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Recallers admit campaign crashed

By JEFF NAGEL

THE CAMPAIGN to recall Skeena MLA Helmut Giesbrecht has failed.

Instead of flying to Victoria with the petition in hand, proponent Lorne Sexton announced Tuesday the campaign had gathered only around 6,000 signatures.

A total of 7,558 signatures were required to recall Giesbrecht and Elections B.C. had advised campaigners to have significantly more than that as a buffer against invalid signatures.

Proponent Lorne Sexton said Tuesday the campaign didn't come close enough even to mount a court challenge of the voters list — something that had been contemplated last week.

He instead said he would be withdrawing the recall bid and would not submit the petition sheets to Victoria.

Submitting the signatures would only heighten con-

cerns about confidentiality of the names, he said, and sharpen divisions in an already divided community.

"By turning the list in we'd only prolong the antagonism," Sexton said.

He said it's time for everyone in Skeena to put the campaign behind them.

"We have to begin a healing process here," he said. "The process is somewhat divisive and it was made more divisive than it needed to be. A lot of things were said in the heat of the moment, in the heat of the campaign that were not nice and we need to go forward on a positive note."

He said the campaign should serve as a wake-up notice for Giesbrecht to work harder to represent the entire constituency.

Giesbrecht said the only interpretation he's putting on the results is that there were not enough people who felt

angry enough at his performance to justify recalling him.

He said he will probably run again in the next election and that most people felt he deserved to complete the present term and be judged again at that time.

"It's hard to represent thousands of people," he said. "I will do my best to regain their confidence between now and the next election."

Giesbrecht said he wasn't surprised the campaign didn't come close.

"I had faith," he said. "My sense all along was that people weren't as angry as a small group was making them out to be."

"People I know didn't vote for me and probably wouldn't again were offended by some of the actions of the proponent, they were offended by the process and they weren't going to buy into it. They weren't going to

buy the idea that I shouldn't be allowed to continue to serve out my term and be judged by the electorate at that time."

Sexton said he and others who worked on the Dec. 5 to Feb. 3 recall campaign have no regrets.

"We were proactive for once," he said. "Instead of complaining about things we were trying to do something."

He said that the campaign would have gathered many more signatures had confidentiality of the names been guaranteed.

In Prince George-North, recall proponent Pertti Harkonen flew to Victoria with a petition he said contained enough signatures to recall education minister Paul Ramsey. But supporters of Ramsey predicted Elections B.C. will reject enough invalid signatures that the petition will fail.

Fewer moose being hit

LESS SNOW in the valleys this year may not be great for sledding but it is sure good for moose and motorists.

Conservation officer Bob Butcher says there have only been five reports of moose being killed by cars in the area. Usually at this time of the winter the massive animals are a major road hazard.

"In comparison to last year it's down considerably," he says. "We haven't had many incidents."

According to regional conservation officer Adrian Juch, the moose haven't needed to use roads to travel because the snow in the woods hasn't been very deep. Often, deep winter snows drive the animals to plowed highways where walking is much easier.

But with less snow this season, the moose are staying in the woods — out of the way of both vehicles and poachers.

Poachers find it much easier to illegally bag moose in harsh winters. That's because when the snow's deep, the animals tend to bunch up in areas where there is a good food supply. Juch calls the process "yarding up."

"It's like they gather together and hang out in a yard," he says.

But this year the moose are spread out, making things difficult for poachers.

"It's been nice and quiet," Juch says. "Poaching has been slow."

Even though there are less moose on the roads, conservation officers remind motorists to still keep a watchful eye for the animals. Sudden changes in weather could draw more of them onto the roads.



■ Deep in prayer

SIKH PRIEST Swaran Singh Cheema plays an intricate hymn on the harmonium while praying during services at the local Sikh temple. He and

others come to the temple to worship and to use it as the social centre for the community. For more, please see Page A5.

Doctors ponder office closures

DOCTORS COULD close their offices for one day a month beginning this year to make up for what they say is a lack of money from the provincial government.

Such a move could start as early as April, when the provincial government's new budget year begins.

As it is, doctors are scheduled to shut down for three days in March to make up for a shortfall as the current budget year ends.

The monthly closure suggestion follows fruitless talks with the province over fee increases for the next year, says Dr. Geoff Appleton, the northwest representative to the B.C. Medical Association which represents physicians.

"The problem is the province won't given enough money to the Medical Services Plan and the plan can't run a deficit," said Appleton.

Doctors last year agreed to a two-fold system in which their fee structure was protected in exchange for paying back money once a certain limit of expenditures was achieved. A reserve was also tapped to help finance payments and doctors and the province agreed to find other ways to save money. By agreeing to the clawbacks, doctors are in effect working part of the time for nothing.

But while those measures helped, the reserve is now gone and the province won't budge on the overall amount of money it'll dedicate to the Medical Services Plan, said Appleton.

"There's going to be a \$50 million shortfall next year and one day a month may be needed to make up for that shortfall," said Appleton.

Monthly closures are already commonplace at large hospitals where they are called "corporate days" to save money. All hospitals reduce activity during Christmas and during the summer for the same reason, said Appleton.

"These have become a standard way of dealing with budgets," he added.

Appleton noted that should doctors not close their offices for three days in March, the budget shortfall would mean they'd be working for free for about 20 per cent of the time in February and March.

"That's a big hit. You wouldn't see too many people doing that," said Appleton in calling the closures a last resort.

Physicians will remain on-call for emergency duties.

Anesthetists needed

HEALTH CARE officials are confident local services won't be affected by a coming shortage of anesthetists.

Ideally the level of medical service provided here calls for two full time anesthetists and a half time one.

But there's only been one full time and one part time anesthetist since last year.

And that's scheduled to get worse because the full time one is going to a temporary posting on Vancouver Island this fall while the half time person, who is also a general practitioner (GP) half time, wants to only to be a GP.

That could theoretically leave the area without anesthetist services for a time this fall, but the Terrace and Area Community Health Council is in hot pursuit of replacements.

"You can spin a worst case scenario but we are in the midst of a fairly aggressive recruiting campaign," says council chief executive officer Michael Leisinger.

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Assaults called "social issue"

Violent crime continues to rise

By DAVID TAYLOR

VIOLENT CRIME in Terrace is at a five-year high, according to recently-released police statistics.

The number of assaults of various kinds committed against people reached 392 in 1997. That's more than one violent offence per day in the city.

Assaults accounted for most of those crimes, with 342 of them committed last year — up 29 per cent over 1996.

There were also 39 sexual assaults committed in 1997, which is virtually unchanged from the year before.

Violent offences, mostly assaults, have risen steadily in frequency here for several years. In fact, the rate of violent crime in 1997 was 61 per cent higher than in 1993.

And that increase is a concern for inspector Steve Leach of the Terrace RCMP.

"It's a problem," Leach says. "We certainly don't like to see those types of

things occurring. But this is not just a police issue, it's a social issue. The whole community has to deal with it."

One way the police are going to deal with it is by publicizing family violence more, and getting the word out that it is a problem in this community.

And it is a problem. Last year, 79 spousal assaults were reported to the police, which is up from 68 in 1996.

"That's one every four-and-a-half days," noted city councillor Linda Hawes when council was presented the

1997 statistics. "That's not acceptable in any community."

The RCMP are also finishing up their 1998 business plans which will detail other ways to help deal with crime in Terrace.

Fortunately, even though violent crime in the city has increased, property crime is at a five-year low.

Last year there were 1,010 property offences committed in Terrace, including 166 break-and-enters. That's a decrease of 30 per cent compared to 1996.

And that decrease helps bring the total number of criminal code offences down to 2,407, which means the total crime rate in Terrace dropped by about nine per cent last year.

Leach says he thinks the drop in property crime is due, at least in part, to the city's zero tolerance drug policy. Drug use and property crime are often closely linked because addicts will turn to theft to pay for their habits.

Leach says the zero tolerance policy will likely continue next year.

STOP Press NEWS

Roof saved on lecture theatre

CALEDONIA SR. Secondary still has a lecture theatre thanks to a quick response from fire fighters.

Monday afternoon around 4:15 p.m. fire fighters were called when someone spotted black smoke pouring out of the roof of the lecture theatre.

Deputy chief Rick Owens says the fire appears to have started in the air intake system.

Cold air comes in, is heated by 600 volt heaters and then is blown into the school.

Owens thinks the heaters overheated or failed somehow. When firefighters arrived the heat on the roof was so intense that the asphalt was bubbling.

Because the fire was spotted so soon fire fighters had a chance to lay down salvage covers in the theatre. That protected much of the inside of the theatre when they removed burning ceiling tiles.

Owens isn't sure how much damage the roof of the theatre sustained, but thinks its likely in the \$10,000 range.

Masked robber holds up Thornhill gas station

POLICE ARE looking for a robbery suspect after a gas station in Thornhill was held up Monday morning.

Terrace RCMP say the robbery occurred at about 3:20 a.m. Feb. 2 at the Chevron on Highway 16 in Thornhill.

A lone male came in wearing a mask and threatened to handcuff the attendant unless the cash-register contents were emptied into a bag.

The employee complied and the suspect fled on foot with about \$209 in cash.

The suspect is described as a white male about 5'10" tall, and weighing between 150 and 155 lbs. He had brown hair and wore a dark greenish winter coat, with dark pants, possibly track pants. He also wore wool or fleece gloves.

The mask appeared to be a sweater or a pair of pants with eye-holes cut in it.

Police ask anyone with information on this crime to call Terrace RCMP.

Summer of '69?

BRYAN ADAMS was arrested at Hanky's Cabaret Jan. 31 for assaulting two other patrons.

No, it wasn't the Bryan Adams.

Car rolls over

ONE PERSON received minor injuries in a single-vehicle accident Jan. 31.

Police responded to the accident on Highway 37 near Onion Lake at about 4:30 a.m.. The driver and sole occupant apparently left the road and the vehicle rolled over.

The driver was taken to Mills Memorial Hospital with minor neck injuries.

Truck vandalized

POLICE ARE looking for suspects after a truck was vandalized Jan. 31.

Police say the GMC pickup was parked in the 4900 block of Agar Ave. One of its tires was slashed and it was sprayed with white spray-paint.

Assault on bridge

A MAN was assaulted on the new bridges over a driving incident last weekend.

Police say one man got out of his car, walked over to the other vehicle and punched the driver

Woman seeks custody of son

A LOCAL woman wants to be reunited with a son she hasn't seen in seven years.

But Elizabeth Goodwin can't afford to go to Ontario where her son, Keith, 14, is scheduled to be the subject today of a court hearing.

That hearing is to decide if Goodwin's ex-husband is considered fit to gain custody of Keith. He's been a ward of the provincial government there for a year.

In an affidavit sent to Ontario late last week, Goodwin says her ex-husband pressured her to sign over custody of Keith and Sam, an older son, in 1991.

That happened after Goodwin went into counselling because a second husband killed himself and the two children she had with him.

Goodwin says she believed custody would be temporary but that her ex-husband then moved to Ontario with her two sons.

Goodwin, in her affidavit,

says she's now in a position to become a mother once again.

She says her ex-husband isn't fit to have custody of Keith and that the older son won't live with him.

The Terrace Women's Resource Centre appealed late Monday to children's and families minister Penny Priddy for help.

Legal aid isn't an option because the child custody case is being heard in another province. Goodwin only heard about the hearing Jan. 30.

"Part of the problem has been the jurisdictional issue because this case is in Ontario," said Karla Hennig of the women's resource centre.

"We're hoping the minister can pick up a phone and speak to her counterpart," she said.

"As far as we know, the courts (in Ontario) might not even know there is a mother involved.

Stolen cheques passed

TERRACE RCMP are asking area businesses to be on the lookout for someone writing stolen cheques.

The cheques were stolen from a vehicle sometime between Dec. 1, 1997 and Jan. 29, 1998. Four of them have since turned up at area businesses for amounts of \$300, \$200, \$65, and \$103.

The cheques had been issued to Tony and Mae Ribeiro through CIBC, account number 151 030 80 010 08 54336. They have since closed the account.

Anyone with information on these cheques should call Terrace RCMP.

FROM FRONT

More anesthetists needed in Terrace

The four potential replacements have already indicated that they would consider a move to Terrace and all will be available by mid-summer, he said.

"They've expressed an interest and now we're checking them out," Leisinger continued. "It's highly unlikely we'll be completely short," he said.

Yet Leisinger did say having to recruit an entire complement of specialists isn't an ideal situation.

Unlike some other medical specialties anesthetists can be called out at all hours — not only for planned surgeries in the day time but to give epidurals to women in labour at night and to provide services to the hospital's intensive care unit.

That can lead to being on-call — not working but having

to be ready to work at a moment's notice. This kind of time pressure in more rural and remote places makes the recruiting of such specialists more difficult than in larger centres down south.



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Bridge collapse probe focuses on CN Rail

AN ALBERTA company has been found to be partly responsible for the collapse of a CN Rail bridge that killed two people here last October.

But the Worker's Compensation Board is holding off laying charges against Scott Steel until the federal government finishes its investigation into the role of CN Rail in the accident.

The WCB last week said the bridge trestle south of Terrace collapsed because too much of the wooden bracing was removed to make room for steel supports that were being lifted into place.

"So much bracing was removed that when the crane rolled onto the structure it simply couldn't hold," says WCB regional prevention manager Rick Hynes.

The WCB investigation concluded that Scott Steel Ltd. of Edmonton failed to set out minimum bracing requirements — including identifying critical bracing components that would have prevented the bridge from collapsing.

The board also said the company failed to ensure the trestle was able to withstand the weight of the crane.

But the WCB stopped short of prosecuting Scott Steel, even though the company was found to be in contravention with health and safety regulations which led to two deaths.

"From the board's perspective, Scott Steel is responsible for its workers," Hynes says. "However, it was on CN property, CN provided the design drawings and a CN worker was the site supervisor."

According to the WCB, the accident

would not have happened if workers had followed written instructions on the proper work procedure.

"Those instructions weren't there," says Hynes. "Obviously that wasn't recognized as a risk by the employees or the employer. It most definitely wasn't recognized by CN."

Hynes says the WCB wants to find out CN's role in the accident before any prosecution against Scott Steel is considered. That role is being investigated by Labour Canada because CN is part of the federally-regulated transportation industry.

If CN were to be found responsible for the accident, Labour Canada would have the authority to prosecute, not the WCB. And Jim Beynon of Labour Canada says his investigation will not be finished for about two months.

Hynes says the WCB's investigation, which involved an engineering inquest along with hundreds of hours of interviews with witnesses, was primarily to find the cause of the collapse and prevent it from occurring again.

"This accident need not have happened," he says. "Had the work been in compliance, this tragedy would not have occurred."

The bridge, located at mile 8.2 of the Kitimat-Terrace main line, collapsed Oct. 27. Two people, William Hugh Carson of Kamloops, and John Marti of Telkwa were killed. Several others were seriously injured, including John Hickey of Newfoundland who's leg was crushed and later amputated.

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Shortfall could top \$500,000

Schools eye yet more cuts

MORE SPENDING cuts may be in store for the school district as it struggles with a tight budget.

Although it trimmed costs beginning last fall, it still may be short by as much as \$500,000 if it doesn't take action by the time its budget year finishes the end of June, says school district secretary-treasurer Barry Piersdorff.

Just exactly how deep-in the hole the school district is won't be known for awhile until financial reports come in.

"My view is that we're still going to have problems," said Piersdorff.

The shortfall is in large part due to a big decrease in student enrollment this year. That's a problem because the district gets paid per student. But it has to estimate how many students will be enrolled next year in advance, in order to hire or lay off teachers on time.

Before the start of this school year the district suspected enrollment might be lower, and didn't fill eight teaching positions. But it couldn't foresee the impact the Skeena Cellulose crisis had on the economy.

A cash infusion of \$425,000 helped make up for losing 107 students who moved away because of Skeena Cellulose.

Piersdorff isn't sure if the district will be able to make further cuts to balance the budget by the end of the school year. He said the education ministry might be willing to let that debt ride for a year, to give the district more time to come up with alternatives.

The education ministry and the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) recently came up with some budget slashing ideas, gathered

from school districts across the province. These include joint or shared purchase of supplies, technology and fuel and shared administrative and legal services.

Piersdorff says the school district already has cost-cutting plans in place. It buys paper jointly with Northwest Community College and the City of Terrace. It also shares special education personnel with other districts.

Some new suggestions include having school districts buy school buses school as a package, buying software to generate school time tables, report cards and library records, buying province-wide payroll and administrative software packages, buying items such as chairs, desks and computer hardware in bulk and using teleconferencing to conduct school board meetings.

News In Brief

Nearly 100,000 fly

PASSENGER TRAFFIC at the Terrace airport held steady in 1997 compared to 1996, says manager Daryl Laurent. "We were at 97,200 and that's almost identical to the year before," he said.

Laurent's pleased given the tenous economic activity of the region in 1997 but he says the airport will be lucky if it reaches the 97,000 figure this year.

"Something would have to happen over the next three or four months to put a charge into the economy here," said Laurent.

A bright spot last year was the introduction by AirBC of an afternoon flight as a test and then the decision to keep the run on into the fall and winter, Laurent added.

Job boss named

ERIC VAN SOEREN has been appointed interim job protection commissioner for B.C.

He'll be temporarily handling the job of his former boss, Doug Kerley, who died of cancer in December.

A permanent commissioner will be named after a search led by a recruiting agency.

Employment and investment minister Dan Miller said van Soeren has been managing director of the job protection commission under Kerley since 1994 and was a key player in the restructurings of Evans Forest Products and Skeena Cellulose.

Stolen goods sought

TERRACE RCMP are looking for a pile of stolen goods after several break and enters last week.

Sometime between Jan. 24 and 27, thieves broke into a residence on the 3300 block of Eby St. through the side door. The suspects made off with a TV, VCR and an assortment of jewelry.

Sometime between Jan. 23 and Jan. 26, burglars also broke into a shop on the 4600 block of Queensway, also entering through a side door. The thieves stole numerous items, including power saws, drills, a battery charger and assorted tools.

And between Jan. 27 and 29, tow people broke into a garage on Marion Ave. in Jackpine Flats. Stolen were a blue Makita belt sander, a black Skill saw and a yellow DeWalt reciprocating saw.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact Terrace RCMP or Crimestoppers at 635-TIPS.

Happy 100th

THE PROVINCIAL government is holding a birthday party for the 100th anniversary of the opening of the parliament buildings in Victoria.

The Feb. 10 affair will consist of a ceremonial one-day sitting of the legislature.

The buildings were designed by Francis Rattenbury who was also the architect of the Empress Hotel.

Locals will be able to watch the events live Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon on the legislative channel of their cable system.

Eagle affliction stumps experts

THEY'RE DROPPING like flies.

Eagles in the Terrace-Kitimat area are falling from the skies, and it has veterinarians and conservation officers stumped.

"It's kind of a mystery," says conservation officer Bob Butcher. "There doesn't seem to be anything physically wrong with these birds."

Four bald eagles in the last 10 days have been seen hopping around on the ground, unable to fly. One got hit by a car near New Remo.

The other eagles were found out at the Kitimat dump. They were all skinny and too weak to fly. Butcher retrieved one last Monday and brought it to veterinarian Tom Sager, who couldn't find anything wrong with the bird.

"It was the biggest eagle I've ever laid my hands on. It was huge," he says. "But it was also a little starved."

Sager says a healthy eagle that size should have weighed about 13 pounds, but this bird weighed in at just nine pounds.

It was an immature bird, not yet having developed the species' characteristic white head. Sager wasn't sure if it was male or female, but it certainly was hungry. The bird quickly devoured a pound of moose meat the veterinarian brought for it.

Sager says that winter can be a hard time of year for eagles because there aren't any fish running. He also speculates that this winter could have been especially difficult since some eagles may have become dependent on road and train-killed moose to sustain them during cold months.

So far this winter, the number of moose hit by vehicles is down considerably because low snowfall levels have allowed moose to stay in the bush, away from traffic.

But Butcher says he thinks there should have been enough food at the dump, unless competition with other birds was too intense for the immature eagles.

At least two of the eagles have been sent to the Wildlife Rehab Shelter in Prince Rupert.



AT JUST nine pounds, this eagle is way below his ideal weight. He also can't fly and the same problem is affecting other eagles in the area. Experts say they don't know why the eagle population has been grounded.

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Cut taxes

IT'S THE TIME of year when the great majority of Canadians are in financial turmoil — trying to figure out how to pay for Christmas at the same times as puzzling out how to invest in some sort of RRSP. For those many, it may not be exactly a joyous occasion.

But things are much different in Ottawa where the topic is not about paying but about spending. Spending, that is, the anticipated surpluses now that the federal government is on the verge of wiping out its annual budget deficit.

There are three areas in which this spending could take place — on new government programs, on reducing the accumulated debt of \$600 million or on reducing the existing corporate and personal tax bite.

Most experts believe the surplus will be divvied up through a combination of the above. But each political party gives each of the three a different weight, depending upon the philosophical bent of that party.

Liberals, for instance, lean toward increasing government spending. And that should be bad news for everybody because their government has mostly conquered the deficit by increasing taxes and not by cutting spending. To spend more just because you have it is not a good economic philosophy.

The Reform party advocates cutting taxes, an always popular move. But it's regarded with some suspicion because less government spending is equated with fewer government services such as health and education.

But there is one suggestion in the package of proposals being pushed by the Reform party which makes good sense and is not that expensive. And this is to eliminate income taxes for people who earn less than \$15,000. In B.C. that's more or less the equivalent of the minimum wage. The tax savings would be about \$1,364 if that \$15,000 was earned by a single woman with one child.

The Reform argument is simple — why tax people who don't earn a lot in the first place. It only puts them in the position of depending more heavily on government programs which they finance anyway by paying taxes. Cutting out the middleman leaves the money where it does the most good. And that's with the person who earned it.

He's in trouble

STILL WITH taxes, all indications are that Premier Glen Clark will cut the provincial ones for people and corporations to counteract the growing belief his government is responsible for the sluggish economy.

While that's good news the bad news is that the provincial deficit will increase and that will in turn lead to higher costs because that money will have to be borrowed and then paid back.

So while the federal Liberals may defend themselves by saying that higher taxes helped eliminate their deficit, Mr. Clark is dragging around an anchor of high taxes and a high deficit.

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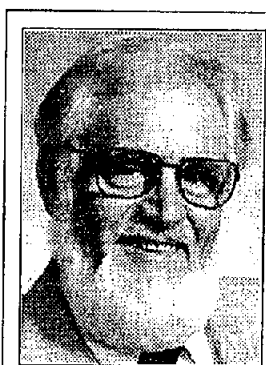
VICTORIA — Farming is more than just a way of life in Peace River country. It's a slice of the history that shaped this northeastern part of British Columbia.

Farming has been part of the Peace River region for as long as some of the towns' names have been on the map. Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Hudson's Hope, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, places where, as one former premier once said, the real British Columbians live.

I say that with apologies to British Columbians who live in the south, because it is the south to which Peace River farmers are appealing for help. It is the south that houses the powers that be, the powers that can help them overcome a crisis not of their making.

Farming in the Peace is under siege. After two years of disastrous weather resulting in less than marginal crops or no crops at all, Peace River farmers have their backs against the wall. And the sharks, in banks' clothing, are ready to close in for the kill.

To put it bluntly, unless some immediate government help is forthcoming, many Peace River farmers will be



FROM THE CAPITAL
 HUBERT BEYER

out of business. And the towns which are already reeling under the effects of an inadequate tax base will slide into further decay.

The problem began with an unusually cold and wet spring in 1996 that caused farmers to miss their seeding deadlines. The same happened in 1997. In both years, harvesting the crop was difficult, in many cases impossible.

Some farmers couldn't get heavy equipment on the fields until the ground froze. Some were trying to harvest at 20 degrees below zero and in snow.

The marginal crops that were salvaged turned out to be of such poor quality and contaminated from wild animal

excreta that may were rejected at the elevators. As I write this, five ships loaded with substandard grain harvested in the Peace last year are being rejected in Japan, Korea and Saudi Arabia.

I can't remember Peace River farmers ever complaining or asking for handouts from government. Peace River folks come from self-reliant stock. Nor do they want handouts now. But they need help badly. And the government in Victoria is the only one that can provide help.

The Peace River Farm Crisis Committee estimates that an immediate infusion of \$20 million will put the farming community back on its feet. The farmers aren't asking for a gift but for government-guaranteed loans, interest-free for two years and pegged at seven-per cent interest after that.

A farm-help package put together by government a few months back, the farmers say, addresses long-range problems, but not the immediate crisis.

To impress on the government in Victoria just how perilous the situation is, a busload of farmers showed up in the capital city for meetings

with caucus and agriculture minister Corky Evans. One farmer even took his combine on an epic journey all the way from the Peace to Victoria.

If I know Corky, he will support the farmers. The problem will be convincing his cabinet colleagues, particularly Premier Glen Clark that helping out the Peace River farmers to the tune of \$20 million is a good investment.

Assuming that Evans will go to bat for the farmers at the cabinet table, I would like to add my small voice to his:

Listen up, premier. You gave the go-ahead to the Skeena deal. You are giving the forest industry a huge break by reducing stumpage fees. Extend that same largesse to the Peace River farmers.

Not only is it the right thing to do. It is the necessary thing to do. British Columbia cannot afford to lose any of its farm production. The fewer farms we have, the more we will have to rely on imports. We don't need that. We don't want that.

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Have combine, will travel

BRITISH COLUMBIANS upset with government fight back in diverse ways:

A mental health advocate zipped himself into a sleeping bag too fast through the Christmas holiday on the doorstep of his MLA's office.

Prince George and Skeena constituents chose recall.

And a Dawson Creek farmer drove his combine to Victoria to highlight the plight of Peace River farmers after two years of crop losses caused by excessive moisture.

Nick Parsons made the 16 day trek — maximum speed 25 kph — in his Model 860 Massey Ferguson. His only comfort was a specially fitted heater to warm the bird's-eye-view cab. He was given a cell phone, but it failed to work. Along the way, truckers shared their cell phones with him.

In addition to 'Wide Load' warning signs, he marked the outer limits of his 14-foot-wide combine with flags — a Canadian ensign, a B.C. standard, and a Dawson Creek banner. No polka dot bandanas or



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crumples of red plastic for this mission!

In case of snow, he fitted the wheels of his machine with chains, and installed extra fuel tanks in the hopper. And to cope with any breakdown of his 17-year-old harvester, he took along a generator, a welder, an air compressor, and all his tools.

Except for two days, in Mackenzie Junction waiting for parts to replace the starter, Parsons succeeded in keeping to his travel schedule. His tires were slashed at 70 Mile House.

And he was fined for being on the road after dark while replacing other tires that had gone flat.

In Cache Creek he was stopped by officials who didn't want him driving his extra wide combine through the Fraser Canyon and along the busy Trans-Canada Highway. They advised him to drive over steep mountain roads through Lillooet and past the ski resort of Whistler.

When he reached Pemberton, however, because heavy traffic was anticipated on the Squamish highway in conjunction with a skiing event being held at Whistler, he was told to truck his combine to Horse-shoe Bay. The haul — using a flat deck and two pilot cars — cost him \$800.

When he left his farm the morning of Jan. 10, the temperature was -40°C. When he arrived in Victoria Jan. 26 the city was basking in temperatures 20 degrees higher than normal.

Though Parsons made the trip alone — at the last minute

a companion was unable to go along — a group of Peace River farmers was waiting to back him up when he parked his combine in front of the legislature. Agriculture minister Corky Evans listened to the group's complaints about inadequate government compensation for the disaster of flooded out crops over two seasons.

How well the NDP government responds to the farmers' plight only time will tell. Parsons has said, if need be, he'll drive his combine to the steps of Parliament in Ottawa.

The communities of Farmington and Rolla held dances and auctions to fund the expenses for Parsons and his neighbours to make the Victoria trip. Dawson Creek businesses gave cash. Some \$18,000 was raised.

If Premier Clark doesn't respond the way Dawson Creek hopes, Ottawa drunks may well wake to see a Massey Ferguson combine rumbling past. Parsons is a man of action.



The community within

Behind the temple doors is another world — a turbaned priest sits before the holy book, leading believers in Punjabi hymns

By SALWA FARAH
THE SETTING is not familiar — the language is foreign. There are no hard wooden pews lining the room, nor is there a cross symbolizing the suffering of Christ.

But the sense of reverence needs no translation.

Men and women bow their head in worship to the holy book at the head of the temple. The book is lifted above ground on a platform, and lies on a golden taffeta cloth.

To followers of the Sikh religion, their holy book is like a living person — to them it is the eleventh Guru Granth Sahib, the last in the succession of Gurus.

The Guru is the spiritual teacher — there are ten others in the Sikh religion. The Sikh temple is known as the *Gurdwara*, the door to the Guru's house.

When the women and men approach the shrine, they bow their heads, drop money in the metal box at the base of the shrine, and some circle the Guru Granth Sahib.

"Somebody that we respect and revere we cir-

cle," explains Swarn Singh Cheema, the priest, through Kamal Gill who is acting as my translator — all the prayers are conducted in Punjabi.

"The 10th Guru gave the succession to the holy book — it is the Guru we can see all the time. The hymns are living; it doesn't die. That's why we treat it like a living Guru," explains Cheema.

Cheema has been at the temple for a couple of years now, and has helped bring the Sikh community to the temple — especially the elders who come to listen to prayers in the mornings.

Many in Terrace may remember those elders sitting outside the library at picnic tables during better weather.

I remove my shoes and cover my hair in a scarf — it is a sign of respect and humbleness, for I am in the presence of the Guru Granth Sahib.

The women and men sit on the floor on opposite sides of the carpeted floor — that ensures complete focus.

The priest is reciting hymns from the holy book. On this particular day he is

reminding people to remember God in all they do, in marriage and in work.

"In doing honest work take God's name and share with the less fortunate," translates Gill.

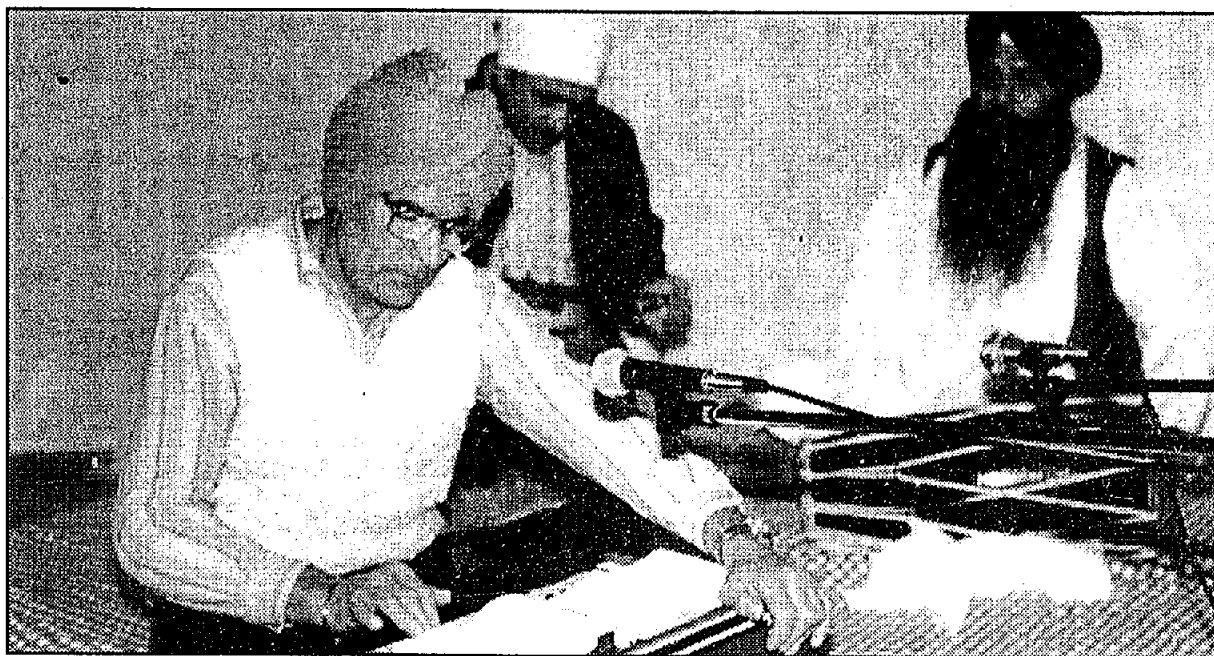
Cheema stresses the importance of doing good deeds in this lifetime.

"This world is like a garden and God is the gardener that planted flowers of every colour — we must be the beautiful flower that give a nice scent so we can attract God, so that God the gardener can look at us," Cheema tells the group of people gathered at the temple.

Gill tells me that when she goes up and bows to the Guru Granth Sahib, the section the priest is reading from always relates to current events in her life.

"The prayer is always pertinent to what I am experiencing," she says. She wonders how much of that lays in her faith and how much is coincidence.

Many followers of the Sikh religion are born into the faith, but a person can also be baptized a Sikh as well, and has the choice of



SHANGARA KANDOLA plays the harmonium for hymn singers in the Sikh temple. Sunday prayers traditionally end with hymns, followed by a remembrance of the martyred Gurus.

following a defined code of dress and conduct.

A Sikh man is easily identified anywhere in the world by his trademark long beard and turban. This conspicuous appearance helps prevent a person from sinning, suggests Cheema.

Over the hum of the prayers I can hear the clatter from the temple's kitchen.

Today there will be pakoras (tasty morsels of breaded vegetables) and chai (spiced tea) after the ceremony.

Near the end of the prayers, the priest randomly opens the book and reads the *Wak* — it is like the thought of the day.

The prayers end after nearly two hours, followed by hymns. Singers are ac-

companied by the tablas (drums) and harmonium (a type of upright accordion). This part of the ceremony is called the *kirtan*.

A final remembrance of the Gurus is also recited by the whole congregation.

Before leaving, an elderly man gives a handful of sweetened doughy bread called *prashad* to the whole

congregation in blessing.

Despite my inexperience with the Sikh religion, I find the atmosphere in the temple informal; everyone knows one another and there's a sense of kinship.

The Punjabi community in Terrace is strong and vibrant with religion that is infused with Indian culture and identity.

You got to have faith

By CRIS LEYKAUF
A PROMINENT businessman, Mo Takhar has an unusual response when asked for the reasons behind his success.

Faith.
Takhar points to a framed picture above his desk in his office at Terrace Pre-cut. It's a small religious drawing, surrounded by Punjabi text.

"My luck is right there," he says.

He's a strong believer of the Sikh religion, and it's that faith he says which has helped his businesses expand.

Both he and his wife, Darshan Kaur, are deeply religious.

"Our bible is a living person for us," he says.

In their home they've set aside a special room for prayers. Both Mo and Darshan spend an hour and half in prayer every morning and an hour every evening. It's a form of meditation, he says.

And it's served him well throughout his life.

Mo Takhar moved to Canada in 1959, first settling in Victoria. Before coming to B.C. he already knew how to speak English. That was a big advantage, he says.

Takhar was 19-years-old and had been in Canada a year when he married his wife.

The couple and their young daughter soon moved to Prince Rupert, where Mo worked at the local sawmill for six years.

It was while he was living in Prince Rupert that Mo started up Takhar Trucking, a logging truck company. It's still active today with three trucks.

In 1969 Takhar and his family, which had grown to include a son, relocated to Terrace.

The trucking business was going well, and in 1985 Takhar spun another business out of it — Terrace Pre-Cut, a lumber company. Today it employs 14 people.

The business was a challenge to establish, Takhar admits, but he says quite a bit had to do with luck and faith.

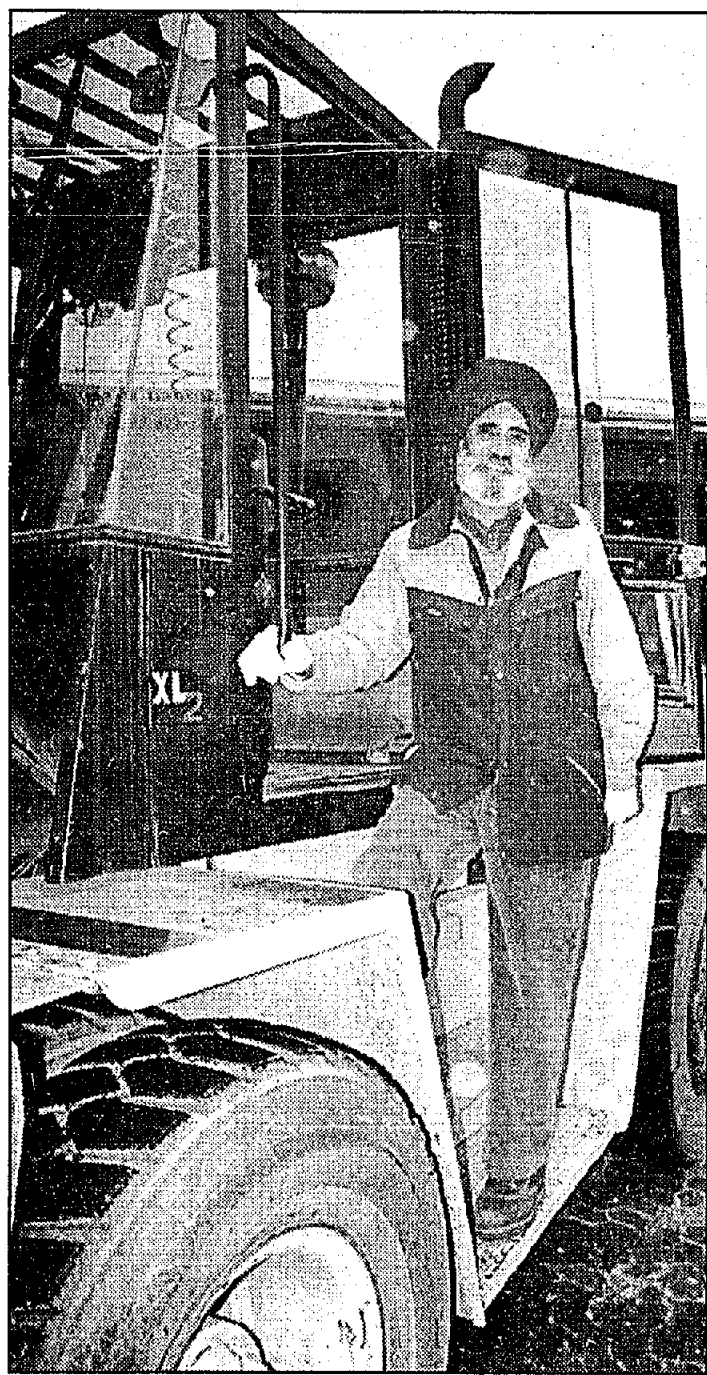
"God wanted me in business so he helped me."

Takhar also became more involved in local politics. On the urging of the Punjabi community he ran successfully for city council in 1983.

The Punjabi community wanted one of its own on city council in order to gain recognition in the larger community of Terrace, he explained. There are about 130 Punjabi families in Terrace.

Takhar won four elections, until he resigned his city council seat in 1993.

He's proud of his record in office, but says there were two projects he would have liked to accomplish. One is constructing a second overpass off of Kelth Ave., and the other is building a rental unit for seniors next to Terracview.



WANT A LIFT — Mo Takhar is a hands-on business owner, and that includes getting behind the wheel of a forklift at his Terrace Pre-cut lumber business. Since coming to Terrace in 1969, Takhar has risen to prominence in the community, and was the first East Indian elected to city council.

Racism, against his religion or skin colour, has never been an issue for Takhar. He says people in Terrace are generally accepting of the Punjabi community.

Takhar points to the success of the Punjabi language program, now at Clarence Michiel and Skeena Jr. Secondary. He's happy the school district is helping the Punjabi community keep the culture alive for the children.

As for the letters written to the *Terrace Standard* against the language program, he dismisses them, saying there's always a small percentage of people who will complain about what they claim are advantages being given to other cultures.

But the Punjabi community doesn't seek just to promote its own causes. Quite often what is good for Punjabi families is beneficial to the whole community. Takhar points to the large donation Punjabi families made towards the Terrace Public Library expansion.

"We want to be part of the

community," he says. "We live here. We're not going anywhere."

Takhar's real estate investments prove that, on a more personal level.

He and his brother-in-law jointly own the Cedar Place and Woodlands apartment buildings, and the smaller Summit Square building.

Two years ago Takhar bought the mall in which Fields is located, and renamed it the Gobind mall, after one of the gurus in the Sikh religion.

And Takhar has also been involved in numerous housing subdivisions in Terrace.

Though he's passed the age for early retirement, Takhar doesn't have any plans to slow down yet. He still drives a forklift, and would like to expand both the lumber mill and his trucking company.

"I still feel like a young fellow."

Perhaps that too, comes with faith.

Religions of India

■ Hinduism is the oldest and most predominant religion in India. Hinduism emerged around 1500-1200 B.C.

■ Hindus believe in many gods and goddesses. Hindus also believe in reincarnation — their goal is to break the cycle of birth and re-birth.

■ Hindus also established the caste system — a system in which people are divided into individual social and economic classes. The caste system still exists today, though Ghandi supposedly abolished it.

■ Buddhism developed in India in the sixth century B.C.

■ Buddhists believe in reincarnation, but not in the caste system.

■ Islam came to north India in the early 700s.

■ Followers of Islam are called Muslims, and they believe in one God and Mohammad is the name of their prophet.

■ In 1490 the Sikh religion was founded by Guru Nanak. The Sikh religion takes elements from both Islam and Hinduism.

■ Sikhs believe in only one God. About 80 per cent of Sikhs live in the Punjab.

■ Other minor religions in India include Christianity, Jains, and Judaism.

Family bonds unite the Punjabi community here

LANGUAGE, food and religion binds the Sikh community together in Terrace.

That's what long-time resident Nirmal Parmar says about the East Indian community here.

Parmar arrived in Terrace in 1969 and has seen the East Indian community grow in number and strength.

While Hinduism is the most predominant religion in India, most of the people in Terrace are Sikh, an offshoot of Hinduism.

Most Sikhs come from the Punjab state in northwest India. The majority of East Indians in Terrace come from just three districts in the Punjab.

Parmar believes many people might identify themselves with the religion, but for others, Sikhism is a cultural identity.

"The word Sikh means disciple — we are all followers in different ways," he explained.

In the early seventies, Parmar was heavily involved in establishing the Sikh temple.

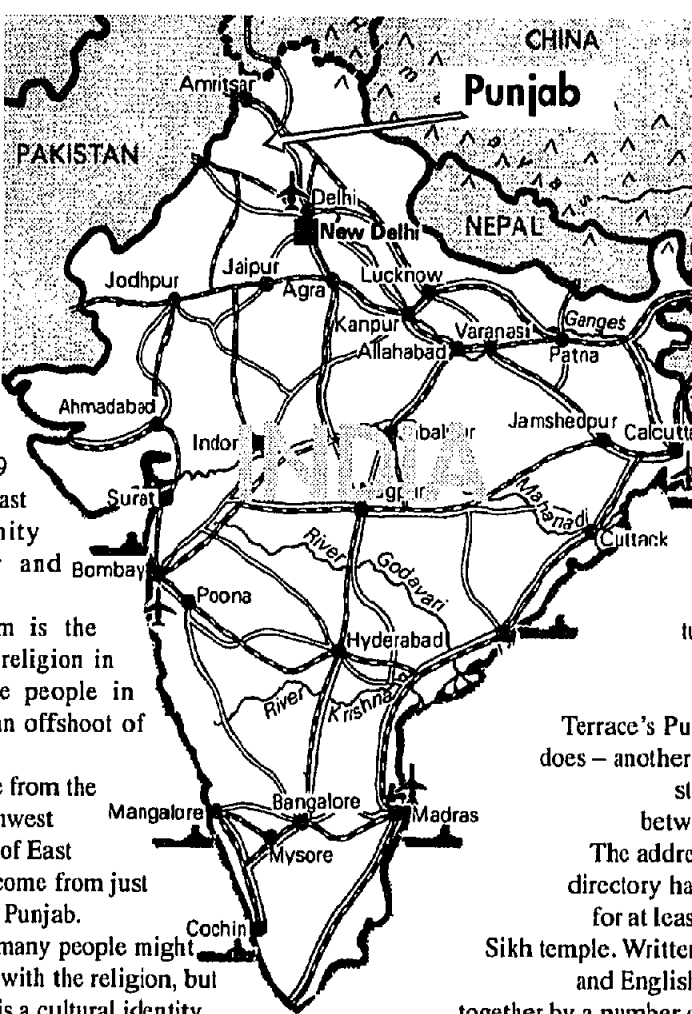
"My personal feeling is religion is not the most important thing in life," he says, adding that the Sikh temple is much more than a place of worship.

Just like small animals such as birds, stay in flocks for strength of numbers, so does the East Indian community, says Parmar.

The Punjabi community in Terrace first took root in the early seventies, when people came here in search of work. Eventually they sponsored the rest of their families to join them.

"It's a cultural thing to always look after your elders — every member is a very important piece of the puzzle."

"It's sort of a stigma if you don't look after the elders," added Parmar.



Reliability and dependability are two words he uses to describe the community.

"The big thing is people like to help each other before going to outside help," he said about the binding strength in the community.

How many cultural communities have their own directory?

Terrace's Punjabi community does — another indication of the strength of the ties between its members.

The address and telephone directory has been published for at least 15 years by the Sikh temple. Written in both Punjabi and English, the book is put together by a number of Punjabi youth.

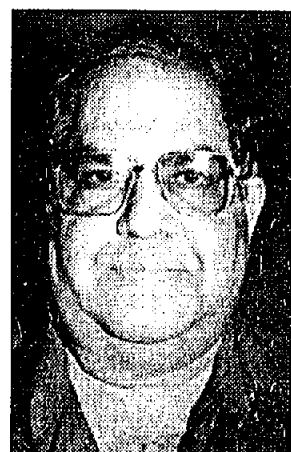
The free directory is updated every year and includes nearly 140 families.

When flipping through the directory, you'll notice that the name "Singh" is attached to the end of many of the names.

The name Singh means lion, says Parmar, referring to the noble and majestic qualities of the animal.

Every baptized Sikh man must have the word Singh in his name.

For women, the word that comes in the middle of their name is Kaur.



Nirmal Parmar

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The Mail Bag

Our Premier, what a guy he is

Dear Sir:

Glen Clark recently suggested that all's fine and well in storybook totusland as we precariously career our way under his helmship into 1998.

He ventures that his only minor faux pas was under funding education by \$25 million but the actual track record of his government, their own party's poll ratings and a looming budgetary deficit, portray a much different melodramatic tale.

His policies, tariffs, taxes, red tape have contributed to demise of forest sector where more jobs are lost than ever contemplated to be gained under his fallacious timber accord. He's trashed the mining industry and faces a class action suit from mining prospectors stiffed for compensation. His government stood idly by as grain farmers in the northeast had two disastrous crop years, offering only paltry loans as crisis relief.

He's done some grandiloquent grandstanding with the Pacific salmon treaty which gained him some momentary adulation and popularity in his hate-on but only antagonized federal negotiations toward a consensus with the States.

He's carved out a divisive demarcation line between the private sector and his favoured few in organized labour. He's hemorrhaged the small independent business persons and he's even made foes of the environmentalists with inflammatory rhetoric.

As other forestry communities wither into nothingness, he preferentially allocates a quarter billion of public money to Skeena-saurus Cellulose taking a free run at our empty treasury to showcase pet projects like aluminum catamarans and smelters.

By selective memory he manages to blame any of our current woes on APEC, the Far East and Ottawa while downplaying the significance of bi-lateral trade with the U.S. In fact while proud of our booming petroleum, tourism and film industries, he's slammed the Americans, our largest and healthiest partners for these very products.

Captain Clark with Miller at the tiller and chief purser Petter remind me of the new movie, Titanic. Put on your finest Peter Pan outfits while waltzing gleefully to the tunes of Premier Polyanna and his court jesters.

Gerry J. Bloomer,
Lakelse Lake, B.C.

Don't slam Reform

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Jan. 28 article concerning Heather Stillwell and the Christian Heritage Party.

How does Heather Stillwell know the Reform party is about to collapse? I think her party is no better than all the others we've had in power that are polluted, too. So don't slam the Reform party.

What do we have to vote for? All these parties have had too many chances and have not done a thing at all.

Don't shoot them down. At least the Reform party is the official opposition and

not the NDP. Why shoot down the Reform party when you haven't tried them out?

If people wouldn't be held in bondage by the media and other political parties that use scare tactics and blow everything out of proportion, they would make the Reform party look good instead of no good.

I have read the Reform party's policies and they have more ideas than any of the other federal parties.

I also notice that the Reform party is the only one speaking for our justice system. Religion and politics don't mix.

Mark Bain, Terrace, B.C.

Union, gov't poised to swallow workers

Dear Sir:

I'm concerned over the proposed unionization of the silviculture industry by the IWA. About two years ago, the NDP promised the IWA a monopoly over the silviculture industry in exchange for their support in the last provincial election.

The NDP has incorporated a company called New Forest Opportunities Ltd. (NFO). It will act as a hiring agency which all silviculture workers must belong to. All of these workers must be IWA members.

The collective agreement is presently being negotiated between the IWA and NFO behind closed doors. No worker will ever vote on this agreement.

It was always my impression that if workers desire representation they would research the possible choices of which union will best serve them and they would vote on it. As it stands now, the IWA will control 100 per cent of the silviculture industry and a vote will never be conducted.

All silviculture funded by FRBC on Vancouver Island and west of Hazelton is now

under the IWA's control. Soon they will move to the interior, they will target privately funded silviculture projects performed by major forest licence holders next. They also have their eyes on forest consultants and other forest workers.

There are too many facts and details to present here but these sweeping changes are going to have stirring effects on our once vibrant forest economy. I cannot more strongly recommend to people to educate yourselves to what is happening.

If you work in any aspect of forestry you will be affected. If you belong to a union other than the IWA you will never gain new members from the forest industry. If you, as a worker, believe in the freedom of choice and the right to vote for representation; you are being suppressed.

Ask your other unions why they are not at the bargaining table. Ask your employers if you will be affected. If you cherish the right to vote, tell your politician you will not stand by silently.

Duncan Morris, Terrace, B.C.

Recallers: stop whining

Dear Sir:

Am I the only person sick to death of the recallers and their whining?

They don't like the legally-elected MLA. He's not doing the job they expect. But not to worry as they'll have an abundance of signatures to ensure recall.

The Jan. 28 headline in *The Terrace Standard* reads "Recallers pin hopes on the courts." It seems they will fall short of the legally required signatures but the voters list is flawed so they will challenge it in court. Isn't it time to get back to basics here?

We have a democratic process in Canada allowing for elections every four years. It's not perfect but do you know a better one? It

does allow for the people's business to continue if the elected members are allowed to devote their energies to it.

It is a sad fact that there are winners and losers in elections. If you don't like the job that's being done, get organized and offer the majority an alternative next time.

To use recall on the whim of some losers negates the very roots of our system. To clog the courts further to support this whim appalls me even more.

I've worked for political parties and I've been a winner and I've been a loser. I'm proud to say I've never been a whiner and I don't see a positive role for them in a stabled, democratic society.

Marilyn Davies, Terrace, B.C.

Wear a helmet, Helmut

Dear Sir:

What I want to know about this Crash Helmet program is where are all the motorcycles. What's the good of a crash helmet without a motorcycle, eh?

People take all this stuff too seriously. As Lucy-Anne Bouchard said during the Great Ice Storm of January '98, "All signs of the apocalypse must be in French!"

Or, more succinctly, Ambrose Bierce once called the politician an "ecl in the

fundamental mud upon which the superstructure of organized society is reared. When he wriggles he mistakes the agitation of his tail for the trembling of the edifice. As compared with the statesman, he suffers the disadvantage of being alive."

The worst thing that could happen to Helmut is he'll go back to teaching, perhaps riding a motorcycle.


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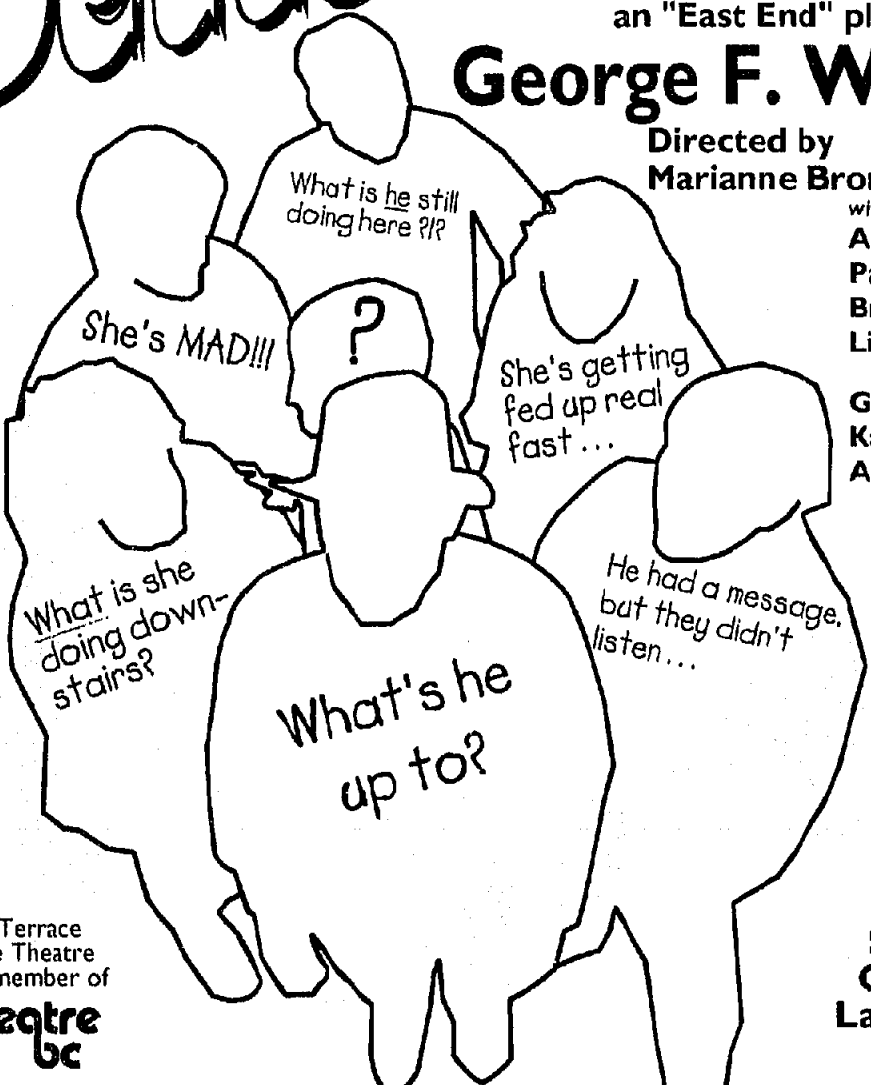
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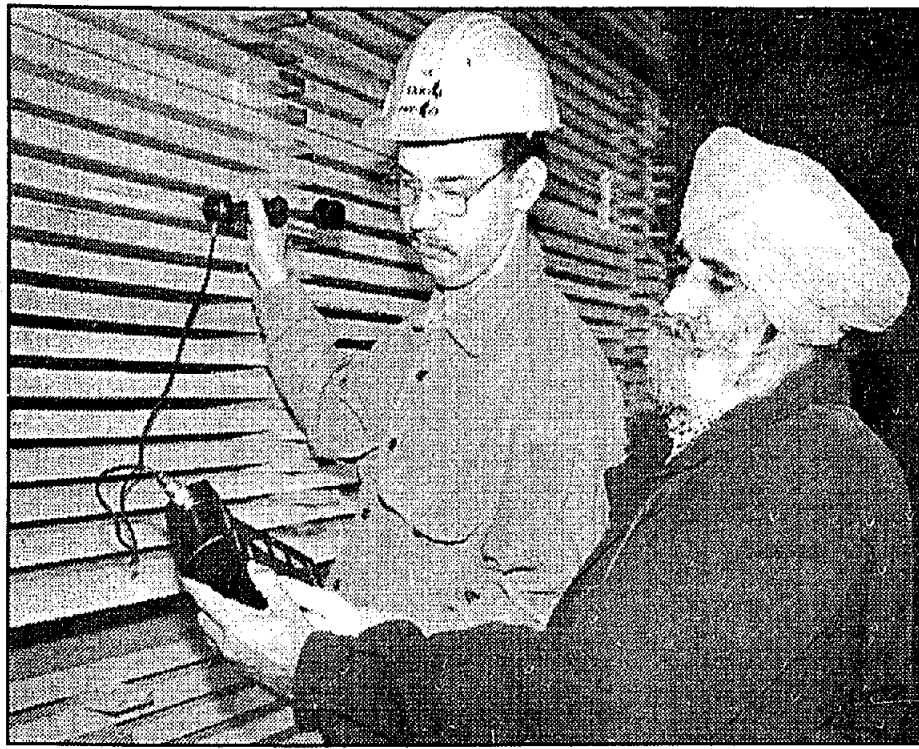


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BUSINESS REVIEW



TERRACE PRECUT supervisor Joe Pyczak and owner Mo Takhar test moisture content in a completed load of lumber, custom-dried for Skeena Cellulose in Terrace Precut's new kiln.

Kiln adds value to premium lumber

A ONCE controversial dry kiln that's been in operation at Terrace Precut since last summer is quietly marking its 10th load this week.

The \$400,000 kiln has put the small Braun St. sawmill on the forefront of producing premium clear kiln-dried lumber in northern B.C.

Virtually all of the kiln's work comes from Skeena Cellulose, which is sending its top clear-grade lumber to Terrace Precut for custom drying.

The kiln uses steam-heated pipes to raise the temperature within the kiln to as much as 170 degrees Fahrenheit.

Moisture comes out of the wood and is vented as steam through the roof.

Steam treatment can even out wet patches in the wood, so that the lumber dries to a consistent high-quality finish.

Moisture content in the wood that comes in can be as high as 45 per cent, but lumber emerges from the kiln at about 15 per cent.

"It gives us an opportunity to pull out moisture and add value to a grain hemlock product by drying it in a modern kiln," says Skeena Cellulose's Dallas Stevenson.

"In the past we were having to truck it to Vancouver and custom process it down there."

Stevenson said the process adds an average 25 per cent to the value of the wood, making it more than worthwhile when dealing with premium clear lumber.

"This is a big, positive gain for us," Stevenson said of the kiln.

Mill owner Mo Takhar says the results have been excellent, and he's hoping for stability at Skeena Cellulose to ensure a steady flow of wood for his mill.

He said he managed to keep his operation running for about nine months of last year, employing 14 full-time and four part-time workers.

The kiln had once been the focus of neighbourhood protests because residents feared it would lead to further industrialization of the site by the mill.

City councillor Val George, one of those present for an impromptu tour of the mill last week, said those fears have disappeared, adding city councillors have received no complaints since the kiln started operations.

Firm sends poles east

CEDAR POLES from here are among those Bell Pole Co. Ltd has been shipping east to Quebec for emergency replacement of power poles as a result of the ice storm there.

This is usually a dead time of year for the pole shipping business, but the company sprang into action when word came that up to 40,000 poles were needed to replace fallen lines in eastern Canada.

"We've moved about 10,000 to 12,000 poles now in the last number of weeks

into the eastern Canadian market," said Ian Smith, the company's area manager.

Only a few hundred of those poles have come out of Bell Pole's Terrace yard, but Smith was hopeful there could be more shipments if another contract in the works is signed.

He said the company's cedar poles are in particular demand because of the decay-resistant properties of cedar.

"We've got a bit of an advantage with our west coast cedar," he said. "Because

of the urgency of the repair and replacement of the utility lines they don't have the opportunity in some areas to put a treated pole in the ground, something that would have a lengthy service life."

Poles are being used by utility crews as quickly as they arrive in blacked-out regions, Smith added.

"They're taking them right off rail cars and putting them in the ground to get the power restored, he said.

Out & About

Trade show sold out

DESPITE a downturn in the economy, businesses are still lining up to take part in the Terrace Trade Show, to be held at the end of April.

The trade show sold out two weeks ago, eight days earlier than last year, said Chamber of Commerce manager Bobbie Phillips. She was a bit concerned if the show would sell out this year, but says businesses seem to be quite positive.

About 5,000 came through last year's trade show. This year they'll see a few new businesses capitalizing on the theme "Terrace — The Land of Opportunity."

Some of the new businesses to be featured are Safeway, Petland, Valhalla Pure Outfitters, which plans a rock climbing demonstration, the Skeena Valley Golf Club, Take it to Heart Flowers and the NW Llama Ranch — yes, complete with llamas. Businesses pay between \$400 and \$500 for one booth.

Merging banks stay calm

MORE THAN 50 local workers are employed by the nation's two largest banks, which are contemplating merging.

Royal Bank branch manager Dave Wilson said the Terrace branch employs 40 workers — 27 full-time and the rest part-time. And the Bank of Montreal employs 13 full and part time workers.

There's been speculation across the country that the merger — if approved by the federal government — would lead to branch closures and layoffs across the country.

But Ottawa has so far given the idea a cool reception, saying it could be many months before a decision is made.

"I would guess the whole transaction would probably take a few years to complete, if it's approved," Wilson said. "If it did happen it would be a long way off."

Alcan takes resumes

ALCAN has put its welcome mat back out for job seekers, but only to collect applications for positions that might come up.

Alcan spokesman Allan Hewitson said the company started advertising last week that it is handing out applications again to rebuild its inventory of qualified applicants.

He added they're looking for people to fill regular turnover at the smelter — which usually runs at two to three per cent per year — and the effort isn't tied to anything else.

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Feds the target of abuse lawsuit

THE FEDERAL government may have apologized, but it still refuses to take responsibility for the legacy of sexual and physical abuse the native residential school system has left behind, says a lawyer acting for a group of victims who have filed a lawsuit.

"The government of Canada has said they will see the case in court, so they clearly haven't accepted responsibility," says Peter Grant. Several of his clients are from the northwest.

"It (the apology) is a tremendously public statement, but it hasn't meant anything for these men."

The trial started in Nanaimo Monday and is expected to take about three weeks.

The 22 men and one woman involved in the suit suffered sexual and physical abuse at the hands of Arthur Plint, a supervisor of the Port Alberni residential school on Vancouver Island. Plint was convicted of several counts of sexual assault in 1995 and is currently serving an 11-year sentence.

The victims were all children when they were taken from their homes in Terrace, Hazelton, the Nass Valley and other areas of the province, and placed in the state-run school.

The suit alleges the Canadian government and the United Church of Canada are vicariously liable for the actions of Plint, while he was an employee of the school.

Grant explains that according to the law, an employer is responsible for the actions of an employee while on the job.

"If a person employs someone as a driver and they are in a car accident, for example, the employer is vicariously liable," Grant says. "This situation is more complex because of the involvement of two parties (the United Church and the federal government). Our position is that they are both vicariously liable."

Plint's victims span two generations. He worked at the school from 1949 to 1951 and then again in the 1960s.

The names of the victims are being kept confidential unless they agreed to have them released. Of the group, Terrace's Roger Gray and William Blackwater of Gitsgukla have come forward.

Grant says he expects the trial to proceed swiftly. "The judge wants this matter addressed as a priority," he says.

If the court agrees the United Church and the government are liable, the suit will proceed to the next stage — damages.

Grant says the victims would be awarded compensation individually, according to what happened to them at the school, and how it affected their lives.

"Some of them couldn't complete school, even as adults because they were too afraid in a classroom setting," he says.

Collectively, those damages could amount to millions in compensation to the victims.

But according to Grant there may not have to be a lengthy court battle once liability is proven. He says there has been suggestion of a settlement if that happens.

Massive police probe continues on up here

A MASSIVE police investigation into allegations of abuse at native residential schools has generated about 30 files in the northwest.

Some have come from statements made by people from the northwest while others were to assist investigations in other areas.

"People periodically come forward with information," said RCMP Corporal Rick Marshnew. Based in Prince Rupert, Marshnew's called out to work on major crime cases in the northwest. "I've got three on the go right now, after the fact," he said.

The information is sent down to investigators in Vancouver who work with a specialist team of crown counsel prosecutors.

Announced in late 1994 and officially started the following year, the probe into abuse allegations at residential schools is one of the largest to involve the RCMP.

Constable Gerry Peters of the Vancouver RCMP serious crimes unit says 130 files have been generated from the investigation.

Two people have been charged to date with sexual abuse of residential school students. One of the two, Arthur Plint, is also the subject of an ongoing civil action on the part of northwest residents.

Peters described the investigation as com-

plex and difficult given that some of the allegations date back decades.

There are problems in identifying and locating suspects years after the fact.

"In some cases we may have only a title, or a first name or a nickname. It's difficult to find somebody who was a baker called Tony," said Marshnew.

Some suspects have either died or are at such an advanced age where prosecution may not be in the public interest. "I'd say 30 per cent of our suspects are either presumed or confirmed dead," Peters said.

A number of the allegations investigated concern physical assault but that brings its own difficulties. Prosecutors have a six-month window in which charges involving common assault must be laid.

And physical discipline considered unacceptable today may have been acceptable decades back.

"If force was considered within the discipline of the day then it wouldn't come under the scope of a criminal offence and charges won't be laid," said Peters.

He says information on residential schools will come in for years to come, describing the process as one way for people to heal.

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Workers fear job loss from gov't, union plan

By DAVID TAYLOR
SILVICULTURE workers and their bosses here are anxiously awaiting a government decision that could affect their livelihood.

Terrace may be included in a plan to hire displaced forestry workers for silviculture jobs.

What they'll do, say critics of the plan, is take the jobs of up to 200 existing silviculture workers.

"This will be the biggest job subsidy or welfare program ever invented by the government," says Davinder Sangha, owner of CanMex Silviculture. "It's basically going to take traditional silviculture workers out of the picture."

The jobs would be lost, contractors say, because they won't be able to hire their own employees. Instead, workers will be taken from a hiring pool, which will consist largely of displaced IWA union workers.

It's part of the government's promise in the Jobs and Timber Accord to provide jobs to those displaced workers. To accomplish this, a body called New Forest Opportunities Ltd. (NewFO) was created last November.

NewFO is a subsidiary of Forest Renewal BC. It will be responsible for supplying workers for FRBC-financed projects. Contractors won't hire their own workers anymore — they will be provided by NewFO.

That potential loss of control has silviculture contractors here worried. They say if they have to hire mostly inexperienced IWA workers for an hourly wage, the whole industry may not even be viable.

"New Forest Opportunities, right. We call it No F---ing Opportunities," says Davinder Sangha. "Sure the silviculture industry has problems, yes it has a few black eyes. But instead of fixing the problems they're forcing the IWA down our throats."

Sangha says if that happens, his experienced employees — some of whom have worked with him for five or more years — will be left in the cold.

"The guys I really worry about are those who have lives and mortgages and kids here — the government seems to have deemed them obsolete," he says.

Contractors say the silviculture industry requires skilled workers. They argue



SILVICULTURE CONTRACTORS Duncan Morris and Justin Spearing are worried they won't be able to hire their own employees this year. The province is considering bringing in unionized workers to fill the jobs.

they simply can't afford to have rookie employees wandering around the woods with chainsaws getting paid \$20 or more per hour.

"I don't know who thought this (NewFO) up, but it's just bizarre," says contractor Rob Geier. "If I end up with new batches of

double the cost," says Duncan Morris of Little Trees Reforestation. "And that's a very conservative estimate. They've tried it on Vancouver Island and it just doesn't work, it's too expensive."

Right now NewFO's mandate only covers coastal incremental silviculture

officer Lynn Christie says her office has not been informed of any decision yet.

And Kalum district forests ministry silviculture specialist Bob Wilson doesn't know, even though he is "very concerned" about the situation.

Wilson says unionization "stands to have a profound effect on the way we (the ministry) do business" but he is in the dark about whether or not NewFO is coming to town this year.

According to the agency representing silviculture contractors, the Western Silviculture Contractors' Association (WSCA), NewFO is not supposed to include the Kalum forest district.

Coordinator John Betts says the Kalum was not part of the deal, and unless things have been changed without his knowledge, it still isn't.

"This is either a rumour or it's something not discussed with the negotiating committee," he says. "NewFO is supposed to be confined to the coast."

But Betts warns that contractors here have reasons to be worried if the government is planning to bring NewFO, or a version of it, to the northwest. He says it could put jobs in jeopardy and create a great deal of disruption in the industry.

"I'm not saying the sky's falling in," he says. "But maybe it is."

"The guys I really worry about are those who have lives and mortgages and kids here — the government seems to have deemed them obsolete," says silviculture contractor Davinder Sangha.

people all the time I'll probably pull out of this business. It's risky enough as it is."

Geier usually hires 30-40 workers for the season. His company, Geier Bros., has an annual payroll of about \$500,000.

"That's a fair chunk of change for this community," he says. "Most of my guys live here. They have families here and they have mortgages here."

The contractors may have to pull out of the business because using unionized workers under the NewFO system could cost two to five times more per hectare than the current piecemeal system.

"We're looking at at least

projects, like spacing and pruning. The interior areas were left to be regulated by other agencies that would be negotiated into place at a later date.

But even though the spring season is rapidly approaching, no-one seems to know whether or not Terrace and the Kalum Forest District will be included in the "coastal" region this year.

"At this point it (the Terrace area) isn't included," says Bruce Archer of NewFO. "But at this stage I can't give you an answer whether it will or won't be (included) this season."

Forest Renewal BC doesn't know either. Smithers communications

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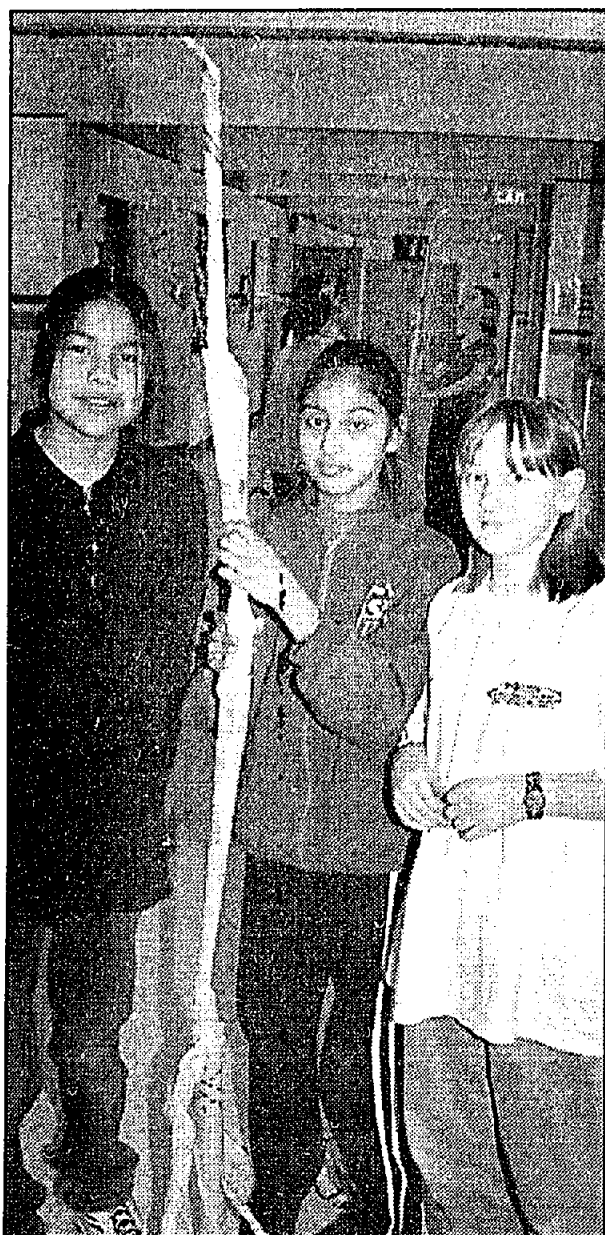
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News in Brief

Tax pleas rejected

CITY COUNCIL has said no to two businesses requesting extraordinary relief of their property taxes.

The Terrace Bottle Depot had wanted an exemption for one year only of its taxes or a grant in aid because the province had first given it and other recycling businesses a tax holiday, and then retroactively removed it. They were told the city has no legal avenue to grant a tax holiday.

And local surgeon Warwick Evans requested the waiving of a 10 per cent penalty for late payment of his office property taxes.

He said the cheque was mailed on Thursday, June 26. But because mail on Fridays is rerouted to Vancouver by the Terrace post office, the cheque didn't arrive until July 8 — several days after the July 2 deadline.

Task force rebuffed

A REQUEST for the city to provide operating money for a northwest group aimed at having communities working toward common goals has been put on hold.

Charles Meek of the Teamwork Task Force said the money would help prepare a follow up regional economic development conference in June to one held last year.

The group wants to create a regional development strategy and wants to make sure northwest interests are represented in whatever northern development agency is being created by the provincial government.

But city councillors say they won't consider the group's request for money until it provides a financial outline of its planned expenditures.

Joanne Thomson, who has been hired by the task force, said the group needs more money to pay for teleconference meetings and face-to-face meetings of its members.

She said the group may ask the city only for donations of staff time rather than money.

Thomson says the group has about \$8,000 left over from its original conference held in November. There was \$40,500 available to put on that conference and only \$32,000 was spent, she said.

Most of that money came from Human Resources Development Canada and Thomson expects the federal agency would likely provide more money.

Silent killer on loose

POORLY VENTILATED homes using gas or wood as fuel may lead to death because of carbon monoxide poisoning, warns the housing ministry.

The toxic gas produced by burning fuels interfere's with the blood's ability to absorb and transport oxygen. That's why proper ventilation is needed to bring in fresh air.

Indications that there may be carbon monoxide in a home include its occupants having flu-like symptoms, dying house plants, condensation on the inside of windows, discoloration or soot buildup on heating appliances and loose, disconnected or water-streaked vents on the chimney.

Experts say carbon monoxide can be a particular hazard in newer homes which are so tightly sealed that the gas can't escape.

Drink up, eh

BRITISH COLUMBIANS aged 15 and over spent an average \$531 per capita on alcoholic beverages in 1995. That's more than the national average of \$465 but far less than the Yukon average which was \$935.

In terms of volume, the average B.C. resident over the age of 15 bought 7 litres of spirits, 15 litres of wine and 88 litres of beer in 1995.

Summer police wanted

THE RCMP is looking for students who want summer time employment as student officers.

Grade 12 graduation is required and preference is given to those who have some post secondary education. Candidates must be full time students, be 19, be a Canadian citizen, have a driver's licence and be physically fit.

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With the current volatility in the stock markets, it's not surprising that some people are a little uncertain about entering into or remaining in equity mutual funds.

Remember the reason that you got into equity mutual funds in the first place? You probably watched the news and saw the great returns that some people were getting while your GICs were returning little more than the rate of inflation. After the last few years, it may seem like double digit returns came along quite easily with little downside risk. Now, with the current volatility, you may be wondering about staying in the equity markets and what you could have done differently.

Relax! If you did your homework before you invested, set yourself up with a balanced, diversified portfolio that fits your needs, and are in for the long haul, you are probably sleeping well these days.

For those who aren't, remember the reason you got into equity markets in the first place. Higher returns over the long term. Through mutual funds you are able to get good diversification across many different industry sectors and, best of all, you tap into the expertise of fund managers who look after the individual stock/bond analysis and selection. These people are the ones researching, buying and selling the individual securities on your behalf. If that still isn't easing your apprehension, here are a few more steps you can take:

1. Review your asset allocation -- the amount that is invested in cash, fixed income and equity investments. Check to see if it's in line with your investment objectives. If you're not sure, ask your investment advisor or check out the Investment Selector on our web site (www.scotiabank.ca)

2. Take a look at the latest annual report for your mutual funds (the year end report should be out very soon) and review the companies you have invested in. See if any of the company names seem familiar. Have the companies been around for some time? Take a look at the average cost of the shares and how it compares with the current market value. Note which industry sectors have performed better than others. Take a look at the investment objective of the fund and if it's in line with what you expected and what was projected. Read the fund manager's discussion and analysis of how the fund performed over the last year. The point here is to know what your invested in and, most importantly, how your investments tie in with your objectives.

3. Go down to the local store and buy a copy of The Globe and Mail or The Financial Post to see what the experts have to say about the current state of the economy. Stay away from books that paint too rosy, or too gloomy, a picture - especially as they represent only one person's opinion.

4. Check in with your investment advisor who can give you practical advice on the status of your portfolio. It's also helpful to remember that when the markets are volatile, as they are now, good fund managers are able to pick up good deals on particular stocks.

Finally, investing requires a disciplined approach that takes your individual financial situation and goals into account every step of the way. If you are in for the long run and have chosen appropriate investments - in consultation with an investment advisor if need be - you should do quite well regardless of periodic ups and downs in the markets.

- David B. Madsen, CIM, CFP, FCSI



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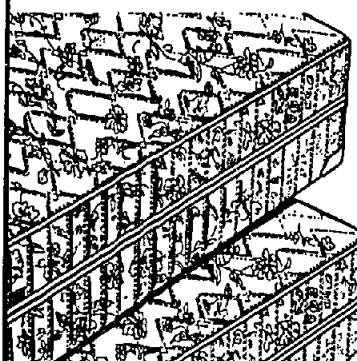
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"Sorry April, but I suddenly realized that I forgot to run the dogs. This grassy median is a great place to take them. You don't want them doing their business in the car."
April's eyes were popping.
"My mother always told me you had crazy streak. This proves it. Jim, our car will get hit from behind. Jim looked condescendingly at April.
"There's one thing your mother didn't tell you. Cars have to leave enough distance between them and the car in front of them. So that when crazy nuts like me decide to stop suddenly, the drivers have enough time to respond. Look behind you."
April turned her head. Sure enough, the car behind them had stopped.
"See what I mean? Now I'm going to drive on to the median and run the dogs."
Just as Jim was parking on the median, there was a loud thump. Jim and April were thrown onto the dashboard. Jim ran out to see what had happened. David, the driver who hit him was enraged.
"I don't believe this! What kind of lunatic parks on the median?"
April struggled to hold Jim back as he waved his arms wildly at David. "What in tarnation are you doing DRIVING on the median. Are you crazy or something?"
David stared back at Jim in disbelief.
"Listen you idiot, the car in front of me stopped



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suddenly. I couldn't stop in time. So I swerved onto the median to avoid hitting both of you. But suddenly there you are parked on the median. Jim stared angrily at his bashed-in bumper.
"You got a bum leg or something? Couldn't press the break pedal?"
"I didn't expect you to drive onto the median! Nuts like you should be kept off the road. I'm suing you for the damages to my car."
David was still fuming in court. "Your Honour, this accident is Jim's fault. If he hadn't decided to walk his dogs, none of this would've happened. I was just trying to prevent an accident by pulling around the first car that stopped behind Jim. How was I to know that Jim was going to turn onto the median? Make Jim pay for the \$950 damage to my car."

Jim scowled at David as he rose to speak. "I shouldn't have turned onto the median, your Honour, but the accident was David's fault. He wasn't paying attention. He should have been able to stop his car safely, just like the first driver behind us did. Don't make me pay for his bad driving."

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COMMUNITY

Knitting together generations



MAY McFARLAND shows Michael Bell how to position his fingers to knit properly. McFarland and a number of other seniors are spending Friday afternoons teaching a grade 6 class at Copper Mountain Elementary how to knit.

By CRIS LEYKAUF
FINGERS fumbling with unfamiliar knitting needles, a young boy frowns as he looks over a row of stitches. "I think I dropped one," he confesses to an elderly woman overseeing his work and that of three other students.

She peers through her glasses at the neon green stitches. "No, I think you're alright," she reassures him. The boy hesitantly puts the needle through another loop of yarn as she watches.

On a Friday afternoon the grade six class at Copper Mountain Elementary is quietly busy with a low hum of chatter — for the most part — as students learn to knit.

"It's never been so quiet on a Friday afternoon," says teacher Pat Kolterman. And that's particularly remarkable of a class with 16 boys and six girls.

One student is passing gingerbread cookies around. Another offers cups of tea to six women from the Happy Gang Centre who've volunteered to spend six weeks teaching students how to knit.

Kolterman read about a similar program and thought it would be a good way to create links between generations.

"A lot of kids don't have grandparents in town," she says. The women from the Happy Gang Centre act as

almost surrogate grandparents during the project.

For other students, the process of learning how to knit has caused them to seek out their own grandparents.

Learning to knit is an incidental part of the program. That's good news for a boy sitting with a large mess of yellow yarn draped over his head — a cheeky grin poking through. His friends mostly ignore his attempts to entice them into silliness, and the boy ends up helping to rewrap the yarn.

Gladys Keeping, one of the Happy Gang volunteers, watches over the efforts of four boys. An experienced grandmother, she says it isn't that hard teaching the students how to knit. She's starting them off with the garter stitch, and plans to work them up into the stocking stitch.

"One boy tries to pull it too tight but they'll get the hang of it," she says.

David Rooker, a boy in another group, is being taught by Connie Porter.

"It's easy," he says of learning to knit. "I didn't think it would be this easy."

Porter says the students "are all doing wonderfully." "They drop a few stitches, make a few holes, but it's going wonderfully."

Their teacher confesses she was a bit worried trying to convince her students, the boys in particular, to try knitting.

"There wasn't a word of 'Ooh, yuck, girl stuff,'" says Kolterman. At the end of the project each student should have a knitted square. They'll be combined into a blanket which the class is thinking of donating to charity.



PATIENCE IS THE KEY — Connie Porter watches as David Rooker makes neat loops with his knitting needles. Rooker says knitting is easier than it looks.

They have the music, but need a director

EVER WANTED to conduct a band?

The 747 Air Cadets have about 20 musically talented teens, \$3,000 worth of instruments, but no one to provide the glue to make them a band.

Charles Brunette, president of the cadet's sponsoring society — that's the group in charge of money and volunteers — says the cadets have plenty of teens, but not enough volunteers.

The air cadets accept any youngster aged 12-18. The program is free and there's even a ride provided out to the airport for weekly meetings.

Once in cadets the teens learn about meteorology, air survival, citizenship, leadership, effective speaking, compass work and more. Cadets also go on organized trips, such as skiing, or to summer camps.

"It's a great opportunity," says Brunette. The program is sponsored by the Department of National Defense, and uniforms are supplied.

Brunette says he's seen many youths undergo positive transformation in cadets, gaining self-confidence and self-esteem.

Visibility of the air cadets has increased interest in becoming a member — there's now 53 youths enrolled, one of the largest groups in the province.

But volunteers have had a difficult time keeping up with the growing membership. Brunette

says part of the problem is that people believe they have to have a military background to be a volunteer instructor.

But Brunette says anyone can volunteer to teach courses on things like leadership or citizenship. Course and lesson plans are already made up, he says.

What the group really needs though is a band instructor. "We need somebody to bring it all together," he says.



Charles Brunette

The band would be a marching one, with emphasis on percussion and drums. However, a marching instructor is already available, so all the band instructor needs to do is to be able to read music and direct.

If a director were found the band could compete in regional get-togethers. Cadets already compete in drill team and first aid competitions.

If you're interested in directing the band, or volunteering as an instructor, call Brunette at 635-3763 or come by the cadet hall at the airport at 6 p.m. on Wednesday nights.



ARTIST VIRGINIA MORGAN was at the Teen Learning Centre last week, teaching students like Esmond how to make plaster masks. She enjoys watching them create unique designs, and then seeing how the masks transform some students.

The power of plaster

BEHIND A MASK of black, decorated with red and yellow flames, Esmond lifts his head proudly.

His shoulders thrust back, he looks confidently out from holes he's cut out for eyes.

But when the mask comes off, Esmond (he doesn't give his last name) is far more shy. He looks down, then sideways as he responds to questions about the mask he made during an informal art class at the Teen Learning Centre.

Artist Virginia Morgan was at the school last week, showing students how to create plaster masks.

It's a complicated process. Students first coat their faces with vaseline, then sit back in a chair with eyes closed.

Morgan dips strips of cloth covered in powdered plaster into a bowl of warm water. She then smooths the cloth strips over the student's face, one at a time. It's a messy process, and the teens have to sit patiently, blind as they wait for the mask to dry.

"You can hear everything but you're blind and don't know what's going on," explains Esmond. He found the experience

slightly eerie.

Esmond wasn't sure at first what to paint on his mask, but liked the idea of being able to design whatever he wanted. He chose the flames for a Halloween theme.

"I didn't know it was going to turn out this good," he says.

Encouraged by his first mask Esmond decided to do a second one. That will feature a killer whale on the forehead — Esmond's tribe, a grouse and a wolf on the cheeks and a frog on the nose.

Another student Barbara Fowler, chose a different artistic direction.

As she sits in a chair with strips of wet cloth shaped over her smooth cheeks, Fowler says she wants a mask with red roses painted all over. She plans to enlist the help of her cousin to draw the flowers.

Other students paint eyes, graphic designs and striking swirls of colour on their masks.

Morgan enjoys seeing the reactions of the students as they put their masks on. Some are transformed as they don their masks, adopting the character the mask portrays.

"It's no longer them that's being exposed," explains Morgan.

Around Town

A gift for your sweetie

IF YOU'RE wondering what to get your sweetheart for Valentine's Day, how about a 1997 Monte Carlo LS Coupe.

The Kermode Friendship Centre is selling raffle tickets for the car at \$10 each. You can buy the tickets at the centre or at the Skeena Mall on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Nutty family revisited

LEAVE IT to Beaver this is not. Actors in Terrace Little Theatre's upcoming play *Better Living* describe its characters as "the Brady Bunch on acid." That plus sex, violence, loud music and guns all ensure this "is not a polite play," says director Marianne Brorup Weston.

The play opens tomorrow night after hundreds of hours of volunteer effort. Home town audiences will be treated to a three-week run of *Better Living* before the play makes its debut at the Skeena Zone Drama Festival.

If you think the crazy family featured in the play sounds familiar, you'd be right. Two years ago the theatre group featured another play by George Walker — *Escape from Happiness*. The play made it to the provincial theatre festival where it won a number of awards.

Better Living is set in a time a few years before the other play. Some of the actors have returned to play the same characters, such as Karla Hennig, who plays the off-kilter Nora. But Brorup Weston is quick to point out that it's a whole new play.

The set for the play is a dingy kitchen in a run-down house on Toronto's east side. Brorup-Weston managed to find some of the same props from the last play, such as the stove, sink, radio and rocking chair. And to complete the set she sacrificed her own antique hutch, stripping it down and painting it.

The set compliments the wackiness of the characters. Mother Nora is expanding the house by digging a room under the backyard. Her three daughters — Gail, Elizabeth and Maureen — all have their own problems. Marianne is about to have a baby; Gail wants to drop out of school to become a hairdresser and Elizabeth is a lawyer who defends the low life of the city.

Then there's Nora's brother, a priest doubting his career choice. Nora's ex-husband Tom suddenly reappears after years of absence, but no one's sure if it's really him.

"The play embraces and gives the finger to dysfunctional families," says Brorup Weston.

Piano workshop planned

THE NW ACADEMY of Performing Arts is hosting a workshop with pianist team Jim Anagnoson and Leslie Kinton on Saturday, Feb. 7 from 1-3 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but performance time is limited. Register by calling Bonnie Juniper at 635-9649.

CITY SCENE

MUSIC

▲ **PIANO VIRTUOSOS** James Anagnon and Leslie Kinton are at the REM Lee Theatre at 8 p.m. on Feb. 7. Presented by the Terrace Concert Society. Tickets are \$24 at Erwins in the Skeena Mall.

▲ **THE KERMODE CHORISTERS** present their mid-winter afternoon concert — A Valentine's Day Tea on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. the Terrace Pentecostal Church fireside room. Choral music and delicious desserts are promised. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. Available at All Star Shoe Repair, choir members and at the door.

▲ The 4th annual **TRI-SCHOOL BAND TELETHON** takes place Sunday, Feb. 15 broadcast live from the REM Lee Theatre on Cable 10. Phone lines are open from 5-8 p.m. 638-1333. Support music programs at Caledonia, Skeena and Thornhill.

▲ **THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT** — The Terrace Community Band offers this concert on Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. at the REM Lee Theatre. Tickets are \$12.50 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students and free for those under 12. Tickets

available from the Girl Guide and Sight and Sound.

▲ Enjoy **KARAOKE** every Thursday night at **GEORGE'S PUB**, every Friday at **THE THORNHILL PUB**, and every Sunday and Monday night at **HANKY'S**.

▲ **GIGI'S PUB** features Dance Express.

THEATRE

Upcoming
▲ **BETTER LIVING**, Terrace Little Theatre's new black comedy about the wacky family from "Escape From Happiness", opens Feb. 5. at the McColl Playhouse. Tickets are \$12 at Uniglobe Courtesy Travel.

ETCETERA

▲ **TERRACE ART GALLERY** presents "Braum and Cossemans" drawings and paintings on display till Feb. 22 in the lower level of the library. For more info call 638-8884.

▲ The **KINETTE CLUB** presents the 15th annual Senior's Sweetheart dinner and dance at the Elks Hall on Feb. 8.

Rides are available. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. There's no charge and all seniors are welcome. Call Denise for more info at 635-7959.

▲ 13th annual **MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK DINNER** will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Terrace arena banquet room. Admission is an ethnic dish plus \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$1 for children 10 and under. Tickets at Misty River Books. Sponsored by the Terrace and District Multicultural Assoc. and the NW Development Education Assoc.

▲ Terrace artist **EDWARD EPP** is exhibiting a show at the Ruth Harvey Art Gallery in Prince Rupert, till Feb. 14. Titled "Kincolith: An Artist's Diary."

NIGHTS ALIVE

▲ Friday nights are on again for youth from 8-midnight at the Carpenters Hall.

Make the 'Scene! Call 638-7283 or fax to 638-8432 to add your event to the Standard's free entertainment listings. The deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday for the following week's paper.



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Community Calendar

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Wednesday, Feb. 04
TAI CHI takes place every Wednesday from 6-7:30 starting now and running to June 17 at the Kermode Friendship Centre. For more information call 635-4906 and ask for Patricia.

Thursday, Feb. 05
TERRACE PRO-LIFE Education Assoc. holds their AGM at 7:30 p.m. in the Christian Reformed church. All members urged to attend.

CALEDONIA ACCREDITATION meeting takes place from 7:30-9 p.m. in the school library. Opportunity to express your opinion on the school's operation. For more info call Art Erasmus at 635-6531 or Mary Hernes at 635-3475.

Friday, Feb. 06
TODAY IS THE DEADLINE to join the Fresh Start quit smoking problem, sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society. The program runs from Feb. 16-Mar. 15 twice weekly at night. To register call Alice at 638-2200.

Monday, Feb. 09
ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT and education group meets from 3-4:30 p.m. at Terraceview Lodge for its monthly meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 10
VALENTINES DAY CRAFTS for children 6 and older take place at the library from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Program is free, register by calling 638-8177.

RSP STRATEGY SEMINAR takes place at 7 p.m. at the Coast Inn of the West banquet room. No charge. Register by calling Pete at Primavera Financial Services 635-7800.

CALEDONIA ACCREDITATION meeting takes place from 7:30-9 p.m. in the school library. Opportunity to express your opinion on the school's operation. For more info call Art Erasmus at 635-6531 or Mary Hernes at 635-3475.

Wednesday, Feb. 11
TERRACE HOSPICE SOCIETY offers a 6-10 week grief recovery support group for individuals and families who have suffered a loss. If you're interested in attending call 635-4811.

Thursday, Feb. 12
CALEDONIA ACCREDITATION meeting takes place from 7:30-9 p.m. in the school library. Opportunity to express your opinion on the school's operation. For more info call Art Erasmus at 635-6531 or Mary Hernes at 635-3475.

EARLY CHILDHOOD Educators of BC (Terrace branch) holds its AGM

at 7:30 p.m. at the Family Place, 4553 Park Ave. All child care providers welcome. Call 638-1863 for more info.

JOURNEY OF HOPE — The BC Schizophrenia Society presents this free education class for families of persons suffering with severe mental illness. Learn the skills to cope. Class starts at 7 p.m. at 3302 Sparks St. For more information call Heather Baxter at 635-8206 or Eileen Callanan at 635-3620.

Friday, Feb. 13
DR. JOHN HOOGE, neurologist for the Vancouver MS clinic will speak about multiple sclerosis to persons with MS and their families/friends from 1-3 p.m. at the Coast Inn of the West.

Monday, Feb. 16
KERMODE'S PARENT Advocacy Program invites people to participate in their focus groups meeting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pre-registration required. Call 635-4906.

Tuesday, Feb. 16
SUPPORT GROUP for families of people suffering from mental illness meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Stepping Stone Clubhouse at 3302 Sparks St. Phone 638-2202 or 635-8206 for more info.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

WEDNESDAYS
PARENTS DROP IN to weigh babies takes place Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the health services society (formerly Skeena Health Unit) at 3412 Kalum St. Public health nurse on hand to answer questions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS
AL-ANON offers a program of recovery for those whose lives have

been adversely affected by the problem of alcoholism in a relative, partner or friend. Meetings are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Terrace Women's Resource Center 4542 Park Ave. Call 635-4449.

BIG BROTHERS & Big Sisters hold a board meeting the third Thursday of every month at 3237 Kalum St. at 7:30 p.m. They're looking for volunteers and board members. Contact Lois at 635-4232 for more info.

SINGLE PARENTS self help group meets every Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Family Place at 4553 Park Ave. Supervised children's activities available. Coffee's on, everyone welcome. 638-1863.

THE TERRACE BRIDGE CLUB meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month. They get started Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Legion. Call Sue at 635-2345 or Anne at 798-2250 for

more info. Newcomers are welcome.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets every second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 3302 Sparks.

SKEENA VALLEY CAR CLUB meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at A&W on Keith. Call Bob at 635-9214 for info.

The Terrace Standard offers the community calendar as a public service to its readers and community organizations.

This column is intended for non-profit organizations and those events for which there is no admission charge. Items will run two weeks before each event.

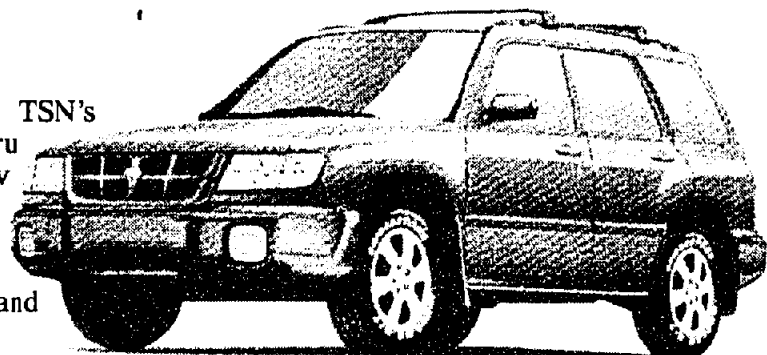
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Another Win For Subaru



On December 28, 1997, TSN's Motoring '98, chose the Subaru Forester, as the Best New Compact Sport Utility vehicle. The Subaru Forester was voted as the best vehicle in the category over Toyota's RAV 4 and Honda's CRV.

The award by Motoring '98 reinforces the earlier articles from Carguide, CAA's Leisureworld and World of Wheels magazines, which also picked the Subaru Forester as the best of the new compact Sport Utility vehicles.

Joe Anwyll, V-P Sales and Marketing said, "the Subaru Forester delivers what the consumer has been looking for in a sport utility vehicle - they go "almost anywhere" capability of a sport utility with the handling and performance of a passenger car. The Forester is a continuation of our hybrid vehicles, such as the Subaru Outbacks, which have defined new segments within the automotive industry."

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Reunion planned in Bea's honour

ANNIE "Beatrice" Barnett sadly passed away in November last year in the Kitimat General hospital.

Now her family is planning a reunion to be held in her memory in 1999.

Bea was born in Manitoba on Nov. 23, 1917, the eldest of seven children of William and Ada Beatrice Ackerman.

She attended school in the small farming community of Magnet and it was there that she met her husband Peter Barnett. The couple married on Nov. 12, 1936 and raised seven children of their own — Verna, Bertha, Kay, Irene, Sharon, Charles and Donna.

The family moved to Terrace in 1955. Peter found a job working for Lloyd Johnstone as a mechanic. He later got a job working for Columbia Cell. He passed away in Terrace in 1984.

Bea was strong, independent and hard working, and had a "just do it" attitude. With meager means she managed to make do most of the time.

For example, she made dresses for the girls out of print flour sacks. Many



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times the old treadle sewing machine rattled away long into the night.

Bea was ready at a moment's notice to host a get-together and made sure everyone had a good time. She was always there for family or friends at short notice when help was needed.

Bea enjoyed curling and when she was too ill to continue on the ice she was an avid spectator.

She also loved to travel and made many trips to visit family and friends. Her most recent trip was to attend her granddaughter's wedding in Vancouver. Prior to that she attended a

homecoming in Rorketon, Manitoba with her seven children. It was the first time the family was all together in 42 years.

She was watching a video of the get-together just hours before she passed away.

Bea's leaves behind a large family to mourn her, including 20 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Bea will be remembered a huge reunion to take place in August in 1999. Over 200 people from across Canada and the US are expected to come to the event.

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Just to let everybody know, Dorothy Smith is now at Terraceview, having joined her husband Earl. Both are very glad to be back and are looking forward to seeing all their friends again.



BEA BARNETT poses in front of the old family home with children Irene, Kay, Verna, Donna, Sharon, Chas and Bertha.

Theatre won't show made-in-B.C. film

FANS OF Canadian movie maker Atom Egoyan shouldn't hold out much hope of catching his critically acclaimed picture *The Sweet Hereafter* in Terrace.

The made-in-B.C. film about how a small town deals with a tragic school bus accident swept the Canadian Genie awards this year and is a strong contender for a best picture nomination at the Academy Awards.

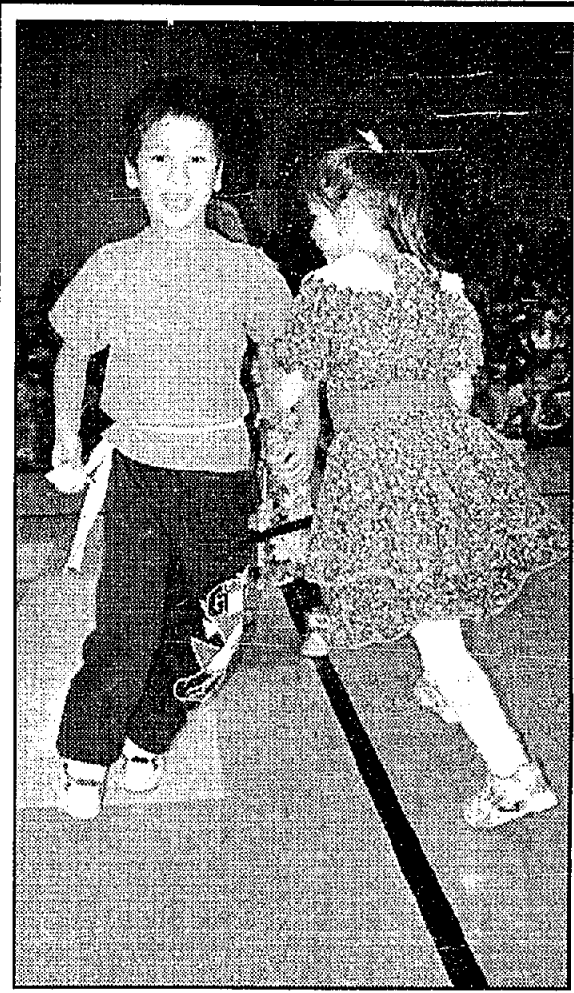
"I haven't heard of it," said Adrian Enwright, manager of Terrace's Tillicum Twin Theatres. "It's not booked so far. I very much doubt it will play here."

He said the same of *L.A. Confidential*.

Both films have been picked as top contenders for the best picture Oscar by a number of movie critics, including Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert.

If *The Sweet Hereafter* gets the nod it will be the first Canadian movie in history to get a best picture Oscar nomination.

"We do have some good ones coming up," Enwright said, adding the list includes *Spice World*, *As Good As It Gets*, a new James Bond movie and the *Blues Brothers* sequel.



French dancers

STUDENTS in Mrs. Miller's class at Kiti K'Shan celebrated the end of the French Carnival last week, with a display of dancing for the school.

Got the acting bug?

TERRACE LITTLE Theatre is holding auditions for its dinner theatre play, *The Long Weekend*. Auditions will be held Monday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the McColl Playhouse, upstairs. Two men and two women, ranging in age from mid-30s to mid-50s are needed. Call Diana for information at 635-1815 after 5 p.m. or on weekends.

Call for artists

THE ENTRY deadline for the annual BC Festival of the Arts is March 6.

The festival is for emerging artists. They can enter in five categories: visual arts, literary arts, contemporary song writing, modern dance, and fiddling and jazz.

Artists have to submit up to five slides of their work, or video documentation. Delegates will be selected by jury.

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Bob on the other hand, begins when he's 35. He puts aside the same amount annual amount as Susan, but for 30 years—that's twice as many years as she invests. He also retires when he is 65.

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The graph shows two lines representing investment growth over time. The y-axis represents the amount of money, ranging from \$0 to \$1,800,000 in increments of \$200,000. The x-axis represents age, ranging from 20 to 65 in increments of 5. Susan's investment starts at age 20 and grows to approximately \$1,800,000 by age 65. Bob's investment starts at age 35 and grows to approximately \$600,000 by age 65. A legend indicates that the solid line represents Susan, the dashed line represents Bob, and the circles represent Contribution Period Ends.

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Timber Supply Review

Kalum Timber Supply Area (TSA)

The public is invited to review and comment on the Kalum information report and data package as part of the Ministry of Forests' Timber Supply Review (TSR) program. This is a 22-month process which will provide the chief forester with the information to make any necessary adjustments to the allowable annual cut—the allowable rate of timber that can be harvested from a specified area of land—for the next five years. Public input is an important part of the TSR and you are encouraged to review the reports and forward any comments to the Kalum Forest District before February 26, 1998.

Other reports to follow are:

- the timber supply and socio-economic analysis report (followed by a two-month public review period)
- the chief forester's AAC determination and rationale statement (including a summary of public input)

Copies of the Information Report and the Data Package are available at:

- Kalum Forest District, 5220 Keith Ave., Terrace, B.C. tel: (250) 638-5127
- Prince Rupert Forest Region, 3726 Alfred Ave., Smithers, B.C. tel: (250) 847-7500
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If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the Land Information Officer at (250) 638-5100 at the Kalum Forest District. Presentations will be available to interested parties on request.

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Say no to coal

New codes of conduct notwithstanding, too much of our Northcoast forest is being mined. Still, the forest industry appears to be moving in a sensible direction, providing a small respite and glimmer of optimism to those of us who have yearned for sustainable harvesting practices. Then along comes a company with a logging proposal that defies anything approaching common sense.

The company is Manalta. It comes from Alberta, and it hopes to log the black forests of carbon lying under the ground of the Telkwa River valley. Now anyone who knows Skeena's river valleys knows they are the engines of the environment; the arterial walls of rivers that are the life blood of the landscape; places rich beyond measure, delicate, and easily destabilized. As any logger knows, even small roads are tough on the steep valleys in this young land. Yet, despite this indisputable fact, the men and women of Manalta are proposing a multiple open-pit coal mine complex starting 3 kilometres from the village limits of Telkwa, and covers 49 square miles of the landscape.

The largest of these pits will encompass an area the size of Tyhee Lake and be seven times deeper. That's a massive crater, a massive eyesore and, for this and a host of other reasons I'll cover momentarily, it's the pits.

Mines are not just holes in the ground; they need infrastructure. There is plenty of infrastructure required here. There will be a washplant to be located near the Telkwa river; a 72 foot high eyesore, that will be loud, noisy and dusty. Naturally, a haul road is inevitable, a dusty artery guaranteed to give the nearby farmers and other residents heartburn and sore eyes. Coal needs to be shipped by rail at some point which necessitates a loading facility. The one proposed will impact agricultural land whose owners do not want to sell to the company. If your desire is to convert carbon to cash, you'll need a place to store the poisonous byproducts of the process. In the mining biz this is called a tailing impoundment.

Manalta hopes to locate their earth-armed toxic sludge pit on 249 acres of land presently belonging to Mr. Bruce Kerr. This poison pit is to be sealed with a lid of water. It will need a 131 foot dyke atop an earth berm. According to expert advice solicited by the Telkwa Educational Action Coalition of Householders, a.k.a. T.E.A.C.H., the approximately 380 million litres of toxic seepage the company admits will find its way into the receiving environment will have disastrous effects on those environs and has the potential to adversely affect the residents of the nearby Cottonwood subdivision.

It's not a great secret that the seats on local town councils are often not hotly contested and tend to be dominated by people with a "we're open for business" mentality. It is, therefore, not surprising that the councils in Smithers and Telkwa are pro coal miner, but it is surprising — and sad — that these councils unanimously endorsed the Telkwa Coal Project before any environmental assessment review process.

Where have these people been? One has only to look at the history of coal mining — and mining in general — to realize that the benefits of the activity are far outweighed by its long-term costs. Mining doesn't lend stability and since it involves the extraction of a non-renewable resource it's never sustainable: at the end of the endeavour the company will have extracted coal and profits, created a few temporary jobs, and will leave behind containment problems and a wounded landscape.

Telkwa and Smithers are not transient towns. They don't need a transient industry that will compromise a diverse economy to which tourism is growing in importance. Since the Bulkley River is as fine a steelhead and salmon stream as any in the world, risking damage to its tributary creeks and streams as a result of seepage and effluent discharge is irresponsible. The councilors of Telkwa and Smithers would do well to consider the fate of Vancouver Island's Tsolum River, which was killed by the acidic drainage from a mine.

Of all the things to mine, why coal? Nobody should be mining the stuff. The burning of coal will likely be banned within the decade. Global warming has supplanted nuclear annihilation as our number one worry, yet the short-sighted councils of Smithers and Telkwa are willing to grant a group of Alberta profit seekers a license to ravage giant tracts of beautiful forest and farmland then ship it overseas to be transformed into air pollution.

The Repap fiasco clearly shows us that the last thing Skeena needs is another company of rootless buccaners who will plunder our land for profit, then leave us, our land and, ultimately, the globe poorer.

Locals gear up for Games

More than 80 athletes off to Dawson Creek

YOU'VE GOT to get up pretty early in the morning to beat Terrace athletes at the 1998 Northern BC Winter Games.

Very early, actually. The athletes will be boarding a caravan of buses heading east for Dawson Creek tomorrow morning at 1 a.m.

It's a 16 hour drive, but one that's considered well worth it for these athletes. More than 80 people from Terrace, and 160 from this district are attending the Games.

local competitors at this year's Games compared to last year's — which were held here.

"It's pretty far away," he says of the host community. "But I'm sure that next year with the Games in Prince Rupert the numbers will pick up."

One of the teams heading for Dawson Creek is the local Girls' Junior indoor soccer squad. Coach Lloyd McGovern says his team has a strong chance at a medal.

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—indoor soccer coach Lloyd McGovern

And with that many athletes competing in nine different sports and several age categories, Terrace is bound to bring home its share of medals.

Locals are competing in everything from gymnastics, to hockey, to indoor soccer, curling, badminton and wrestling.

Terrace athletes were also ready to go in two other sports — slalom skiing and Master's basketball — but unfortunately those sports were dropped from the Games roster due to a lack of competitors.

Organizers also hit a snag finding enough accommodation (sound familiar?) in Dawson Creek, but regional director Wade Loukes says everything should be worked out by the time the athletes arrive.

"Things are looking pretty good," he says. "I think it will go smoothly."

Loukes points out that there are actually far fewer

year they weren't able to go to any tournaments so this is really a long time coming for them. You could say it's their reward for being the select team."

McGovern also says he's been impressed with how generous local businesses have been to his team.

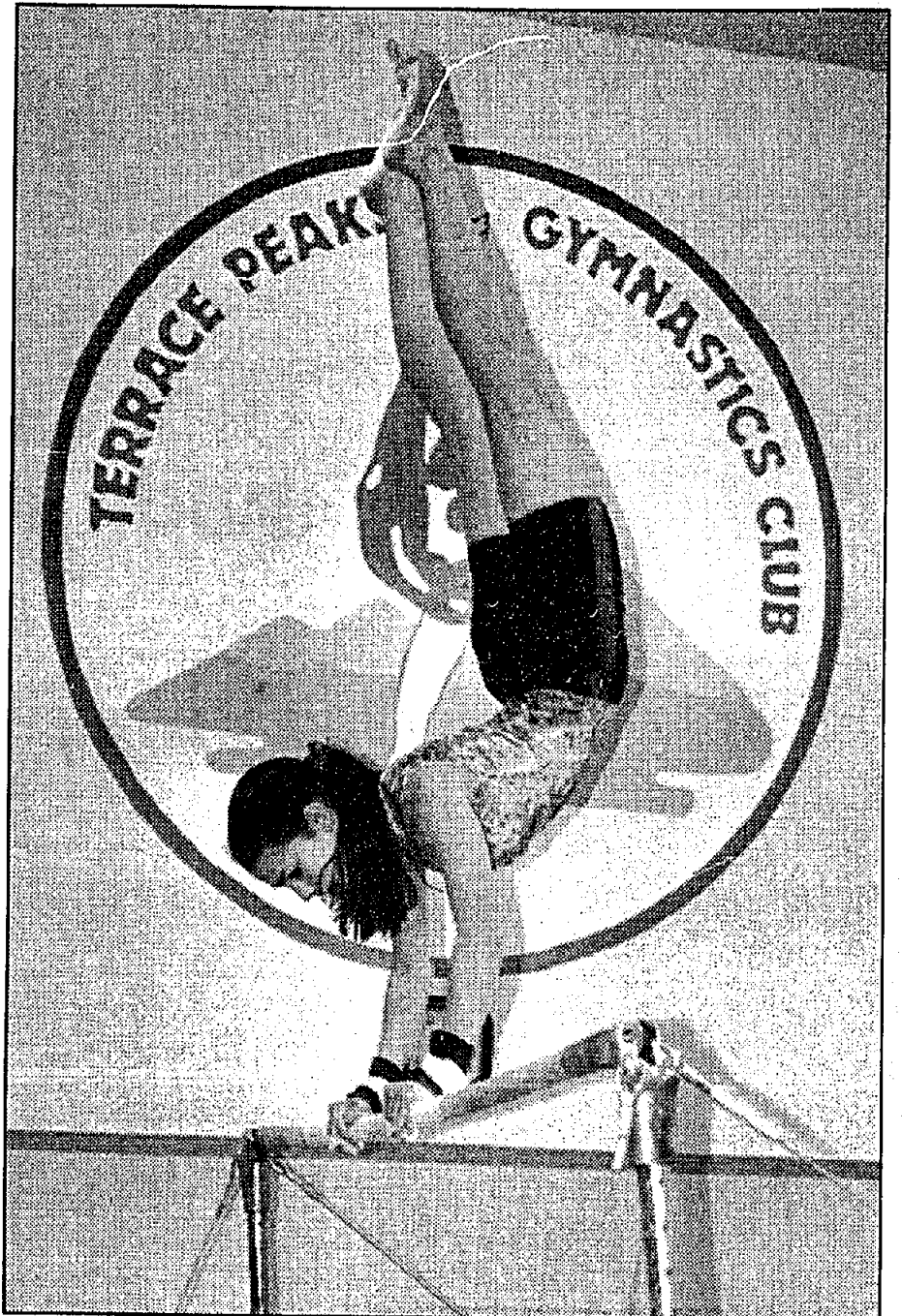
"I was shocked how supportive they were," he says.

Another team heading to Dawson Creek is the PeeWee Games hockey team. Coach Steve Cullis says the competition will be very stiff, but Terrace still has a shot at a medal.

"Many of the towns will be sending uncarded rep teams," he says. "So every game will be hard."

Cullis also points out that it's been a challenge to develop a cohesive team unit because of a brutal ice-time schedule. The only times he's been able to get for practices is 4:45 a.m. on Fridays and 5 a.m. on Sundays.

But even those aren't al-



ANNIE WITTKOWSKI practices for this weekend's Northern BC Winter Games in Dawson Creek. Wittkowski is just one of 80 local athletes heading east tomorrow.

ways available. As a result, his team has only been able to have one practice since Christmas.

"It makes it pretty tough," Cullis says.

Many of the Terrace Peaks gymnasts are also heading to Dawson Creek. It's the first meet of the year for the gymnasts, and coach Kris Hartness says they're pretty

excited about it.

"They're looking forward to it," she says. "Especially the younger girls."

For some of the girls, like Annadelle Kurtz and Annie Wittkowski, this will be their last chance to compete at the Games because they are moving on to more advanced techniques that are beyond the scope of the

event.

In fact, Kurtz and Wittkowski are trying out for the B.C. Select Team at the end of the month. If they make it they will represent the province at a meet in Los Angeles the following week.

Look for results from the Northern BC Winter Games in an upcoming *Standard*.

New coaches needed for youth soccer

THE BIGGEST youth sport in Terrace needs coaches.

It may still be February, but spring's just around the corner and organizers with Terrace Youth Soccer say they're going to need a whole bunch of new coaches this year.

"We ran into some problems last year when we ex-

panded," says Blaine Kluss of the league. "This year we want to be prepared."

Last year the league virtually eliminating the waitlist by creating new teams. The total enrollment in the program grew to more than 800 youths. And organizers expect close to that number again this spring.

But Kluss says he's expecting a 50 per cent turnover in coaches from last year. That means youth soccer is looking for about 30 new coaches to fill those spots.

"Some of the ones from last year were young and are going off to college, some have been doing it for years

and need a break," Kluss says.

Kluss says they're looking for both select team and house team coaches.

Coaches for the select team need a coaching certificate, but house team coaches just need a knowledge of the game and good

attitude.

"Plus I'm always willing to help out any way I can," Kluss says.

There are also coaching clinics coming up in May to help coaches hone up on their skills.

To get involved, call Blaine Kluss at 635-5118.

Swiss team tackles Legion Bonspiel

LAST WEEKEND'S Terrace Legion Bonspiel took on an international flair with the inclusion of the Swiss National team.

Alright, maybe they weren't really the Swiss National team, but they were a team and they were Swiss.

They were even from Basil, the same hometown in Switzerland as that country's national curling team.

They just had never curled before in their lives.

wanted to have a truly Canadian winter experience. What better way to do that than tear around on a dogsled?

Amazingly enough the two men, Beat Breitenstein and Chris Moll, managed to place fifth and sixth in one of the races — even taking away some prize money.

"We love Canada, it's more wild, there's more space," says Moll. Moll comes to Canada every year

"We love Canada, it's more wild, there's more space" —Chris Moll of Switzerland.

"They came into the club for a brewski and some of the locals talked them into trying the Bonspiel," says club manager Keith Melanson.

Well, these guys sure aren't the types to back down from a challenge. Two of them even just recently tried dogsledding for the first time in Vanderhoof.

They figured, heck, they were in Canada and they

to visit his brother Philip, who now spends most of his time in Terrace. This year, Beat and fellow adventure traveler Max Huber joined them.

Philip says Canada, especially northern B.C., is a big attraction for Europeans.

"200 or 300 years ago much of Europe was like B.C. — not much population and just a few cities," he says. "When we come here we can imagine what it



SWISS STARS: That's Beat Breitenstein, Max Huber, Philip Moll and Chris Moll from Switzerland who were challenged into competing at the Legion Open Bonspiel this past weekend. None of the men had ever curled before.

used to be like."

Philip says curling isn't nearly as popular in Europe as it is here. In Switzerland, the sport is mostly confined to a few in the upper class.

"It's considered a 'gentleman's sport,'" he says.

The team went out on the ice and started practicing

just two days before their first draw, so they didn't expect to do that well.

"But fun wise we're going to do ok," Philip says. "We just have to stay awake."

The Swiss National team, as they were nicknamed by other curlers, were just one of 44 teams that signed up

for this year's Legion Bonspiel. Most of the teams were local, but two were from Kitimat and two from Smithers.

Curling started Friday and continued round-the-clock until Sunday morning. Look for results in an upcoming *Standard*.

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Deadline: February 20, 1998
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Duties:
- Plan, direct, coach, supervise and coordinate the operation of the Social Development group and the interaction of the departments with other departments and services.
- Meets with clients to fill the required application forms, ensuring all supporting documents are on file and that the files are maintained.
- Prepares S.A. Journal on requisitions monthly Social Development payments for clients and submits to finance department.
- Controls departmental spending with approved policies and budgets and prepares monthly Social reports as required by Indian & Northern Affairs Canada.
- Prepares quarterly budget reviews, reviews monthly financial statements and other financial information as required.
- Prepares monthly reports on Brighter Future projects and coordinates reports from Drop In Supervisor, Group Home Supervisor and other related staff.
- Directs and conducts research relative to social development, youth, elders and other issues affecting the well being of community members individually and as a whole.
- Prepares project reports and proposals in relation to social development and Brighter Futures.
- Provides advice and social analytical services to the Band Administrator and Band Council.
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COUNSELLOR Wilp Si'Satxw Community Healing Centre Kitwanga B.C.

JOB SUMMARY: Responsible for assessing, evaluating and charting clients needs and for establishing counselling procedures with Clients at the healing Centre.
REPORTING TO: Executive Director of Wilp Si'Satxw Society.
DUTIES:
1. To provide a safe, secure and supportive environment for clients.
2. To provide feedback to other counsellors on their goals and documentation.
3. To communicate program needs and requirements to the Executive Director.
4. To outline and develop programs for the Centre.
5. To assist with the development of, and write, Centre proposals.
6. To liaise and correspond with other organizations.
7. To provide Outreach services.
8. To secure psychologists to train and evaluate Centre staff and programs.
9. To provide training and direction for other counsellors and attendants.
10. In addition to the above, to exercise initiative and good judgement, and interact with Clients and other staff on an informal basis.
11. To participate in day-to-day workload as an active team member.
12. To participate in staff meetings and be proactive about personal wellness.
JOB REQUIREMENTS:
- A degree in Counselling or Social Work.
- Completion of NNADAP Training modules 1 - 5, or equivalent.
- Two years of related work experience in native community-based human or social services.
- Proven experience in facilitating group and family programs.
- Background knowledge of basic principles and techniques of health promotion, community development and education with adults and children.
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- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
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FEBRUARY 1998
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ACTING DIRECTOR COLLEGE TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMES
The Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a (WVN) is now accepting applications for A/Director College Technical-Vocational Programmes. Among other duties, the successful applicant will provide the WVN Board with programme designs, implementation strategies and time lines. These programmes will be designed for Nass Valley adults pursuing these types of training.
Duties of the A/Director College Technical-Vocational Programme will include the following:
- meet with the WVN Advisory Committee and other Nass Valley institutions to determine appropriate programming in all WVN Nass Valley locations;
- design technical and vocational programs;
- develop implementation strategies and time lines; and
- seek funding to support the technical and vocational programme.
Qualifications of the A/Director College Technical-Vocational Programme will consist of the following:
- will be in the possession of a university masters' degree or be working towards such a degree;
- will be familiar with Nisga'a Language and Culture;
- will possess a valid BC Drivers' License;
- will be resident in the Nass Valley or willing to relocate to the Nass Valley;
- will maintain confidentiality;
- will be willing and able to travel as requested by the WVN Board.
Background in Technical and Vocational training an asset. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Application deadline date: February 27, 1998. Start date as soon as possible.
This posting is term with the potential of developing into a full time position where upon the incumbent can make application. For additional information contact Deanna Noyce, WVN Chief Executive Officer.
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Sport Scope

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Prizes are usually awarded for things like best dummy, best crash and furthest run. The action takes place Feb. 7 at Shames.

Youth soccer registers

ANNUAL REGISTRY for Terrace Youth Soccer will take place at the Skeena Mall, starting Feb. 20.

Registrars will be there from 6-9 p.m. on Feb. 20, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 21. They'll be back again Feb. 27 and Feb. 28 at those same times.

Seniors get ready

ORGANIZERS FOR the Seniors' Games say the spring-like weather has athletes raring to go.

Membership registration will take place at the Skeena Mall, Saturday, Jan. 31, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For more information call May at 635-2875.

Cal plays Hays

NEXT WEEKEND will be one of your last chances to catch the Caledonia boys' basketball team playing on their home turf.

The boys play Charles Hays at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 14.


The Zone Championships take place in Kitimat at the end of the month.



Peewee showdown

TERRACE AND KITIMAT Peewee rep teams squared off this weekend for a two-game tournament. Kitimat won the first on Friday night, scoring the winner with just 23 seconds left to take the game 10-9. This game Saturday was a much more defensive affair, with both teams trading chances. Kitimat scored in the first period and Terrace tied it up late in the third. The final was a 1-1 tie.

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Jan. 23
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Terrace Elks	9	Knights	7

Jan. 24

Long's Logging	2	Smithers Elks	9
Terrace Elks	6	ROI Theatre	5
Terrace Elks	4	C.E.P.	4

Jan. 25

Long's logging	14	Carpenters	1
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Terrace Men's Recreational Hockey

Jan. 22

Precision Blues	1	Back Eddy	2
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Jan. 25

Skeena Cable	3	Chapter One	4
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Jan. 27

Chapter One	3	All Seasons	3
Precision Blues	6	Skeena cable	3

Terrace Men's Oldtimers Hockey

Jan. 21

SRD Blues	4	Timbermen	5
Subway	5	NMI Okies	7

Jan. 25

Subway	7	SRD Blues	1
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Jan. 28

Timbermen	3	Subway	2
NMI Okies	5	SRD Blues	5

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48 Month Purchase O.A.C.

 <p>'96 Dodge Intrepid auto, powerseats, power brakes, A/C</p> <p>Or Lease For \$323⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>	 <p>'96 Mercury Mystique Auto, A/C, power windows & locks, V-6</p> <p>Or Lease For \$157⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>	 <p>'95 Ford Bronco XLT, V-8, Auto, A/C, Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors, Cassette</p> <p>Or Lease For \$399⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>
 <p>'95 GMC Tahoe Auto, A/C, power windows, locks & mirrors, CD</p> <p>Or Lease For \$379⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>	 <p>'95 Ford F-150 Supercab 4x4 V-8, 5 speed, A/C, Tilt</p> <p>Or Lease For \$199⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>	 <p>'96 Ford F-150 Supercab 4x2 V-8, 5 speed, A/C, Cassette</p> <p>Or Lease For \$259⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>
 <p>'96 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab 4x4 auto, A/C, V-6, Tilt, Cassette</p> <p>Or Lease For \$319⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>	 <p>'97 Ford F-250 Supercab 4x4 XLT, Auto, Power windows, locks & mirrors, cassette</p> <p>Or Lease For \$529⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>	 <p>'95 Ford Ranger Supercab 4x2 V-6, 5 speed, cassette</p> <p>Or Lease For \$249⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>
 <p>'97 Ford F-150 4x4 Flareside, V-8, canopy</p> <p>Or Lease For \$359⁰⁰ per/mo.</p>	<p>Lease based on 24 month with \$2,500 down plus and 1st & security. Dodge Intrepid TPP \$10,232. Ford Contour TPP \$6,724 Ford Mustang TPP \$7,228 Mercury Sable TPP \$7,228 Bronco Tpp \$12,076 '95 Ford F-150 Supercab 4x4 TPP \$7,276 '96 Ford F-150 Supercab 4x2 TPP \$9,716 '96 Ford F-150 Reg. Cab 4x4 TPP \$10,158 '97 Ford F-150 4x4 TPP \$11,116 '95 Ranger TPP \$8,476 '96 Windstar TPP \$10,396 95 GMC Tahoe TPP \$11,596</p>	

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