, even in the upper grades, were around



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40 to 45. There were a number of reasons for this.

For one thing, there was a shortage of teachers, many of whom had been killed during the war.

The other reason was that school buildings were in short supply. Most of them, in the cities at least, had been reduced to rubble during air raids.

And yes, we feared our teachers. But that fear was not one of punishment, which teachers also doled out occasionally and which we accepted quite willingly, even proudly, but one of not being able to gain the respect of our teachers.

One raised eyebrow, one sarcastic remark by a teacher, musing about your unlikely

success in life was more devastating than a slap in the face which you richly deserved for some insolent and childish prank.

So, in spite of class sizes that would have today's teachers' unions manning the barricades, we did get an excellent education.

When the system was through with me after 12 years, I spoke English and French fluently, was able to read Roman authors (Sallust, Ovid, Caesar) in Latin, and had a good grasp of what the world was all about.

Compare that to the constant lament of university educators who say that students entering university are virtually illiterate.

Class size is the modern teacher's or rather the teachers' union's best friend. The smaller the classes, the more teachers are needed. The campaign for smaller class sizes is mostly a job-creation program.

Take Ontario, where the Liberals are promising to cap elementary classroom sizes. They peg the cost at \$375 million, but the Tories put it at \$1.6 billion. The initiative would mean that 5,400 new teachers have to be hired, not to mention the additional buildings the would have to be constructed.

Even more bizarre is

California's experience. In the early 1990s, that state capped all class sizes from Kindergarten to Grade 3 at 20.

By 1996, the initiative had cost the taxpayers an estimated US\$5 billion and required the hiring of more than 30,000 teachers. True, student performance has increased, but only slightly, and not in keeping with the additional cost.

The above-quoted Dr. Willms believes that New Brunswick is going in the right direction. That province has not included smaller class sizes in its overhaul of the education system.

Instead, this month, school boards will get new teachers, all of them literacy specialists who will provide intensive reading and writing practice.

What has always puzzled me is the ease with which parents have been enlisted in the battle for smaller class sizes. Don't they ever look at their tax bill?

The unquestioning public belief that when it comes to class size, smaller is better is reminiscent of the pigs' "four legs better than two legs," in Orwell's Animal Farm.

As the pigs found out, it ain't necessarily so.

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MPs need to buckle down

PRINCE RUPERT city councillor Kathy Bedard asks that we all write to our member of parliament urging Ottawa to raise the age of consent from its current 14 to 16. Anyone who cares about children will give Bedard's request enthusiastic support.

Now, children as young as 14 can legally engage in sexual activity with an adult. Yet their parents have no legal means to discourage or restrain their children from doing so.

This puts kids under the age of 16 at the mercy of sexual predators.

Ottawa needs more whipping than a mule to accomplish anything worthwhile. Witness the many long awaited bills allowed to die when parliament recently prorogued. Bills to govern reproduction, crime, and countless other areas of concern to citizens. Bills parliament spent months debating, only to let them die by going home early for Christmas.

Imagine how long we'd have our jobs if we never finished an assignment to the point where it



THROUGH BIFOCALS
CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

could be sold and charged out? Bet we'd be job hunting real soon.

Ottawa, though, debates, holds committee hearings, then goes off to a party letting everything die. Still MPs claim they've slaved for us.

Parliament closed early this year so everyone could work on the re-election. The Liberals crowned Paul Martin after years

of pretending to select him.

And two opposition parties joined ranks with one hand while holding their nose with the other, all in the hope uniting will help them defeat the Liberals in the next federal election.

Interviewed Dec. 8 on CBC Radio, veteran Progressive Conservative Flora McDonald complained that the merger vote had been rushed to limit any risk delegates might re-think their support and vote 'No' to the merger.

Flora is an old political hand, and served in Ottawa through troubling times. I respect her as a person of principle and integrity. For her to oppose this PC/Canadian Alliance merger warns me of trouble ahead.

Add the fact Joe Clark has parted company with the merged party tells me I'm not alone in avoiding the new party.

How can someone denigrate a person one day, then honestly respect them the next? For years the PCs and Alliance have spent more time being nasty to each other than attending to their

elected tasks.

I won't vote for a government that lost millions and can't account for it; cabinet ministers flying on private jets when their travel dollars could bolster struggling commercial airlines; and collected millions of unemployment dollars from workers who cannot qualify to collect if they are ever laid off.

The Liberals have scooped billions from GST and handed it out without checks or balances to make sure it is being well spent. In many cases our tax dollars have been squandered on frivolous endeavours devoid of public usefulness or accountability.

Despite plenty of talk, the Liberals have done nothing about lenient court sentences, establishing a DNA data bank of sexual offenders, or curbing everyday crime with mandatory minimal sentences.

With one less party to insult, perhaps raising the age of consent to 16 will be within the limited focus of our members of parliament.



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Bomber wreck a time capsule to the Cold War

Ottawa museum to create new exhibit

By JEFF NAGEL

CHIPPING AWAY at ice high on Mt. Kologet, atomic weapons specialist John Clearwater found his buried treasure.

Entombed under a white blanket lay the mangled wreckage of a U.S. Air Force B-36 bomber that went down one February night in 1950 after its crew jettisoned its atomic bomb over Hecate Strait and bailed out.

Late this summer the old warbird gave up more of her secrets.

Clearwater spent a week at the site in the Kispiox mountains in late August, pulling half-century old artifacts loose from the melting slush.

"There were handkerchiefs - folded and pressed," Clearwater recounts. "I saw folded underwear and white shirts."

"There were absolutely stunning things there - survival kits, suit cases - things that had just come out of the ice this summer. Nobody had seen this stuff before."

The wreck has been picked over by scavengers for several years. Long gone - and now in private homes in B.C. and the U.S. - are items like the bomber's 20-millimetre cannons and

the ammunition that fed those machine guns.

Even the "birdcage", a device that housed the plutonium core needed to arm the A-bomb and that could still have residual radiation, is now said to be in a U.S. man's home.

But to Clearwater's expert eye, there were still clues confirming the wreck's status as the first Broken Arrow - the U.S. military classification for an accident involving nuclear weapons.

"We did find conclusive evidence of the atomic bomb on site," he said. "I was able to pick up specific items related to the bomb."

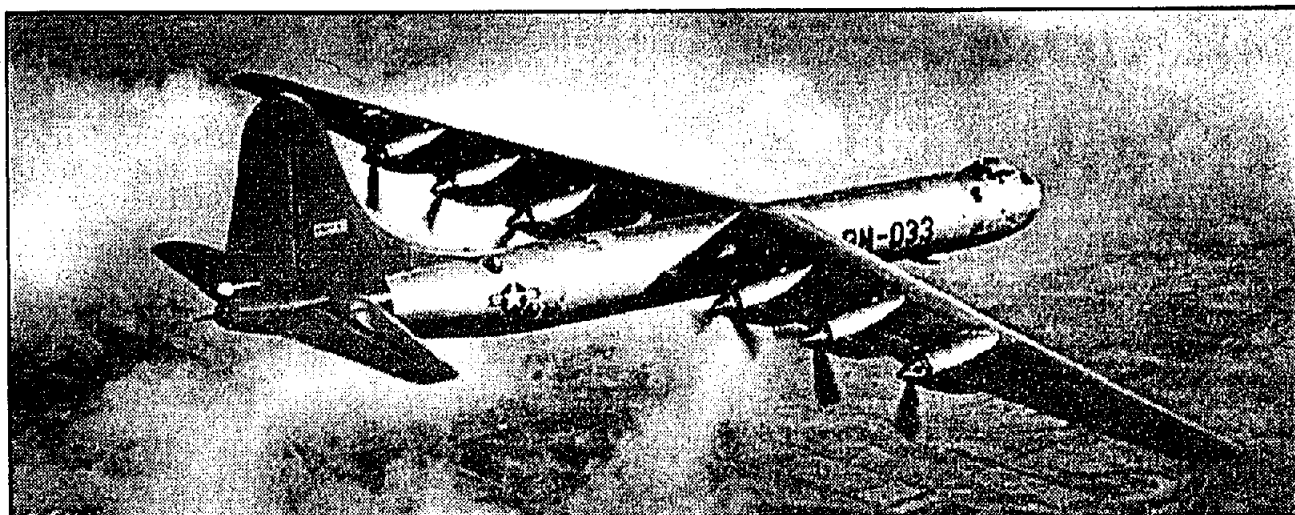
The smallest find was a food tin with its lid twisted off.

"It was somebody's last meal before they jumped out of that plane," he said.

The 36 items Clearwater recovered have been taken to Ottawa, where they will go on display in the Diefenbunker - Canada's Cold War museum.

Right now the only mention of the incident at the former government bunker turned museum is a newspaper clipping.

But Diefenbunker curators say they will mark the historic crash with a



A B-36 BOMBER crashed north of Kitwanga in 1950 after jettisoning its atomic bomb over Hecate Strait. The "Broken Arrow" incident will be featured in a new exhibit at the Diefenbunker - Canada's Cold War museum.

complete exhibit in its own room that will open next September.

"This is extremely significant," Clearwater said. "This is the world's first Broken Arrow and it set the mold for years to come."

When another U.S. bomber ran into trouble over eastern Canada nine months later, it followed the same procedures when it dropped its bomb over the St. Lawrence River before limping on to land at an airstrip in Maine.

Unlike past visitors, Clearwater's expedition was the first to get advance approval from the province's heritage conservation branch.

Artifacts removed in the past by Terrace residents and others technically amounts to the illegal looting of a heritage wreck, banned under provincial law.

Even with his paperwork in order, some locals weren't happy with the visit.

"I encountered major opposition

from people who didn't want a national museum coming in," Clearwater said, adding he tried to ease fears that the Diefenbunker would move the entire wreck to Ottawa.

"We don't want the airplane," he said. "Our interest was in the Cold War aspect and the bomb aspect."

"We did find conclusive evidence of the atomic bomb on site."

The incident has long fascinated historians and aviation buffs.

The plane itself was unusual. At a wingspan of 69 metres, the B-36 was the largest bomber the U.S. military ever built. And it was powered by six unusual backward-mounted "pusher type" propeller engines.

The biggest mystery is how the huge bomber flew from Princess Royal

Island - where the crew bailed out - more than 300 kilometres further north with half its engines afire. The crash site, Clearwater notes, is actually higher than the altitude where the crew bailed out.

Some also wonder whether the plutonium core to make the A-bomb live was on board when the plane took off, and if so, what happened to it. It wasn't on the bomb when it was dropped, because it produced only a high explosive, not a nuclear, blast in that dark rainy night over the ocean.

Clearwater won't speculate further based on what he saw here.

But expect to watch all the theories of the crash analyzed when the incident comes to the Discovery Channel next year.

Edmonton-based filmmaker Michael Jorgensen, who has shot documentaries for the PBS Nova series, is filming the one-hour television documentary "Lost Nuke."

Deadly 1952 plane crash memorialized

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

THE STORY of 36 US servicemen killed after a plane crash off Sandspit more than 50 years ago is something of a mystery.

Little information about the doomed January 18, 1952 flight can be found on the internet, in air force archives or even archives with the Canadian Transportation and Safety Board.

But several years ago the story hit home with a Terrace RCMP officer who was then posted in Sandspit, a small town on the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Thanks to his initiative many more people know the story of the tragic crash.

The DC4 plane, owned by Northwest Orient Airlines but being operated by the US Military Air Transport Service, was carrying US servicemen on their way home from the Korean war on compassionate leave - coming home to families with sick or dying relatives, explains Cnst. Ted Luscombe.

He first heard the story more than three years ago when he was posted in Sandspit.

As he knows it, the a four-engine aircraft carrying 43 people, including crew, were en route from Elmendorf Air force base in Anchorage, Alaska to Seattle when it lost power to one of its engines early on in the midnight flight.

The nearest landing strip was at the tiny Sandspit airport. The pilot, struggling with poor visibility due to a snowstorm apparently overshot the runway while trying to land. The plane touched down and tried to take off again, but weighed down with wet, heavy snow it couldn't and plunged into the ocean - closer to shore than any of the passengers could have imagined.



AN RCMP officer lays a wreath at the memorial to fallen Canadian soldiers and 36 US servicemen who perished after a 1952 military transport plane crash off Sandspit. FILE PHOTO COURTESY QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS OBSERVER

"Had they known where they were they could have swam to a point where they could have walked to shore, but of course they were in a blinding snowstorm and it was windy," says Cnst. Luscombe. "Although the main body of the air-

port sunk, they were still able to clamber up onto the tail."

Unable to judge where they were in relation to shore, 36 passengers clinging to the wreckage eventually died of exposure and hypothermia -

none of them died from the impact of the crash.

"That's the sad part of the whole thing," says Luscombe, a 20-year veteran and former Captain in the Canadian Army.

A few hours later, a man in a rowboat from Sandspit made his out to the wreckage to find seven hypothermic survivors clinging to life.

"That's only by good fortune that somebody in Sandspit brought the small boat - they could see these flashlights waving out in the ocean where they shouldn't be," he says.

The offer was made to take the men to shore two at a time - they all couldn't fit into the tiny boat.

"They all agreed that it was all or none. The worst ones got in the boat and the rest of them slipped into the ocean and hung on to the boat," Luscombe says. It didn't take long to reach shore.

They all lived - the only survivors of a bizarre accident that didn't necessarily have to end in so much death. The tale touched Cnst. Luscombe, who found it hard to believe the tragic story of the fallen soldiers wasn't more widely known.

In 2001 he decided to erect a memorial to the victims of flight 324 and to Canadian soldiers who have died in the line of duty.

After rallying the local community, a huge boulder marked with two brass plaques, was placed in front of the Sandspit airport as a memorial. November 11, 2001, 200 people - more than a third of Sandspit's entire population - gathered at the memorial to mark Remembrance Day.

"That was amazing - the amount of people who showed up for Armistice Day," Luscombe says.

Industrial rezoning withdrawal shows that democracy works

Dear Sir:

On Tuesday November 25 2003 a public hearing was held at the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine office in Terrace to discuss an application by Allan Webber to change the low density rural zoning of his property on the west side of Hwy16 east opposite the Copper-side Estates subdivision to resource industrial for the purposes of establishing a log sort and saw milling operation.

A large delegation of residents from the subdivision and the surrounding area and other user groups turned out to voice their opposition to the proposed rezoning.

Their main concern was the noise and dust from machinery thereby reducing the quality of living and property values in the nearby residential areas and at the very popular recreation area of the Copper River delta.

Another major concern was the danger the increased number of logging trucks and work vehicles would pose on a very dangerous and busy curved section of the highway. Three fatalities have occurred over the past 10 years on this section of highway.

On the same side of the highway, about 300 meters from the proposed development site, is a large fishing lodge. The Zymoetz (Copper) River nearby is a Class 2 Water where myself and other fishing guides carry out a key part of our business. The area is used extensively by resident and non-resident anglers and by many residents of Copper-side subdivision and outlying areas for recreational activities.

With the property in question being located in the flood plain there was the possibility that saw mill wastes including oils, gas and other contaminants could be washed or leached into the Zymoetz and the mainstem Skeena River.

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Because of the opposition from the residents in the area, the proponent and his immediate family who also live in Copper-side, decided that it was more important to get along with their neighbours than go ahead with the development and to the amazement of everyone, withdrew their application.

The majority of those in attendance were relieved and very appreciative of the unexpected withdrawal of the re-zoning application by Mr. Webber. Even the regional district staff and directors were taken by surprise, as ultimately they were the ones who would have to decide on the change in zoning.

It showed a rare and thoughtful outcome on the part of the proponent that averted a potentially nasty and divisive situation had the zoning been approved. Most shook hands and for many it was a happy ending.

It must be pointed out that those in attendance at the public meeting were unanimous in their support for the concept of a log sort and saw milling operation, but made it clear that it had to be located at a more appropriate industrial zoned location.

Two suggestions were the lands currently owned or leased by New Skeena Forest Products and the area near the airport that is being proposed for industrial use. The regional

district staff and directors stated they would help Mr. Webber where possible to find a more appropriate location.

The most disappointing part of the application was our MLA Roger Harris writing a letter in support of the project which was read out at the meeting. It is his responsibility to consider all constituents, by talking or consulting with them and looking very closely at the implications to everyone in the area before he puts his signature to a development of this magnitude.

I am not aware of him meeting with Copper-side area residents and he certainly did not meet with the lodge operator, fishing guides or all the other recreational users of the area.

The Terrace area is desperate for new employment and business opportunities but not at any cost. Sound planning and careful decision making must be a priority. Any thing less will lead to chaotic land use decisions that will have long term negative implications that few will be happy with.

It makes no sense to ignore legitimate residential and social values along with other established economic endeavours, regardless how insignificant they may appear to be in comparison with new and larger development proposals.

Jim Culp, Terrace, B.C.

Home school concept is not all that it seems

Dear Sir:

Roger Harris's musings on how our school district might cut costs by attracting home schooled students, (*The Terrace Standard*, Dec. 3, 2003) warrants further investigation.

What Mr. Harris says may be basically accurate but he did not, in my opinion, tell the whole story.

The New Westminster district appears to have chosen to specialize to a degree in home school support and that is why they were sought out by the Bowen Island group. Not the other way around, as Mr. Harris suggests.

An article from a New Westminster paper, *The Record*, Aug. 7, 2003 states that, "School districts receive \$5,300 from the Ministry of Education for each child enrolled in a home school program. While the students learn at home with their parents, districts are required to provide support teachers and support materials."

Further on in the article, Michael Ewen, a trustee for the district is quoted, "because the home schoolers do not require physical buildings and clerical staff, school districts can make money on them."

Is Mr. Harris suggesting that it is desirable for school districts to download the task of daily education to some parents, take only a supporting role, and reap the funding windfall from these "low-maintenance" students?

I doubt that in this district there are many families that can afford or have the expertise to have a parent take on the home schooling role.

Unfortunately, the behaviour of this government, by choking funding to the rural areas may drive some individuals or communities to just that end.

What a bonus, and how neatly it fits into the current agenda of dismantle and privatize.

Michael Bruce,
Terrace, B.C.

Schools need money and not 'creativity'

Dear Sir:

It's really quite simple and a surprise no one ever thought of it before. "Creativity, not money, will help out public school system, says MLA," (*The Terrace Standard*, Dec. 3, 2003.)

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I notice the same solution, with different language, is offered to the folks in Kitimat who are concerned about Alcan selling Kemano power rather than using it for smelting aluminum and the maintenance of employment levels in Kitimat.

When the Olympic bid committee wanted a few billion dollars of commitment to ensure a successful bid for the 2010 Olympics, was the Olympic bid committee told that "creativity, not money" will solve the problem?

Not on your life. That advice only applies to us mortals. That advice doesn't even apply to the government for when confronted with a self-inflicted revenue shortfall due to tax cuts that went mostly to the very rich, they increased our MSP payments by 50 percent, Pharmacare, gas taxes by 3 cents a gallon, PST rates, students tuition, and a host of other fees.

They could have avoided much of the economic devastation by telling the B.C. business leaders clamouring for a tax cut that creativity not money was the solution.

All governments talk about education as an investment in the future. They claim that youth is the future but rarely do they insult the people working in the public school system who every day try to do more with less.

There is more creativity shown in the classrooms of B.C. schools than is ever shown by politicians like Mr. Harris. More private schools, home schooling, e-learning - we used to call them teaching machines in the '60's - is not new and, it is not creative.

It comes from an obsession with the

bottom-line and when the bottom-line is ideologically pre-determined the suggestion for "creativity not money" from those working at delivering education is outrageous. This obsession with the bottom line also promotes a social Darwinism that should be unacceptable in a civilized and wealthy country.

In case Mr. Harris has forgotten let me quote the following: "Honestly balance the budget, without cutting funding for health care or education." That promise from the Liberals' New Era document has been broken like so many others.

Any suggestion that the government has provided the same basket of education services that existed before their election is an illusion that satisfies only the most desperate of the Liberal ranks.

At most point in the delivery of any service money, not creativity, is the solution. Education has reached that point and unless you spend all your time in the rarified air of legislature, you know it too.

Helmut Giesbrecht, Terrace, B.C.



Helmut Giesbrecht

A thank you to Terrace

Dear Sir:

I was recently in Terrace to attend the funeral service of our dearest brother-in-law and son-in-law, John Critchley, and carried with me the sorrow of the entire Delaney family here in South Africa as well as the sympathies of the many friends that John, Diane and family have in South Africa.

It is impossible for me to adequately express in words just how much comfort I derived from the fact that the Terrace community stands ready to provide all the love and guidance that Diane and the children will need in the months ahead, and that the support structure that is in place will provide them with the stability that they will need.

I have assured my Mom and Dad that all is well, and they are now at peace

knowing that the family is being looked after by the community.

I have also tried to walk them through the service and the wake at the golf club in an effort to explain just to what lengths the people of Terrace went to to say goodbye to John.

If I have learned a lesson from this trip, it is that it does not matter how small a community is, what matters is that if people work towards a common cause, and if people really care for one another, then there is nothing that the community cannot achieve.

My sincere and humble thanks to everybody who stepped up to the plate in Diane's hour of need.

Bert Delaney,
Durban, South Africa

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Don't blame the trustees for the state of school system

Dear Sir:

On the front page of the Dec. 3 2003 issue of *The Terrace Standard* Skeena MLA Roger Harris attacked the Coast Mountains School District Board of Trustees.

His attack started with the board contracting out or leasing off our schools to private schools. It is clear Mr. Harris does not support the public school system. Also why would we want to do that.

Remember the Liberal election promises that the area was going to boom and we were all going to be rich. We are going to need those schools when the boom starts. The Liberals have stated "if you want quality people you have to pay them good wages," so he want us to contract out the education of our children to the lowest bidder. If you want quality education you also have to pay for it and the Liberals clearly don't want to pay for quality education.

Mr. Harris goes on to say about the four-day school week "you should be making decisions that are academically driven." We at Coast Mountains school district would love to, but Mr. Harris's Liberal government will not fund decisions that are academically driven.

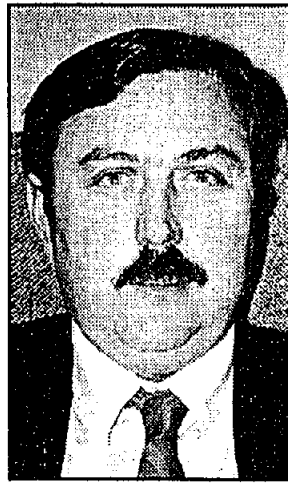
He goes on to attack me by stating "he blames the district's financial woes on the Liberal government." Let's look at this. The 60 school districts in the province did not legislate the 7.5 percent wage increase for teachers then refuse to fund it. The school districts said if there was no money to pay the wage increase we would not negotiate it. The Coast Mountains School District spends about \$40 million on wages and 7.5 per cent of that is pretty close to \$5 million, the amount the Coast Mountains school district had to cut. WCB, hydro, gas

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and other increases all not funded by the Liberals.

Then he goes on talking about the New Westminster School District setting up a school in the basement of a church in another school district. It sounds interesting in Mr. Harris's mind, so all the Coast Mountains school district has to do is set up a school in the basement of a church in the Prince Rupert school district. And all the Prince Rupert school district has to do is set up a school in the basement of a church in the Coast Mountains school district. And all our financial woes are gone? Perhaps Mr. Harris should spend his time trying to get high paying jobs for the workers in his riding instead of aligning himself with people who are suing the Coast Mountains school district.



Peter King

Peter G. King, Trustee, Coast Mountains School District, Kitimat B.C.

Stat shopping vote needed

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to Bob Erb's comments in his letter to the editor in *The Terrace Standard* of Dec. 3, 2003.

What we need here in our community is for the stat holiday question to go to referendum. Then you will know for sure what the people who live and work here in Terrace really want instead of spouting off about things you know little or nothing about.

There are still many people mad about Sunday shopping, for your information.

The Chamber of Commerce got together 64 per cent or approximately 192 businesses willing to sign a questionnaire stating that they thought it was a good idea for all businesses to have the right to be open on stat holidays. First, just the three summer ones, and not their businesses, of course, just the big box retail ones. So the 850 signatures collected beats the 192 in my book.

Had I not been ordered by the Skeena Mall to quit petitioning on their property I sure would have collected a heck of a lot more.

I give Lynne Christiansen credit for having morals and principles and standing up for what she believes in. One of the very few council members with a heart.

Being open on statutory holidays has nothing to do with anything but greed. Family life is being tossed aside for the almighty dollar sign.

Had you bothered to show up at any of the council meetings in September or October, Mr. Erb, you would have heard who the local businesses in Terrace were who prefer to stay closed on stat holidays.

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Diane Pipe, Terrace, B.C.

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William (Skip) Guthrie, Terrace, B.C.

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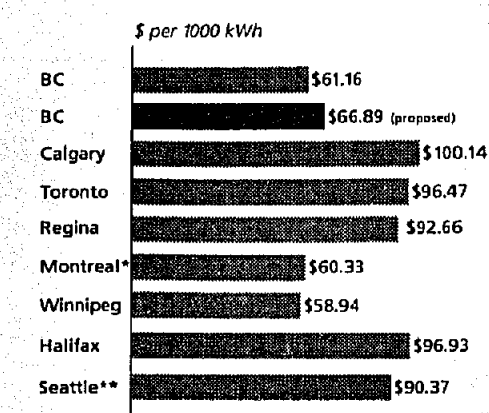


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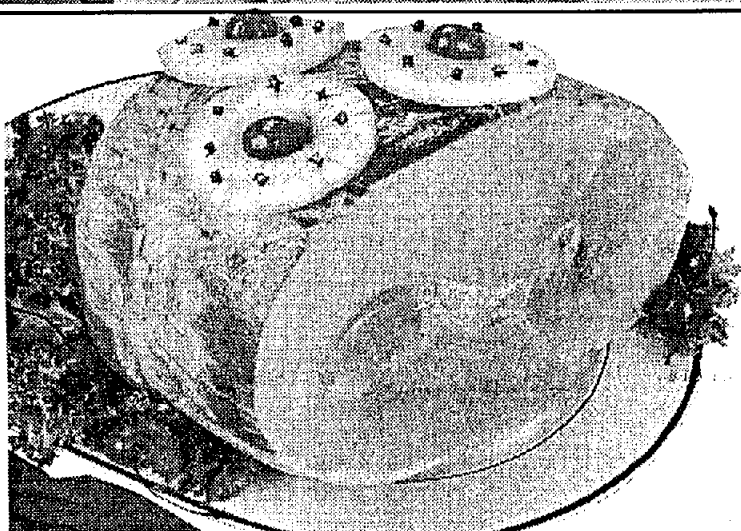
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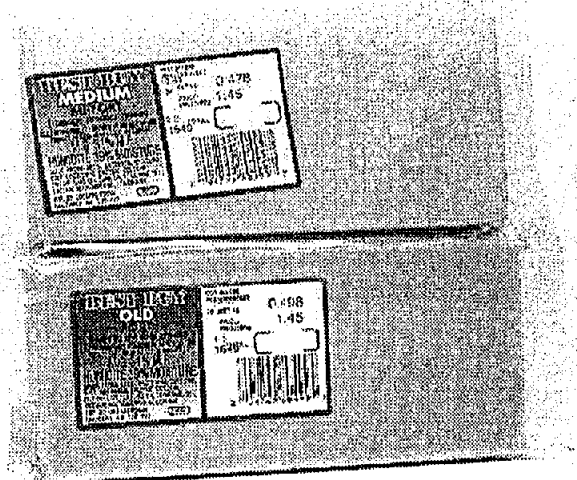
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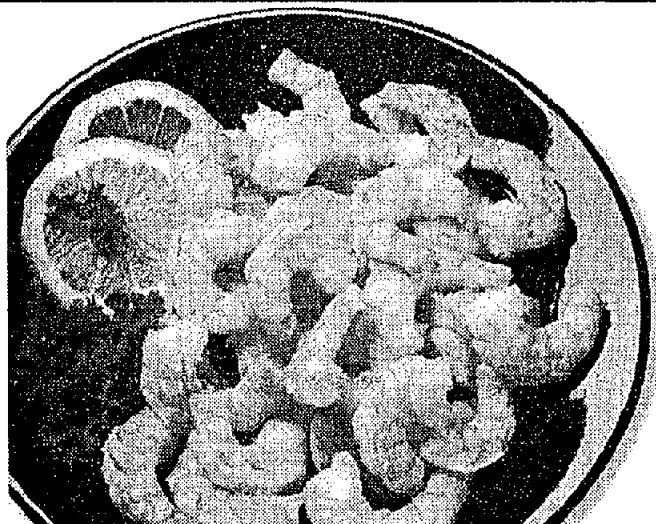
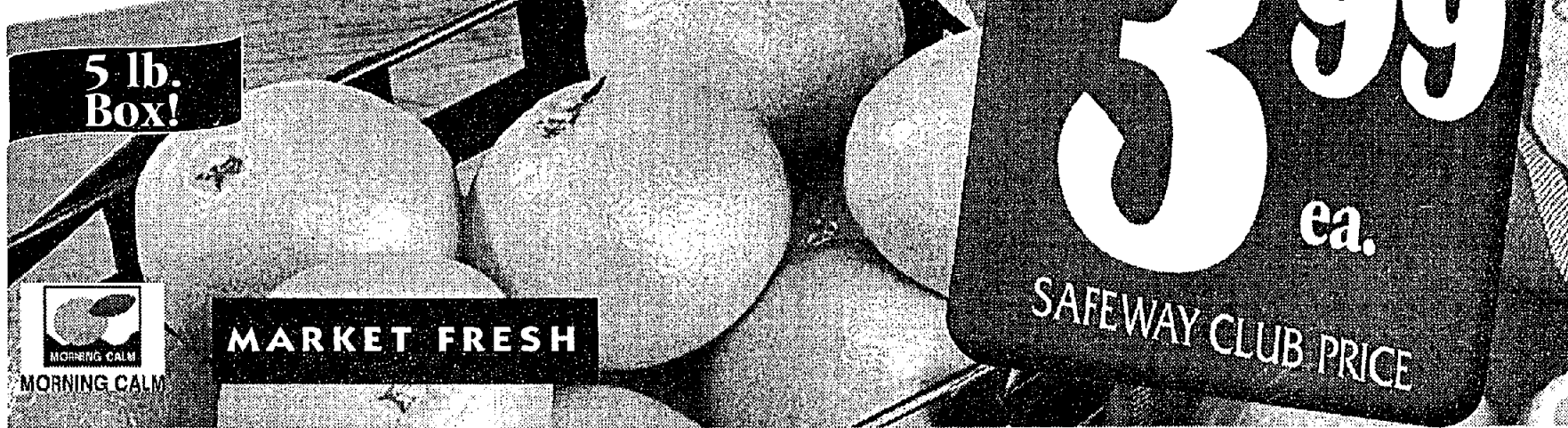


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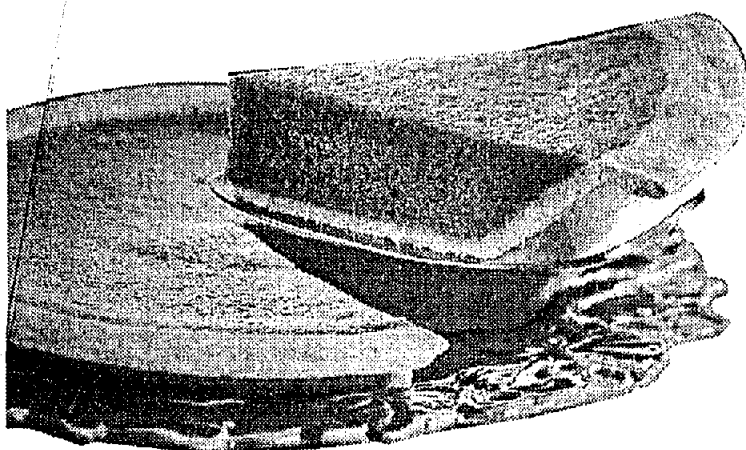
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Softwood deal will shut out New Skeena, says president

BY JEFF NAGEL

TERRACE's New Skeena Forest Products sawmill will be shut out of the U.S. market if a tentative softwood lumber deal is signed, says the company president.

Dan Veniez calls the deal a disaster for the northwest because it hands out quota — how much lumber each company will be permitted to ship duty-free to the U.S. — on the basis of recent exports.

Veniez said his business plan counts on access to the U.S. market, allowing the sawmill here to run at three shifts a day, should financing be found to open up again.

The softwood deal calls for quotas to be set based on exports to the U.S. between April 1, 2001 and September 30, 2003. And that's a problem because the mill hasn't been open for much of that period.

"We would be denied any and all access to the U.S. market," Veniez says in a letter to international trade minister Pierre Pettigrew.

Veniez said he will urge the provincial and federal governments to reject the deal, which he says would "guarantee the permanent closure of the Terrace sawmill."

Indications so far are there will be no separate pool of quota held back for distribution to new entrants into the industry or companies deemed to be in special circumstances.

"The current deal as it reads basically says there is no quota for situations like ours," Veniez said.

Without quota, he said, lumber shipped to the U.S. gets a \$200 per thousand board feet duty tacked on — an amount Veniez said rules out production here for the U.S. market.

He objects to the entire concept of fixed quotas to restrict Canadian lumber exports to the U.S.

"A bureaucrat in Ottawa is going to tell us how much we can produce and how much we can ship?"

"It's a complete capitulation of our national interest," he said. "It's telling the northwest forest industry 'Goodbye. You might as well focus on container ports, pipelines and cruise ship docks.'"

The scenario is a near replay of the previous 1994 softwood lumber agreement, which left Skeena and

many other coastal companies on the sidelines that had been shipping heavily to Japan and Asia prior to the deal.

Veniez said this time freezing out new or idled producers will work against not just the hard-hit coastal forest industry but also new aboriginal ventures.

Various bands are receiving chunks of timber from Victoria that has been taken back from major companies.

But he said those bands won't be able to ship duty-free to the U.S. either.

"What are they supposed to do? If they want to get into this business, if they want to supply our business, if they want to build a sawmilling capacity, they can't do it."

There may, however, be provision for companies to sell and transfer quota to other companies.

Forests minister Mike de Jong indicated that may be one solution for new entrants to the industry or other companies desiring more quota.

Veniez said the deal and the allocation of quota will work in favour of companies like the merged Canfor-Slocan.

Canfor has reacted to the 27 per cent duties on Canadian softwood by increasing production to run more efficiently than ever before.

As a result, its recent record production levels assure it of plenty of quota.

"The interior guys don't have much to worry about and that's why they're happy," Veniez said.

"The Jake Kerrs of the world at Lignum or Slocan or Canfor that have been running hard for the last three years will have their quota assigned based on those numbers."



Dan Veniez

Mayor Talstra is new regional district chair

TERRACE MAYOR Jack Talstra is the new chairman of the Kitimat-Stikine regional district.

The board, which is made up of municipal reps from around the region and individual directors elected from areas like Thornhill, vote in a new chair each year.

Talstra defeated past

chairman Nass Valley area representative Harry Nyce at the board's Dec. 5 inaugural meeting to take the chairmanship for 2004.

Kitimat councillor Joanne Monaghan was elected vice-chair, defeating Stewart councillor Craig Caruso. Monaghan is a past Kitimat-Stikine regional district chair.



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Wood quotas return

By JEFF NAGEL

A TENTATIVE deal to end the long-running softwood lumber dispute would mark a return to a system of restrictions on how much lumber producers can ship south.

The U.S. would drop the crippling 27 per cent tariffs on Canadian lumber, and in exchange companies here would collectively cut their U.S. exports by about eight per cent. The end result: Canadian lumber would make up no more than 31.5 per cent of U.S. consumption - down from a present level of around 33 per cent.

Companies would get a limit, or quota, on how much they can export without duty. After that, \$200 per thousand board feet export taxes would be applied.

"The notion of a quota is something everyone hoped to avoid," forests minister Mike de Jong said last week.

Limiting each company's exports - and by extension jobs in towns across B.C. - will be a difficult process, he added. "What you're really talking about is dividing up some pain," de Jong said.

The pact would cover five years, and includes provisions after three years for a move to wide-open free trade in lumber in provinces that reform their forest policies to the satisfaction of the U.S. government.

The B.C. government believes its reforms, now underway, answer and eliminate U.S. complaints that the province subsidizes the industry.

"For the first time as part of a negotiated settlement we would see a road map to ultimate free trade in lumber products," de Jong said.

He said B.C. will study the proposal and consult the industry before deciding

whether to support it.

"The companies that are brutally honest with me say 'Yeah, it's a hell of a deal if I get all the quota I want.' But nobody will get all they want."

De Jong indicated some system may be considered to make quota salable - opening the door for new ventures to buy access to the U.S. market.

Offering timber up to new producers is a key plank in the province's reforms, but the quota system undermines that and other policy changes that aim to free up the timber market.

"It's one of the reasons I don't like quotas," de Jong said. "Quotas by definition act to constrain market forces. We can pretend otherwise, but it's just a fact."

Another aspect of the agreement deals with the \$1.6 billion in duties that have been collected over the past two years on Canadian lumber exported to the U.S.

While there's anger that any money will go to U.S. firms, Canadian producers at least walk away with some of their own money.

The deal, expected to take two months to finalize, wouldn't alter the B.C. government's ability to restrict raw log exports, de Jong said.



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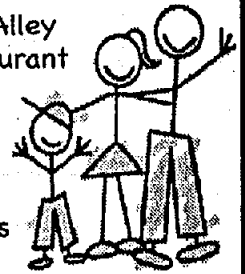
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West Fraser isn't keen about softwood deal

WEST FRASER, which owns Skeena Sawmills here, is opposing the tentative deal to settle the softwood lumber dispute even though it stands to recoup about \$80 million or half the money it has paid out in duties over the past few years.

"We'd like to get out of this thing," said Bill LeGrow, West Fraser's vice-president of transportation and energy.

"But we'd like to get out on a deal that is reasonable and we don't see this one as reasonable."

Canada so far has a perfect record in its legal fight against U.S. duties, and more decisions are on the verge of coming down

that could put more pressure on U.S. producers, he said.

"We would support continuing litigation," LeGrow said. "We think there's more positive results coming from that route that will change the negotiating environment."

LeGrow would not answer directly when asked what the deal means for the company's idled Terrace sawmill.

"Every company is going to have to rationalize their operations," he said. "For your region that's a big concern."

Although the deal is hoped to lead to total free trade with the U.S. in three to five years as provinces

reform their forest policies, LeGrow noted that's far from certain and depends on U.S. Commerce Dept. recognition of the changes that are made.

That uncertainty is compounded because at least three provinces totalling 75 per cent of Canadian production must reform their systems to U.S. satisfaction to trigger that provision.

"In order to get to free trade, B.C., Quebec and either Ontario or Alberta would have to come on," LeGrow said.

"It puts any individual province in the position of not controlling its own destiny."



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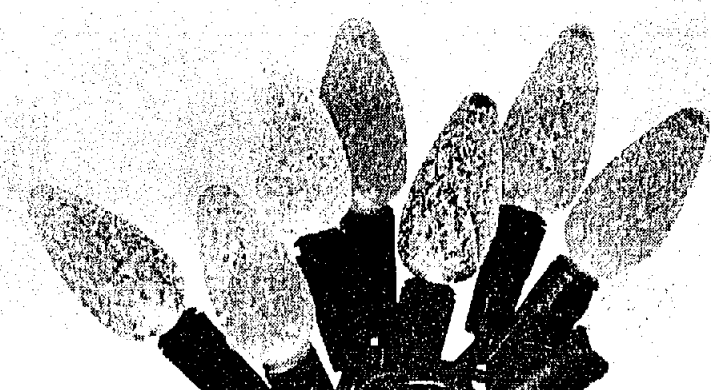
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Blight threatens to infect even more pine next year

Worse than beetles here, two dry years are needed to quell the outbreak

By JEFF NAGEL

PINE FORESTS in the northwest are now under attack on two fronts — from mountain pine beetles as well as the dothistroma needle blight.

The blight, a disease that spreads rapidly in years of cool, wet weather, is so far the deadliest foe.

It has prompted the forests ministry to spend \$700,000 in this region since summer to fly aerial surveys to measure the damage and plant half a million trees to replace dying pines, says stewardship forester Kevin Kilpatrick.

"We're assuming a lot of our pine is going to be lost," he said.

"The highest infection is in the Nass and in the Bell-Irving area," he said. "I've seen it up as far as Telegraph Creek. People have seen it in Bulkley-Smithers."

Kilpatrick projects several hundred thousand dollars will again be spent fighting the disease next year.

Dothistroma hits young pine stands — sometimes just as they're nearing the point where they could be commercially logged.

The blight discolours the needles and gradually kills the trees affected, leaving dead sticks.

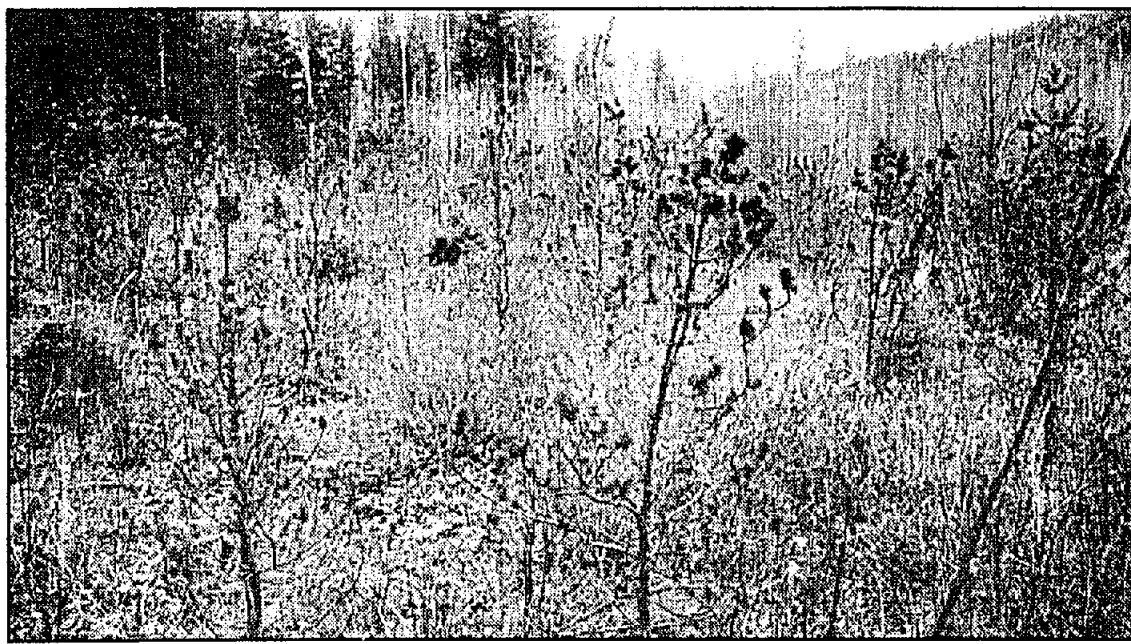
The main solution is to under-plant dothistroma-hit pines with other tree species — ones immune to the blight and preferably shade-resistant — that will eventually grow to replace the dead tree. The trick is timing when to plant so seedlings aren't crowded out by weeds.

The dothistroma epidemic could force down the region's allowable annual cut.

Kilpatrick said pine stands dying from dothistroma mean the loss of up to 30 years of growth in some stands — effectively a loss of timber available for future harvest.

"It's a pretty significant loss to go and plant a little seedling under a 30-year-old tree," he said.

The latest aerial survey of 15,000 hectares in the Nass and Kalum timber supply areas shows



A DYING eight-year-old lodgepole pine stand in the Kispiox area. The dothistroma needle blight infects the needles and spreads up the tree, often appearing as if fire has scorched lower limbs.

the blight has continued its spread, but at a somewhat reduced rate, says forest pathologist Alex Woods.

He said around 10 per cent of pine stands surveyed were badly hit and need attention. Another 50 per cent are in a wait-and-see category.

"It didn't increase as rapidly as it had in the past two years," he said. The softened pace of spread may reflect a relatively dry 2002

"We're assuming a lot of our pine is going to be lost."

in the Kispiox, he said.

But 2003 was likely wet enough to spread the blight further next year, he said.

Prior outbreaks of dothistroma subsided only after two straight years of very dry weather, he explained. "We have not had two consecutive dry years like that in the current outbreak," he said.

Woods traces the roots of this outbreak to 1997, a year of very

wet weather.

"The stage was set for this epidemic in that year," he said. "A lot of the trees were infected."

Researchers like Woods see the spread of dothistroma as a probable effect of climate change.

"Climate change models predict that we will continue to see wetter, cooler summers," he said, adding that increases the risk of more tree diseases like dothistroma. A similar infection is already defoliating cottonwood trees in the Hazelton area.

An aggravating factor has been the historic tendency to replant with pine, increasing the occurrence of the species beyond natural levels.

Kilpatrick said other species have sometimes been in vogue — spruce was planted heavily in the 1980s until it fell out of favour when those trees were attacked by the spruce leader weevil.

That led to a resumption of planting large amounts of pine seedlings — young trees now threatened by the blight.

Mountain pine beetles have arrived here in only a few pockets.

Kilpatrick says the beetles have been found in a handful of mature pines at a woodlot near Rosswood and in five trees in the Nisga'a Memorial Lava Bed Park.

Affected trees will be slashed and burned, he said.

"As long as we keep monitoring it, we'll be able to keep them in check," he said.

The nearest area hard hit by beetles is the Houston-Smithers area, he added.

The northwest is much less vulnerable to the beetles because pine doesn't dominate stands here to the extent it does interior forests.

But between the beetles and dothistroma, pine forests are in plenty of trouble.

"Pine's getting hit at both ends," Kilpatrick said.



Kevin Kilpatrick

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It's 'Terracites,' say readers

IT'S OFFICIAL according to readers of *The Terrace Standard* who responded to the question, "What do Terrace residents call themselves?"

The term is "Terracites" and it's been sent to the Canadian Oxford Dictionary which originally asked the question so the response could be published in its 2004 edition.

There were some other very insightful suggestions, including "Terracetrals" from J. Andre Nabess and "Terracetrils" from Maureen Atkinson, both which provided a bit of an outer space flair to the occasion. "People from outside the city limits could be 'extra-Terracetrils,'" adds Atkinson.

Char Toews proposed Terrisian, to rhyme with Parisian "as Terrace rhymes with Paris. Classy, non?" she writes. From Kitimat, Raymond Burgess suggests "Terrasouls." Julia Mitchell responded with "Terrascends," saying it sounds like "transcends," meaning to triumph over negative or restrictive aspects.

Gayle Holtom and Sally Smaha, aligned themselves with the majority of respondents, by favouring

"Terracites." "This name is well-known throughout the region and I see no sense in changing it now," Smaha writes in adding that's been the term for the more than 50 years she's lived here.

The Canadian Oxford Dictionary also asked if there was a nickname for the city itself, but there wasn't a consensus among readers. "Rip bum" was mentioned as was "Tear-Ass."

Reader Toews likes "River City," because of the city's location. "Example: 'Where'd I get this nice jacket? Right here in River City,'" she writes, invoking *The Music Man*'s Professor Harold Hill who sang "We've got trouble, right here in River City."

Dictionary representative Heather Fitzgerald says Terrace residents should not worry that there is no commonly used nickname for the city.

"Fewer than a dozen out of the 600 Canadian cities we surveyed have nicknames that are in common, regular use across the country," she says.

By the way, Kitimat residents will be known as "Kitimations" and Prince Rupert residents as "Rupertites" in the Canadian Oxford Dictionary.

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College faces \$500,000 cut from its budget next year

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY College faces a provincial budget cut of more than \$500,000 next year, says its president.

Stephanie Forsyth called the reduction, from \$14.442 million this year to \$13.939 million next year, a significant challenge.

When other revenue sources are added, the college's budget this year is \$18.653 million. With the provincial cut and loss of other revenues, it will be \$18.075 million next year.

"They seemed interested in the economic situation up here but they said that's the way it's going to be," Forsyth said of a meeting with provincial education officials several weeks ago.

Forsyth has been forging an alliance with other rural colleges in trying to convince the province that extra costs of operating in rural and remote areas should be recognized.

The college has been under pressure to meet enrolment goals set by the

province according to the amount of money it receives.

While the college has increased student numbers, they haven't reached the goal set by the province.

"We offer courses in some places where we're lucky if we enrol eight or 12 people. But we get penalized for not meeting our full time equivalent [student] requirements," said Forsyth.

Also adding to the challenge is re-negotiating major college labour contracts. The province has told post secondary institutions there is no more money for additional wages or benefits.

"That may help in terms of balancing our budget, but it won't be much of a comfort to those folks expecting something," said Forsyth. Wages make up 76 per cent of the college's budget.

The college does have the option of increasing tuition to cover any short-

falls, but it's too early yet to know if that will happen.

"I can't say it's not going to happen, but we're not moving forward on that," said Forsyth.

Any tuition increase decision rests with the college board which will approve the final budget next March.

The college did increase tuition substantially last year but it remains one of the lowest in the province.

Forsyth said the danger of increasing tuition too much is that it will place education and training out



Stephanie Forsyth

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It's out with the old and in with the new

WHILE MOST people are crossing off items on their Christmas "to do" list, Lorne Sexton has another one to complete.

The president of the Canadian Alliance's Skeena constituency association has to arrange for a new constituency association, a new election readiness team, a new candidate nomination meeting and take part in the creation of a new political party now that the Alliance and the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada have agreed to merge.

The work began Dec. 13 when the constituency association held its final meeting under the Canadian Alliance banner.

The constituency association cease to exist as of Dec. 31, 2004 and a gathering of the new party, the Conservative Party of Canada, takes place Jan. 17 to elect a new Skeena riding executive.

"There's not much time," said Sexton with a federal election looming next spring. Current members of the Alliance and Progressive Conservative Party in good standing automatically become members of the new party.

Sexton said he will run for a spot on the new executive and added that most other members of the Alliance executive will run as well.

The new party must also write a new constitution and hold a leadership race before newly-named Prime Minister Paul Martin, as expected, heads to the polls next year.

More than 95 per cent of Alliance members and more than 90 per cent of Progressive Conservative party members voted several weeks ago to merge.

"I must have been the only 'no' vote," commented Sexton on the result. He's been wary of the new party proposal, saying that the West's voice must be preserved.

"That was the reason for the Reform party in the first place," said Sexton of Western Canadian alienation which brought about the predecessor to the Canadian Alliance.

Sexton said the real purpose behind the merger was to front a new party for the Ontario battleground because of the large number of seats it has in Parliament.

High-level political operatives have said the only way to defeat the federal Liberals is to create a party combining Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservative votes in that province.

Also facing Sexton and others is the outstanding issue of federal riding boundaries. Skeena will become much larger, stretching east to Vanderhoof, as of July 1 under federal legislation which adjust boundaries every 10 years according to census population statistics.

That means if Prime Minister Paul Martin calls an election before that date, the current boundaries will be used.

A bill was introduced in Parliament to create the new boundaries on April 1 instead. It was left hanging when Parliament went into recess last month. The bill can, however, be revived when Parliament returns early on in the new year.



Lorne Sexton

Airport users slowly rise

THE NUMBER of passengers going through the Northwest Regional Airport here should top last year's total of 89,252 and close in on the 90,000 mark, says airport manager Laurie Brown.

"I think we're going to have a pretty good year, all things considered," he said last week.

As of the end of November, 81,872 people had used the airport, about 300 more than for the same period in 2002.

If December traffic equals that of Dec. 2002, the annual figure will be 400 people shy of 90,000.

That would still be a drop from the 2001 figure of 95,814 passengers but more than that recorded for 2000 and 1999.

Passenger traffic hovered around the 97,000 mark in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Brown attributed some of this year's increase to a new instrument landing system, installed a year ago. It's cut way back on the number of cancelled landings because of weather.

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Same-sex classrooms pondered by district

DO STUDENTS in same sex classrooms do better in school?

That's a question the Coast Mountains School District says may be worth considering.

The board has asked the assistant superintendent to see if same-sex classrooms would improve academic performance here.

Rob Greenwood is also getting feedback from school principals and will share his findings with the district's education committee in January.

While coeducation has long been standard in classrooms across the country, there may be some merit in separating boys and girls, say trustees.

"There was a presumption that having girls and guys together would be better, because it would challenge them," Ter-

race trustee Diana Penner said.

"Now it's going the other way. They're finding that there's quite large gaps in the way girls are reading and understanding and the way guys are reading and understanding."

Boys aged 12 to 15, for example, appear to benefit without the distraction of girls. They're less insecure.

"It's their hormonal changes," Penner said. "I guess that causes some difficulty when they get together."

If the district does approve the idea, schools won't be forced to segregate their classrooms, she added.

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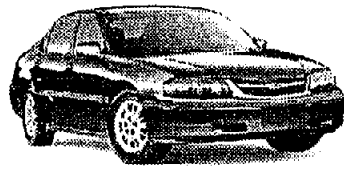
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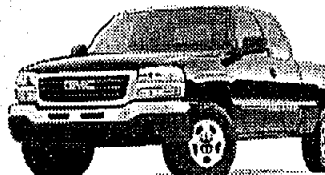
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Santa usually hitches a ride on the truck, along with fire fighters, who pick up the odd free cookie and earn plenty of friendly waves from onlookers.

Long-time residents know to listen for the tell-tale blast of the siren and the cheerful sound of bright, seasonal melodies being piped out over loudspeakers as fire trucks — lights a blazing and festooned with decoration — make their way through the local streets.

"They'll have their porch lights on," deputy fire chief Wes Patterson says. "They're usually in the window waving. I enjoy doing it. It's good to be part of the community."

Patterson says the carol trucks are touring Jackpine Flats, Lakelse Lake, Gossens, Kleanza Creek, Usk and Gitau on Saturday, Dec. 20.

They'll leave the fire hall at about 6:15 p.m. They do Thornhill the next night, Dec. 21, heading out at about 6 p.m. The trucks will tour upper and lower Thornhill, and Queensway Drive.

Please save any contributions for the Terrace Churches Food Bank for January, when the fire fighters will be going door to door as part of a food drive planned early in the new year, Patterson says.

A balancing act

FOUR ELEMENTS, one world, many spiritual paths.

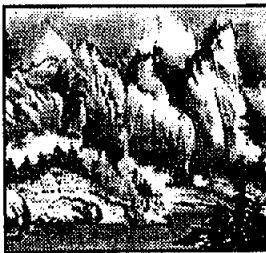
The Multifaith Calendar 2004 offers up the perfect antidote to the crass commercialism that often runs rampant during the Christmas season.

Faiths from Baha'i to Zoroastrianism — and everything in between, including Sikhism and Islam — hold a place of equality in this calendar, which also includes important festivals, the phases of the moon, quotes exploring this year's theme: the earth's balance and the four elements of earth, fire, water and air.

Its creators hope it will broaden understanding and acceptance of alternate paths of spirituality.

Fittingly this year, the David Suzuki Foundation invites calendar owners to take the nature challenge — 10 actions over 10 months that protect nature.

It's on sale locally as a fundraiser for the Terrace and District Multicultural Association.



April

A show of lights

CABINS and buildings at Heritage Park Museum are aglow with Christmas lights after a special lighting ceremony Dec. 14. People are invited to stop by the museum after dark to check out the display over the holidays. At right, Terrace Tourism president Yvonne Danroth gets into the Christmas spirit at one of the decorated pioneer cabins at the museum.

SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO



What a year!

Terrace's 75th anniversary winds down with a big party on Sunday

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN
AFTER A year jam-packed with festivities, Terrace's 75th anniversary committee is drawing its big birthday party to a close.

The official closing ceremonies are set to go at Heritage Park Dec. 21 with an outdoor event that includes Christmas carols, hot chocolate and the burying of a time capsule.

Last weekend the cabins and structures at the park were lit up with Christmas lights and other decorations.

Terrace's 75th anniversary chairperson Marilyn Davies says the party will be the perfect way to cap off the city's birthday.

"I think it's been an unbelievable success," she says. "So

many people came forward with their groups who wanted to be a part of this."

She wasn't surprised by the enthusiasm shown by locals who pitched in, volunteered their time and hosted special anniversary events.

"I've lived here a long time — almost 40 years now and we've always had wonderful community spirit," Davies says.

Sunday's party starts at 2:30 p.m. and will allow time for families and visitors to stop at each of the cabins and visit a living nativity scene.

A live nativity was something Davies first experienced on a trip to Mexico. The city she was visiting celebrated the holidays by

putting on several nativity scenes from around the world.

She thought it was a great idea and approached the Terrace Ministerial Association.

Bringing some of the scenes from the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly's drive-through nativity to the park for the closing ceremonies was a natural fit.

The Terrace Community band will also be braving the weather to perform as will vocalists Marj Bailey and Gary Price who are leading a Christmas sing along.

At 3 p.m. the closing ceremonies get underway with speeches from local dignitaries and the announcement of the three recipients (the first ever) of the Order of Terrace.

The 75th anniversary committee will announce how it is spending its \$17,000 legacy fund, which is earmarked to go toward a long-lasting special project for the community.

The event continues with the burial of a special time capsule filled with items from present-day Terrace to be reopened in 2078.

Young children will have a chance to have their photos taken with the capsule.

"There will be children there that could very well be around 75 years from now," Davies says.

After the burial, Mayor Jack Talstra will blow out candles on a special birthday cake and children will be given sparklers to mark the event.

A timely debut for community band

By JENNIFER LANG
TOMORROW'S Spirit of Christmas concert marks a special moment in the history of the Terrace Community Band.

It's the first time the long-standing band has held a Christmas concert that's actually indoors.

The Dec. 18 show is also band's first performance with its new director, Susan Brouwer, and the band's first performance of the 2003-04 concert season, cause for celebration in any event.

The band will be joined by the Grade 9/10 Skeena Junior Secondary band.

The evening also fea-

tures guest performances by the Pacific Mist Chorus, an all-female a Capella ensemble combining the Terrace and Prince Rupert members of Sweet Adelines.

They'll perform a few selections of their own, and then join the community band on a few numbers. They will also help get the sing along rolling.

It's an evening of festive music for your family and friends. It's presented at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is by donation of a non-perishable food item for the Salvation Army.



THE Community Band kicked off the Salvation Army's kettle campaign

Branch 13 News

It's been a busy December at legion

CONTRIBUTED

By CMDE PETER CROMPTON

AS WE CLOSE in on the end of yet another year, 84 years have now gone by that Branch 13 has been a major Service Club here in Terrace. We have supported our veterans, our youth, and our community over these years, and now it would seem we are now in need of help ourselves.

As the economy of Terrace weakens, so does our chances of survival weaken. Your executive of 2003 survived a questionable time of Comradeship this past year. It has drawn us through a year of strife, and your executive of 2004 have a challenge that will need the help of all its members.

It will need new ideas, it will need assistance, and it will need comradeship, unquestionable comradeship. Well, that's the bad news.

The good news is our Poppy Campaign went very well. The Terrace community and surrounding areas should be proud. Over

\$20,000 was given to our once year campaign, and again we at Branch 13 will be able to make sure our veterans are well taken care of.

This year the Town of Hazelton, Kitwanga, Stewart, Dease Lake, and New Aiyansh also showed that they Remember. Your support as been well documented and appreciated.

Tickets for the New Years Eve Dinner and Dance are on sale in the Branch. It's limited to 150 tickets. There will be a courtesy shuttle available. It's great food, music and friendship.

The Singles Pool Tournament is now under way. The early betting is on John Brinkac, but this year some of our very young new members are ready to change those odds. A Doubles Tournament will also soon be under way sign up sheets are in the Branch.

The Curling teams representing our Branch went to Zones play downs. Our seniors lost out to the Smithers Branch, but our regular curlers are on their way to Provincials. We are in need of Dart players for Zone playdowns, and there is still room for some cribbage players,

so come on and get your names on the list in the Branch.

At our December general meeting we elected our 2004 executive: president Cmde C. Meek, vice president Clare Irwin, second vice Cmde Keith McAra, treasurer Cmde Bob Fisher, secretary Marge Skead, and directors Cmdes Peter Crompton, S. McIlmoyle, Doug Misfeldt, Ray Hallock, and Jeannette Schulmeister.

Also at our meeting, the winning students in our national poem, essay and poster contest were presented with a certificate and a small prize. They were: junior poem Jennifer Johnson; junior essay Molly Lambert; intermediate poem Matthew Stewart; intermediate essay Shelby Taphouse, junior colour poster Marianne Palahicky; intermediate colour poster Brooke Palahicky; junior B&W poster Aex Dodds; intermediate B&W poster Matthew Stewart. All these students are from Veritas School.

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Christmas classic

BROADCASTER Lynn Terbasket of CFNR during rehearsals for the Dec. 13 reading of A Christmas Carol at the R.E.M. Lee.

TERRACE STANDARD

CITY SCENE

Clubs & pubs

GATOR'S PUB: Come on out and party to the music of our live band Fridays and Saturdays. Thursdays alternative music and DVD give-away. Wednesday free pool. Nightly specials! Saturday Dec. 20, back by popular demand: DJ Mio. Playing New Year's Eve Mid Night Run. Get your tickets while they last.

BEASLEY'S MIX: Theresa Marie sings Friday evenings. Watch your favourite sports programs on a large screen TV.

GEORGES PUB: Mid Night Run Dec. 18-20. Featuring local talent. New Year's Eve party tickets now available. Don't miss our Ladies Pool Tournament Monday nights.

HANKY PANKY'S is your dance party night club. No cover. Free pool Wednesday, college night Thursday, Hot DJ and Top 40 dance Friday and Saturday. Karaoke contest Tuesday and Wednesday.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION: Saturdays: jam sessions with Frank and Friends, Moonshine and Copper Mountain. Participant prize meat draw starts at 4 p.m. All members welcome; bring a guest. Lounge opens at 3 p.m.

Concerts

The Spirit of Christmas Thursday, Dec. 18 at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Please join the Community Band, along with the Skeena Grade 9/10 Concert Band and the Sweet Adelines for a wonderful evening of



seasonal music. Admission is a non-perishable food item. Proceeds to the Salvation Army.

Borealis String Quartet, Canada's newest chamber music sensation, presented by the Terrace Concert Society Saturday, Jan. 17 at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre, starting at 8 p.m. Tickets at Cook's Jewellers in the Skeena Mall.

New Year's

New Year's Dance Wed. Dec. 31 at the Thornhill Community Centre. Starting at 8:30 p.m. Adults aged 19 and over. Tickets are \$20 at Misty River Books and Fabric Land. Mid-night buffet, door prizes, free ride home. Music by Sight and Sound productions. Sponsored by the parents of the Terrace Blue-back Swim Club.

Kermode Bear Swim, Thursday, Jan. 1 at the Kinsmen Kiddies Camp (1st Ave.) at Lakelse Lake, starting at 1 p.m. Pledge forms at Misty River Books. Join us for the jump!

Terrace 75

Old Fashioned Christmas and Closing Ceremonies for Terrace's 75th anniversary. Help close our year of birthday celebrations Sunday, Dec. 21 at Heritage Park Museum. From 2:30-4:30 p.m. Closing ceremony at 3 p.m. The Order of Terrace will be announced and see the time capsule. Join the Terrace Ministerial Association, the Terrace Community Band, Moderator, Terrace Tourism, the 75th Committee for cookies, hot chocolate, carol sing-along with Marj Baillie and Gary Price.

Visual arts

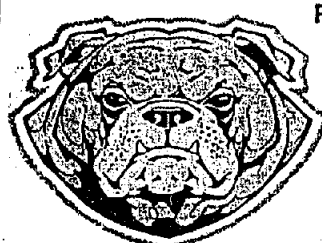
The Terrace Art Gallery is closed for the month of December.

Theatre

Two Planks and a Passion Theatre company presents *Halo*, play about what happens to the denizens of a small Nova Scotia town when the image of Jesus appears on a wall at the local Tim Hortons. Presented Jan. 31 at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre as part of the Terrace Concert Society's 2003-04 season. Tickets at Cook's Jewellers.

Fax 638-8432 to make the SCENE. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday. Events will run space permitting.

TO ALL RESIDENTS



Please have your dog leashed or fenced-in away from your mail boxes on Wednesdays and Saturdays so your newspaper carrier can deliver your paper.

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Community Calendar

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS LISTINGS

THURSDAY, DEC. 18
Mountain View Christian Academy presents: The Gift of Love. Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. At the Thornhill Community Church. Everyone invited. Fellowship time and refreshments after the performance.

SUNDAY, DEC. 28
Terrace Christmas Bird Count for the Audubon Society. From dawn to dusk in the Terrace/Thornhill area. Call 635-6984 for more information.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6
Terrace Toastmasters meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Telemedia building (rear entrance). New members are always welcome. Please contact Bob at 638-0923 or Rolf at 635-6911 for more information.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8
Cancer Support Group for Family and Friends meets at the Canadian Cancer Society's resource Centre at 207-4650 Lazelle Ave. at 7 p.m. For more information contact Craig at 635-0049 or Rose Marie at 635-6985.

PSAs

Registration forms and the 2004 syllabus of the Pacific Northwest Music Festival are now available at Sight & Sound in the Keith Ave. Mall. You will find many complete changes in this new edition including class numbers, which must be included on your entry forms. Be sure to pick up your new syllabus soon. Festival registration deadline is Jan. 15.

Attention youths aged 10-18: Are you tired of having nothing to do? Then come and join the fun at the Kermode Friendship Centre, at 3313 Kalum St., beside Copperside. Tuesdays homework club from 5-7 p.m. and drop in from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays youth council meetings or events from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays homework club from 5-7 p.m. Cultural activities from 7-9 p.m. and drop in from 9-11. Fridays freestyle rapping from 6-8 p.m. and dance from 8-11. Closed Mondays. Family night every second Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Call 635-4906 ext. 27; ask for Cinnamon or Lynzee.

The Kermode Friendship Centre hosts Elders nights for ages 55 and up. On Wed. Jan. 28. Free dinner and workshop on preventing slips and falls. Elders nights take place every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6-8 p.m. Call 635-4906 ext. 27; ask for Cinnamon or Lynzee.

Membership drive: Terrace and Thornhill Citizens on Patrol (COPS) is a volunteer group that patrols city streets and outlying areas on evenings and weekends, acting as the eyes and ears for the RCMP. Our members receive training and perform business checks, ICBC speed board reading and auto theft prevention, and any other assistance the RCMP may require. We need 100 new volunteers (males or females of legal age) to fulfill our obligations to the community. Call 635-6351 for more information (leave a message) or come to our office in the Skeena Mall next to Clarica Insurance. We'll be open Dec. 21-23 from noon to 6 p.m. for drop ins.

Citizens on Patrol will be assembling free identification kits for children (aged 5-10) at the Skeena Mall Dec. 21-23. Free From 1-5 p.m.

Register for children's Christmas programs at the library. Afterschool Christmas stories and crafts (for children aged 5-8 years) from 4-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15. Christmas for Twos (ages 2 years) from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16. Preschool Christmas (ages 3-5) from 10-11 a.m. Dec. 17. Christmas puppet show (ages 3-8) at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. All classes are free, but please register in person or by phone at 638-8177.

Anyone is welcome to drop off a non-perishable food item or new toy at the Sharing

Truck at Terrace Totem Ford. Proceeds to the Salvation Army Christmas Drive.

Terrace First Nations Council of Women is seeking a place to call home. The council has been incorporated seven years as a non-profit society. It's run solely by volunteers who have offered numerous programs in our community throughout the years. Contact us at P.O. Box 1224, Terrace, B.C. V8G 1P7.

Do you need a winter coat or other warm clothing? Come to the Salvation Army Thrift Shop and inquire about the Coats for Kids program.

Quitting smoking doesn't happen in one step, says the Canadian Cancer Society. People progress through five states on the way to successful change. Some may try 4-5 times before quitting for good, and may move back and forth between these stages: 1. Not thinking about quitting 2. Thinking about quitting but not ready to quit 3. Getting ready to quit 4. Quitting.

The Terrace Women's Resource Centre is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at 4542 Park Ave. Call Brenda or Darlene at 638-0228.

The Skeena Valley Snowmobile Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month downstairs at the Sandman Inn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. For info, call Joyce at 635-7913.

The Kinette Club of Terrace meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Kin Hut at 6:30 p.m. We are an energetic group of women serving the community's greatest needs. Call Corrine or Helen at 638-1231 (Eves).

Terrace Toastmasters meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Telemedia Board Room, rear entrance. New members are always welcome. Call Bob at 635-0923 or Rolf at 635-6911 for more information.

TGIF Fun Club (Thank Gosh it's French). Students in K-12 are invited to the Caledonia Gym every Friday there's no school for fun French activities for all ages. \$10/day. Bring a lunch. From 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Call Gary at 635-6531.

All primary aged children are invited to No School Days at the Terrace Public Library. The program runs from 10-11 a.m. every Friday when there's no public school. Free, but register.

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

Alzheimer's Support and Education Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the conference room at Terraceview Lodge. If Alzheimer's or other geriatric dementias touch your life, you are welcome to attend. For further information, call Aveline at 798-2581 or Doris at 635-0223.

Now taking Late French Immersion registration for the 2004-05 school year (If your child is currently in Grade 4 or 5). Call Darcie at 635-1138.

The Greater Terrace Beautification Society is looking for people who want to help maintain local landscaping projects (with weeding, fall and spring clean up) on a casual basis. You don't need to be a full-time member, just someone who's willing to offer a few hours of their time. Maybe you're unemployed, laid-off, retired or are just looking for something different to do. Please call Laurie at 635-3466.

DECEMBER SPECIALS

For The Month Of December, Enjoy!

Lunch 11-4 p.m.
Bistro Chicken Clubhouse
served with your choice of soup, house salad or fries
\$8.50

Dinner After 4 p.m.
Sirloin Steak & Mushroom Neptune Platter
served with Caesar salad, rice and garlic pita bread
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<p>Baby's Name: Morgan Stewart Date & Time of Birth: December 4, 2003 at 5:45 a.m. Weight: 7 lbs. 3 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Robert & Jodi Ballinger Baby brother for Reece</p>	<p>Baby's Name: Damian Riley Date & Time of Birth: December 5, 2003 Weight: 6 lbs. 12 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Miranda Quock</p>
<p>Baby's Name: Brodie Tristan Date & Time of Birth: December 6, 2003 at 7:40 p.m. Weight: 7 lbs. 3 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Shawna Greenwood & Matt Krumm</p>	<p>Baby's Name: Cyrus Trent Date & Time of Birth: December 3, 2003 at 1:49 p.m. Weight: 8 lbs. 12 oz. Sex: Male Parents: Carissa & Shane Isadore</p>
<p>Baby's Name: Erin Melanie Date & Time of Birth: December 9, 2003 at 8:16 a.m. Weight: 6 lbs. 8 oz. Sex: Female Parents: Russell & Leanne Billson</p>	<p>Baby's Name: Hugu Wilksilgum Xsgaak Date & Time of Birth: December 4, 2003 at 8:37 p.m. Weight: 8 lbs. 1 oz. Sex: Female Parents: Philip Blaney & Rae Lincoln</p>

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R.E.M. LEE THEATRE

Now Playing at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre

December 18 - Terrace Community Bands presents *The Spirit of Christmas* - 7:30 p.m. Admission: a non-perishable food item. Guest artists: Skeena 9/10 concert band

January 17 - *Borealis String Quartet* Lighting up the skies of Canadian Chamber Music, the Borealis String Quartet has established itself as a leading edge Canadian ensemble - 8:00 p.m. - Tickets \$25 at the door \$20 for students/seniors

January 31 - The Terrace Concert Society presents *"Halo"* a play by Two Planks and a Passion Theatre. When the image of Jesus appears on the side of a Tim Horton's restaurant in Nova Scotia, the residents of a small town have to make some hard decisions. "Funny and moving" - 8:00 p.m. - Tickets \$25 at the door \$20 for students/seniors

<p>Terrace Concert Society Tickets</p> <p>Available at Cook's Jewellers in the Skeena Mall</p>	<p>Terrace Little Theatre Tickets</p> <p>Available at Uniglobe Courtesy Travel</p>
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Skeena Junior's fall honour roll

Principal's List

Students who have earned a GPA of 4.000

Grade 10

Alyssa Carson, Robyn Cater, Melissa Earl, Olivia Freeman, Shannon King, Brian Lambert, Samantha Morrow, Shawn Saran

Grade 9

Evan Dusdal, Annie Greenwood, Leigh Haworth, Elizabeth Horner, Mona Horvatic, Sarah Monsees, Brianne Palahicky, Sarah Palahicky, Siobhan Sloan-McMullen, Mary Warner, Elliot Wideman

Grade 8

Matthew Ames, Nadia Benzer, Kory Botelho, Marlee Cater, Amanveer Cheema, Chloe Curtis, Pavandeep Dhillon, Cassie Dusdal, Alexander Fraess-Phillips, Shawna Freeman, Stephanie Leong, Alexander Maguire, Matthias Muller, Morgan Oleksewich, Emily Reinbolt, Hikari Shiga, Jillian Stephens

Meritorious achievement

Students who have maintained a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99

Grade 10

Briana Benzer, Jenny Bowsher, Leaha Broome, Matthew Chayba, Matthew Coburn, Shalane Crosson, Alice MacGregor, Jay Ross, Sarah Smaha, Priscilla Demedeiros, Patricia Scafe, Callan Williamson, Shawn Gunnlaugson, Jillian Haworth, Taylor Haynes, Cameron Kerr, Emily Rusch, Devin Mikkelsen, Nadia Ouellet, Shalane Pauls, Briana Pellegrino, Ashley Poole, Jenna Rigo, Connor Lansdowne, Christopher Demedeiros

Grade 9

Richard Anderson, Fatima Asaid, Kasandra Beaupre, Jagdeep Birk, Jason Bucci, Tylor Cage, Kristopher Cheater, Joshua Durand, Nicholas Gascon, Haylee Gipps, Christina Ward, Kathryn Goodwin, Samantha Graziano, Mark Humle, Ryan Humle, Parminder Kalan, Allison Knoedler, Jeremy (J.T.) Laird, Clair Lussier, Lisa Maddalena, Alison McCleary, Hanna McRae, Kelsey Minninnick, John Morven, Alex Redpath, Scott Rosentreter, Stacey Sheasby, Lenay Smith, Kuljeet Taggar, Matthew Demedeiros

Grade 8

Graeme Austin, Harneet Bal, Luke Basso, Steven Capener, Stephen Chapman, Kyle Cote, Annu Grewal, Jennifer Gurszkilori Hales, Laura Haugland, Patrick Hemmons, Nigel Hepburn, Tessa Herman, Katelyn Hooge, Anthony Huff-

man, Lowell Keenan, Leah MacKay, Jamie Oates, Katherine Parr, Jamie Penner, Natasha Ray, Darrin Rigo, Lovepret Sandhu, Hayley Schmiedel, Elisa Schultz, Jaron Starlund, David Swanson, Sarah Wahl, Conrad Wideman, Donal Willer, Emily Wright

Honourable Achievement

Those Skeena Jr. students earning a GPA of 3.00-3.49

Grade 10

Harjinder Atwal, Shauna Bewick, Vanessa Botelho, Elisha Brandenburg, Larissa Coburn, Andrew Dahms, Nicole Demers, Andrew Eckert, Jaspreet Gill, Yaskeerat Gill, Travis Goriak, Corey Hales, Vanessa Hardy, Joanne Homeniuk, Carmen Hooge, Lenny Johnson, Anna Krisinger, Nicholas Lindstrom, Andrew Leoppky, Shannon MacLean, Leanne Whyte, Basil Morgan, Neil Morven, Robert Nasz, Caitlin Norstrom, Sarah Ridler, Caitlin Robertson, Ryan Saele, Teleza Shafooli, Charles Simpson, Jared Stephens, Richard Stevens, Candice Tomas, Thanasi Tsardidis, Evan van Dyk, John Warcup

Grade 9

Anastasia Adams, Cody Anderson, Shane Anderson, Reese Andrews, Rory Bird, Kody Bolduc, Sean Christiansen, Kyle Demedeiros, Amanjot Gill, Amy Dekergommeaux, Lenda Girard, Amanda Godlinski, Justine Hall, Allison Kirkaldy, Matthew Koeppke, Kendra Lansdowne, Sheena Leclerc, Janet Lewis, Norelle Linstrom, Ashtin Lourenco, Kristen Mailhot, Navjodh Mattu, Brittany Melanson, Raman More, Augusta Morrison, Tristan Murray, Kayla Mussell, Megan Newton, Jacob Olson, Praveen armar, Fernanda Polanco, Lavjinder Sangha, Courtney Taylor, Brianna Wheeler, Talitha Wilson

Grade 8

Simon Bahr, Katrina Baker, Alastair Beddie, Darcy Bewsharah, Dane Cameron, Ashley Challenger, Andrew Charneski, Aaron Coburn, Scott Comerford, Daniela Christiansen, Stephanie Fletcher, Christina Furtado, Connor Gough, Jonathan Hanna, David Haslam, Cord Hall-Ridsdale, Arlen Hogarth, Evan Jennigs, Kelsey Wilcox, Sam Koopmans, Jody Kucharyshen, Simranjit Kular, Philip Marshall, Martin Marae, Justin Murray, David Norton, Kelly O'Donnell, Nash Park, Sara Peterson, Shaun Pletsch, Teegan Redden, Kara Reinhardt, Raj Saran, Adam Sarich, Ben Scharf, Megan Spisak, Kyla Story, Jeff Turner, Per Wall, Laura Webb

Thank You

Dear Sir;

Operation Christmas Child has been a great success! Through the generosity and kindness of some Terrace churches, schools and community organizations, over 700 shoe boxes have been donated. They will be distributed to children living in countries ravaged by war, famine, extreme poverty and natural disasters.

Check out www.samaritanaspurse.org for information on Samaritan's Purse projects around the world.

Thank you, and God bless each person who participated. Your generosity will touch a child's life in a significant way.

Eleanor Froese
local coordinator

Volunteers are "urgently" needed to help a senior or disabled person maintain safe access to their home during the winter months. If you can help someone in your area by keeping a pathway and stairs clear of snow, please call the Volunteer Bureau at 635-1330

TERRACE VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Terrace Downtown Independent Merchants Association congratulate the winners of the Christmas draw!

Spa Essentials - Joy Stevenson
Third Avenue Shoes - Madonna Janas
Sidewalkers - Sandra Alphonson
Glass Slipper - Sharon Bohn
Quilt Patch - Lucy Carrita
Shi Clothing - Sheryl Kirby
All Seasons - Jennings Thoun
Ev's Mens Wear - Kim Kostelnik
Northwest Weekly - Lynn Gascon
Kathleens - Alison Martel
Central Flowers - Sonja
All Star Shoes - Fernande Amzotte
Misty River - Rhonda Reece
Northcoast Anglers - Lisa Kalis

Matching prizes donated to the Sharing Tree!

Merry Christmas

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THANK-YOU

Cinderella

The TLT would like to thank all those businesses and individuals who worked so hard to make this anniversary production such a wonderful success.

We are most deeply indebted to Lloyd Hull of Don Hull and Sons for graciously allowing us to rehearse and build our set in the old downtown Co-op building. We are also deeply indebted to Gail and Mickey Johnson for their loan of rehearsal space in the Lazelle mini mall.

Thanks to Karla Hennig of the REM Lee Theatre.

Thanks to Marc Jacobs who stepped in at last minute, and Raising Cain Productions for working tirelessly on our lasting mementoes.

To all others who gave of their time, their property and their energy, thank you. Without seamstresses, carpenters, painters, ponies (Miss Fizz) and their people, carriage owners, ASMs, musicians, technicians, prop makers, celebrities actors--and most especially you the audience, Cinderella would not have happened.



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A new executive for 2004

Senior black and white poster winner was Jamie Dennis of Dease Lake School. The senior colour poster winner was Sonja Pitre, also of Dease Lake School.

Come on out to our January General Meeting and meet your new executive on Tuesday Jan. 13 at 8

p.m. Don't forget: new faces, new ideas, new strength means a continuation of community support from Branch 13.

We have just given out over \$10,000 to different charities. This makes over \$30,000 this year. This community cannot afford to lose us.

The next Steak Night is Friday Jan. 2.

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Raging Cow

Mike Hawthorn made a circuit over Herman's pool, tilting the Jet Ranger to starboard so that Jim Culp might get better look at the river. Ducks, startled by the thump of the rotors and the shadow of the machine, raced out from under it leaving vapour trails as their wake.

Thanks to its dark water and its darker bottom, the Lakelse River coho count was always a difficult enterprise. The light had to be right too. Jim wanted a clear sunny day, and had chartered the helicopter for late in the morning hoping for optimal visibility, but the sunlight was diffused by atmospheric haze and its angle wasn't right.

Fisheries and Oceans had contracted Jim to count salmon from the air so that they could have some idea if they'd met their escapement targets on the Terrace area rivers where counting this way was practical. He'd counted Copper River chinook early that fall and he'd count steelhead there later in the year, when the river was low and clear. Of the rivers Jim had enumerated, the Lakesle was by far the most difficult.

"Let's make another pass," he suggested. Mike made some delicate moves and the helicopter banked again. Jim strained through his Polaroid glasses and tallied every crimson coho he spotted with a click of his counter.

Terry Munday was glad to have a day off — elated in fact. It had been too long since he'd fished the Lakelse; he'd been thinking about it off and on for days now.

Every time he passed the washouts on the Kitimat River on his way to work at the aluminum smelter, he started thinking trout then, inevitably, of trout fishing on his favourite river, the Lakelse.

There were no trucks or cars in the parking lot. This was surprise — a nice surprise, it being steelhead season and all.

Solitude, he thought. *Wonderful*.

He had just put together his three-weight trout rod when he heard the helicopter traveling across the lake.

He was almost to the river when he heard it circling Herman's Pool.

He stepped out of the trail and saw the Jet Ranger hover then shoot downstream like a giant dragonfly. He wondered what its crew was doing.

A cow moose had made her way up the valley the day before, at a leisurely, nervous pace, champing alder along the way. She'd bedded down at dusk, taking cover in the alder thicket that grows alongside Herman's Creek.

In the morning she made her way down the creek, almost to the river, when she heard roar more strange and frightening than the howl of wolves or the roar of a grizzly bear.

She froze. Every muscle tightened as the roaring beast came closer, right overhead, moved back, then came closer again.

She saw it. It was smaller than her. It stood in the river.

The roar of the chopper had not yet drained from the valley as Terry started to fish. Before his first cast was out he heard branches breaking behind him. He glanced over his shoulder and saw legs and hooves.

Moose!

He ran into the river and dove headlong. The moose's hooves plunged like sledgehammers into the water beside him.

My back, Terry thought, the thing's gonna break my back or crush my skull!

He tried grabbed the bottom the way a slipping climber about to fall to his death might grab for a hold. He looked and felt for a large rock. The sound of moose hooves splashing in the water beside him was deafening.

The idea that he might pull himself under and thereby escape the hooves raced feverishly through his thoughts.

The splashing was farther away.

It stopped.

Terry lifted his head and gasped air. He was floating over the tail out of Herman's, over the Rock Garden. His knees bumped the larger rocks. He put his hands down. He kneeled. He stood. He shook. He looked upstream. The cow moose was some 200 metres above him. She was standing in the water to her knees.

His rod was still in his hand — still intact. It shook. Terry had a trout. He reeled it in and shook it free.

He waded the river quickly. He walked briskly up the trail. He looked back a few times. Two fishermen were on their way down to the river.

"Any luck?" one of them asked

"Some," said Terry.

Terrace hoopsters sought after by university squad

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

UNIVERSITY scouts are keeping their eyes on athletes coming out of Terrace's basketball program.

Two former Caledonia Kermodes are on the University of Northern B.C. men's basketball team this year and head coach Zane Robison says he's hoping that trend will continue.

"Terrace is very reliable at producing high quality athletes in basketball," Robison says.

"I know the community is very supportive of it — that's really nice to see and that's why they are so successful in producing these athletes."

Christian Desierto, 21, and Doug Burnip, 19, are both graduates of all levels of basketball in Terrace.

Each of the players began their basketball careers on the hardwood with the Terrace Youth Basketball Association.

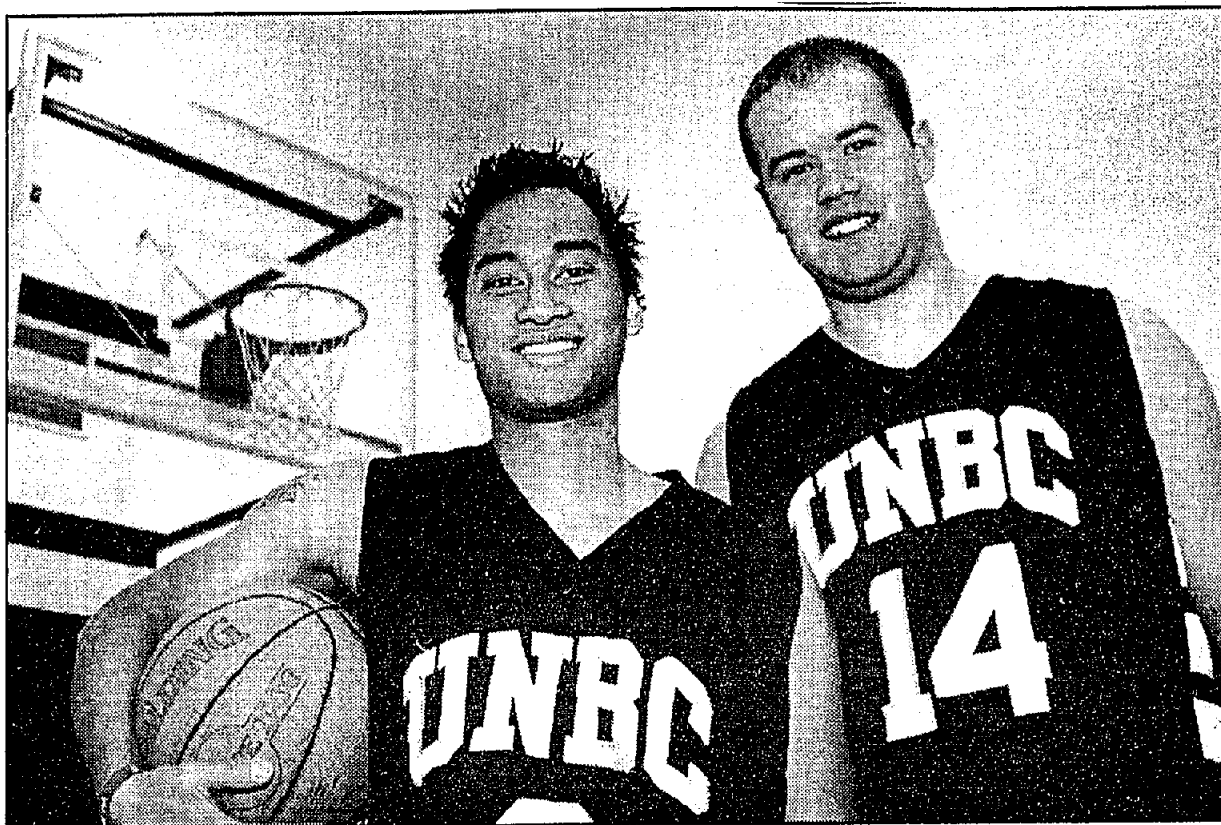
Also known as mini-ball, the program is intended for young elementary age students to get their feet wet on the court.

It caters to boys and girls and has grown over the past decade to include players up to 14 years old and is so popular some kids have to go on a waiting list if they don't sign up early enough.

Many mini-ball players go on to play at the junior high and high school levels.

Overseen for years by Caledonia's head coach for boys basketball, Cam MacKay, the program not only emphasizes teaching young players important hoops skills, but its an outlet for older players to give back to the community. High school players volunteer their time to coach or referee games.

"I loved playing for Cam," says Burnip, a forward for the Timberwolves.



CHRISTIAN Desierto and Doug Burnip are suiting up with the UNBC Timberwolves this season. The squad's coach likes what he sees in players from here. PHOTO COURTESY UNBC

ward for the Timberwolves.

"It was a great experience."

Going on to play at the university level has always been a goal of Desierto's, who is a guard on the UNBC squad.

This is his second year

here have just been awesome — we had a great team last season and we're on our way this year."

Burnip, who's in his rookie year playing on the squad says the transition to playing at the university level has been smooth, but

Robison. "He's a big body that can smack some guys around — he sets some nasty screens for us."

The Timberwolves consistently draw some of the largest fan bases in western Canada to their games. It's not unusual for more

"That just makes you want to play that much harder, knowing that we're in the spotlight."

The Timberwolves are sitting one spot out of a playoff berth, and are picking up some heavy hitters in the second semester as more students become eligible to play.

That includes six-foot-six-inch tall, 220-pound Port Alberni recruit Andrew Sturgeon.

And coach Robison says he's already eyeing up another Caledonia grad to join the squad next year and he's keeping close tabs on a couple Grade 12 students on the Kermode squad this season.

"We're happy to have kids from students," he says. "We're hoping that we can keep that continuing — where Terrace players want to play in Prince George."

"He's a big body that can smack some guys around — he sets some nasty screens for us."

playing for the Timberwolves and with the departure of some key players this season, he's seen quite a bit of court time so far.

He's been in the starting lineup for half the games this season and is one of the team's top minute-getters.

"This year I've had the chance to prove what I can do," he says.

"The last two years

the program is much more intensive than high school.

"I find at the university level there's a lot more physical aspects to it — the speed of the game is a little bit quicker," Burnip says, adding the team practices five times a week including cardio work-outs and weight training.

"Doug plays a very important role in terms of chemistry," says coach

than 1,000 fans to pack the stands at home games.

That means there's a lot of young people looking up to the players and regular media coverage in area newspapers and on television.

It's something the players try to use to their advantage.

"I think it's more motivation than anything — nobody wants to hear about bad teams," says Desierto.

Are you tough enough to take the plunge?

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

DO YOU HAVE what it takes to really ring in the new year with a splash?

The Kinsmen Club of Terrace dares you to take the plunge new year's day at the 13th annual Kermodei Bear Swim.

The annual event has become a tradition for dozens of people LOOKING to start the year off with a clean slate.

"It's a cleansing, if you want, and there is no better cleansing than that," says Bruce Martindale, a Kinsmen club member and chair of this year's event.

He's also a veteran when it comes to starting the new year off with a plunge into the icy waters of Lakelse Lake — he's hit the frigid water eight times.

"It's just the challenge and the, 'I dare ya,' and to get over the fear," Martindale says.

"It's a tradition."

The swim usually draws between 35-50 brave people willing to collect pledges — all the money raised gets put back into community projects in the Terrace area — and launch into the frosty lake.

"The only shock is cold water," Martindale says. "And if you stand outside

for a little while before you jump in, the water's actually warm."

The popular event draws nearly 300 spectators every year and organizers are hoping to see an even bigger crowd Jan. 1.

The family event includes hot dogs, hot chocolate and there's no shortage of entertainment.

Swimmers take turns jumping into the water — many of whom arrive in outrageous costumes.

In previous years jumpers have dressed as everything from cavemen to space aliens, drag queens and diapered New Year's babies.

One year an enterprising duo dressed up as the Titanic before jumping in.

Prizes are given out for best costume and best group costume.

This year the Kinsmen are trying something new. They've invited the Terrace Blueback swim club to take part while making it a fund raising event for them too.

"They have the ability to raise as much pledge money as they can, they'll have a blast and we'll give them 50 per cent back," Martindale says.

The swim is also the first official event of the Year of the Kermodei —

the theme Terrace city council has given 2004.

The Kermodei Bear swim is a perfect way to kick off the year and organizers are hoping it will draw attention to the push to get the Kermode named as the symbol of the 2010 Olympics.

The swim gets under way at the Kinsmen Kid-dies Kamp at First Avenue Lakelse Lake at 1 p.m. Jan. 1.

"Anyone who has ever jumped before or has ever thought of jumping — this is the year to do it."



THIS GUY was brave enough. Are you? FILE PHOTO



Winning streak

THE TERRACE Pee Wee reps are proving to be a big threat on the ice this year. The squad has a seven win, one loss record in the Skeena Valley rep hockey league so far this year. They won two home games in a row against Smithers Dec. 12-13, defeating the Storm 3-0 and 9-3.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Kitselas Band
Early Childhood Educator**
Full-time, Permanent

As a licensed qualified Early Childhood Educator, will report to the Aboriginal Head Start Coordinator, the Early Childhood Educator will be responsible for delivering the Aboriginal Head Start Program to the preschool aged children of Kitselas. The Head Start program is designed to instill the necessary skills to assist the young children with the transition into regular school.

Qualifications:

- Current Early Childhood Education certificate
- Child Safe or other approved first aid certificate
- Current criminal records check
- Valid BC Driver's License
- Knowledge of Kitselas culture preferred
- Ability to work with parents, elders, community

Duties include:

- Planning, implementing and assessing activities.
- Prepares and coordinates a daily program schedule.
- Maintains health records and is responsible to administer medications and first aid as directed.
- Ensure compliance with all health and safety licensing requirements.
- Preparing all mandatory narrative reports, reviews to the funding agencies; and Band.
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Kitselas First Nation

The Kitselas First Nation is seeking a skilled and motivated manager to provide leadership in the administrative functions of the Kitselas First Nation public administration. The successful individual will work with a management team of four other directors who are individually and collectively responsible for implementing policy and legislation approved by the elected Council.

The Director of Administration (formerly referred to as the "Band manager") is responsible for:

- Management of the housing, public works utilities, law enforcement, community planning, land registration and office services programs
- Inter-governmental relations with BC, Canada and local and regional governments at the program level
- Human resource development generally and the supervision of staff in the programs for which he/she is responsible

The successful candidate will have:

- Post-secondary education in business administration, public administration, or the equivalent in experience.
- A good knowledge of the programs, funding opportunities, regulations and procedures of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.
- Knowledge of and experience in the use of computers, good administrative, communication, and organizational skills, good working knowledge of financial accounting principles, a valid provincial driver's license, and the willingness to travel as required

This position is a senior management position in the Kitselas administration. The salary depend on training, education and experience and will be reviewed at the end of a three month probationary period and regularly at each annual anniversary date of commencement of employment.

Please send resumes to Sharon Bennett at the Kitselas Administration Office 4562 Queensway Drive, Terrace, BC V8G 3X6. Interested individuals may also pick up a more detailed job description from Sharon. Applicants will be short listed and only those short listed will be contacted. Closing date is December 19, 2003 at 3:30 p.m.

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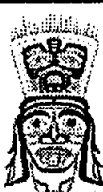
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- Masters degree in Counseling Psychology or related discipline and previous experience working with First Nations people, or a strong combination of education, relevant training and experience.
- Ability to communicate effectively in English, both verbally and in writing.
- Preference given to those with the ability to understand and speak the Nisga'a language.
- Knowledge of traditions, culture, and language of the Nisga'a people preferred.
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- Ability to use standard personal computer applications relevant to the position.
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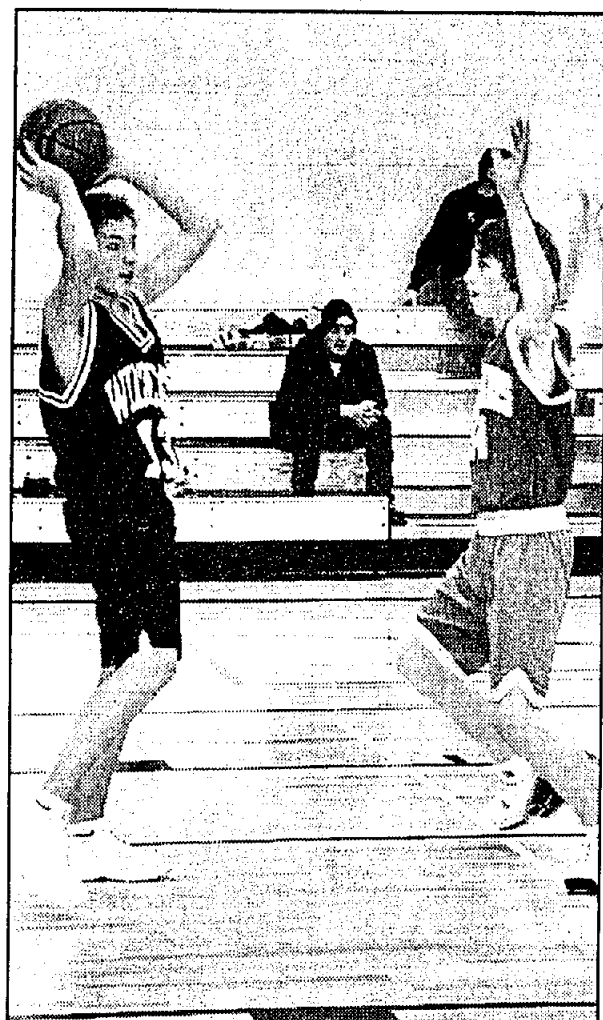
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Wildcats win one, lose one at home tourney

THE SKEENA gym saw some solid basketball action Dec. 6 as the junior boys Wildcats hosted its first tournament of the year.

Skeena defeated Charles Hays in the first game of the day by a score of 52-45, but wasn't as lucky in its second game of the tournament.

They went up against a tough Prince Rupert Senior Secondary team and lost that one 58-44.

Jag Aujla picked up 15 points in the game and 22 in the first.

Rupert proved to be a

force to be reckoned with annihilating Hazelton's team 82-7. Hazelton's Donald Hunt managed to put six of those seven points up on the board.

Charles Hays also beat Hazelton 73-16 with Hays' Ian Fromm logging 17 points and Hazelton's Brian Hagen nabbing 4.

The tournament also saw an exhibition game between two younger teams mid-way through the day.

Skeena's Grade 8 team narrowly edged Prince Rupert Senior Secondary's Grade 8s 58-56.

Atom tourney nears

DOZENS of nine and 10-year-olds are taking to the ice over the Christmas holidays as the Terrace Minor Hockey Association's atom division hosts a three-day tournament here.

It's a 10-team tournament drawing five visiting squads from throughout the north.

The Dec. 26-28 tournament is being held at the Terrace Arena. Spectators are more than welcome to cheer on the hometown teams.

Caledonia takes on emergency workers

STUDENTS AT Cal are going head to head against area police officers, ambulance attendants and fire fighters tomorrow, in a floor hockey tournament.

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Creditors and others having claims against the estate of **GARFIELD ELMER REUM** also known as **GARRY REUM** are hereby notified under section 38 of the Trustee Act that particulars of their claims should be sent to the undersigned Executor at #200-4630 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C. V8G 1S6, on or before February 18, 2004, after which date the Executor will distribute the estate among the parties entitled to it, having regard only to the claims that have then been received.

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Description	Reference	Closing Date
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CALLING FOR TENDERS

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Contract: S2004T5KTE-217 Located: Dasque and Lower Skeena operating area within the Terrace Field Team Area, for Timber Reconnaissance on approximately 345 hectares.

Deadline for receipt of tenders is 9:00 a.m., January 8, 2004, at which time all tenders will be opened.

Tenders must be submitted on the forms and in the envelope supplied which, with the particulars, may be obtained from the Timber Sales Manager at the above address. Tenders will not be considered having any qualifying clauses whatsoever and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. The work will be administered by the British Columbia Ministry of Forests.

For field enquiries only, contact Christopher B. Lind at Terrace Field Office (location) during business hours, phone 250 638-5164 or fax 250 638-5176, or to receive a copy of the tender package only, contact the receptionist at 250-638-5100.

The awarding of the contract is subject to the availability of funds for the year field work is required.

NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A61020

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, timber sale licence A61020 is being offered for sale by the Skeena Business Area.

Closing Date: January 8, 2004 at 11:30 a.m.

Geographic Location: 8.5 km Branch H-35 Harper FSR

Estimated Volume: 13 577 cubic metres, more or less

Term: 18 months

Logging Method: This timber sale licence has been designed for harvest using GBS and Cable. The use of other systems may be subject to the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act and its regulations.

Upset Stumpage Rate: The upset stumpage rate was determined by the variable pricing system and is applicable only to coniferous green sawlog grades (except Interior Grade 3).

Upset Stumpage Rate/cubic metre for competitive volumes:

Timber Mark	Product	Volume	Rate
61020	Sawlog	6439	\$17.26

Species percent: Balsam 27%, Hemlock 73%

This timber sale licence contains 7138 of non-competitive volume and is fully developed. Tenders will only be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a BC Timber Sales Enterprise in Category Any.

This licence requires the building of approximately 2.2 kilometres of on-block roads. This licence is subject to, among other things, new maximum term limits and extension fee and surrender provisions. Applicants are advised to carefully consider the impact of these changes when formulating their bids. Further information on these changes may be found in Advisory Bulletin 11/04/03.

Applications will be accepted by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1 until 10:30 a.m. on January 8, 2004.

There is additional material that the applicant must consider in their application. This material which includes application forms and other information about the TSL can be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Business Area Office.

Tender packages are available at the above address, or by contacting the receptionist at 250-638-5100.

For field enquiries only, contact Andy Spangl.

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A61023

Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, timber sale licence A61023 is being offered for sale by the Skeena Business Area.

Closing Date: January 8, 2004 at 8:30 a.m.

Geographic Location: 2 km on Branch H-85 Harper FSR

Estimated Volume: 16 620 cubic metres, more or less

Term: 18 months

Logging Method: This timber sale licence has been designed for harvest using combination of Highlead Cable and Ground Based systems. The use of other systems may be subject to the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act and its regulations.

Upset Stumpage Rate: The upset stumpage rate was determined by the variable cost method and is applicable only to coniferous green sawlog grades (except Interior Grade 3).

Upset Stumpage Rate/cubic metre for competitive volumes:

Timber Mark	Product	Volume	Rate
61023	Sawlog	9527	\$10.12

Species percent: Balsam 55%, Hemlock 43%, Spruce 2%

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This licence requires the building of approximately 0.9 kilometres of on-block roads and approximately 0.35 kilometres of access road under an associated Road Permit.

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