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Council to raise property taxes

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

MUNICIPAL taxes will be going up this year even without taking into consideration the additional costs of building the proposed sportsplex/second sheet of ice.

The city has started its budget deliberations and is considering an approximately 3.6 per cent hike in taxes in 2006.

"These are very preliminary figures" at this time," says Mayor Jack Talstra. "We'll be tossing them back and forth."

Talstra says the proposed tax increase will help offset the costs of the recent city purchase of the old Co-op property, to account for a recent raise in wages for

the city's unionized employees and an increase in utility bills for city-owned

The hike will also allow the city to put money back into departments that have had services and staffing cut back over the course of the past five years.

"We think we've turned a corner in the community," Talstra says of cuts brought in when the Skeena Cellulose/ New Skeena sawmill went into financial limbo resulting in unpaid tax bills.

Unlike Prince Rupert, which budgeted based on receiving unpaid taxes from its Skeena pulp mill at some point, the city here cut spending to balance its own un-

"We want to bring particularly the public works department - that's roads and streets - back to an acceptable standard," said Talstra.

That department has been operating on a roughly \$1.5-million yearly budget and he'd like to see that increased "at least to \$2 million."

And despite the uncertainty of the cost of the proposed second sheet of ice project, Talstra says that project does not factor into the proposed tax hike nor is it included in the draft budget the city is working on. That's because council still hopes to avoid hitting taxpayers in the

"It's not yet in the taxpayer's domain in the sense that where we are right now trying to build a sportsplex with donations and grants not with taxpayer's money," Talstra says.

Until bids come back Feb. 9, the city won't know whether or not it has enough money available in short term borrowing and money already raised and pledged to pay for the project, he says.

"If we're short, then we have some further decisions to make and that is how to make up the shortfall and one of those options, of course, is from taxpayers money," Talstra says.

"Then we have to decide if we are a) going to build it and b) whether we go to referendum or not."

If the city chooses to build it and it becomes a capital project, then those figures will be added to the budget projections at that time. And that could mean an additional increase in taxes.

Bids on the project will come in Feb. 9, at which time council will examine its

Talstra expects the draft budget to be approved by April.

The old Co-op property purchase cost \$1.1 million. Council has yet to make a decision as to what it wants to do there.

Change needed at DIA, says MP

SKEENA MP Nathan Cullen will push for an overhaul of how money is spent for native people and how services are provided to them.

He says the way both the federal fisheries department and the-former Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) now called Indian and Northern Affairs Canada have been run under the Liberals isn't working and he'll be watching closely how the new Conservative government will handle those portfolios.

"It just depends what the overhaul will be for," he says. "It's a very patronizing bureaucracy."

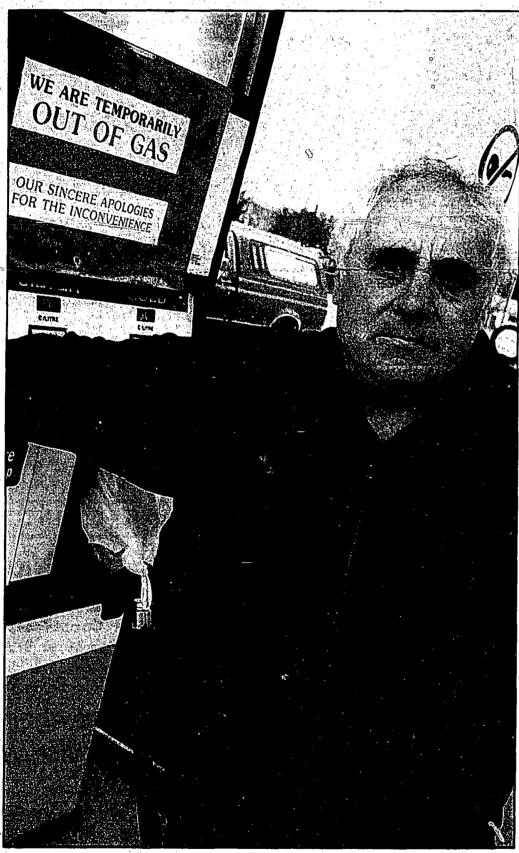
Cullen agrees there's a chasm between money spent on services for native people and the still-appalling standards affecting some First Nations communities.

'We spend many billions of dollars, yet we still have people living in conditions that we wouldn't tolerate for anybody," he says, adding there must be a better way of tracking how money is spent.

Better accountability and a measurement of changes the money is supposed to make in those communities is critical, Cullen added.

"Measure yourself by accurate numbers, not just in dollars but in numbers of homes built, suicides prevented," he says.

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GIANNINO Pretto (top) and wife Sheila continue to spar with Shell over contamination at their gas station location and possible solutions to solve the problem so they can get back to selling gas. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

Couple's struggle over contamination at station continues

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

environmental assessment of Giannino and Sheila Pretto's Shell station site on Kalum St. but when or if it will happen remains

The Jan. 23 offer is the latest in a series of events which has hamstrung the Prettos from selling gas at the location.

In late 2005, the Prettos had to stop selling gas for the second time in four years because contamination found at the site prevented them from using the property as collateral to obtain business financing.

Shell has denied responsibility for the problem but it now proposes to conduct the assessment using its own environmental consultants to determine the extent of the contamination on the site.

The Prettos say they aren't responsible for contamination which they feel had taken place before they purchased the station.

The assessment offer hinges on Pretto supplying copies of the environmental reports he obtained when contamination on his site was discovered in 2001 while old underground fuel tanks were being replaced.

John McMynn, Pretto's accountant, says the couple is considering Shell's offer but there are concerns that an environmental assessment conducted by Shell may not be unbiased.

They can't afford to pay for the assessment, estimated to cost in the range of \$30,000, says McMynn.

"At least we can find out the extent of the contamination," McMynn says of the benefit of having Shell conduct the assessment.

The Prettos and McMynn suspect the entire site is contaminated.

"The environmental assessment will give us a better idea of what the impact is on the site," says Shell official Denita Davis, saying what happens next is yet to be determined.

If the assessment is done it will shed light on where and how widespread the contamination is, but it may not help determine who is responsible for the contamination.

"The goal of the environmental assess-SHELL CANADA says it will pay for an ment is not to point fingers...at this point, Shell has little to no information about that site." Davis said.

> Pretto maintains any contamination on the site predates his purchase of the location in 1982 after first becoming a leaseholder in

> In a letter to Shell, longtime Terrace resident Ron Gowe outlined the history of the site and the practices used by gas station owners prior to the strict environmental guidelines used today.

> A Shell service station has been on that site since the late '50s - a time when the roads in Terrace were unpaved and it was common practice to pour used petroleum products on the ground to curtail the dust from the gravel roads, Gowe says.

> In 1969, the gas station on Kalum St. was rebuilt with a new facility including a car wash, he recalls.

"Again, no remedial action was taken to clean up the extreme soil contamination; every thing was just built or paved over. Mr. Giannino Pretto relocated to this location as leaser from Shell Canada in 1974," Gowe

"During that period, I was involved several times in carrying out electrical service work in the car wash. In 1982, he purchased the operation from Shell, operating since as a private enterprise. NOTE: This was a company operation until his purchase, which included all the contamination from the earlier dilapidated premises prior to modernization, which was owned by Shell and never cleaned up environmentally."

The whole of Gowe's letter was reprinted Jan. 11, 2006 in a full-page ad in The Terrace Standard paid for by more than a dozen "disgruntled local business owners," including McMynn.

"I think Shell Canada needed a wake-up call and they seem to be avoiding their responsibility and essentially trying to put him out of business," says McMynn.

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Robbery suspect nabbed, police officers fire guns

By MARGARET SPEIRS

POLICE FIRED an unknown number of shots while arresting a person accused of using a serrated-edge kitchen knife to rob the Safeway gas bar here of \$69 late in the afternoon of Jan. 25.

At least a dozen RCMP officers were ultimately involved in attempting to stop a man as he left a Walsh Ave. apartment building later that night in a truck that was stolen prior to the robbery.

One officer discharged a shotgun and another a standard RCMP issue 9-mm hand

Terrace RCMP Sgt. Bill Casault said officers staked out the truck after finding it in the apartment parking lot and that a chase started after the man returned to the truck and sped away.

He lost control and went into a ditch on Park Ave. close to the apartments adjacent

to the large vacant lot, which once housed the highways ministry maintenance yard. Casault said the man drove toward a con-

stable who was trying to arrest him. That's when officers opened fire to force

the driver to stop, said Casault. The driver then lost control and crashed

into a bush along Park Ave. Police apprehended the suspect with the help of police service dog "Nack".

None of the officers were injured but the suspect suffered a minor bite to the shoulder from the police dog.

Neither the truck, which was impounded, nor any houses in the area suffered damage from the police gunfire, said Casault.

Casault said investigators will review the security camera tape from the Safeway gas

Officers did not recover a knife. Cont'd Page A2



A CAR RESTS below the logging truck it hit Jan. 27 on Kalum Lake Road. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

Young people injured

A KITWANGA truck driver is happy nobody was seriously hurt after a car careened out of control and slammed into the front of his logging truck last week.

Kirby Bissell was carrying a full load of logs as he headed north from Hwy16 on Kalum Lake Dr. when he saw a silver Honda car barrelling out of control at the base of the hill shortly after 3 p.m. Jan. 27.

"He was coming around the corner pretty fast," Bissell says, adding he slowed down to a crawl when he saw the car. "I saw him coming and knew he lost it."

The car couldn't negotiate the turn and Bissell says it. appeared the driver overcorrected sending its tires into soft mud on the shoulder of the southbound lane.

"Then he spun around and slid sideways into me," he says adding the truck was nearly at a full stop before the

He believes the four people in the car were collegeaged students. Textbooks, papers and binders were strewn about the accident scene. Paramedics took four people, who were all able to walk away from the crash scene, to the hospital for treatment.

"One kid was knocked out for at least five minutes," Bissell said. "Those kids are all going to be alright, that's all that really matters."

Firearms use investigated

POLICE OFFICERS are investigating the circumstances which caused other officers to fire their weapons while attempting to arrest a robbery suspect Jan. 25.

Corporal Tom Seaman, media relations officer of RCMP E-division in Vancouver, said guns may be used when officers fear for their safety, such as when someone comes at them with a vehicle.

"That's a formality and part of procedure and to make sure officers adhere to policies," said Seaman of the investigation.

The detachment may carry out the investigation on its own or with the help of an outside investigator from the district. He said the investigation can take a variable amount of time to complete, depending on the detachment's workload.

After the investigation, officers may be encouraged to review the policies. "We qualify with firearms every year and police policy

on the use of force is part of that training," he said. "Given the nature of our duties and whatnot, police officers are on their own and are constantly preparing and making sure they're aware of what their legal authorities are and what force can be used when and where."

Whether officers choose to shoot at the tires on a threatening driver's vehicle is up to the individual officer's discretion. He said usually officers will fire at the centre of a



RCMP Cpl. Dave Domoney uses a transit to plot the locations of the police vehicles and stolen truck involved in a chase ending in gunfire Jan. 25.

vehicle to avoid the possibility of bullets ricocheting, which could happen when shooting at tires.

Shooting at the centre of the vehicle gives a margin of error for bullets to go right or left without hitting someone or something else. The use of a shotgun is also at the individual officer's discretion, he said.

From front Suspect arrested in residential area

The accused suspect, Robin Wayne Rody, 36, believed to be from Terrace, appeared in Terrace Provincial Court Jan. 27 and was charged with allegedly stealing the \$69, theft of a four-wheel drive truck, dangerous driving, and operating a motor vehicle to evade a police officer and without lawful excuse failing to stop the vehicle as soon as reasonably possible.

Rody's next court appearance is Feb. 7 and he'll do that via videoconferencing from the Prince George Regional Correctional Centre.

Nelson McGinley witnessed the chase from his daughter's house along Kenney St.

He said vehicles were going in

circles as officers tried to corner the truck.

The truck started fishtailing, entered the former highways maintenance yard site and then circled before the driver lost control, McGinley said.

"The police car door opened and it sounded like four to eight shots," Mc-Ginley said.

"No one was injured so either the guy was a lousy shot or they were taking the tires out.

"It sounded like the doors opened and I could hear bang, bang, bang, bang. My granddaughter thought she could hear someone coming in the window because of the sound vibrations," he said, adding the shots may have

been fired around 7:30 p.m.

He believes six to eight police cars were involved.

The truck believed to have been involved in the robbery and then impounded by police after the arrest was stolen from Ken's Marine shortly after 5 p.m. the same day, said Trevor Gibbon, manager of the store.

"I haven't seen it yet, we haven't got it back from the RCMP," Gibbon said last week. "I heard they ran into it and I heard they shot it."

Gibbon said they reported the truck stolen and later RCMP officers stopped by Ken's Marine to let them know the truck had been found and to confirm ownership.

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Veritas welcomes parents and grandparents in the larger community out to an evening with sought-after, internationally experienced author, speaker and teacher Barry MacDonald. Barry has been named one of 25 Influential People to Watch by the Vancouver Sun. His presentation is on the education

and parenting of boys. This talk is not of a religious nature. Thursday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Veritas School. Entry by donation.

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From front

Contamination struggle continues

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experienced any leakage site so he can once again opfrom the fuel tanks on his property since he purchased

In 2001, while the new tanks were being installed, Pretto discovered two, old underground fuel tanks on another part of the property which contained what appeared to be gas and water, says McMynn.

None of the documents supplied to Giannino from Shell indicated the presence of those two tanks, he says.

Shell official Denita Davis says Shell will take responsibility for all Shellcaused contamination.

"Shell takes its environmental responsibility seriously," Davis says.

But that doesn't mean Shell is accepting responsibility for the contamination on Pretto's site.

In order for Shell to take responsibility of the cleanup it must be proven that the contamination is in fact the company's responsibility.

And though the proposed environmental assessment may shed light on the extent of the contamination it may not necessarily prove when the contamination occurred.

The process is not an exact science although there are some indicators that may help determine a possible timeline," says Davis, adding the presence of lead could help pinpoint how far back the contamination may

The composition and specifications of fuel have also changed over time and that may also help with a timeline, she said.

Pretto depleted much of his working capital in 2001 when he paid to have contaminated soil removed from the area of the new tanks which were installed.

That same year the Royal Bank, which had been financing the business, pulled its support due to the contamination.

Since then Pretto has tapped his savings to keep the business afloat and he hasn't drawn a wage for

three years. By the end of November 2005 he laid off all his em-

"Giannino's been at the ployees and stopped selling gas because he couldn't afford to pay for the bulk purchase of the fuel to sell.

Ultimately, he's hoping Shell will either buy him out Pretto maintains he never of or pay for the cleanup of the erate it as a viable business, or at the very least be able to sell it – an option he doesn't have while it's still contaminated.

Skeena-Bulkley Valley MP Nathan Cullen says he supports Pretto and questions Shell's reluctance to accept responsibility for the contamination.

"I would suggest that this doesn't just hurt Shell in the Terrace market but across the region," Cullen said. "They've suffered a number of years of bad publicity for their work in Nigeria."

Cullen said he doesn't want to see a small community businessman hurt by such a profitable company.

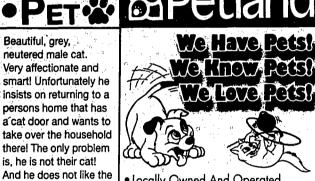
According to Shell Canada Limited's web site 2004 was a banner year for the corporation seeing record earnings of nearly \$1.3 billion - up 60 per cent from

"It's not a question of resources it's a question of how much they value the customers in Terrace. Does it matter to them?" Cullen said. "It doesn't seem like it matters to them. Companies exist to make profit but in order to make profit they need what's called a social license to operate."

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SCHOOLS ARE OPEN TO TAKE REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. BETWEEN FEBRUARY 13th, 2006 AND APRIL 6th, 2006

The School District will make every effort, dependent upon available staff, to place students who have registered by April 6th in their neighbourhood school. Students registering after April 6th may be placed in any of the Terrace/Thornhill schools, dependent upon available staffing.

To be eligible for entry to School in September 2006 students must be **five years of age on or before December** 31st, 2006. A birth certificate and proof of immunization will be required at the time of registration.

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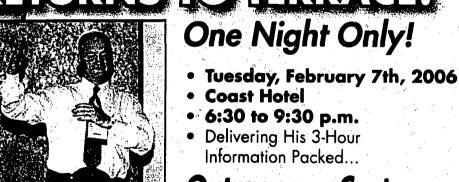
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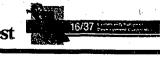
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Ksan's house about to open

WITH RESIDENTS not expected to move into the new transition house facility until next week, the Ksan House Society is taking the opportunity to host a grand opening for supporters and project partners tomorrow, Feb. 2.

The ceremonial ribbon cutting is to take place at 2 p.m. says Jan LeFrancois, the society's program director.

Representatives from government agencies such as the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and B.C. Housing and officials from the Real Estate Foundation of B.C., all of whom contributed construction monies, have been invited.

The local list includes members from the Terrace and Skeena Valley Rotary clubs, the Northern Savings Credit Union and city council. The complex, located close to downtown, contains both the society's administrative and residential services in one location, replacing buildings at separate locations.

For security concerns, however, the event is not open to the general public.

The society's administrative wing was occupied late last year while work continued to finish the eight-bedroom residential portion.

Last week, a variety of social services, counselling agencies and others from Terrace and the Northwest toured the facility in preparation for a full occupancy by residents.

Staff are still busy accepting donations to furnish the transition house's five rooms, only one of which was furnished as of last week.

The Ksan House Society has been in operation for 25 years and counts a counselling service and an emergency shelter among its operations.

Its former administrative building was sold to help pay for the new location and there is a proposal from another party to use the current soon-to-be vacated transition house as a youth shelter.

Ksan House Society staff from left, Shelly Haynes-Marrelli, Jan LeFrancois, Kristi Hanna and Michelle Demoe will welcome supporters and project partners to their new facility tomorrow. DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO



School changes delayed until fall

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

SCHOOL TRUSTEES are to start asking for public comment this month on how the school calendar will look this fall without one major issue hanging over their heads.

They've decided to hold off on the details for a three-year plan to change what is taught at each school until this fall.

It means whatever is decided this fall won't be put into place until at least the fall of 2007.

In their first meeting in December 2005, new trustees complained they didn't know, enough about the plan's recommendations, one being to consider selling the board office property and moving administrators to the empty Mountainview Elementary, and asked for more time to get informed about the plan's details.

At that meeting, board chair Lorrie Gowen warned trustees timelines would be tight if they were to accept recommendations in the plan because of the school calendar consultation process that has to begin this month.

"We know we have tight time limits in February when we bring the calendar forward," Gowen

That's because a final decision on the calendar must be made in March in order to allow enough time for teacher layoffs if needed and then for giving notices for re-hires, also if needed.

This year, too, the district is dealing with contractual deadlines as both teachers and staff from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) are up for new deals.

It's important for new trustees to hear parents' views on the calendar, says Gowen. "Trustees are entrusted to speak on behalf

of parents so we need to listen to parents," said The board chair said she hopes this year parents participate more than last year.

"The parent turnout last year was minimal at best," Gowen said. "Some schools there were ing, "Are you going to give us the money?"

The consultation process is required if a district ating under a four-day instructional week.

uses anything but the standard five-day week.

Gowen said if the district were to decide it could return to the five-day week, some of the recommendations in the three-year plan could be implemented.

The topic of the five-day school calendar didn't end there at the Jan. 11 meeting.

New Terrace trustee Art Erasmus introduced a motion that "the district return to the five-day school calendar as soon as possible."

The motion was defeated by a 5-4 margin.

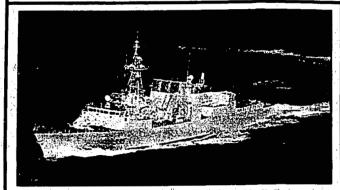
"I was disappointed that as a board we wouldn't make that as a public statement," Erasmus said.

The Terrace Economic Development Authority (TEDA) also made a presentation to the board outlining a survey it had commissioned and its presenter asked the board whether it is working toward a return to the five-day week.

Kitimat trustee Barry Pankhurst replied by ask-

The local district is now in its third year

News In Brief



HMCS CALGARY, one of the Canadian navy's Halifax-class frigates, is on a north coast patrol.

Frigate on patrol

HER MAJESTY'S Canadian Ship Calgary spent the last weekend on a Prince Rupert port call as part of a Jan, 23 to Feb. 3 patrol of northcoast waters.

The 4,770 tonne frigate, with 225 officers and crew, is looking for unusual activities and will provide information to the RCMP, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Coast Guard.

"Sovereignty patrols accomplish a great deal. They allow us to keep a close watch on our ocean approaches and to keep track of who's doing what, where. They also reinforce our presence in coastal waters, particularly those that are less travelled by the navy," said Commander Thomas Tulloch, Commanding Officer of HMCS Calgary.

HMCS Calgary is one of the navy's Halifax class frigates and is based at Esquimalt.

Tax helpers needed

THE CANADA Revenue Agency (CRA) is offering free training to volunteers willing to help people on low and fixed incomes prepare their income tax returns.

"By helping them complete their returns, volunteers ensure that these people receive all the benefits and credits they're entitled to," says the CRA's Darlene

The volunteer tax program provides free help to complete income tax returns for seniors, disabled people, students, and new Canadians living on low and fixed incomes. Volunteers work with community agencies to establish tax clinics in public libraries, community centres, schools, churches, seniors' residences, nursing homes, and other central locations.

Last year, 306 Northern BC and Yukon volunteers helped over 9,704 people with their returns. There is local training on Feb. 8 at the UNBC campus on Park Ave. From 9 a.m. until noon. More information at 1-888-805-6662.

Jobs to promote safety

IN A bid to reduce injuries and fatalities in the forestry industry, the BC Forest Safety Council has created the position of "safety advocate" and will be recruiting up to six individuals this spring.

The positions are being created to help small and medium-sized forestry companies fully participate in the council's Safety Accord Forestry Enterprise (SAFE) companies program. This shakes vas absorble que

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Back to **Ottawa**

NORTHWESTERN VOTERS have chosen the best of both worlds in returning NDP MP Nathan Cullen to Ottawa on Jan. 23.

With a national Conservative government voters have what the country generally wanted - a penalty of unsportsmanlike conduct and game misconduct given to the federal Liberal party.

Mr. Stephen Harper's new government will, as one of its first acts, put in place accountability legislation aimed at preventing what happened under the Liberals.

With Mr. Cullen, northwestern voters have the person they feel can best represent themselves and this region at home and in Ottawa. The size of Mr. Cullen's victory margin - 18,596 ballots compared to closest rival Conservative Mike Scott's 12,630 for 48.5 per cent of the vote - is a remarkable achievement in what was supposed to have been a close race.

Mr. Cullen has amassed a considerable amount of goodwill because of his win and his leader, Jack Layton, would be wise to use that goodwill by having the MP turn his immediate fulltime attention to a crucial piece of regional business. And that is a resolution to the coast Tsimshian claim of not being properly consulted concerning the Prince Rupert container port.

If there ever was a situation in which the voter preference for an MP who has communication and bridge-building skills is needed, then this is it.

Mr. Cullen will also need to pay attention to the Conservative plan for daycare. The new government wants to send monthly cheques of \$100 for every child compared to the NDP plan of bolstering daycare spaces.

With the northwest on the verge of an economic upswing requiring skilled workers of both sexes and reversing a population decline, adequate daycare options must be available for families and single parents.

On a more national level, the Conservatives made promises of tax cuts and billions in new spending all the while stating they will keep the budget balanced.

One thing the federal Liberals did do was set right the fiscal ship of state. The Conservative tandem plan of tax cuts and new spending might cause the ship to list and that cannot happen.

It means Mr. Cullen and the NDP will need to keep the Conservative accounting honest. And that will be an irony for Mr. Cullen and for Canadian politics. We'll have the spectre of a party traditionally knocked for its free-spending ideals keeping a Conservative government on a conservative track.

Only in Canada, eh.

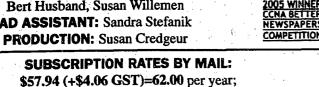
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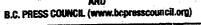
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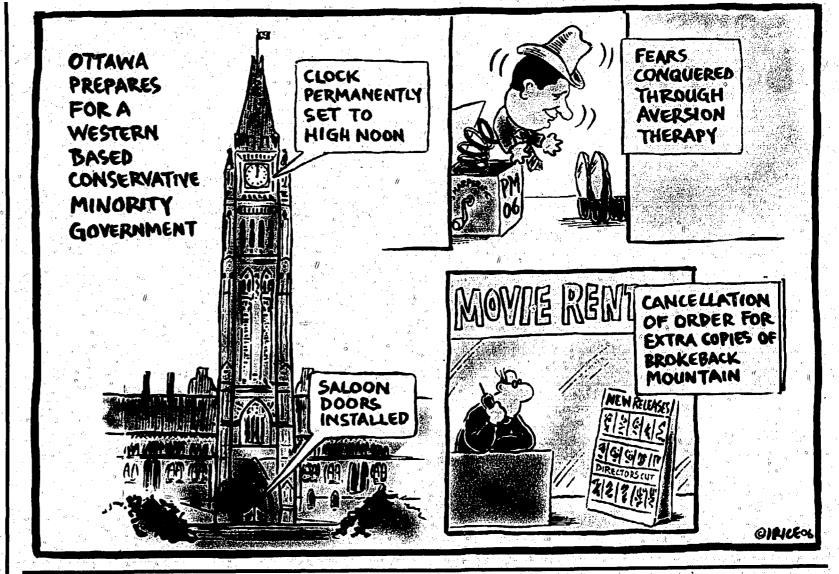


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Harper needs to be moderate

FEDERAL ANOTHER election down and in true BC fashion this province went against the grain nationally

While the rest of the country was electing a Tory government the public in B.C. was busy turfing them out.

In spite of all of the scandals, public outcries of corruption and a generally poorly run campaign, the Liberals made gains in B.C.

Who ever would have predicted that.

The NDP nationally broke even in most of the country, had gains in Ontario, but doubled its representation B.C.

So we now have a minority Conservative government in Ottawa with no other party truly holding the balance of power.

It is interesting that in most democracies around the world coalition governments are the norm. In North America for the most part, we haven't yet been able to figure out how to garner any form of tenure or effectiveness in our minority governments.

For this government to survive for any length of time it will be on a policy-by-policy basis.

At the same time you can bet the respective party strategists will be attempting to maneuver their parties in a way that allows them to put the blame



MY VIEW

ROGER HARRIS

squarely on the other guy if this parliament collapses. The public is in election

overload, especially in B.C., where in less than a year we have had elections at every level of government. The public's appetite to go

terrible toll on the party that takes us there.

So Stephen Harper has his work cut out if he is to not only survive over the short-term, but actually be able to build on this initial success.

He will have to build consensus in his attempt to advance and deliver on his promises of a new Conservative Party view of Canada.

You can bet every party is aware that his success would translate into a potential maiority government at the next election.

Simple math says that his success would come at the expense of one party or the

other. So for all of the rhetoric around finding mutual ground from which good public policy is derived, don't hold your

No political party is motivated to make Stephen Harper look good.

While B.C. may have bucked the trend it provides a unique opportunity to Mr. Harper to re-define the image of the Conservative Party.

We still elected seventeen Conservative MPs. On the issue of Western alienation there is more than an ample numbers of elected MPs here to ensure B.C. is well represented around the cabinet table.

Another challenge facing the Conservatives in B.C. is the impression that they are no friend to First Nations.

The comments by some of The average lifespan of mi-back to the polls in eighteen, the members of the Conservanority governments in Canada months or less may extract a tive party during the campaign to cancel the Kelowna Accord unified First Nations leadership in their opposition to the Conservative Party.

No more is that evident than in the riding of Skeena where the aboriginal vote went in block to the NDP.

But Stephen Harper and the Conservatives have been delivered a golden opportunity to silence critics in the form of the Lax and Metlakatla court case regarding the lack of consultation and accommodation over the Container Port in Prince Rupert.

While this situation should never have been allowed to develop, a window has opened

the cats to Michelle M. Mur-

ray, reports Rick Haydan in

the January 2, 2006 issue of

Before sentencing Murray,

for the new PM.

He should immediately take the lead and engage the First Nations communities, bring resolution to the court case and get on with the construction of what is the most important infrastructure project in Western

Equally with Highway 16 being identified as an energy corridor, there are a number of pipeline projects being proposed.

The Conservatives could take the lead in developing a vision for these projects that includes a resolution to the tanker issue.

Involving First Nations in developing the creative solutions and vision that is going to be required to attract those investments is equally an opportunity to show a different side of the Conservative party.

So in what will be a highly charged political environment. the slimmest of minority Conservative government is about to try and buck tradition.

The odds are against them and certainly favour another federal election in fifteen months. But if another election is to come, it is an election that the Conservatives can build on if they take up challenge to moderate their image in the mind of the electorate over the next year.

If he is successful, Stephen Harper could find himself as a Prime Minister for a long time. Fail and he joins the ranks of those short timer PMs that we soon forget.

Yell 'pigs' and expect to get this

HANDED SENTENCES down by a municipal court judge in Painesville, Ohio are never appealed.

He gives lawbreakers a choice between a typical jail sentence or an alternative sentence tailored like an eyeglass prescription to fit their crime. Having a choice cancels their right to appeal.

The Ohio judge deals very differently with crimes similar to many committed in B.C.

For instance, three teenagers convicted of heaving rocks off an overpass on to motorists below were ordered to stand for hours, in snow and bitter cold, hoisting a professionally made banner reading "We threw rocks from a Route 2 Bridge. We're sorry."

A 44-year-old who hollered 'Pigs!" at police officers chose to stand on a street corner for two hours next to a 350 pound hog in a pen displaying a sign "This is not a police officer" in letters eight inches high.

Teens who vandalized school buses were forced to organize a picnic for the grade school kids whose outing had been canceled by the vandalism. And motorists who speed through school zones donate their time as crossing guards.



THROUGH BIFOCALS **CLAUDETTE SANDECKI**

In a case that would delight our SPCA, a 25-year-

Judge Michael A. Cicconetti asked her, "How would you like to be dumped off at a park and spend the night sitting in the cold listening to coyotes and raccoons around you in the dark, not knowing where you're going to get your next meal, or when you're going to be rescued?"

Cicconetti gave Murray a chance to research those answers. He ordered her to spend

a night in one of the woodland preserves with nothing to eat,

"An alternative sentence reduces jail costs, shields first timers from learning the bad habits of repeat offenders and restores offenders to living as good citizens."

old woman was convicted of committing domestic animal abandonment after dumping 35 kittens in two Mentor, Ohio parks. Park rangers rescued the kittens, but nine of them still died from upper respira-

Identification collars linked

tory infections.

drink or entertain her. He did let her wear warm clothing and build a fire to combat the

How did Murray get to the park, and who gave her a ride back? And how does the judge ensure those convicted serve their sentences?

"It's up to the arresting department," says the judge. "In Murray's case, park rangers drove her to and from the park and made sure she stayed alone all night."

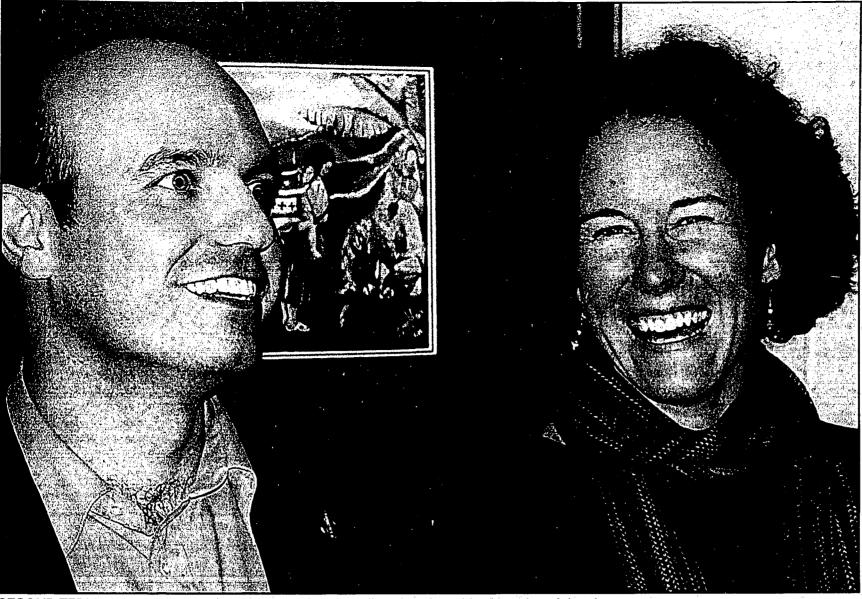
Those convicted just pay accompanying costs such as signs (the rock-throwing banner might have cost \$150), pig pens, or transporting of pigs.

If they lack money, the court will front the cost from its probation budget, but they must pay back the court.

Why do so few judges impose made-to-measure alternative sentences when they work so well? (In twelve years of meting out alternative sentences, not one has refunded.)

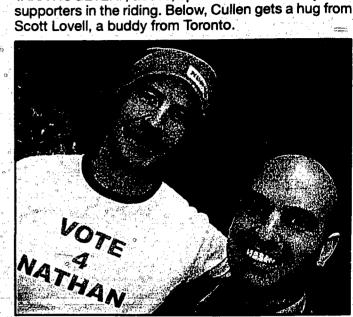
"Because," says Cicconetti, "it's easier to sit on the bench and mete out a jail sentence. Alternative sentences cannot be found in the book, in the law."

To improvise an alternative sentence that exacts a price for the crime, educates the offender, and deters others "takes a bit of thinking," says the judge. But an alternative sentence reduces jail costs, shields first timers from learning the bad habits of repeat offenders, and restores offenders to living as good citizens.



SECOND TERM MP Nathan Cullen and his wife Diana are all smiles about his second straight win.

SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN



TARA HOGETERP, above, sports a shirt made by NDP

Cullen country

Second term landslide victory bodes well for political future

IN 2004 it was the coastal communities of Kitimat under 100 more than Burton. and especially Prince Rupert that sent rookie Nathan Cullen to Ottawa as the Skeena - Bulkley Valley NDP Member of Parliament.

This time Terrace and Smithers jumped aboard what became a Cullen juggernaut, leaving Thornhill as the only holdout at this end of the riding which runs from the Charlottes to Fort St. James.

As voting night Jan. 23 came to an end, Cullen came tantalizing close to 50 per cent of the voter turnout, stopping at 48.5 per cent or 18,596

Conservative Mike Scott, attempting a political return after stepping down as Skeena's MP in 2000, was Cullen's closest rival at 12,630 votes.

Liberal Gordon Stamp-Vincent placed an alsoran third at 4,845 votes while Rod Taylor of the Christian Heritage Party received 1,243 votes and Green Phil Brienesse collected 1,066 votes.

And here are some unofficial numbers giving a clear indication as to trends.

Note: The most important numbers pertain to voter turnout. This time 38,380 people or 64.1 per cent of registered voters turned out, a jump from the 37,039 or 59.98 per cent turnout in June

Kitimat - Cullen HOLD

Having finished more than 700 clear of Conservative incumbent Andy Burton in 2004, Cullen increased the gap to 850 this time despite the fact this time-Conservative Miked Scott polled just 2004 (down 76) while Cullen came up another mat.

The Liberal vote continued to spiral downwards, falling to 300 with defectors going 2:1 to

It should be no surprise that Kitimat is where provincial Skeena Liberal MLA Roger Harris lost the May 2005 provincial election to NDPer Robin Austin.

Terrace - Cullen GAIN

Again Scott increased the 2004 Conservative number - by about 150 - but lost the city by nearly 300 as Cullen's vote increased one third to 2,100.

Here as well the Liberal vote plunged - to under 600 - but its losses were less than the gains by the other two, indicating Terrace saw a sharp increase in voter turnout.

Provincially, Terrace stayed with its traditionally conservative personality by choosing Harris over Austin.

Thornhill – Scott HOLD

Scott gained about 120 votes to tally just over 900, but only just held off Cullen whose vote went up 250 to 850.

Same story again for the Liberals, down 120 to 245.

Prince Rupert - Cullen HOLD

Cullen again doubled the Conservative vote -2,430 to 1,160, but both he and Scott made similar gains as the Liberal vote fell nearly 400 to 620. Smithers - Cullen GAIN

The only centre where Scott failed to match

230 for a 1,259-1,170 margin.

The Libs slipped 140 to just 340. To no surprise, Cullen did well in the native communities compared to Scott. The returning NDP MP handily won in Kitselas and at Kitsumkalum.

Cullen's second term victory of 48.5 per cent of the popular vote continues to match the career of former Skeena NDP MP Jim Fulton.

Fulton, an acknowledged mentor of Cullen, won his first election in 1979 with 37 per cent of the vote, following that a year later with a second term win of 49.5 per cent of the vote.

Ironically, Fulton's 1979 first-time win also featured a miniority government in Ottawa, just as was the case with Cullen's 2004 win.

Fulton was unstoppable in the 1984 and 1988 elections with 45.18 per cent and 52.69 per cent victories respectively.

He retired in 1993, leading the way for Mike Scott's first victory as a Reform MP that election with 38.7 per cent of the vote. Scott won again in 1997 with 42.4 per cent before leaving politics himself in 2000. Cullen's numbers have people predicting he may be able to represent Skeena for several elections yet.

Like Fulton, Cullen has been able to cross party boundaries, drawing votes from people who regard him as the person they best feel speaks for the northwest and for themselves.

With files from The Northern Sentinel, Kiti-

JIM WESTERMAN from Terrace gives the thumbs up **MARGARET SPEIRS PHOTO** on election night.

CONSERVATIVE candidate Mike Scott takes a call as poll results start coming in to his Terrace campaign office on election night. **SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO**

First Nations relations critical

THE Conservatives - and their Reform/Alliance previous incarnations - haven't got a very good record in terms of First Nations policy, says re-elected Skeena-Bulkley Valley MP Nathan Cullen.

"I think they've got a bit of history they're going to struggle with," he said the day after the federal elec-

However, he also sees the change of government as an opportunity.

"The way the Liberals were run-

By MALCOLM BAXTER ning things, there was no urgency," he pointed out.

And Cullen agreed with his Skeena-Bulkley Valley opponent Mike Scott that an industry had been created around treaties that, if left to its own devices with no time lines, could drag the process out for decades.

"I've always been an advocate for time lines.'

If the Conservatives were to initiate treaty talks and give the federal negotiators a mandate to make deals, Cullen said he would support them "absolutely".

Emphasizing investors are not going to come here unless they can feel certainty, he added, "I don't know how you do that without the land question being solved."

Cullen offered the example of B.C. premier Gordon Campbell who had opened his term in office by insulting First Nations with a referendum but had since reversed direction because investors had told him that without that certainty, "you don't

Like the First Nations, he would be watching very closely to see who among the Conservatives got the Indian and Northern Affairs portfolio.

Cullen said if Harper appoints a 'right wing ideologue" it will spell trouble on the treaty front and hurt the northwest.

Whoever was named, Cullen said he will push the new minister to establish a relationship with First Nations because, "It's all based on

Stamp-Vincent seeks to rebuild Liberal support

GORDON STAMP-VINCENT says work to rebuild the Liberal party in the Skeena-Bulkley Valley riding

"We're going to start towards rebuilding the riding and put together an organization that will truly reach around this riding in all areas," he said on election night, adding rebuilding the party is critical given another minority government has been formed.

Achieving a little more than 12 per cent of the vote in the riding, Stamp-Vincent is not deterred by the re-

"I'm not disappointed at all," he said. "I knew going in that the scale of the miracle that would be required to win was huge," Stamp-Vincent said. "We stuck to our message and ran a positive campaign, stuck to the issues and ran on principles. I'll take that as a campaign well run and take that home and treasure it.'

Running in this election gave Stamp-Vincent a whole new outlook on the responsibilities of elected officials.

"It's really humbling - I think humbling's the right word - to talk to people on the doorstep, talk to community leaders, talk with First Nations and realize they are looking to you to help them...to take their issues forward.

Taylor not happy with election results VOTERS FAILED to support the



Christian Heritage Party (CHP) with the numbers leader Rod Taylor expected and he wasn't satisfied with the results. "I am disappointed we didn't get a

higher percentage. I fully expected we would get a higher ground," he said. "Disappointed that so many people have supported a party (the NDP) that has so many bad policies."

The CHP lost some ground, dropping to 3.2 per cent from 3.8 per cent of the votes in the last election

"We knew that throughout the campaign we had voters coming to us from Liberal and NDP traditional-voting patterns so that's why it was a real disappointment to find our numbers had not climbed substantially," he said.

But he believes he fought the good fight to the best of his ability.

"I'm satisfied that we did what we could. I don't know what more we could've done here," he said. "We followed our plan but I'm very disappointed that many voters did not understand our message or did not choose

the values that we put forward."

He still believes that the message family values, sanctity of life, marriage, justice - are essential to Canadian life.

He's prepared to remain in the role of CHP candidate in the next election.

"I firmly believe there will come a time when Canadian citizens will recognize the importance of holding on to traditional moral values that have been eroding, so we believe there will be a renewed interest in the things we're talking about," he said.

Green candidate unsure about running again

ALTHOUGH HE didn't receive the increase of votes he hoped for, Phil Brienesse is still pleased with the Green Party's election showing.

"I am very happy with the results. I am happy with the campaign I ran and I am very happy with my volunteers and the support I had," he said. "If it wasn't me I am glad it was Nathan [Cul-

It's clear from the results that NDP incumbent MP Cullen and Liberal Gordon Stamp-Vincent received votes from other party supporters, he said.

"Towards the end of the election [there were polls] that said they were predicting a Conservative majority government. That certainly hurt us. People then switched to the NDP," he said.

He thinks strategic voting played a role in the results and posits people who would have voted Green voted NDP instead.

"I think we were the better choice to represent their concerns and a lot of people said I was their choice but they wanted to make sure the Conservatives did not get in," he said.

One solution to strategic voting would be electoral reform and that doesn't necessarily mean the Single Transferrable Vote (STV), but a "mixed number proportional representation," he said.

Brienesse isn't sure whether he'll run again. "I have decided I have to recover financially

from this [election]," he said. If he does step down he will continue to work

"I'm not leaving the party any time soon, that's for sure." he said.

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I suggested this to the school district when they asked for ideas before they decided on the four day week.

They chose to take from the lowest paid employees - clerical, special assistants for students, janitors and bus drivers.

Do people realize the school board office employees still work five days a week. There are no students attending classes at the board office.

A two-week spring break would benefit everyone who would like to travel to the Okanagan or Vancouver. They could drive a car instead of paying top dollar for airfare.

Terrace is not the only district with declining enrollment. Several districts in the Fraser Valley have taken this measure to relieve their financial problems.

It would be so much less painful for everyone to give up ten days pay - rather than the lowest paid employees taking the full loss over a ten month school year.

I have almost reached the end of my time with this school district. However, I have grandchildren and I would like to see them attend school five days a week - the same as all other Canadian students.

> Vi Timmerman, Terrace, B.C.

Europe the key to health system

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Earle Tupper, Terrace, B.C. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD**

The **Mail** Bag

I saw that you didn't try to slow down or swerve around her even though she was only a foot onto the

You never slowed down even turning back onto the highway spinning your tires on the pavement, racing to get away, hoping no one saw

But I saw you and the neighbour across the street saw you race down my road and left her there dying in countless times, using our road like a high speed shortcut just for you.

> You have sped down my road so many times you

know everyone on my road has at least two dogs and you should have taken more care to drive slow through there, at the posted speed limit.

I want you to know you took something I loved and gave her a painful death before you robbed me of her love. I can never replace

quit driving like a lunatic? How many dogs are you going to kill before you stop? My neighbour has three

When are you going to

children. If they were at the foot of my driveway would you have killed them, too?

You are a danger to society when you are behind the

You should stay off my road or I will think you are back to kill more dogs.

You have no business on my road, stay away.

In the mean time, I will be trying to get your licence removed.

You should be off the road for good.

You don't have the right to run over dogs even if they are on the road. Your thoughtless act cre-

ated a lot of pain for me and my neighbour with your thoughtless act. You should go back to driving school and some

jail time would do your soul

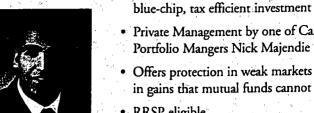
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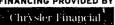




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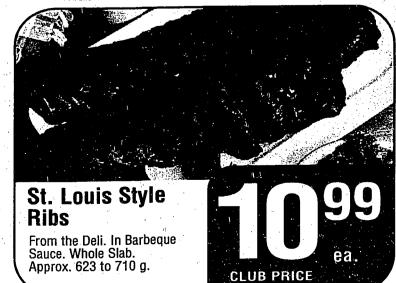


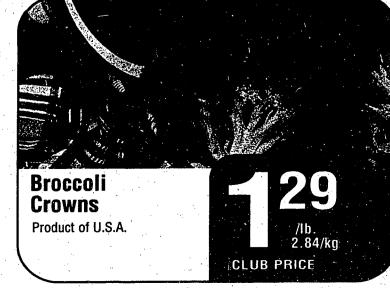
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December weather out of the ordinary

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'There just wasn't the systems moving in on the ocean from the Gulf of Alaska," said Bill Miller of client Services Meteorological Services of Canada.

Normally, winter weather systems move through Prince Rupert toward Terrace but these systems moved farther north hitting Juneau, Alaska in December and missing Rupert and Terrace completely, he said.

December was mild throughout B.C. Only two weather stations in Osoyoos, south of Penticton, reported below normal temperatures, he said.

Around Terrace, temperatures were two to three degrees above normal and, closer to the B.C.-Yukon border, the temperature topped out at six to seven degrees above nor-

All that warmer air streaming through the province left dry conditions throughout

TERRACITES ARE enjoying a milder atures but less than average precipitation.

The average December temperature of -0.2 C, recorded at the Northwest Regional airport, was 2.7 degrees above normal for the month.

New daily maximum record temperatures were set on Dec. 9 when the mercury reached 6.8 C, shattering the old record of 5.6 C set in 1974, and on Dec. 10 when the temperature rose to 7.6 C, breaking the record of 7.2 C set in 1976.

The warmest day of the month was also the 10th while the coldest day, Dec. 3, saw the temperature fall to -14.1 C.

Terrace had 106.3 mm of rain in December, just slightly over the average of 99.6 mm, but the real difference was in snowfall: only 20.6 cm fell compared to the average of 96.6 cm.

Overall, Terrace received 66 per cent of its average precipitation for the month.

For 24 days, wind speeds exceeded 30 km/h with a peak wind speed of 78 km/h Terrace saw warmer than average temperblasting from the north-northeast Dec. 19.

NWCC keeps building on international ties

TEN STUDENTS from the private Canadian Community College (CCC) of Vancouver have begun a carpentry program and English classes at Northwest Community College Terrace campus.

Six Chinese, three Korean and one Hawaiian are taking the college's four-month carpentry program and will stay for two months after that to construct some sort of

Their carpentry program is being run separately from the college's regular one which begins next month.

NWCC president Stephanie Forsyth did not disclose contract terms between her institution and CCC but did note foreign students pay substantially higher fees than do domestic students.

CCC needed to strike a deal with a public institution because as a private facility, its students cannot apply to stay in Canada on one-year work visas after their studies are complete. The students are staying in the college's dorms for the moment and some might find other accommodation later on.

The deal between the two colleges continues efforts by NWCC to make international connections.

It has had a long standing student exchange program with Scandinavian countries and Scotland, has a development project underway in Bolivia and late last year, struck a student and instructor exchange arrangement with a Chinese technical college.

The for-profit CCC, which opened its doors in 2002, offers courses in business administration, health care, international business and trade and construction trades. It has two campuses in Vancouver.

The vast majority of its students are Asian, either on student visas or in Canada as landed immigrants.



FOURTEEN Terrace firefighters spent two hours battling a blaze that completely destroyed a wood stove and the garage housing it on the 5000 block of Graham shortly before 11 a.m. Jan. 22. The fire got out of control in the 40-year-old barrel stove, seen to the left of the photo, shortly after the owner lit it. Firefighters arrived to find the building completely engulfed in flames. The heat was so intense that it melted siding on the house next door. Terrace fire lieutenant Bill Warcup said the owner was working on his logging truck cab in the driveway when he turned and noticed flames burning around the stove. By the time he got the garden hose running, the fire had spread to the whole building. Warcup said the stove malfunctioned somehow but since it was destroyed, leaving nothing to investigate, the exact cause may never be known.



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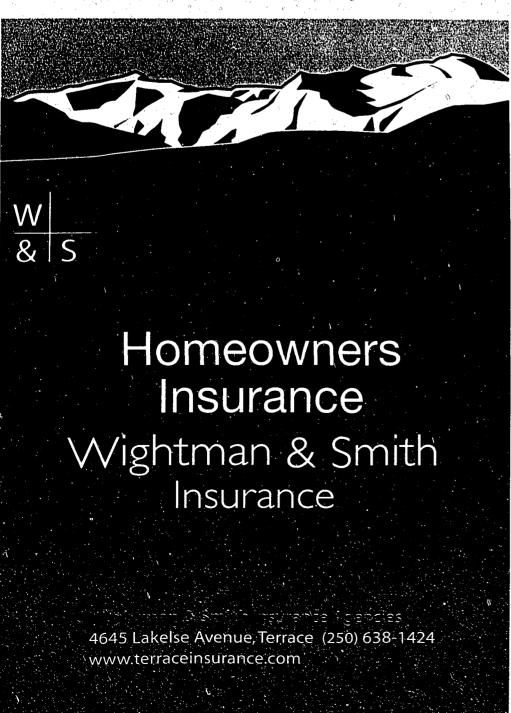


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Paramedic pay gets better but more changes are needed

paramedics working for the provincial government now have better pay and working conditions, says Skeena NDP MLA Robin Austin.

Terrace was reclassified from a rural to an urban centre in late last year, allowing paramedics to be paid for being on call.

The change, which had been in the works all through 2005, came as a result of hard work and lobbying on the part of NDP MLAs in the interior and rural parts of the province, says Austin.

He says the MLAs asked questions in the legislature and kept the issue going until a resolution was reached.

Terrace was one of 10 communities to be redesignated from rural to urban.

But Austin warns that outlying areas in the Skeena area, such as Kitwanga and Gitanyow, will not see the same benefit and could face the threat of losing their paramedics.

Urban paramedics are paid to scale from the moment they are on call for a shift compared to rural paramedics who are paid \$10 an hour to be on call and remote

3,289 in 2004.

Crime inches up

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CRIME INCREASED in Terrace with person and property

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"It's about a 10 per cent increase across the board rough-

Other criminal code offences, which include those such

Degrand said each officer works on about 100 cases, which is about the average for officers in other detachments

The number of plain clothes officers here has dropped from four to three but the remaining constables still kept

Drug-related offences dropped to 93 in 2005 from 137

And traffic offences dropped slightly to 140 from 161. The plain clothes division's open corporal position will

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as disturbing the peace, bail violations, arson and criminal

harassment, numbered 1,683 compared to 1,524 in 2004. Persons offences increased to 514 from 493. Property of-

TERRACE-BASED paramedics who are paid training. \$2 an hour to wear a pager on call and then are paid to scale when called upon, says the MLA.

> "Give the current pay structure, paramedics are choosing to work in urban and metropolitan areas to maximize their earning potential." Austin says.

> Better pay is one incentive to keep paramedics in rural communities, he says.

> It's difficult for remote paramedics to train in communities such as the Nass Valley because they're only paid on an on-call basis, Austin continues.

> "Once they've got the training they're attracted to urban or rural settings," he says.

Those who live close to a big city like Terrace will want to work in that city rather than in the remote or rural areas.

If the government wants the same level of service and doesn't want anyone dying, it needs to find a way to pay paramedics to stay once they're trained, Austin says.

Money is a huge incentive and it's difficult for those in remote areas to afford to get

There's not enough money to attract people that are needed in these areas, he

"I mean ultimately if we want to have good services in remote areas we have to ensure every community has enough people fully trained to be paramedics and have access to equipment," he

If a person in Gitanyow has a heart attack in the winter, that person is likely to die before making it to Smithers or Terrace hospi-

At the present time, paramedics training in rural and remote communities must pay their own travel expenses and receive no remuneration while training.

Paying people while they're training would be an incentive, he says. Whether taxpayers would

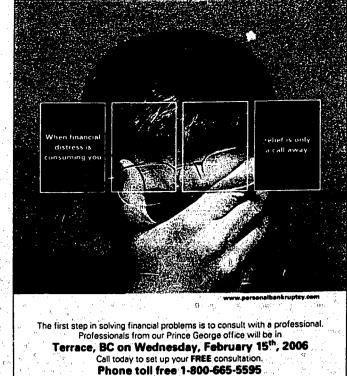
agree to foot the bill, Austin says paying rural and remote paramedics would have to be budgeted for with revenues.

He says the provincial government can do that thanks to the \$1.3 billion



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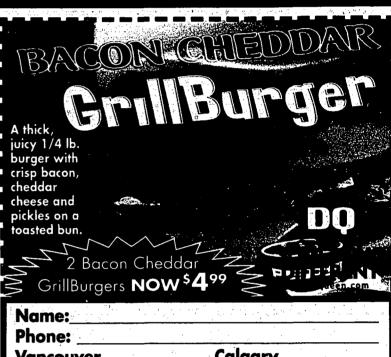
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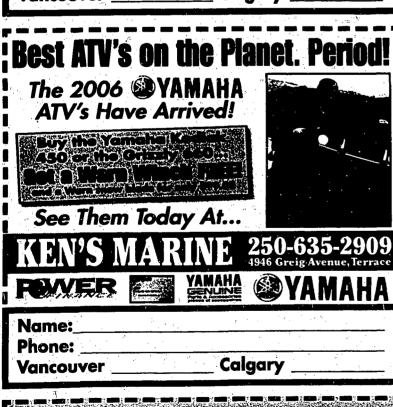
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BUSINESS REVIEW

Northwest leads province in mineral exploration

Region accounts for nearly half of provincial spending

SOUTHERNERS HAD to before. look all the way up to the Northwest to find the area in which the most amount of mineral exploration money was spent in 2005.

Estimates are that 191 Northwest exploration projects resulted in spending of \$100 million, nearly half of the provincial total for last year of \$220 million.

The next closest region was the Thompson-Okanagan with \$36 million being spent on 140 projects.

But just one project alone in the Northwest - the Galore Creek copper and gold property of NovaGold Resources - saw \$40 million being spent.

The 2005 figure of \$220 million was the best in a decade, said mining minister Bill Bennett.

And he said the growing search for minerals means the province needs more skilled workers than ever

"Finding qualified employees is a significant challenge for the mineral exploration industry today," said David Caulfield, president of the Association for Mineral Exploration British Co-

While companies were out exploring properties, the provincial government itself was laying the groundwork for more potential mines in the Northwest and around the province.

An energy, mines and petroleum resources team spent a good portion of the summer of 2005 doing geological mapping of the area around Terrace.

It's considered an underexplored area containing characteristics which might bear fruit.

All told there were 650 exploration and development projects underway in 2005, up almost 40 per cent over last year.

The number of major exploration projects with budgets in excess of \$100,000 was 200, up 19 per cent from

And the number of exploration projects with budgets in excess of \$1 million was 43, up 43 per cent over 2004 and the total of seasonal exploration jobs in 2005 was over 4000 - up 48 per cent over 2004.

The number of new mineral discoveries in 2005 was 28, while the number of projects under environmental review is 18.

Regionally, the projects break down as follows:

Region: Northwest B.C. No. of projects: 191 Expenditure: \$100 million

Region: Northeast B.C. No. of projects: 36

Expenditure: \$30 million Region: Central B.C. No. of projects: 122 Expenditure: \$30 million

Region: Thompson-Okanagan No. of projects: 140

Expenditure: \$36 million

Region: Kootenays No. of projects: 106 Expenditure: \$13 million

Region: Southwest B.C. No. of projects: 52 Expenditure: \$11 million

Region: provincewide No. of projects: 3 Expenditure: (incorporated into above figures)

No. of projects: 650 Expenditure: \$220 million



FROM LEFT, mining ministry employees Nicole Boudreau and Tony Barresie with Kitselas First Nation resource management employee Chad Gerow in the field this summer near Terrace. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Training increases with more jobs expected

a chance to take mining and exploration training thanks to a boost in provincial monies for a Northwest Community College partnership.

, in conjunction with the Smithers Exploration Group, is entering the second year of a mining school effort that will be bolstered by \$300,000 from the energy and mines ministry.

"It's being called a pilot program because we understand the province wants to use our model and recreate it in other parts of the province, college official Holly-Anne Burrows said last week.

"We're very pleased to receive this kind of response from the province," she said.

Although based in Smithers, the mining school last year did hold six-day long basic exploration skills learning camps across the Northwest.

This year, the plan is to expand these

MORE NORTHWESTERNERS will have kinds of courses to 12 days and to include features such as first aid.

> The mining school plan continues efforts by the college to train Northwesterners for the kinds of jobs needed as the mining and other industries expand their activities in the

> All told the province is spending \$2.3 million to expand training for youth from rural and aboriginal communities so they can pursue careers in B.C.'s mining and mineral exploration industry.

There are more than 25,000 people employed in mineral exploration and mining related activities in British Columbia, including 10,000 direct jobs and 15,000 spin-off

It is estimated that by 2010 an additional 8,500 additional jobs will available in the industry. The average salary (with benefits) in the mining sector is more than \$94,000 a



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Police probe Kitsumkalum disturbance

By MARGARET SPEIRS

TERRACE RCMP responded to a disturbance at a New Year's Eve dance at Kitsumkalum only to be accused of police brutality after the incident escalated.

"What I can say is there was a New Year's Eve party there (Kitsumkalum)," said Terrace RCMP Staff Sgt. Eric Stubbs. "We were called to the hall by the security there to remove somebody and an incident occurred in the process of doing that."

He said one of the patrons was fighting and causing a disturbance.

"We didn't go there and generate [the problem], someone already was being a problem," he said.

Stubbs declined to say whether anyone was arrested as police continue to investigate a number of people from different communities.

"We have a good relationship with the band and band council there and with the Chief as well," he said, adding police communicate with Chief Councillor Steve Roberts on a regular basis.

Roberts, who didn't attend the dance, confirmed that the hired security at the dance called RCMP to remove a couple of individuals that were fighting sometime after midnight

He said a fight broke out between some party goers and the police, but none of those involved were from Kitsumkalum.

'It's my understanding that there were some. I guess, radical elements not necessarily living within this community that were promoting some issues that are not condoned by this community or the band council," he said.

When police tried to remove the people causing the disturbance, these "radical elements" became involved and a fight erupted between them and the police, he said.

He believes one of the people involved did at one time live at Kitsumkalum but has since moved to southern B.C.

Kitsumkalum and the Terrace RCMP have worked together for the last 15 to 20 years, he said.

"We have an excellent relationship with the RCMP," said Roberts. "This incident that occurred on New Year's, it's unfortunate it happened here.

"It just happened that there was a group of individuals at the dance that have a different outlook of First Nations and the police than what we have.

We certainly don't share their sentiments. We're looking to maintain our close working relationship with the RCMP, said Roberts.

The allegations of police misconduct that night have been circulating via an anonymous email.

The email message alleged police brutality against two Tsimshian women, one of which the email said was planning on pressing charges against a Terrace RCMP member, and that this police officer allegedly made some racist state-

Stubbs said the email was "completely inaccurate on a number of levels."

Special coroner to be appointed for forest industry

Council is appointing an ombudsman to act as an independent voice for the forest industry and the provincial government is appointing a special coroner dedicated to the industry.

The province is also creating a safety officer for the forests ministry, a senior manager for safety in the B.C. Timber Sales program and is beefing up WorkSafe B.C. investigators dedicated to the sector.

Forests Minister Rich Coleman made the announcement the Truck Loggers' Association convention Jan. 18.

There were 43 fatal accidents in the B.C. forest industry in 2005, more than double the previous year and that has spurred unprecedented attention to the issue.

And Jan. 17 the industry

THE B.C. Forest Safety leaders said they are committed to a certification program to make sure forest workers are properly trained.

The move is backed by the province and minister Coleman said only certified companies will be allowed to bid on Crown timber.

Tanner Elton, CEO of the B.C. Forest Safety Council. said fallers, logging truck drivers and heavy equipment operators must become certified. A new fallers certification program has been administered through the B.C. Forest Safety Council since last year.

Elton has been advocating for a "cultural change" in the industry when it comes to the importance of safety.

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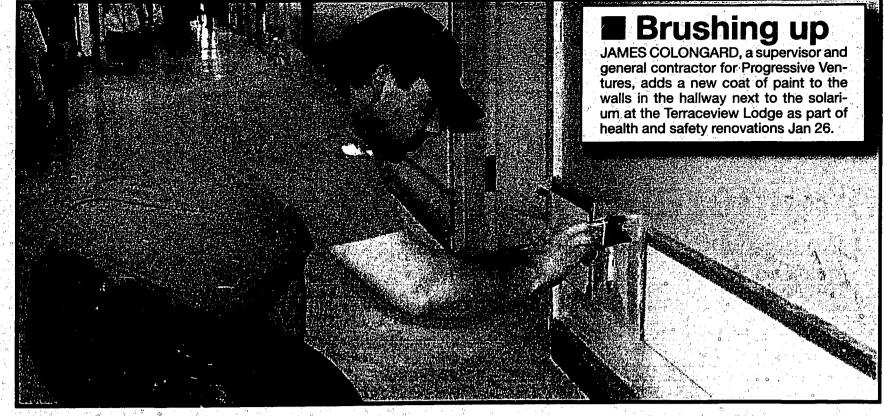
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Hard lessons

hen I was eight, I stole a pack of bubble gum from Overwaitea. Grape Hubba Bubba to be exact. I knocked it casually to the floor, placed my sandaled foot over it and walked, shuffling the sneaky foot, through the door, past the 25-cent machines, and out onto the sidewalk, where I slipped it into my pocket for later.

The ride home was almost physically painful.

My mom's cheerful patter had me convinced she was on to me. My brother wasn't annoying, which proved (in my mind) that he knew about the gum too and was angling for a piece later. My little sister, sweet as usual, was the final nail in my guilt - even she was onto me, but just too nice to say anything.

When I was finally alone in my room, I couldn't believe it. Could it really be that I'd gotten off scot-free? I opened the package and savoured the grapelicious aroma. I unwrapped a plump chunk, popped it in my mouth, chewed twice, and then spit the blob out onto my hand. My stomach hurt, my face burned, and my heart beat at 10x its normal rate. I was a thief.

I hid the gum, vowing that I'd learned my lesson, but determined to keep the theft secret. I was miserable. Years later when I read Poe's "The Telltale Heart," I knew exactly what the poor guy had gone through – but the evil thing thumping in my walls was grape flavoured.

I'd like to say that relief came the instant I came clean to my parents and to a store clerk, but it didn't. I felt that I had compromised something important, although I couldn't explain what. An epiphany followed: the reason to admit screw-ups has little to do with the person you've wronged, and with whether they accept your apology or not. I had to confess so that I continue to be the person I was inside, the person I wanted to be.

"Those childhood experiences taught me a lot, namely that it's better to do the right thing and to suffer for it, even better to be penalized for something that you didn't do, than to look good to others, knowing that you're a big fake."

I wish I could say that was it – that I never made mistakes, never lied, never acted cowardly again, but I did. However, I also accepted blame and endured negative consequences for things that I had no part in. Those childhood experiences taught me a lot, namely that it's better to do the right thing and to suffer for it, even better to be penalized for something that you didn't do, than to look good to others, knowing that you're a big fake.

I've often wondered if you can learn that as an adult. If experiences in childhood don't reveal that to you, can you ever get it? Everyone definitely does not learn it.

Sadly for my kids, their life lesson was slammed home on Friday, January 13th when our dog was hit and killed by a blue vehicle and the driver just kept on going, leaving my screaming, sobbing nineyear-old to try to get his pet off the road by himself. Thankfully, I was right there and came running, no credit to the driver.

It was a hard weekend for my kids and the pain isn't over yet. One question kept coming up over and over again. "Why didn't the driver stop? Why,

Why indeed? Because the driver was a coward, who apparently never learned that an apology goes a long way. No one would've blamed him or her. In the words of my daughter, "It's bad enough that our dog had to die, but why didn't they stop? Didn't they even care? That makes it so much worse." Yes, it does. None of my words made them feel better.

My kids adamantly claim that if they ever did something like this, they would stop. I believe them; experiencing pain teaches hard lessons. In a twisted way, perhaps I should say thanks to the driver who's cowardice revealed the importance of doing the right thing even when it's hard. Forgive me for not feeling appreciative.

A friend of mine, saddened by choices a young adult family friend was making, once commented, "Doesn't he realize that the things you do today create the person that you are tomorrow?" It's so true. Doing the right thing never gets easier, only harder as the stakes become larger. Stealing grape bubblegum may not seem like a big deal to some, but it was a big deal. To me. It set the course for how I was going to conduct myself with mistakes that no one would ever know about.

Too bad that driver didn't have the kind of conscience that would cry over stolen bubblegum maybe my kids would have felt better.



KARAOKE contestants in a duet are Garnett Doell and Ada Sarsiat, who portray the roles of Rocky Rhodes and Bonnie Lass in the Terrace Little Theatre production of The Karaoke Killer. **DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO**

Murder mystery on the theatrical menu

Bv DUSTIN QUEZADA

IF YOU still remember when inappropriate behaviour at the dinner table got you sent to your room and still hold a grudge about it, it's time for some dinner theatre.

Big stakes, cocktails, bribes and murder... nothing's taboo when the Terrace Little Theatre's setting the table.

After opening with a pair of shows last week, TLT presents seven more performances of The Karaoke Killer resuming this Friday, Feb. 3.

The setting for Joh Mann's murder mystery is the Pink Flamingo, the nightclub home of a high stakes karaoke contest.

Club owner Andy Zalooza (Patrick MacIntyre) finds out quickly that peoples' competitive nature can bring out the best - and worst – in those involved.

"Everyone's at each other's throats," said director Julie Jacobs.

With \$10,000 and bragging rights on the line, ethics go out the window.

The competitors see these as reason enough to bribe a judge - or even knock off a rival or two.

"They bribe judges, and use their feminine wiles to influence the judges - they're plenty of cleavage," Jacobs said. "And somebody will be murdered every night."

That shouldn't deter a member of the audience from trying their hand at the trophy though, as Jacobs said one lucky participant

and for their table," said Jacobs, adding one character also joins a table every night.

"It's a lot of fun - we're all about fun," said the sophomore director who has been involved with TLT for over a decade.

And as far as she can remember, dinner theatre has been a local fixture for about 15 years but Karaoke Killer is the first murder/ mystery show presented in the format.

"It's a little different than in the past, but people will appreciate it," Jacobs said. "People can expect a great meal and a very funny show."

of TLT veteran actors and plenty of zany 13 years of school has done for us.

Jacobs' husband Keith plays bartender Tip Megood, while Amy Turner (Marion Kind) and Cheryl Spencer (Hooda Thunkitt) are Pink Flamingo waitresses.

The karaoke contestants: Garnett Doell plays Rocky Rhodes, Ada Sarsiat portrays Bonnie Lass, John Dafoe is B.G. Wanabe, and Adam Kirkland is Lou Netunes, while Debbie Haynes and Barb Botelho respectively portray sisters Shapipi and Shadookie Indapool. Brent Nixon is celebrity judge Whiney Barfly.

Jacobs said she can't say enough of her cast and crew.

The production will be staged at the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club. See page



Bonjour Bonhomme

Kiti K'Shan Primary School hosted Carnalval Bonhomme in a weeklong celebration of Quebecois culture. Above. Grade 1 student Jared Kenvon gets some putting pointers from the Carnaval mascot. **DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO**

Little things make exam time bearable

CONTRIBUTED BY JENNA RIGO

ANOTHER SEMESTER is nearly finished, and with that comes the anxiety and stress of the dreaded "P" word- the almighty, life-altering, heartbreakingly dreaded provincial

These aren't just the routine, bi-weekly, cram-the-nightbefore kind of tests, these babies happen to be important enough to call exams.

Around this time of year, it's not uncommon to find students hyperventilating, ripping their hair out, or even morphing into stressed out insomniacs who babble on and on about literary terms and stoichiometry.

You may think I'm over exaggerating here, but rest assured, the "P" word turns even the kindest of students into raging monsters.



Jenna Rigo

Now, it's not all bad. Provincial exams are a fact of life, just like having your teeth pulled and your legs waxed - they are going to happen, it's inevitable. However, those wretched exams do carry the mystical power of bringing people together.

Friends spend endless nights together arguing over which side of the triangle is the hypotenuse and which sentence in the essay is the thesis. Coffee is consumed in large quantities and midnight trips to the store to restock the munchies pile will

always be lasting memories. In a way, these last few weeks leading up to the

dreaded "P" word exams are a little bit sad. This is our last winter in school, grads of 2006. This is the last time we will ever have to write January on our worksheets, and this is the last time we will be permitted to wear our scarves, mittens and winter jackets in the freezing cold

classrooms of Caledonia. In short, I'd just like to take this opportunity to wish everyone luck when writing the dreaded "P" word exams. Let's The ensemble cast features a number do our best to show that miserable little piece of paper what

> Jenna Rigo is in her Grade 12 year at Caledonia Senior Secondary School.

Around Town

The jam is back at Cafenara

ACOUSTIC MUSICIANS looking for like-minded individuals to play with can again circle a few dates on their calendars and head to Cafenara.

Back by popular demand, the Acoustic Jams have started again at the Lazelle Avenue mini-mall cafe. Every second Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Upcoming jams scheduled for: Feb. 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16.

Celebrate young artists

SKEENA JUNIOR Secondary School presents an inaugural Skeena Fine Arts Fest - an evening showcasing our students' creative work in music, creative writing and the visual and performing arts.

"This is an evening to let the kids shine and show their abilities," said Janine Hamming, one of the school's teachers organizing the event.

The showcase art event takes place tonight, Wednesday, Feb. 1 from 7-9 p.m. at the school. Admission is by donation. For info, please contact Janine at 635-9136.

Cronenberg's latest a hit

THE TERRACE Not Paris Film Festival continues its series of Golden Globe nominated pictures with A History of Violence, a film with a Canadian tie. Acclaimed Canadian director David Cronenberg, known

for fringe pictures such as The Fly, Naked Lunch, Crash and



David Cronenberg

eXistenZ, breaks into the mainstream without compromising his edgy filmmaking style. Viggo Mortensen (Lord

of the Rings) stars as a man named Tom Stall, who runs a diner in an Indiana town and lives peacefully with his wife (Maria Bello) and kids. One day two serial killers walk into the diner, thinking to kill and steal, and Tom hurls a pot of coffee, jumps over the counter, grabs a gun and kills them both. He becomes a media hero, which attracts unwelcome attention and turns his and his family's idyllic life upside

down. The film also stars Ed Harris, with a brief but memorable performance by William Hurt.

The movie was nominated for best picture - drama and Bello was also up for a best actress nomination in the drama

See page B2's City Scene for the screening's time and date at the Tillicum Twin Theatres. Rated 18A.

Clubs & pubs

ARTFUL CUP: Open mic night Saturdays. GEORGE'S PUB: Live music Fridays and Saturdays; pool tournaments Thursdays

HANKY'S: Tues. karaoke, free foosball/Wed. karaoke, free pool/Thurs. college games night/ Fri.-Sat. dance music & door prizes/Sunday 8 p.m. to midnight music jams. A great opportunity to network with fellow musicians in a friendly atmosphere. All you need is your instrument because there's sound equipment, lighting, a drum kit and all the amps you'll need.

Visual Arts

The Terrace Art Gallery and contributing artists invite the public to the opening reception for Mapping the Intimate, February's mixed media exhibit featuring works from 30 women from the Northwest. Friday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at 4610 Park Ave. Exhibit on through Feb. 26.

Theatre

The Terrace Little Theatre presents Joh Mann's The Karaoke Killer. Competition brings out the best and worst in us all. Especially when the prize is \$10,000 plus bragging rights to the

best karaoke act in the Northwest. As you might expect, there is plenty of reason to knock off a competitor or two - or even bribe a judge. Yes, some folks will seek victory at any cost - they'd do anything for a trophy. Sad, isn't it? But it makes for a great murder-mystery / comedy! Directed by Julie Jacobs. Presented at the Skeena Valley Golf & Country Club Feb. 3-4, 10-11, 14, 17-18, 2006. Rated: General.

Live music

■ The Bernard Primeau Montréal Jazz Ensemble is coming to Terrace. A great fan of American drummer Art Blakey, Montréal jazzman Bernard Primeau is the founder of the band that bears his name. Since its creation in 1984, the ensemble has been heard every year at the Montréal International Jazz Festival as well as throughout Canada and Europe, reaching more than 200,000 spectators. Nine recordings and three videos have marked Bernard Primeau's successful career. The Bernard Primeau Montréal Jazz Ensemble delivers an energetic and refreshing modern acoustic jazz sound that receives a warm welcome everywhere. Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. at the REM Lee Theatre. For single or season tickets, to the Terrace Concert Society Web site at www.terraceconcertsociety.org or call 635-5603.



SALL Gibson stops at the Kiva Café Saturday, Feb. 4 playing songs from her new CD, Simply Undone. See the Community Events listings below for info. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

■ The Terrace and District Arts Council presents Canadian director David Cronenberg's acclaimed, A History of Violence. Nominated for two Golden Globe Awards including best drama picture and actress (Maria Bello). Friday, Feb. 3 7 p.m. sharp at the Tillicum Twim Theatres. Admission \$8.

Investors Group Present at Dinner Theatre Joh Mann's The Karacke Killer Directed by Julie Jacobs

Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club January 27, 28, February 3,4,10,11,14,17 & 18 Tickets \$34 each from Uniglobe Courtesy Travel.

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Fax your event to make the Scene at 63848432. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday

Community Calendar

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The Terrace Standard offers the Community Calendar as a public service to its readers and manunity (organizations) This column is intended for non-profit organizations and events thous an edimension charge. Space permitting, items will run two weeks before each event. ading is 5 p.m.; Thursdays: Fax your, event or PSA to 838-8432. For complete listings, visit in the receiver devices and the second section of the second secon

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SATURDAY, FEB. 4

Sall Gibson, singer and songwriter from Prince Rupert is touring with a batch of new songs from. her second CD release, Simply Undone. Gibson, an alt-folk-rock artist, will play the Kiva Café from 8-11 p.m. Tickets \$5 for students and seniors, \$8 for adults are available at the Kiva or Misty River

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

The Terrace Public Library offers Valentine's card making for 5- to 10-year-olds from 1-2 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

UNBC Terrace's Northwest winter speaker series resumes Feb. 10 with Dr. Margaret Anderson and "Integrated Learning Resources for Sm'algyax: Talking Dictionary, Texts, Framma and Learning Tools." Further presentations: March 4 with Trucy Mothus and "The Adolescent Hero(ine): Teconstructing dults as Antiheroes." March 23 Deanna Nyce: TBA presents on Aboriginal Education. All talks start at 7:30 p.m. at the Terrace UNBC campus, 4741 Park Ave. Free and

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

The Terrace Kin and Kinsmen Club of Terrace hosts a Seniors Sweetheart Dinner & Dance at the Elks Hall, Elks Hall, 2822 Tetrault St. Doors open at 4:30°p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. No charge - must have a ticket. Available at Safeway or Save On Foods service desks. For further info or if you need a ride, call Denise at 635-7959.

The Clay Artists of Terrace Society is taking registrations for pottery lessons at the new community pottery studio. For info, call Linda at

Terrace Public Library wants your attention if you're a homeschooler! The library is staging a Homeschool Science Fair. Register now for this exciting 4-week session. Tuesdays from 1-2 p.m. Session begins on Feb. 7 and runs each week until Feb. 28. These programs are FREE but please register at the Terrace Public Library in person or by phoning 638-8177.

Cafenara is bringing back by popular demand its acoustic jams every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. Upcoming dates are: Feb. 7 & 21, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16.

The Church of Latter Day Saints sponsors an emergency preparedness evening Thursday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at 1744 Kenworth Ave. Terrace fire chief and emergency coordinator Peter Weeber will be the guest speaker. Find out what you can do to be prepared and what the community is prepared to do. Everyone welcome.

Terrace Public Library's annual general meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Willy Schneider meeting room. Questions? Call Ed at the library 638-8177.

The Kiva Café hosts a staff potluck for NWCC students the last Sunday of every month from 6-9 p.m. Every month has a new theme. Free for students. Non-students can come with a dish. Call Karen at 638-6398 for information.

Kermode Friendship Society offers free tutoring at its Kalum St. location with an After School Homework Club Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. This program is open to youth in need of help and support in school. Peer tutors wanted. Learn by teaching. This could be used as hours required in graduation portfolio. For more information contact Kim Besharah of Kermode Friendship Society at 635-4906 ext. 27.

The Northern Health Authority presents the parent and child Mother Goose Program on Thursdays from Jan. 12 to March 2, 2006 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the health unit. Simple rhymes and action songs to delight your bahv

(newborn to 18 months) and help develop language and communication. No charge. Come as often as you can. To register, call the North West Health Unit 638-2200.

The Happy Gang Centre hosts a pancake breakfast on the first Saturday of each month from 8-11 a.m. The centre's general meeting goes on the second Thursday of every month at 2 p.m.

The Terrace Women's Resource Centre (4542) Park Avenue) hosts a Friday noon discussion group winter series. Feb. 10 "The Great Illness," a short Video Femmes production, explores epilepsy, the psyche, suffering and cure. Ever Friday drop-in dicussion: Gender Lens on local issues. For info, call 638-0228.

The University of Victoria, Centre on Aging, in partnership with Northern Health is offering its first winter six-week course at Mills Memorial Hospital's education room. The free course is available Friday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon from Jan. 20 to Feb. 24. The course is lead by certified and trained volunteers. Registration is limited. For info on the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, call the Centre on Aging office toll free at 1-866-902-3767.

Skeena Family Resources presents free programs for parents and children under six at Kitselas on Queensway, Skeena Kalum Housing and at Kitsumkalum. Parent connection, information workshops for parents and fun activities for kids. Tuesdays to Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. Transportation is available. Everyone welcome. Call 635-7087 for information or transportation.

The Artful Cup hosts Stitch 'n Bitch, co-ed kniting circle every Thursday from 7:30-9 p.m. Sewing and crochet also welcome with people on hand to teach. For more info call Renee at 615-9383.

Soup Kitchen, operating every Monday from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Kermode Friendship Society, 3313 Kalum St. Enjoy a hot bowls of soup and a bun! Call Angela or Louisa at 635-4906.

The Healing Touch Association of Terrace offers free treatments to the public at the Knox United Church from 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month starting Oct. 17 (except stat holidays). Sessions are by donation. To book your appointment or for info, call 635-8892.

Terrace Toastmasters is now meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at the firehall conference room. Next meeting scheduled for Jan. 25. Always open to new members. Call Bob 638-0923 or Rolf 635-6911 for information.

The Northwest Métis Association meets on the third Wednesday of each month at #206-3228 Kalum Street. Call 638-1199 for information.

Support After Suicide support group meets every fourth Tuesday of the month to tell each other's stories and begin healing. Support is provided by people who have walked the same path. Stepping Stone Clubhouse #102, 4450 Greig Ave. 7-8:30 p.m. Call Joset at 638-1347 for details.

Mills Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, located at 4544 Lazelle Ave. (open 10-4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday) is always looking for new members interested in helping to raise funds for the hospital and Terraceview Lodge.

Alanon meets every Sunday at 7 p.m. at the

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every night of the week. Call 635-6533. N/A meetings 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at the education room at the hospital. Call Tony at 798-2598.

Girl Guides of Canada in Terrace is looking for volunteers! If you would like to be a Girl Guide leader or on District Council call Lia at 635-3868.

Skeena Square Dancers welcome all ages from 16-90 on Monday nights at the Carpenter's Hall to Apr. 31, 2006. Beginner dancer session from 7-8 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. for mainstream dancers. Beginners dance for a toonie, mainstream dancers for \$5/night, Call Ron 638-8316 or Diana 638-1626 for information.

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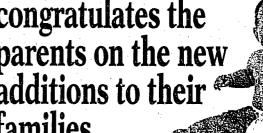
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Baby's Name: Paris Mikaela Ashley Watts Date & Time of Birth: Jan. 19, 2006 at 2:41 a.m. Weight: 5 lbs. 11 oz. Sex: Female Parents: Roberta & Brian "Baby sister for Isaiah, Elisha, Brittany, Jessica & Raven"

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Listen to new musicians and support the students as they raise money for their annual band trip.

Terrace Concert Society Tickets Available online at: www.terraceconcertsociety.org

Terrace Little Theatre Tickets Available at: **Uniglobe Courtesy Travel** for info & to purchase tickets

Intimate exhibit opens Feb. 3

By DUSTIN QUEZADA FIVE YEARS after being inspired by a women's collective art show, a local artist is beaming at the impending gala opening of an all-women exhibit for

Mapping the Intimate is the brainchild of Joan Conway, who approached the gallery with the idea last

Its theme, besides displaying the works of women only, was open admits Con-

"I wanted to put on a show with a wide open theme that o women would feel comfortable with yet one that would touch them deeply," Conway said.

Mapping the Intimate as a title expresses the idea of art as a celebration, said Conway, of something precious, something challenging growth or something that expresses a view of the artist herself in society.

Conway says the show's vision grew with the artists as word of mouth spread.

"Women would say, 'I have an idea, what do you think?"" added Conway.

One of those artists is Judy McCloskey, who made the promotional poster that turned into an exhibition February at the Terrace Art + piece.

> McCloskey says it was a two-way street in terms of the show taking form.

"Joan [Conway] bounced ideas off the contributors, too," said McCloskey, who is contributing four pieces. "We wanted to give parameters, direction and focus without hemming the artists in - a theme, but not constricting.'

Another wish of Conway's was to attract young artists whose works haven't yet been exposed.

Because labelling oneself an artist can be intimidating, said Conway, some artists choose not to show their creations.

"I wanted it to be an easy contributing process, not juried," said Conway.

The show has 75 to 100 pieces from 30 contributors - a quarter of them first-time



JUDY McCloskey, left, and Joan Conway display the former's promotional piece World View, made entirely from magazine cutouts. The piece is one of about 100 in the Terrace Art Gallery's February exhibit. **DUSTIN QUEZADA PHOTO**

exhibitors. The range of mediums is impressive.

Viewers will be treated to works of stained glass; poetry, photography, sculpture, pottery, acrylic, oil and water colour paintings.

And each contribution will be accompanied by a

written explanation from the artist that allows the viewer to have a more intimate sense of who the artist is, said Conway.

Having a connection to the artist, says Conway, gives a deeper sense of the piece.

"I believe the mystery should by taken out of art and the writing (accompanying the pieces) helps to break that separation," Conway said.

The exhibit's opening reception is this Friday, Feb. 3 at the gallery at 7 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TERRACE PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willy Schneider Meeting Room

Elections to the Board of Trustees will take place and nominations for these positions will be accepted from the floor.

TO ALL RESIDENTS



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DR. Fishy members Dr. Greg Linton, left, and James Powell flank Debbie Scarborough. The three hope community members help out a proposed youth shelter by purchasing the band's new CD.

Nothing fishy about supporting

By DUSTIN QUEZADA

LOCAL BAND Dr. Fishy hopes its new live CD hitting the shelves of area businesses will sell like hot cakes.

So does Debbie Scarborough.

Proceeds from the \$15 CD, "Caught Live and Released," will go toward the proposed Terrace Youth Emergency Shelter that Scarborough plans to open.

"It's something that needs publicity – it's brand new and it's required here," said vocalist and guitarist Greg Linton of the proposed youth shelter. "Youth need a helping hand and support."

The band has made it a habit to raise money for local initiatives like the Asian tsunami relief drive in January 2005 and the Dr. REM Lee Hospital Foundation.

Still, getting news the band was to donate money from CD sales took Scarborough by

"It's very unexpected," said Scarborough,

who's hoping to convert the now-vacant transition house to a youth shelter.

"It just shows how much the community is behind these initiatives," Scarborough added. "There's just a willingness to support and publicize it.'

The live CD, 14 new and old tracks recorded at the 2005 Bulkley Valley Fall Fair, features talented fiddler Jaron Freeman-

It will be available at Misty River Books, Cafenara and the Yellow House Gift Shop.

The CD will also be available Saturday, Feb. 25 when the band (with Freeman-Fox) plays a 7 p.m. concert with Prince Rupert's Celtic Rain at the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club.

The all ages show has limited seating and will feature a dessert spread.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 13 and under and are available at Misty River Books and the Yellow House Gift Shop.







Terrace Crime Stoppers is

requesting any information you may have regarding a theft that occurred on Haaland Avenue on January 3rd, 2006. The unknown culprits stole batteries valued at \$1,000.00 from a 980 loader. It is thought that an ATV was in the area and possibly used to haul the batteries away.

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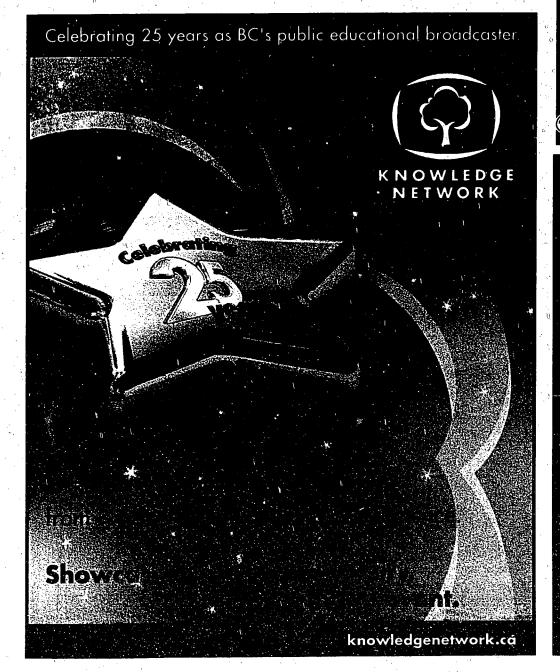
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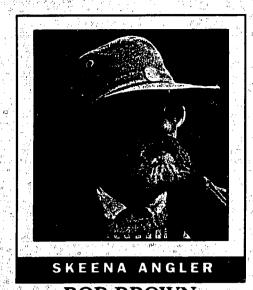
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ROB BROWN

ou are what you eat," wrote Arthur Schopenhauer. Had he been a nutritionist, the famous 19th century German philosopher might well have written, "You are what the things you eat eat."

Yum

This bit of wisdom, fortified with an understanding of the fundamental mechanics of the food chain, suggests that we need to be vigilant about what food is fed, especially in a world of globalized trade.

Rummage around in your local big box grocery store and you will find products from Fiji to the Fraser Valley and almost every place in between.

With this in mind, a recent newspaper story from Malaysia, where a team of government inspectors, suspecting something fishy, raided a local catfish farm and discovered that the farm workers were fattening their ikan patin, or silver catfish, with fecal matter and carcasses.

The farm owner and workers at the offending farm openly admitted to feeding the fish dead pigs. "I was told the fish are exported elsewhere but

I'm sure they are sold locally too," department director Jamry Sury told journalists.

Before you dismiss this incident with the contentions that you don't eat catfish and this is something that could only happen to fish farming in far-flung third world backwaters, consider an item from the New Zealand Star of 29 December 2004 that suggests Bird flu may be spread by using chicken dung as feed in fish farms. This nauseating and dangerous practice is now routine in Asia, reports the Star's Michael McCarthy.

Decrease the cost of feed and you increase profit. Il over Asia and especially in China fish farmers are dumping chicken shit into their fish ponds. The right dose of poo leads to an explosion in plankton, the favoured feed of tilapia and catfish.

Birdlife International, the world's leading bird conservation organization, believes the practice of fattening fish on bird feces may lead to a situation similar to the Mad Cow disease outbreak in Great

You remember BSE or Mad Cow, the delightful disease that turns the victim's brain into something like the consistency of oatmeal over the course of a protracted, particularly painful period of dying.

And, that's not the only problem with this fish fattening feces fiasco: scientific concern extends to the possibility that H5N1 may also be spread as a result of feeding fish this way.

You know H5N1, or bird flu, the virus busily mutating like crazy in an attempt to more efficiently jump from fowl to folks and cause a global pandemic which epidemiologists reckon will kill upwards of 200 million people once it gets legs.

Thank God our locally located fish farm multinationals don't engage in the foul practice of feeding fowl to fish.

But wait...last year the Raincoast Conservation Society learned from rendering plants and US Court documents that chicken parts, including blood, carcasses, and feathers are ingredients in farmed salmon feed that has been used on this coast.

The use of bird bits in fish feed is surprisingly common.

Scotch consumers dodging Scottish farmed salmon after one of many contamination scandals discovered that farmed salmon from New Zealand was likely to have been fed ground poultry feath-

Two of the country's largest companies, New Zealand King Salmon and Sanford, both use feathermeal, a byproduct of chicken processed for human consumption by heat-treatment and hydroly-

The Kiwi companies say feathermeal is safe, of course, but anyone who has read anything at all about the British experience with Mad Cow disease will know that feeding cattle sheep or other flesh of their cousins is a dangerous act, and feeding birds to fish is likely to be too.

Speaking of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, an article entitled "Prions Get Fishy," published in the journal Nature last year stated that: "Fish, like sheep, elk and humans, could suffer a version of 'mad cow disease', or BSE, preliminary evidence suggests. The results might help to reveal how the disease jumps from species to species".

As a result of the Mad Cow crisis, a ban on any mammalian meat and bone meal from farm animals being fed to fish has been in place in Britain since 1996, cutting a theoretical route of BSE infection on fish farms but the risk is still there.

Still, the world's largest salmon farming company, Nutreco, has conducted trials in Australia using meat, meat and bone, blood, feather, poultry meals and rendered animal products in farmed salmon di-

Pesticides, hormones, food colouring and PCBs and now ground up feathers - mmmm, mmmm



THE RIVER KINGS celebrate after scoring one of two goals in Kitimat Jan. 21. Unfortunately, the Kings couldn't keep their heads above water to net another victory against their number-one rivals and will have to be happy with their lone victory to the club last November.

That sinking feeling, again

The River Kings crumble under the Demons' power in Kitimat

THE MUCH anticipated final game of the season intermission tied 2-2. between the River Kings and the Ice Demons Kitimat outshot Terrace 13-7 in the period, failed to materialize as a hockey showcase for the which was a bumpy one that saw each team take the first minute, then outskated our boys to a 7-2

Needing a win to stay in contention for first place in the league, the River Kings did not have their A-game with them as they couldn't seem to handle the big ice at Tamitik.

And with Kitimat primed and ready, Terrace was outplayed for most of the game.

The River Kings did all of their scoring early

and late in the first period. At the 59 second mark, Mario Desjardins' shot from the post hit Demons' Nick Markowski, rolled through his legs loose in the crease and Davey Jones slid it behind Jamie Moran, in net

for the Demons. Jones was again Johnnie-on-the-spot with 35 seconds left in the period when he knocked home a rebound from a Howie O'Brien shot that Moran

knocked aside. After a shaky start, Kitimat took possession of the puck and began peppering Kings goalie Burny Carlson, who made numerous good saves as the Demons may have been just a bit too fancy with their passing game.

Kitimat's Daniel Mayer popped home a rebound from a Craig Hewitson shot with six minutes left in the period. Three minutes later, Hewitson slid a nice backwards pass to Jeff Mildenberger coming in from the point and his low shot beat Carlson cleanly to the stick side, to make it 2-1.

Demons looked to be in charge as the period wound down. But as happened so often this season, they coughed up a puck in their own zone for that second Jones goal and went to the first

CIHL as the Demons spotted the Kings a goal in six two-minute penalties for a range of infractions, but mostly roughing, slashing and interference. The second period belonged to the Demons who came out strong and Hewitson quickly restored the lead with what turned out to be the

> winning goal, a turn-around shot in the crease that gave Carlsen no chance. The assist went to Chris Vilness, playing a fast-skating, hard-hitting game on the wing where

he looked to be enjoying himself. Only eight seconds later, off the face off, Daniel Mayer made it 4-2, one-timing a perfect cross ice pass from Rob Lafferty into the net.

Two minutes later, a pushing match at the benches between Demons winger Dave Venman and the Kings' Andy McCleary got a little more serious and the two dropped their gloves for a spirited scrap.

The refs pulled Venman off McCleary when he went down and the crowd roared.

When the game resumed, Kitimat continued to dominate and the physical play continued to escalate. With River King Jones in the penalty box for tripping, Terry Whelan made Terrace pay with a nice power-play goal with eight minutes remaining in the period, assisted by Nick Markowski and Daniel Mayer.

Rich Clair earned a 10-minute misconduct as he gave referee Paul Millar his version of what had happened.

A scrap between Lafferty and Nate McNamara that had been brewing since the two tussled in Terrace finally erupted with 4.34 left in the period after the two pushed and shoved. Lafferty again emerged the clear winner as the crowd went

Demons outshot Terrace 16-6 in the period.

Terrace staged a bit of a rally in the third perid. outshooting the Demons 12 -7, but most were of the mild shoot-in variety and gave Moran little

Three and a half minutes into the period, with Kitimat again on the power play, Danny Ennis - a presence for the Demons all night - scored a nice goal with a hard wrist shot that Carlsen has vet to see. Assists went to Mildenberger and Mar-

Just after the Demons' Whelan and Kings' Rich Clair were ejected after a double headlock wrestling match. Vilness finished the scoring with a nice wrister from the left circle that fooled Carlson high with 1.58 left in the game.

King's Phil Morrison earned a gross misconduct with a minute left.

Playoff positions?

ly sew up second place.

The Demons' win saw them change places with the River Kings: Kitimat moved to second with 25 points, one ahead of Terrace as of Jan 23.

And with a two-game sweep of 100 Mile House, the Smithers Steelheads were just one point adrift of the River Kings.

But the Demons have finished their season while Terrace and Smithers each had two left last weekend. Houston was confirmed league champions as a

result of the Terrace loss. The River Kings are guaranteed at least

And the Steelheads took on Mackenzie Moose in their final games knowing two wins would like-

It looks like the battle for playoff position is going down to the final buzzer.

Geared up for the Games

Local athletes ready to take on the north's best



By MARGARET SPEIRS

TWENTY-ONE local athletes will challenge themselves in various sports and one new event at the Northern B.C. Winter Games starting tomorrow in 100 Mile House. And, if past performance is any indication, they should

fill the bus with medals for the return trip.

"Out of the athletes we sent to the last Games, close to 70 per cent medalled," says Carol Wall, regional director for the Games.

This time the alpine skiers take to the slopes, something that doesn't usually happen.

"Alpine skiing is one sport added, which is fairly rare just because alot of host cities do not have a ski hill close by." she says. Five alpine skiers from here will join their coach for the trip.

Terrace is also sending five taekwondo athletes, three juvenile curlers and seven skaters. The number of athletes is low because of several provincial games taking place at the same time and the distance, says Wall.

Athletes and their coaches will board the bus at 2 a.m. tomorrow morning for the 16-hour journey, and arrive at 6 p.m. They return early next Monday morning.

Over 100 athletes from the Kitimat-Stikine zone will compete this year. About 1,000 athletes from eight northern zones will narticinate at the Games

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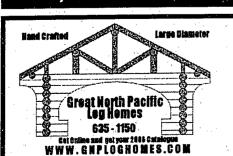
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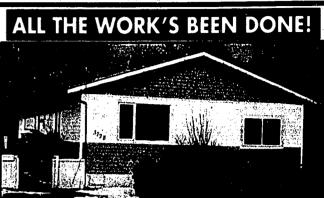
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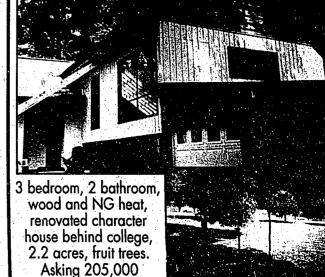
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CALLING FOR TENDERS EN08TSKTE-437 Coldwater Bridge Maintenance

Sealed Tenders for the following Forest Service Bridge Maintenance Contract ENOSTSKTE-437 will be received by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200-5220 Kelth Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 1L1 on the dates shown below, at which time all tenders will be opened in public

EN06TSKTE-437 Contract #: Howard Debeck, Professional Engineer February 15, 2006 @ 9:30 a.m. Closing Date:

Phone Location: Coldwater Bridge located at 6.5km on the Lakelse Main FSR Viewing of this site prior to submitting a bid is not mandatory.

The successful Contractor must meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in the Conditions of Tender. Tenders must be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the tender package. The lowest priced or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Contract Award is subject to funding being available at the

Bidders are required to submit 10% of the tendered price as a bid bond or cash deposit This will be refunded to the unsuccessful bidders. In addition, the successful bidder must supply a performance bond of 50% of the tendered price, or a cash security of 10% in a form acceptable to the Province.

The particulars may be obtained from the receptionist at (250) 638-5100 or at the above address. An electronic version of this notice and particulars package is available on BC Bid. Further information may be obtained by contacting the above mentioned

BC TIMBER SALES NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR

TIMBER SALE LICENCE A78677 Take notice that, pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act, timber sale licence A78677 is being offered for sale by BC Timber Sales, Skeena Business Area, Terrace Field Team.

February 9, 2006 @ 8:30 a.m. Closing Date: Geographic Location: Kitnayakwa Area Estimated Volume: 27.941 cubic metres, more or lessTerm:18 months This timber sale licence has been designed for harvest using a combination of a ground based system and cable yarding. The use of other systems may be subject to the

Forest and Range Practices Act and its regulations. The upset stumpage rate \$11.69/m3 for the competitive volume, approximately 16,945 m³, was determined by the variable cost method and is applicable only to coniferous green sawlog grades. This timber sale licence is fully developed.

The upset stumpage rate and the bonus bid now apply to both Grade Code (blank) and Grade Code 3 sawlog volumes. The upset stumpage rate has been adjusted (decreased) to account for the Grade Code 3 (Dry sawlog) portion. Species percent: Balsam 27%, Hemlock 69%, Spruce 3%

This licence requires the building of approximately 2.1 kilometres of on-block roads and approximately 0.1 kilometres of access road under an associated Road Permit. Tenders will be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a BC timber sales enterprise in Category 1, 2 or 3. Applications will be accepted by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1. Tenders will be opened in public at 9:30 a.m. on February 9, 2006.

There is additional material that the applicant must consider in their application. This material which includes application forms and other information about the TSL can be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Office by contacting the receptionist at (250) 638-5100. Contact Trevor Shannon at (250) 638-5135 for Field enquiries only.

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NOTICE TO AMEND PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN 402-0644 TO INCLUDE NADINA, SKEENA-STIKINE AND KALUM FOREST DISTRICTS.

PMP holder is: Ministry of Forest, Range Branch, 5th Floor, 1011- 4th Ave-. Prince George, BC, V2L 3H9/ Phone; 250-565-6139, Fax: 250-565-6671, email Bob.

Drinkwater@.gov.bc.ca. The Range Branch of the BC Ministry of Forests and Range is proposing to amend Pest Management Plan 402-0644 under the Integrated Pest Management Act. The plan requires the use of integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices which may include the use of herbicides.

The proposal is to amend PMP 402-0644 which covers the Prince George, Vanderhoof, MacKenzie and Fort St. James Forest Districts to also include Nadina, Skeena-Stikine and Kalum Forest Districts: This amendment will result in the replacement of the pesticide use notification number 402-0649 for PMP 402-587 & 402-612 which currently cover Nadina Forest District; PMP 402-586 which currently covers the Skeena-Stikine Forest District, and PUP 402-611 which covers portions of the Kalum Forest District with a new pesticide use notification for PMP 402-0644, Some of the communities in the area proposed in the amendment are Terrace, Atlin, Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek, Iskut, Kitwanga, Hazelton, Smithers, Houston and Bums Lake. The term of the PMP is May 1, 2005 to December 31, 2009.

Herbicide Corrimon Name and Trade Names which may be used are: picloram or Tordon 22K; metsulfuron-methyl or Escort; glyphosate or Roundup; clopyralid or Transline; 2,4D amine; and picloram + 2,4-D amine or Grazon

Proposed Control Methods include; hand pulling, mowing and cutting, rouging, biological control agents, trials of alternate and new treatment methods and herbicides Herbicides, if required, will be applied as spot treatments on target invasive plants, (weeds), by back pack sprayers, wick applicators and motorized sprayers mounted on trucks and ATVs.

The Pest Management Plan can be viewed at: Northern Interior Forest Region, 5th floor, 1011-4th Ave. Prince George, BC, V2L 3H9 between the hours of 8:30 and

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