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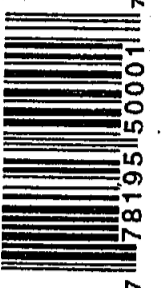
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# STANDARD



## Bear hunt ban won't stop Nisga'a

Treaty guarantees grizzlies even if B.C. declares provincial hunting moratorium

By JEFF NAGEL

THE NISGA'A have an iron-clad treaty right to hunt grizzly bears – regardless of whether or not the B.C. government decides to ban grizzly hunting province-wide.

And they say they have no intention of giving up the hunting rights they negotiated in the Nisga'a Treaty, which took effect last year.

"Not unless they offer us more land for each grizzly bear," says Harry Nyce, director of fish and wildlife for the Nisga'a Lisims Government.

Premier Ujjal Dosanjh and the NDP cabinet are considering a grizzly hunting moratorium, but won't make a decision until later this week at the earliest, an aide said.

"I suspect that a decision is going to be reached fairly soon," said pre-

mier's office spokesman Chris Beresford.

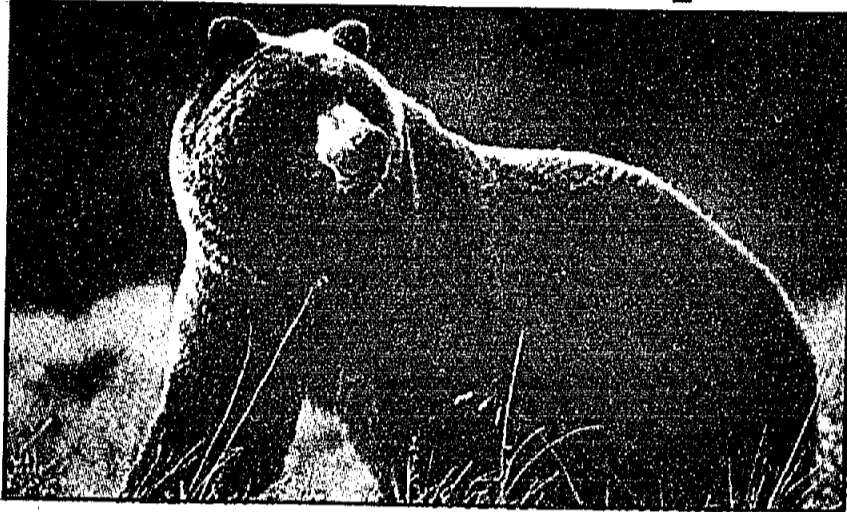
A ban is being pushed by B.C. and international activists but opposed by the Guide Outfitting Association of B.C.

If grizzly hunting is outlawed, the

■ **Hunt ban would hammer Tahltan guides, northern villages. Page A14**

Nisga'a could find themselves in control of the only grizzlies that can be hunted in the province – bears that might then command until now unimaginable prices among foreign trophy hunters.

"They could charge a lot," says Les Walmough, a local trapper and Thorn-



UNCERTAINTY over the number of grizzly bears in the province is fuelling the campaign to ban the grizzly hunt in B.C.

hill regional district director. "They could make a fortune."

He noted a grizzly bear hunt normally sells for \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Although provincial government of-

officials maintain the treaty doesn't allow the Nisga'a to transfer hunting rights to non-Nisga'a citizens, that's what the Nisga'a Lisims Government is contemplating.

Nyce said one option is that the Nisga'a could use a lottery system to sell off their bear hunting rights to trophy hunters and use that money as a source of revenue for the Nisga'a government.

"We could sell it as a lottery and put the money back into management," he said. "The wildlife committee is still pondering it."

Nyce said the Nisga'a could also elect to run their own guide-outfitting operation – something the treaty anticipated by designating a large guide outfitting territory. It covers the lower Nass and tributaries plus a rugged area from the Kinskuch River west to Portland Canal.

The Nisga'a grizzly allocation is a guaranteed share of the bears a joint B.C.-Nisga'a wildlife committee decides can be hunted without threatening the estimated population of 400 grizzlies in the 16,221 square kilometre Nass Wildlife Area.

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## Teachers want extra day away from class

By JENNIFER LANG  
TERRACE teachers want another non-instructional day added to the school calendar.

Terrace District Teachers' Union president Frank Rowe says "safe schools day" would be devoted to health and safety education and training.

Rowe told the Coast Mountains School District the proposal would allow educators to address violence prevention, something the public is increasingly demanding for students.

The board tabled the request until next month's meeting, giving trustees time to review the B.C. Teachers' Federation briefing to the Education Ministry on the proposal.

"It's certainly a worthwhile topic," said Hazelton trustee Peter Weeber. "I'm not sure we require an additional day."

There are currently six non instructional days a year in Terrace, according to the 2000-2001 school calendar.

Trustee Gary Turner wondered if another non-instructional day would affect the district's ability to provide education.



## Looking good

TYLER MOHLER takes a minute to dust off the snow after landing in more than a foot of fresh powder above the T-bar at Shames Mountain. The 21-year-old snowboarder rides for the Ruins board

team. He and other teammates took advantage of the great snow conditions to practice for an upcoming big air competition. See page B4 for more on snow conditions.

## Gov't places Kincolith road on a fast track

HIGHWAYS MINISTRY officials have set a tight timetable in anticipating an April start on the \$30 million project to build a road from Greenville to Kincolith in the Nass Valley.

They've asked six companies to submit proposals and want to choose the winner by March, says highways official Dave St. Thomas.

"We've asked for the requests for proposals to be back by Feb. 25 and it'll then be a matter of working through them," said St. Thomas.

"We hope the successful proponent can begin mobilizing in March."

The road network in the Nass now stops at Greenville and a connection to Kincolith at the mouth of the Nass as long been sought after.

Access to the village is now by air or by ferry down the coast to Prince Rupert.

The two-lane, gravel road will be 29km in length and will become part of the provincial highway system.

Construction is expected to last at least two years.

Half of the \$30 million is coming from the federal government with the province kicking in the majority of the remainder. The Nisga'a have already built a 5km stretch heading east of Kincolith toward Greenville and this has been added as a contribution-in-kind, making the Nisga'a one of three partners in the project.

Highways officials have described the project as very challenging given the rough terrain along the banks of the Nass and of the requirements for environmental protection of fish and wildlife along the route.

It's that combination of construction challenge and environmental protection which has changed how the project will be run.

Contractors last year began shying away from bidding under a traditional lowest tender wins the contract model.

Although they stood to make financial gains if the project went flawlessly, the reverse would happen should there be unforeseen problems.

It would have meant contractors would have added a substantial cushion in their bids to protect themselves.

So the ministry has chosen a relatively unknown concept in the north called a risk alliance.

It means the ministry will take on the successful proponent as a partner in that each will share any financial downside caused by construction or environmental problems.

"It's all of us. There's no 'us' or 'them' here," said St. Thomas.

The new model also means the company with the lowest projected cost won't necessarily be the one chosen to do the work.

St. Thomas remains confident that costs under this new model won't exceed the \$30 million budget.

"We have a figure for construction costs and those costs will be within the budget," he said.

At the same time, the successful proponent could also negotiate performance bonuses based on finishing ahead of time and below estimated costs.

Once a proponent is chosen, the ministry will then go

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## Fishing rules poised to loosen as threatened coho stocks recover

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN  
ANGLERS may be allowed to catch more coho near Terrace this year, fisheries officers say.

Stocks of the hard-hit species are rebounding after a few years of restricted catch limits.

"In tidal waters in the North Coast, we're probably going to increase the daily limit of coho from one per day to two per day," says Greg Savard, salmon co-ordinator for Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

But Savard added that conservation requirements will still be the determining factor in allowing any increased catch.

"We still have concern for coho stocks in the upper Skeena."

Last year, recreational fishery openings on the Skeena River were permitted in light of improved runs.

And anglers on the lower Skeena, from Terrace downstream, will be permitted to fish for coho this fall.

"As an overall group they are doing much better," said Savard about the lower Skeena coho.

Those fish haven't been plagued by the same problems as their Upper Skeena counterparts, allowing for increased fishing opportunities here.

Officials credit selective fishing techniques for permitting continued recreational catches of chinook, sockeye and pink salmon with minimal impact on coho.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada will release its recreational fisheries plan by April.

While 2000 showed an above average return of sockeye to the Skeena, an average return was seen on the Nass River.

Savard expects the run size to be similar on the Nass this year.

The healthy sockeye return allowed for selective seine and gillnet full fleet fisheries last year, says the department.

Because of the above average marine survival rate of coho last year, the gillnet fleet was permitted two extra days of fishing for sockeye, without hurting coho stocks.

Native bands caught 750,000 sockeye under special licences to catch surplus fish, said the department.

Last year also saw continued efforts by Fisheries to enhance coho stocks in the upper Bulkley, Kispiox and Babine rivers as well as Toboggan Creek. Fry will continue to be released into under-used rearing areas to enhance stocks this season.

Hundreds of thousands left homeless

# Locals help quake victims

TERRACE'S Indo Canadian community is leading a local aid campaign for victims of India's devastating earthquake.

Spokesman Mo Takhar said the Indo Canadian community is now urging people to donate money to assist the Canadian Red Cross' relief efforts in the earthquake-ravaged province of Gujarat.

A special prayer session and fundraising event for the earthquake's victims will be held at the Skeena Valley Guru Nanak Sikh temple on Medeck Ave. Feb. 11.

The Skeena Valley Guru Nanak Brotherhood has already raised about \$3,500 for relief efforts in India, Takhar said, bringing the amount of money raised locally to between \$6,000 and \$7,000 to date.

Takhar said local businesses are already answering the call. The Skeena Valley Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Terrace have both donated \$1,000 to the cause.

Accounts have been set up at Terrace's Bank of Montreal and Royal Bank

for the Canadian Red Cross. Donations of \$20 or more are tax deductible.

Donations to the India Earthquake Relief Fund will bolster ongoing relief efforts. The international Red Cross and Red Crescent societies are both mobilizing resources in response to the disaster.

The money will procure medical supplies and equipment, blankets and temporary shelter for the hundreds of thousands of people who were left homeless or injured in the Jan. 26 quake.

Takhar noted it's unlikely anyone from Terrace's Indo Canadian community has family members who were affected by the earthquake in western India.

"Most of the people [here] come from north Punjab," he said.

The plight of the earthquake's victims has galvanized money raising efforts in Indo Canadian communities across Canada.

"We are trying to do as much as we can, but we are so far away," he said. "We can only help with

the money."

Anyone wishing to donate can do so at the Royal Bank or the Bank of Montreal in Terrace, or by calling 635-3409 or 635-3991.

The northern region of the Red Cross is also taking donations directly over its toll-free line: 1-800-418-1111.

"The situation is desperate," said Don Shropshire, director of disaster services for the Canadian Red Cross.

"With disrupted communications, electricity and limited running water and food available in the

worst hit areas, we are very worried about the welfare of the people there."

The death toll continued to climb last week, as rescuers scoured the affected region for survivors.

Recent estimates suggest as many as 25,000 people are dead in the region and another 30,000 injured.

The earthquake's epicentre was 25km northeast of Bhuj, registering 7.9 on the Richter Scale.

The cities of Ahmadabad, and Hyderabad, in neighbouring Pakistan, were also affected.



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## Nass wants road work

A NEW Nass Valley company is lobbying for a strong presence on the \$30 million project to build a road from Greenville to Kincolith at the mouth of the Nass River.

Saxwhl Lisims Construction Ltd., a joint venture of the villages of Greenville and Kincolith, wants the main company chosen to do the work to hire as many local people and as much local equipment as possible.

(Translated, the company's name means "people at the mouth of the Nass.")

Business opportunities extend beyond the actual construction to supplying fuel and supplies, says Neil Okabe, Saxwhl's general manager.

"We see this as capacity building," said Okabe. "After the road is built, there'll be other opportunities for development, in forestry for example, and by having trained people, we'll be able to take advantage of that."

One other possibility is securing the contract to maintain the road after completion.

Saxwhl has been meeting with as many of the six companies asked to submit construction proposals as possible to determine how it could be involved.

Local supplying of workers, equipment and supplies could lower costs because of their immediate availability, said Okabe.

"This is a very challenging project. If weather turns bad, that could have an effect on construction and costs so with local involvement, there'd be a real benefit because people and equipment would be closer," he said.

Okabe stressed that Saxwhl has no wish to override the company chosen to do the work.

"They're the experts. We're not. We just want as much local involvement as possible," he said.

Saxwhl has been meeting with potential prime contractors over the past several weeks in anticipation of having the successful one chosen within two months.

## From front Road aims for spring start

over the road design with it. This is called value engineering, says St. Thomas, and could very well lead to more ways to reduce costs.

Also to be factored into the choosing of a successful proponent is the amount of local labour, equipment and services it will use.

One hurdle toward starting the project this spring has been cleared.

The Nisga'a have reached a deal with the Tsimshian at Port Simpson for a right of way through a small piece of Tsimshian reserve land along the road route.

Failure to have done so would have added to design and construction costs.

"It was a mutually beneficial arrangement," said Port Simpson band manager Wayne Drury.

More details of the deal are expected soon.

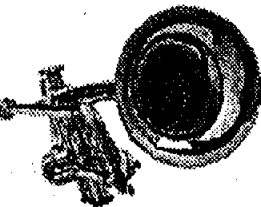
## Wednesday, February 14th

This is the kickoff date for Terrace Safeway Charity Challenge. Each year, Safeway employees band together for a local cause. This year, they are supporting the "Dare to Dream Foundation".

Students will be performing inside Safeway from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14th. Come in and enjoy the music and show your support. That day, there will also be ticket sales available for the February 17th performance of the Terrace Community Band along with pianist Benoit Turcotte at the

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Players acknowledge need for safe passage

# Next year for Keith crossing

PEDESTRIANS will have to wait at least another year for a crosswalk across the four lanes of Hwy16 known as Keith Ave. in the city.

The city and highways ministry have agreed on the need for such a crossing, but it's not slated to happen until 2002, according to city officials.

That's because there's no sidewalk for pedestrians to use on the north side of Keith Ave. to connect to a crosswalk.

"As long as there's nowhere to walk on the north side of Keith Ave. there's no support from highways for a walkway," said city public works director Herb Dusdal.

He said the five-year capital plan calls for the city to spend \$50,000 to build some sidewalk on that part of Keith, plus \$25,000 towards the crosswalk.

That's an estimated one-third of the cost of building a pedestrian-controlled flashing green traffic light that would stop motorists at the Hall St. intersection.

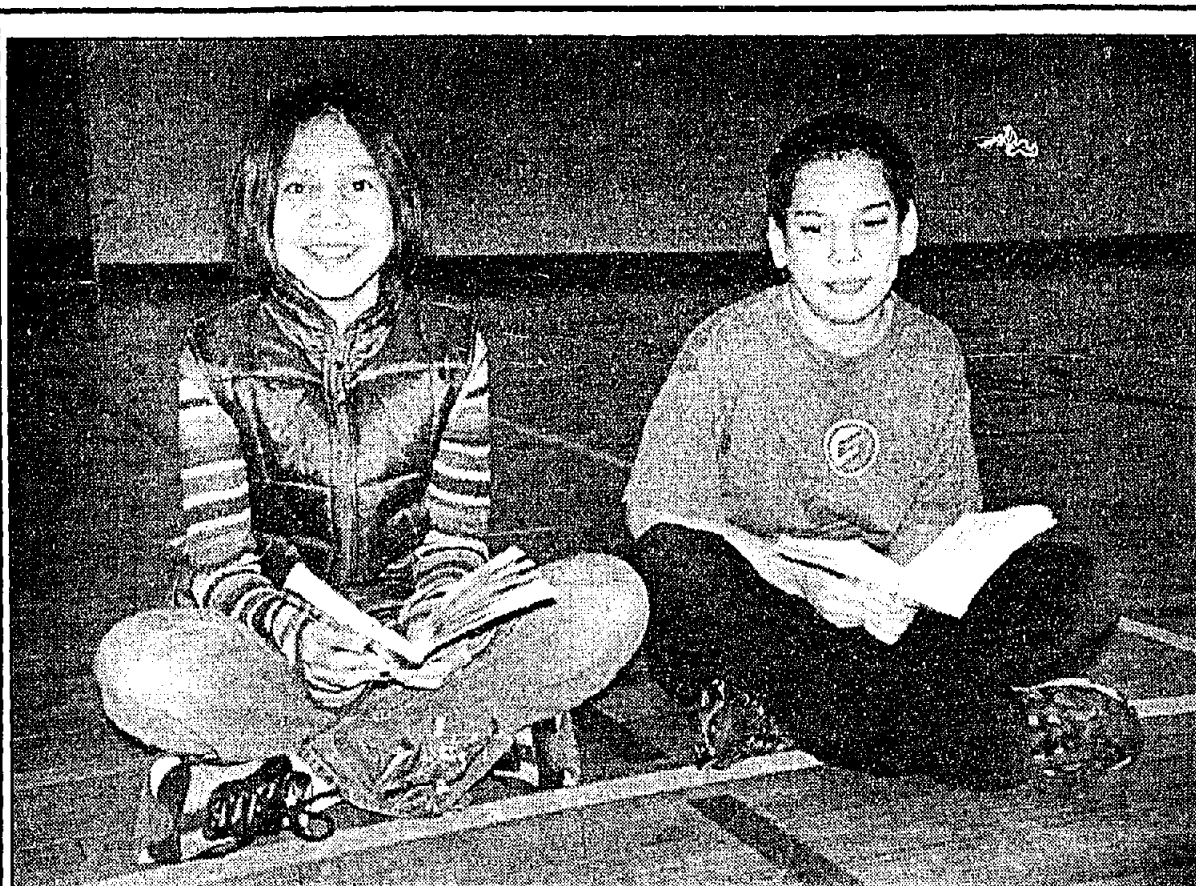
"Between now and then we'll be approaching highways and ICBC to cost-share on that pedestrian-controlled traffic light," Dusdal said.

City officials have said traffic must be stopped there to make a crossing safe for pedestrians, and have rejected either just painting white lines across the road or installing flashing orange warning lights.

A highways ministry report released a year ago concluded a new crosswalk at Keith is needed.

It also concluded pedestrians in the area - many of whom cross the railway tracks rather than use the Sande Overpass - consist largely of students and parents with babies in strollers.

A petition now circulating aims to put pressure on the city and CN.



## ■ Reading is in

COUSINS Sarah Flavel, seen here reading Jacob Two-Two's First Spy Case, by Mordecai Richler, and Nick Dowse, a fan of R.L. Stine's popular Goosebumps series, are two Thornhill Elementary School students taking part in the school's Read In, held in the gym Feb. 2 to highlight life-long literacy.

# Big guys deny targeting fallers

BIG FOREST companies did not deliberately set out to cause massive increases in insurance premiums for independent fallers, says the head of the Council of Forest Industries.

"Nobody has said 'We're going to kill those independents,'" Ron MacDonald said. "Their belief that there's a conspiracy out there to screw them to the benefit of somebody else - that's just not the case."

MacDonald was responding to claims by area fallers that their payments to the Workers Compensation Board are rising more than 250 per cent because fallers were put into a new insurance category at COFI's request.

That separated independent manual fallers and buckers from the rest of the forest industry and caused them to be assessed a new premium based on their higher accident rates.

The rates are to climb to more than 20 per cent of wages, up from an average of 7.75 per cent now.

Fallers employed by integrated forest companies are assessed premiums at the same rate as the rest of the company's operation, and their premiums will be much lower than their independent counterparts.

MacDonald said COFI, an industry lobbying organi-

zation, has argued that premiums should be based on accident rates. COFI's actions with WCB could have affected the independent fallers, MacDonald concedes, "but not by design."

Hazelton faller Randall Shoop has condemned the rate change as a "horrendous" example of discrimination against independent loggers.

"Everybody is very concerned," said Shoop, who appeared before Terrace city council recently.

The cost to the typical faller could be \$6,000 to \$7,000 per year in increased WCB costs, he said.

And, applied to all Terrace-area fallers, that could cost the local economy \$300,000 to \$400,000 and up to \$10 million per year province-wide.

The increase is a "terrible way to thank fallers for the dangerous job they do," Shoop said. "We're willing to go out and die for these guys." He said fallers are organizing the biggest backlash WCB has seen since efforts to ban workplace smoking.

City council discussed taking a position on the issue, but decided not to do so. Chief administrative officer Ron Poole warned council doing so might mean choosing sides between the fallers and COFI.

## News In Brief

### New masters degree

STUDENTS in the northwest can now get a masters degree in First Nations Studies from the University of Northern British Columbia.

The program focusses on contemporary issues of northern B.C. nations and their cultures. It is slated to begin this summer, primarily in Terrace.

"The program will provide more opportunities for people who are working or at a location disadvantage," said Rob van Adrichem, public relations officer for UNBC.

### Pedestrian injured

TERRACE RCMP spent the weekend investigating an accident in which an unmarked police car struck a pedestrian on Hwy16 at 12:32 a.m. Feb. 3.

The man, 39, suffered critical head and chest injuries and was taken to Mills Memorial Hospital.

A brief RCMP release on the weekend indicated the man was dressed in dark clothing and that he ran in front of the police vehicle and did not apparently see it approach.

"The police officer took evasive action and tried to steer around the male but was unable and ended up colliding with him in the curb lane," said the release.

### Health details lacking

THE \$232,000 study on what needs to be done to improve northwestern health care has been approved by the provincial government. But what that approval means is uncertain.

As of last week, health ministry officials weren't saying if the approval also meant money would be flowing to community health councils around the region to help make the plan a reality.

"Details will be going out in letters being sent to [health council] CEOs," said ministry official Katrina Scott. She conceded that the details might be accompanied by money to flesh out the plan, but was unable to provide any more information.

The plan is to establish a framework on what should happen to improve health services.

It's one in a long line of regional plans since the late 1980s. This latest version, for example, calls for better mental health, more orthopedic surgical services (which could lead to offering this specialty in Terrace), improving care for young babies and improving ophthalmology services.

But approval doesn't necessarily mean money is required immediately, says the man who steered the study to completion.

"What it could mean is that the issues raised in the northwest have been bought into in some extent by the [health] ministry," said Tony Briglio, North Coast Community Health Council chair.

"What we did was to set up a plan, a framework, from which decisions can now be made," said Briglio who chaired the group of other community health board chairs in putting the plan together.

And while it would be nice to get more money, Briglio noted that health councils received budget increases last fall and that more money was allocated in December.

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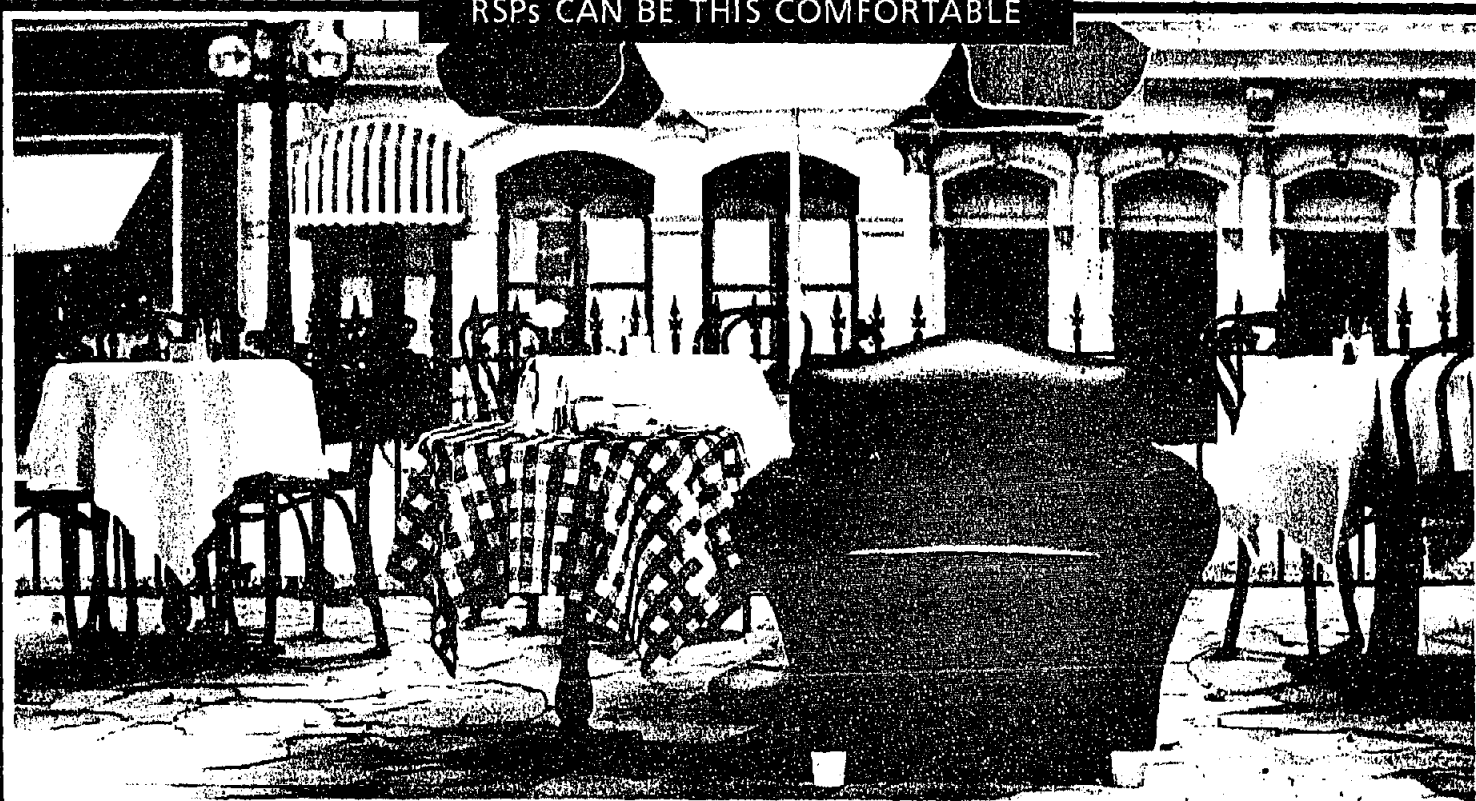
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## Bed sores

FIRST, A tip of the hat to the provincial government for the planned mid-August \$2.3 million construction start of 22 beds of supportive housing beside Terraceview Lodge.

It's been more than a decade since the idea first arose and after several valiant but unsuccessful local efforts, the project is finally going ahead.

Having said that, Skeena NDP MLA Helmut Giesbrecht is justifiably angry and upset over the lack of action concerning long-awaited proposal - \$400,000 to create an eight-bed alternate care ward at Mills Memorial Hospital.

Here's the situation. Mills, as is the case with many other hospitals in the province, has as patients elderly people who don't really need to be in a hospital. What they need is to be in an extended care facility such as Terraceview Lodge.

But because there is no where else for them to go until a space can be found in an extended care facility, these people end up in the hospital in acute care beds really meant for people who do need medical care. Two things happen - there is a lack of acute care beds and the patients are being taken care of by nurses even though they don't need that level of attention.

Mills wants the alternate care ward to free up acute care beds and because these people can be taken care of by care aides, it helps ease the critical shortage of nurses.

Back in December Mr. Giesbrecht thought he had found an answer. The health action plan announced that month pledged to create 2000 multi level care beds across the province over the next three years. A tiny amount of these beds - 17 - are to be located in the northwest.

What Mr. Giesbrecht wants to do is use some of the money for those beds to provide immediate relief to Mills. The Terrace and Area Health Council, which runs Mills, says it has the space and facilities already in hand for a relatively low cost, quick and reasonable solution. All it needs is the money.

The problem is that Mr. Giesbrecht cannot get the government bureaucracy to budge on this issue. What's worse is that health minister Corky Evans cannot seem to do it either.

Instead, the stage is apparently been set for some kind of long and elaborate planning process to decide the fate of these 17 beds. The money will remain frozen until this happens.

Health care planners will no doubt have their reasons why all of this has to take so long. They will point out that the concept of multi level care beds does not extend to a hospital setting.

That may be fine from their perspective, but when a proposal such as the ward for Mills is on the table every effort must be made to be innovative. It's time to think out of the box and if it means Mr. Evans must slam his fist on the table and do a little hollering, so be it.

THE NDP PREPARES ITS CASE CLAIMING TOBACCO COMPANIES ATTEMPTED TO ADDICT CHILDREN:

EXHIBIT "A": LITTLE CORKY



## Power to the people - for now

VICTORIA - If the oil crisis of the early 1970s was a wakeup call for western consumer societies, the current energy crunch is the last call.

Natural gas prices have risen astronomically, catching up even with Albertans whose gas heating bills will go up by about 50 per cent.

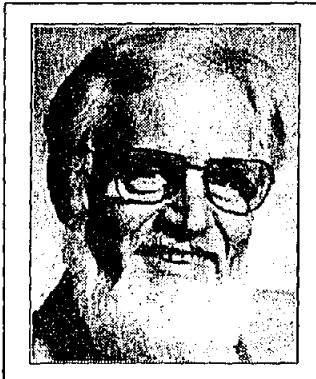
In California, rolling blackouts are becoming a way of life, as utility companies struggle to buy power on the spot market to keep the lights on for one more hour, one more day.

British Columbia is sitting pretty, with electric power to spare. B.C. Hydro, a Crown corporation, is raking in unprecedented profits from selling surplus power to California, and is already recording a surplus of more than \$1 billion.

Electricity is worth more than gold, well more than zinc anyway. Cominco Ltd., finding electricity more profitable than base metals, is extending production cuts at its Trail zinc refinery through February and March.

It will close the operation entirely for August and September.

"Sufficient power has been sold to ensure the same level of profitability for Trail as if the complex had been in full production during the months of August and September," the



FROM THE CAPITAL  
HUBERT BEYER

company said last week.

There still are substantial quantities of electrical capacity available, and selling this additional power "will increase Trail's profitability."

In fact, Cominco is making about six times as much money selling power than it would be producing zinc.

Not surprisingly, unions are worried over how the energy deals will impact the workforce. And they should be.

For the moment, Cominco intends to pay its workers for staying home while it rakes in profits from the sale of power. But that sentiment may not last for long.

The steelworkers union contract expires at the end of May and it won't take the company long to figure out that it can make even more money with fewer people on the payroll.

It all signals bigger trouble ahead than we can imagine. Without sufficient energy or astronomical energy prices the western world's standard of living is bound to teeter.

Scarcer and more expensive energy will trigger inflation. Consumer goods will become more expensive to produce, further fuelling inflation, not to mention that endless rolling blackouts, necessary to prevent electricity grids from collapsing, aren't going to make for happy people.

And what are governments doing? Damned little. The developed countries should have embarked on a massive program of alternative energy research and development more than 25 years ago, when the oil-producing countries hit us with the first wave of rising prices.

Instead, they introduced measures such as reducing speed limits on highways and preaching conservation, both laudable exercises, but feeble in the face of the real problem.

That we are at least part-way towards the development of some alternative energy is due mostly to some far-sighted companies such as Ballard Power Systems of British Columbia whose fuel cell technology is one the most promising future sources of energy.

Windmill technology, lar-

gely ignored by governments and all but ridiculed by the purveyors of traditional energy, have in fact great potential, albeit in limited markets.

How bad can it get? In the past, wars were fought over territory and natural resources. Future wars may well be ignited by the need for energy and water.

The fact that Canada in general and British Columbia in particular has both water and energy to spare shouldn't be considered too comforting.

We may not be able to conceive of conquest at the hands of the United States today, but what about 30 or 40 years from now. The U.S. has for years advocated a continental energy policy, meaning they would like to have the same right to access our energy as we have.

And finally, while we revel in our temporary good fortune of making a killing by selling our power surplus offshore, let's pay some tribute to the man whose foresight has made it possible.

Without the colossal hydroelectric projects undertaken in the 1960s and 1970s by W.A.C. Bennett, then the premier, we'd probably be freezing in the dark by now.

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## It's up to you to stop crime

"OVER THE past several months, both residential and business properties in the Thornhill area have been extensively targeted for break-ins," say RCMP. "The prime suspects in these crimes reside in Thornhill."

In other words, neighbour is robbing neighbour and who better to know your habits, your arrival and departure times. Who better to know what you own.

Your neighbour not only sees your stuff in your backyard, he watches you arrive home with new gadgets and reads the product names from cardboard packaging propped beside your weekly garbage.

He also has those friendly chats where you eagerly tell him about your coin collection, or the VCR you've passed down to the kids.

In December, a green 1999



THROUGH BIFOCALS  
CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

Kawasaki KX250 dirt bike was stolen from Bear Creek Contracting, and six Husqvarna Model 394 chain saws from a Thornhill residence. And in January, four pieces of valuable equipment were stolen from the Thornhill Firehall: a Motorola pager, and NEC

Multimedia projector, a TV, VCR, and a Radio Shack portable scanner.

Judging by this sudden rash of Thornhill break-ins, one of our own has been released from jail. From time to time over the years we've suffered a blizzard of break-ins until police nabbed him and the court put him away for a few months. Looks like one of these jailhouse grads is back, doing what he loves to do.

Unfortunately, he can't work alone. Who can use six chain saws? He has to connect with people willing to pay cut rates for goodies even if they suspect the goodies are stolen. If not stolen, why the attractive price?

Anyone who buys a stolen item must be prepared to lose it, along with their money, if police trace it to them in a break-in investigation.

"Persons with information on these crimes are requested to provide that information to investigators," say RCMP. "Suspect information, current whereabouts of the stolen items, or any other pertinent detail, no matter how seemingly insignificant, are all being sought."

And that's why media reports of crimes are so vital. I had no idea Thornhill was in the midst of another break-in frenzy. An isolated report of a break-in fails to demonstrate the pattern police see.

What works for a thief can also work against a thief. Did your neighbour pack six chain saws to his backyard shed? Notice a police scanner chattering from his truck while he reads to leave? It's a detail worth reporting to RCMP at 250-638-7400 or Crimestoppers at 250-638-TIPS. Be neighbourly.



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## THE GENDER GAP

# Historical advantage

Thirty years ago, girls reigned supreme on Terrace's high school honour rolls. Has anything changed?

By JENNIFER LANG  
MORE THAN 30 years ago, the *Terrace Herald* wondered: Did the eye-catching sight of girls wearing miniskirts make boys dumb?

The *Herald* posed that question back in January, 1969, when the girls were clobbering the boys on honour roll lists in Terrace and Kitimat.

Consider these stats: almost three times as many girls at Skeena Secondary School earned overall scholastic excellence. There were 54 girls on that fall's honour roll, compared to 19 boys.

Just one Grade 12 boy made Skeena's honour roll that year.

His name was Pat Lloyd. He was a member of the student council who also played rugby and soccer. After school he worked at a local supermarket.

All this and a B-plus average.

"More girls make the honour roll than boys because boys generally excel in only one or two subjects, and to get on the honour roll you must have a high level in all subjects," Lloyd told the *Herald*. "Girls generally excel over all."

Consider Lloyd's classmate, Sherri Thomas, a Grade 12 cheerleader who managed to complete two hours of homework a day, and keep up an exhausting array of extra-curricular and school activities: volleyball, student council, pep club, archeology club, and school choir.

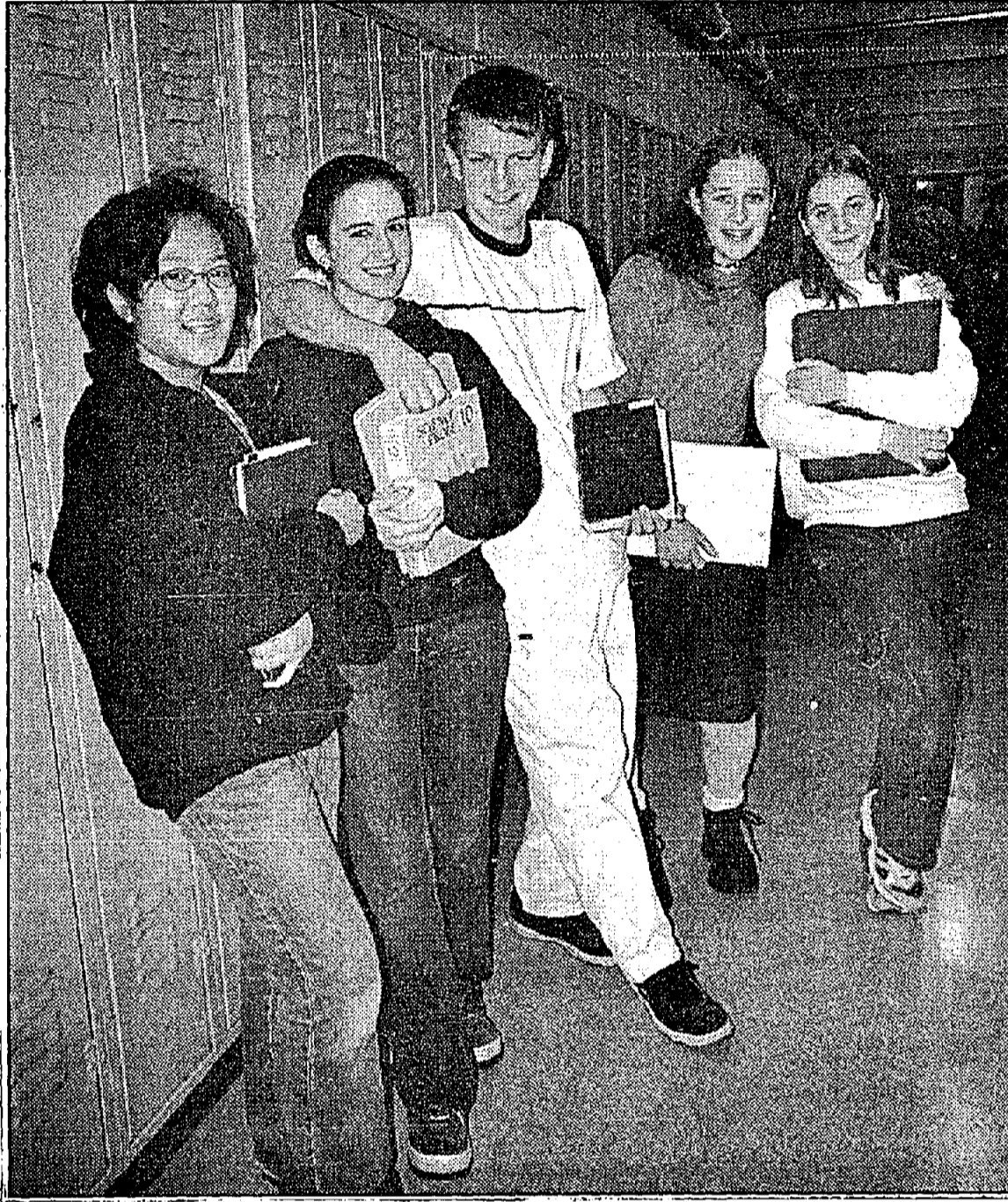
And although she also worked part-time after school - in a shoe store - she offered the following insight into the other young women in her school: "Girls probably do better because they have fewer after school jobs and more time for homework."

According to the article, cheekily entitled "Mini-skirts mar minds of students?" Kitimat boys fared a little better than the guys in Terrace when it came to the honour roll.

At Mount Elizabeth Senior Secondary in Kitimat that year, 98 girls made the list, compared to 59 boys, a difference of 39.

The gender gap was troubling.

"General consensus seems to be that proximity to girls does af-



GIRLS STILL rule Skeena's honour roll. Here, honour roll students Amanda Chan (from left), Michelle Van Herd, Ben Haigh, Anna Bauer and Eden Oliver, take a break between classes.

fect the male scholastic achievement," the *Herald* harrumphed.

In other words, put the boys and girls in separate classrooms, and the boys might find fewer distractions from their notebooks.

But, as Skeena's principal of the day, John Bastin, pointed out, "It is very often the case that girls do better than boys. But girls are more likely to study harder."

He also stressed that girls go through their "dizzy" phase ear-

lier than the boys, and are at least two years ahead in terms of physi-

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cal and emotional maturity. Girls, he observed, start to no-

tice boys in Grade 7, but the boys aren't interested in girls for another two years.

That's why there were more boys on the honour roll at the Grade 8 level.

"The difference becomes less after the Grade 12 level and in Grade 13 or university," Bastin concluded. "Boys tend to catch up and even surge ahead of the girls academically."

## Are boys being left behind?

Although girls still lead at the junior grades, boys gain in high school

BOYS HAVE managed to narrow the honour roll gap between the sexes at Terrace's high schools over the past 30 years, especially at Caledonia Senior Secondary and at Thornhill Junior Secondary schools.

But at Skeena Junior Secondary School, there were 32 per cent more girls than boys on this fall's honour roll, suggesting girls still enjoy some advantage over their male counterparts.

"I don't think things have changed," says principal Rob Greenwood. "Girls mature faster - emotionally, socially and physically."

Greenwood thinks the rising number of boys earning academic honours can be explained by the fact that more boys are staying in school - period.

"There are more programs in schools to foster a range of abilities," he says, pointing to special needs students as one example of "how dramatically the system is keeping kids in school."

Girls may lead the boys at Skeena, but at the senior secondary level, boys are ahead, a fact that doesn't surprise Greenwood.

"At the senior high level it turns around, it levels out."

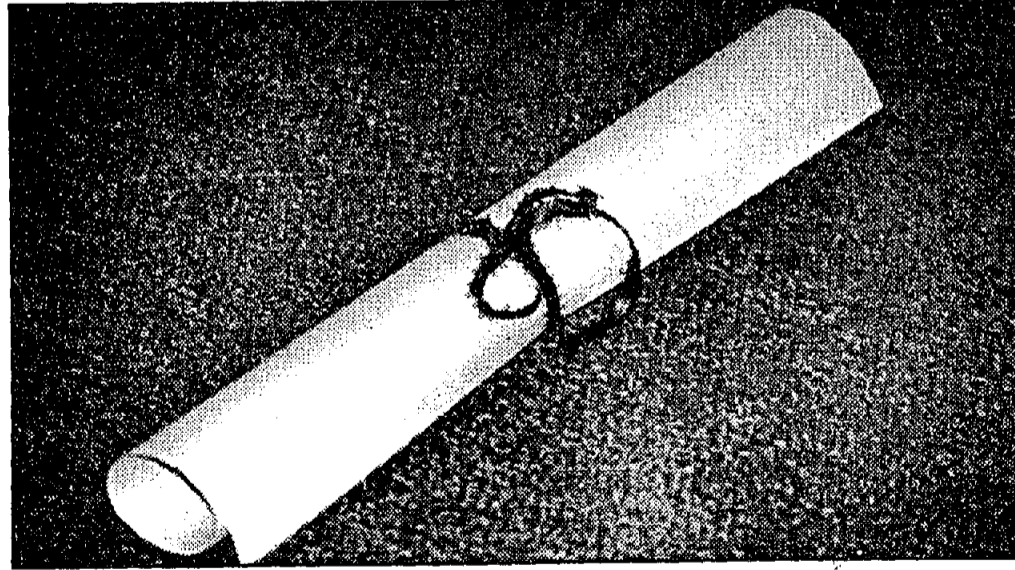
Caledonia's principal Geoff Straker has another explanation for the rising numbers of boys on his school's honour roll list since those dark days of 1969, when girls outnumbered the boys by three to one.

"A lot of guys used to leave after Grade 10," Straker says. "It's a sign of where the community was at 30 years ago."

Back then, secure, high-paying jobs at the sawmill or in the forest lured ambitious young men away from completing their high school studies.

Girls, on the other hand, stayed in school. Nowadays, he says, a high school certificate is a requirement for virtually any entry-level job.

Although there are more boys than girls on Cal's honour roll, it's a slim margin of victory: just five more boys than girls.



Plus, Cal's girls comfortably outnumbered the boys in the "outstanding achievement" category, where students must maintain a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Like many educators, Straker has watched the pendulum swing back and forth on whether boys or girls have an advantage in the education system.

"Boys are going to become the lost cause, shortly," Straker warns.

Enter *G.I. Joe Meets Barbie, software engineer meets caregiver*, a research project conducted by the B.C. Teachers' Federation released in October 2000.

Researcher Anne Schaefer found girls do

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better than their male counterparts throughout the school system, a head start that seems to carry them into college or university, but she refutes the notion that boys are lagging behind.

By the time either sex hits the job market, she argues, males are definitely ahead in terms of earning power and status.

Meanwhile, Thornhill Junior Secondary School has edged closer to honour roll gender parity than Terrace's other two high schools.

This fall the boys and girls were almost evenly matched, with 40 girls on the list and 36 boys.

As well, twice as many Grade 10 boys as girls reached outstanding achievement.

Principal Dave Bartley can find no hard and fast rules ensuring boys and girls live up to their academic potential - despite the reams of often contradictory research on the subject.

"Good educators tend to make decisions on relevant research and the needs of kids rather than public opinion," Bartley says.

For him, the answer lies in improved resources at all levels of the educational system. "We just need more."

## CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

## The Mail Bag

### Keep those alleys open

Dear Sir:

I read the article about the city's plan to close back lanes with great interest. I might say immediate interest as I am one of the residents affected by the considered closure between Eby and Munroe that the city is using as a test case. I don't like about the idea or the way the city is going about it.

I like back lanes. I think that being able to access my property from the back gives me more value and a lot more flexibility in how I use my land and in how I relate to my neighbours. In fact, lanes create neighbourhoods. Back lanes or alleys are friendly, informal places. Children play in ours. It is their special playground where they are off the busy traffic of the street but still under their parent's eye.

The attitude of the city seems to be all negative. They see lanes as nothing but a problem. For example, residents in the center of our block have already moved their property lanes to the middle of the lane allowance and effectively closed it.

Property owners at either end continue to use their part of the lane. What's the city to do? They would like to get clear of the confusion they created by having residents pay for the "solution" - close the whole lane. This gets rid of their problem, passes the cost on to the property owners and gives the city more tax money to boot. What looks like cheap land, (that we already have access to), is really our paying for the cost of closure. Not only do we lose the value of the access the lane gives us but we have to pay tax on our loss for the rest of our lives.

So what's the solution? The city should simply approach landowners who have already encroached onto the lane with their fences and offer them the land for the cost of surveying. By moving their fences in the first place, they have already signalled that they want the increased lot size. A deal with the city simply regularizes the status quo.

But the city should not move to close lanes that are in use unless they are asked to do that by a majority of residents. Further, it's an issue that involves most of the Horseshoe. The city should encourage public discussion at that level. It should not try to quietly close its lanes, block by block.

Robert Hart, Terrace, B.C.

### Speak out on LRMP

Dear Sir:

Land use planning is an extremely difficult process, which has failed in several other areas of B.C. so I extend my congratulations to the Kalum LRMP table who have worked so hard to produce land use plan recommendations here.

Once ratified by cabinet, area residents should benefit from the long term economic stability, improve environmental health and tourism opportunities that the recommendations can provide.

Although the conclusions were reached by a table of local representatives, I would encourage every area resident, as a steward of this region, to review the document (available from the Kalum Forest District office) and provide comments regarding their agreement (or not) with the intent of the recommendations.

Local input may also affect the ultimate land use in three areas, where the table could not reach consensus. Options regarding land use in these areas are provided within the document. Land use planning is one of the first steps in a long uphill struggle to improve the current and future prospects for this area. I hope we all choose to be a part of it.

Tania Millen, Terrace, B.C.

### Hope for your heart

Dear Sir:

Taking my good health for granted received a couple of jolts just over a year ago. First a friend younger than I had a heart attack from which he was told recovery would be very slow and his chances of leading a normal vigorous life were no longer possible. A short time later my brother-in-law had his first heart attack which took his life in two days. With my comparable lifestyle, my presumption of good health was shaken.

Doing a little research on my own, I learned that heart attacks often occur suddenly without much warning, and many do not get a second chance. Further exploration revealed that my cholesterol level, the single most significant predictor of a heart attack, was in the high category that put me at risk of a first heart attack near retirement.

Just before Christmas a year ago, my wife learned about a coronary health improvement project (CHIP) that offered help. Starting off with blood testing and other physical indicators of health, we were given a reference point to show us what our present condition and risk factors for heart disease were.

Four nights a week for the next month were committed to learning about how our lifestyle and diet could be changed to actually reduce out biological age. At the same time we discovered that it lowered the risk of not only heart disease, but of an array of many other diseases that tend to afflict members of our affluent western society.

There were no pills and powders to swallow, no strange remedies to follow, and the motivation to change the lifestyle. The evidence that it actually works was overwhelming. The motivation was strong - Live healthier and longer.

My cholesterol level fell from the high to normal level and stayed there. My energy level is far more constant with very little fluctuation throughout the day. My fitness has increased to a new level, achieving a new personal best time in the century bicycle ride between Prince Rupert and Terrace. An added benefit has been no sickness at all in the year 2000, not even a single cold.

Rod Freeman, Terrace, B.C.

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# The Mail Bag

## Skeena MLA gasses the opposition party

Dear Sir:

In the continuing debate about the high price of gas and whether the provincial government should do something to help those on low incomes hurt by the increase, one thing puzzles me. Some of the folks demanding government interference in the market place are the same ones who support political parties like the BC Liberals which favour a market-based economy.

This economy is based on the principle of "supply and demand". The B.C. Liberals have always supported Free Trade with the U.S. and NAFTA. Under Free Trade if Uncle Sam is willing to pay more, then he gets the gas. We in BC will just have to match the price. Is it any surprise that Liberals are now silent on the high price of natural gas.

At present the U.S. increased demand for our natural gas has producers making a fortune. They are gouging the BC consumer. B.C. Gas was privatized under the Socreds (now Liberals) years ago and so the price of gas to BC consumers is set by the market. The well-head producers, if they wanted to be charitable, could sell gas to British Columbians at a reduced rate. Chances are that the provisions of The Free Trade Agreement would prevent it.

B.C. Hydro, on the other hand, is a crown corporation and British Columbians have some say in the price they should pay. Hydro rates for BC'ers are still

among the lowest in North America; in fact they have been frozen for B.C. for five, going on six years. Surplus power can be sold to the U.S. and Alberta, where gas and hydro are deregulated and for much higher rates.

Imagine how a deregulated hydro industry would have dealt with the recent shortage of power generation ability at Alcan. Also consider what Cominco did recently because the sale of power to the U.S. is more profitable than keeping workers on the job.

Now the government has received increased revenue from gas royalties due to the increased production and from the sale of hydro outside B.C. I have no quarrel with the suggestion that we should help those on low income hurt by the increased cost to heat their homes.

What I do find strange is any comment by Campbell Liberals like Gerry Bloomer and Lorne Sexton on the subject. They support a greater role for the private sector in all matters including healthcare, but when the problems appear, as they inevitably do, they'll be the first demanding government intervention. You can't have it both ways guys.

A quote from Gordon Campbell states "All Crown corporations must be examined with a view to maximizing value to the taxpayers through their sale." Does this suggest that he will intervene when costs go up? Hardly.

Helmut Giesbrecht, MLA, Skeena

## Tips on caring for cats

Dear Sir:

I am sorry Mr. Townsend. I really doubt that your cat was trapped and set free. (*The Terrace Standard*, Jan. 24, 2001).

Cats are very mysterious. I also know that there is very little trouble they get into that is not out of their own control.

Moving is very traumatic for a cat, mainly because cats have a very strong sense of territory and home.

The cat loved his home. He didn't chose to move. You don't know who he alley cats around with. He may have had a very good crowd of cool cats he left behind. Cats have been known to travel from one town to town.

The following is taken from the book *101 Training Tips for Your Cat*. "Outdoor cats should not be let outside for at least a week, preferably two. Wait until your cat seems secure in his new home. He needs time to realize this is where he belongs."

How to prevent your cat from returning to your old home - "The older your cat and the longer you lived in your old home the more likely the cat is to want to return. If the old home is nearby, then you are almost guaranteed to have problems if you let your cat outside."

"If this is the case consider keeping your cat indoors for a long time (up to a month), and even consider making him and indoor cat. Take some feces from the litter box

## Their choice

Dear Sir:

I recently heard a discussion on radio regarding the study of the creation of more and bigger centres for the treatment of drug addiction, places where the addicts will have clean needles, places to shoot up, etc.

They nurture a habit into an addiction and then expecting the general public to be sorry for them and meet the enormous costs of rehab, to say nothing of the disruption of whole city areas.

Yes, some of these addicts are dying, but they know the risk they are taking, how can they not be aware of all the pitfalls? It's their choice.

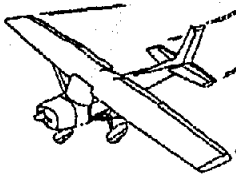
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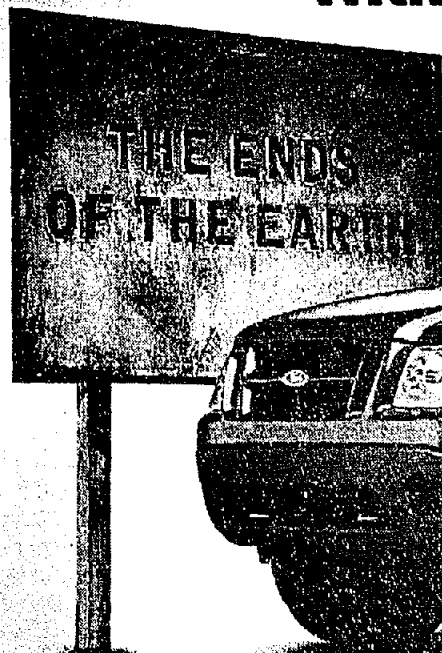
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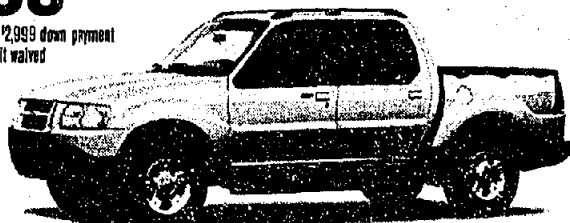


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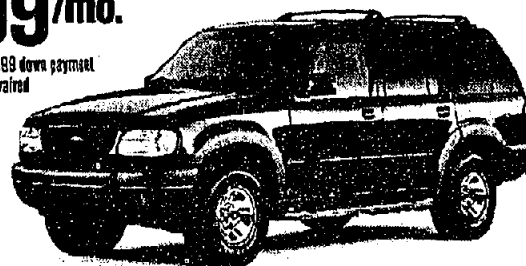
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# Federal gun police worry local shooter

A LOCAL shooting enthusiast is worried about a new offspring of the federal gun registration bureaucracy.

While Terry Morris doesn't deny the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team may have good intentions in trying to stop firearms trafficking and smuggling, he questions yet more costs in what he calls a misguided effort at gun control.

"What this is just another growth in the bureaucracy. It's providing jobs and security in that bureaucracy," said Morris who teaches firearms safety classes in Terrace.

The enforcement team is, for now, to number perhaps six individuals who will analyze information, pass along information and keep in touch with police forces across the country in the effort to stop gun

trafficking and smuggling. "I just don't think the Canadian Firearms Centre is cost effective," said Morris.

"I don't believe in empire building. The problem is that if a bureaucracy does grow, somebody doesn't have a job."

"And the need for growth can fuel misuse of the power."

David Austin of the Canadian Firearms Centre said people are wrong if they think the enforcement team is to be some kind of American-style SWAT outfit wearing black uniforms.

"They were at a meeting and they were all wearing suits," he said.

Austin added that there has never before been a national attempt at co-ordinating information on illegal weapons sales and smuggling.



Terry Morris

"This is something that the police chiefs wanted," he said.

"Now when there's a report of something going on in Vancouver, somebody at the support team will be able to say it sounds similar to a situation in Halifax"

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# Zoning to be a hot issue

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ruckus over Rosco Ventures plans for multifamily housing on the bench could be just the first of a number of similar issues.

Terrace city planner David Trawin said he's going to recommend adding more multi-family zoned land on the bench.

He said one of the pending recommendations of the city's Social Planning Commission is that there be a variety of types of housing allowed in all

neighbourhoods.

And while duplexes, townhouses and apartments are allowed in various pockets of the south-side and horseshoe, there's very little land so zoned up the hill.

Trawin notes the bench is also the part of the city where most residential growth is expected to occur.

"Some areas of the bench are very much devoid of multifamily," he said. "We're looking at

putting some multifamily in those areas."

For the most part it will be restricted to townhouse developments, he said.

Still, he said, the move may draw concern from neighbours, noting about 40 people turned out to an information meeting on the Rosco proposal just off Yeo St.

"Anytime you're looking at putting multifamily anywhere it's a hot issue," he said.

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# Historical TV show repeated after Survivor runs over it

TV VIEWERS expecting to see Louis Riel and Sir John A. Macdonald instead watched a group of Americans in the Australian outback when they switched on their sets at 8 p.m. Jan. 28.

That's because the Superbowl and then the first of the new Survivor American TV show episodes both ran over their allotted times.

Both were carried on NTV, the local CBC-TV affiliate, and because of that, the last episode of this season of *Canada. A People's History*, was joined about 20 minutes into its one-hour time period.

NTV general manager Stefanie Weber said it is not uncommon for live TV shows, especially sporting events, to extend past their scheduled times.

"It's something we have no control over and it can become a bit challenging," said Weber.

In this situation, it wasn't feasible to begin *Canada. A People's History* once *Survivor* finally ended or to cut off the latter at 8 p.m., she added.

"In a case like this, we're dealing with network feeds," said Weber in that NTV did not have a tape of *Canada. A People's History* so that it could air it in its entirety once *Survivor* had ended.

"It was a judgment call and the usual procedure is to join something in progress when this kind of thing happens," she said.

Weber noted that *Survivor* is a popular show and that NTV risked angering viewers if it was suddenly cut off.

*Canada. A People's History* is a multi-million dollar, two-year production of the CBC.

Viewers in other parts of B.C. and the west faced similar circumstances when their local CBC TV affiliates also joined the history show in progress.

The final episode concerned the formation of Manitoba as a province, the entry of B.C. into Confederation and the construction of the railway across the country.

"That's the unfortunate part. It makes it even worse," said CBC official Zach Kourous of the subject matter.

"We're in the process of talking to our affiliates to find out exactly what happened."

As a CBC affiliate, NTV is obligated to carry a core group of CBC shows and *Canada. A People's History* is one of them. "It's a reserved time program. Viewers should have seen the program," said Kourous.

Affiliates can apply for variances to this policy and NTV did that for another CBC program, *Wind at My Back*, which normally airs at 7 p.m. Sundays, said Weber.

It was broadcast earlier Jan. 28 and that was made possible because NTV programmers knew beforehand the Superbowl and *Survivor* would take up *Wind at My Back's* regular time slot.

After conversations with CBC officials, NTV did rebroadcast the episode in its entirety at 6 p.m. this past Sunday. Weber also noted that NTV had been repeating all of the *Canada. A People's History* episodes later in the evening of their Sunday air dates.

Prince George CBC affiliate CKPG also ran the final episode again on Feb. 4.

For those who have missed all or some of the episodes since Christmas, they'll be broadcast again on *NewsWorld* later this month.

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# Deputy fire chief goes to new job in Vernon

THE TERRACE fire department is losing a familiar face later this week.

Deputy fire chief Rick Owens begins a deputy fire chief position in Vernon Feb. 15 after nearly 27 years of service here.

"I'll miss working with everyone, but there will be new challenges down there," said Owens last week.

Owens began with the Terrace department in 1974 as a volunteer.

In 1980 he became a career firefighter and he spent several years as a trainer for the department's new recruits.

In 1993 he took on the role of deputy fire chief.

Firefighting has always been an important part of Owens' life.

His father, Andy Owens, was fire chief in Terrace for sixteen years.

He stepped down in 1974. And twin brother, Rob, is the fire chief in Campbell River.

After Owens leaves, the fire department will undertake an operational review to determine whether or not a replacement for him will be hired.

The review is required by the city, but fire chief, Randy Smith says he is "cautiously optimistic" that a replacement will be required given the key role the deputy fire chief plays within the department.



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The Trucker's Christmas Party committee would like to thank all the companies, businesses and individuals that helped to make our 18th annual party a big success by donating door prizes and support.

For the past 18 years the monies raised from the party have been distributed throughout our community to a variety of local charities or families in need of a little help. This year our profit went to help a family from Terrace - Dean, Nadine, and Tori Turner. Dean & Nadine's daughter Tori (3 yrs old) was diagnosed last February with Wilms tumor (cancer of the kidney). Tori has undergone many months of medical treatments ranging from surgery to her kidney and one lung to chemotherapy and radiation. The treatments Tori must have are not available in Terrace, therefore the Turners were forced to quit their jobs and move closer to Vancouver.



Tori after treatment

The profit of \$1000 was raised from the Trucker's Christmas party and given to Turners, as well as, another \$932 raised from passing around the cowboy boots from our Millionaire trucker, J.P. Clampt, (star from our Christmas skit). We wish all the best to Dean & Nadine and a speedy and healthy recovery for Tori.

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# MP settles into job by calling for budget

ROOKIE SKEENA Alliance MP Andy Burton has joined other members of his caucus in demanding the federal government table a budget.

Although the federal Liberals did release a mini-budget last fall, just prior to the election, a better economic plan is now needed, he says.

"It looks like an economic downturn is imminent and we need a budget that provides some tax relief," Burton said last week just after the throne speech signalled the opening of a new parliamentary session.

He did concede that last fall's mini-budget did introduce tax cuts which took hold Jan. 1.

Still, Burton said the Liberals must provide a spending and taxing plan suitable for the coming year.

Burton made his comments just days after settling into his MP's role in Ottawa.

He's hired one office person, who also worked for predecessor Mike Scott, but expects to hire



Andy Burton

another.

"You would not believe the amount of paper that flows here. I just can't get over it," Burton commented.

He's also learning new ways in which to work and last week, sent his first e-mail.

Burton is the Alliance's critic for public works and has already been getting anonymous brown envelopes of information concerning that portfolio.

What's interesting, Bur-

ton notes, is that the envelopes are arriving with his name on them meaning that people know who to send information to if they think there's a problem with public works.

As well as learning more about his critic's portfolio, Burton spent time preparing his maiden speech to parliament.

He'll be talking about his riding and its potential.

Because Burton is the Alliance critic for public works, he sits on the parliamentary committee overlooking that area.

"It's a joint committee with natural resources and that's exactly concerns the riding - fish, oil, gas," said Burton.

"There's potential in Skeena for oil and gas and mining has potential," he said.

"My focus will be on the riding - how to make things happen."

Constituents will also be able to catch a glimpse of Burton in Parliament because he sits behind and just to the side of Alliance leader Stockwell Day.

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"It doesn't take 4 people to shop, Mom," Rick groaned. "This isn't quality time, it's child abuse! What if someone sees us?"

Jeffrey appealed to his father. "Can't we just hang out at the front of the store?"

"Well...I suppose so."

Rick ran off with Jeffrey. "Let's check out the magazine rack."

Rick reached for a copy of Video Games Monthly. "Hmmm...I need some chocolate milk while I read."

Rick got the drink from the store fridge and turned to Jeffrey. "Got any cash?"

Jeffrey emptied his pockets. "I've got 16 cents."

Rick sighed. "Better put it back then." He tossed the carton to Jeffrey.

Jeffrey tossed it back. "Stop fooling around, Rick. The manager's glaring at us."

The manager whispered to her assistant. "Let's keep an eye on those boys."

Rick went to put his carton back.

The manager went right after to check the fridge. "Ah hah! I knew he was up to no good. One of the chocolate milk cartons has been opened. And it's half empty!"

She ran after Rick. "Hey, kid! I want to talk to you about that chocolate milk."

Rick got flustered. "What? I didn't do anything."

"Come with me."  
"NO! I don't want to!"  
The manager led Rick by the arm to the office. "Did you drink from that carton?"  
Rick was getting very nervous. "No way!"  
Jeffrey ran looking for their parents. "Mom, Dad! They've taken Rick away!"  
The parents rushed over to the manager's office.

"Where's our son?" Rick's mother asked.  
The manager smiled. "Just a little misunderstanding. He's free to go."  
Rick's mother was outraged. "How dare you drag my son into your office. We're suing the store for false arrest!"

In court, Rick's mother argued furiously. "Your Honour, the manager took Rick away to be questioned for no good reason. That's false arrest. Just because he's a kid doesn't mean a supermarket should become a police state."

The store manager argued back. "Rick was acting suspiciously, Your Honour. After I found the opened chocolate milk carton, it was perfectly reasonable to ask him some questions. I took him to the office to avoid embarrassing him. I had an obligation to the store and to the public to keep the store safe."

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Today's column is based on a case from the province of British Columbia. If you have a similar problem, please consult Wright & Mardiros in your province. We are proud to bring you some of the current legal issues from across the country for discussion and debate. To provide compelling entertainment, we have fictionalized the names, the characters and the scenarios in the case. Any resemblance to real people is purely coincidental. In the interest of clarity and brevity, the legal issues in the case have been greatly reduced and simplified. Claire Bernstein is a lawyer and nationally syndicated columnist. Copyright 2001 Halka Enterprises. A26-1

# Nisga'a buy a home for foster children

AN ARM of the Nisga'a Lisims Government has purchased a house here on Queensway Dr.

"It's going to be used as a foster home," said Maurice Squires, the director of Nisga'a Child and Family Services.

The foster home - which is called a Nisga'a Care Home - is the first of a number of such houses aiming to provide more Nisga'a-friendly care for children apprehended by social workers.

"The idea is to have a Nisga'a Care Home in every Nisga'a community so we don't have to rely on the Ministry of Children and Families to house any Nisga'a children," Squires explained.

Aboriginal people, the Nisga'a included, have long had concerns about ministry placement of aboriginal children.

More customized child services run by the Nisga'a government are intended to keep Nisga'a children more connected to their culture and extended family.

For that reason, Squires said, the house on Queensway is being renovated so it will have an in-law suite.

Out-of-town family members will be able to stay in the suite when they want to visit their child in



A HOUSE on Queensway has been purchased by an arm of the Nisga'a Lisims Government as a residence for foster children. That's Harley Chisholm of S.W.H. Masonry and Construction working on some of the renovations.

the foster home.

"They can spend the day with the child, stay in the in-law suite and visit with the child instead of hoofing it downtown and staying at a hotel or motel," he said.

Foster parents will be

selected to live in the home and take on foster children as required.

Squires said his department tracks about 200 files involving Nisga'a children, and about 40 Nisga'a children are in foster homes at any given time.

# Grant aids children

A GRANT increase for the Terrace Child Development Centre will mean more therapy time and shorter waiting lists for children, executive director Margot Van Kleeck said.

The child development centre recently learned it's getting an additional \$85,000 a year from the Ministry for Children and Families to expand its therapy programs.

"It makes a big difference for our children," Van Kleeck said.

The centre is now recruiting a full time physiotherapist.

Speech therapy and occupational therapy services will also expand, because the additional money means more staff can be hired.

Van Kleeck hopes the expanded positions can be filled by local therapists because it's difficult to recruit people from out of town for part-time positions.

"It's the first time our therapy complement of staff has gone up," she said. "Right now we're really stretched."

For more than 25 years, the Terrace Child Development Centre has been providing children with developmental disabilities and their families with therapy, preschool and supportive child care programs, and prevention education.

The centre sees about 120 new referrals each year, or one-quarter of all the live births in Terrace.

As well, between 190 and 220 children under age six attend the facility each year for speech, developmental therapy.

The injection of money from the ministry, part of a \$6 million government expansion of early childhood support programs in the province, is good news for parents and children here in Terrace, Van Kleeck said.

"It means assessment

won't take as long," she said, adding there's currently a three-month waiting list.

Of that \$6 million, \$870,500 went to agencies in the north that offer the following programs for children under six and their families: infant development and supported child care programs, occupational and physiotherapy, and speech language therapy.

Van Kleeck said the news coincides with a five per cent wage increase for non-unionized staff working at the centre.

"This just increases the benefits we have, plus about a five per cent wage increase," she said, adding it's been seven years since wages there have gone up.

"The unions have been getting increases and we haven't."

The increase means the centre will be able to extend medical services plan benefits to staff.

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# BUSINESS REVIEW

## Election is already on for forestry spin doctor

THE PROVINCIAL election has already begun as far as the B.C. forest industry is concerned.

Its top lobbyist, Council of Forest Industries president Ron MacDonald, was here last month as part of a campaign-style tour of the province to make the health of the forest industry an election issue.

He's in the midst of 158 speeches over four months all geared at making sure the industry's needs aren't lost in the chaos of the coming campaign.

"We want to make sure these things are election issues," he said

MacDonald measures his success by the degree to which both the governing NDP and the opposition B.C. Liberals have adopted COFI proposals for forest policy change.

And on that basis, he says he's doing well.

The NDP has essentially agreed to at least three planks of COFI's five-point plan for forestry change, entitled *A Blueprint For Competitiveness*, MacDonald added.

The B.C. Liberals have suggested they'd deliver on all five points, to varying degrees, he said.

MacDonald said both parties agree with the top



COFI PRESIDENT Ron MacDonald is in the midst of a vigorous lobbying campaign to push the forest industry's issues ahead of a provincial election.

objective that the industry be given a secure land base that recognizes the "working forest" and protects it from further incursions by environmentalists and other sources of erosion.

But MacDonald, who has been a federal Liberal MP from the Maritimes and who has worked as a bureaucrat in the federal government, won't say if COFI will back one party or the other in the election, which must be called by June.

"COFI is not going to endorse any political party," he said. "This election should be about

choices."

Another key goal is to resist environmental campaigners' attempts to drastically reduce the annual allowable cut from its present level of 71 million cubic metres of wood per year.

Instead, COFI calls for an increase, arguing that improved productivity in second growth stands, among other factors, suggest that's possible.

"We think reason tells us we can go significantly higher on the same footprint of land," MacDonald said.

He's also pushing for more flexible implementa-

tion of the Forest Practices Code to allow companies to fulfill its requirements in a less costly way.

The province is already experimenting with another COFI objective - stumpage reform. It has gone ahead with a trial on the coast and here that bases timber royalties companies must pay the crown on a bidding system. Current overall government policy is to set stumpage based on government revenue targets, a factor companies say doesn't reflect the reality of what they can get for the wood in the marketplace.

The final objective is to achieve, if not outright privatization of forest land, then longer term tenures that will give the industry more time to profit from its investment in the land.

"We have to compete with operators who have large amounts of private lands," MacDonald noted.

All the elements in the COFI plan would help improve the industry's competitiveness

He said that would make the sector better able to weather future market downturns, and deliver the forest royalties government requires.

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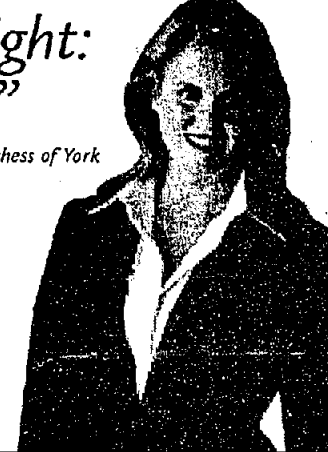
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### Overwaitea layoffs hit staff here

NINETEEN OF the Overwaitea store's more senior employees have been affected by the company's plan to cut labour costs.

Of the 19, six took transfers to other Overwaitea stores - including Kitimat - and nine people took enhanced severance packages, says company official Darrell Jones.

Three people remain on the store's recall list, four had been on extended leaves and one person took part of a severance package and was hired back at a lower rate.

Severance payments were three times what would normally have been the case, Jones said.

"I'm not happy when one person has to leave," he said. "We worked hard and we did our best to place as many people as we could."

The Terrace Overwaitea store was one of eight across the province at which United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 1518 members agreed to a mediator's proposal last month to have senior people work half of the stores' hours and junior people work the other half of the hours.

In return, the company agreed to keep open six stores that had been scheduled to close this year.

Terrace wasn't one of those six but it was one of two on a special "watch list" of stores having poorer economic performances.

A mediator was called in last year in response to numerous filings by the company and the union to the provincial Labour Relations Board.

Union members voted in December to accept the mediator's findings.

As part of that package, Overwaitea agreed to spend up to a \$1 million at its store here to increase its competitiveness.

"We're planning to invest some money into the store in the near future," said Jones who declined to give further details.

He didn't rule out the possibility the company's long-term plan is to find a new site for the store here.

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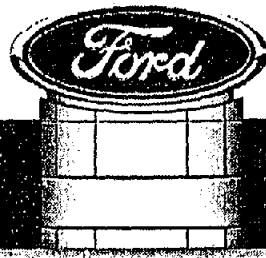
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# Auto crime soars here

AUTO crime rates in the Terrace region are way up over last year.

According to ICBC numbers, a total of 332 auto crime claims were logged in 2000 compared to only 175 in 1999.

Auto crime include vehicles stolen or vandalized as well as thefts from vehicles.

This comes just as the corporation released a report saying that auto crime in 2000 was down one per cent in B.C., compared to the previous year.

Dave Dickson, ICBC regional manager, says that the local numbers can be deceiving.

"For our area, the petty stuff is up and the serious stuff is down," he said.

In 1999 the area including Terrace, Kitimat and the Nass Valley recorded 44 vehicles stolen, the most serious type of auto crime.

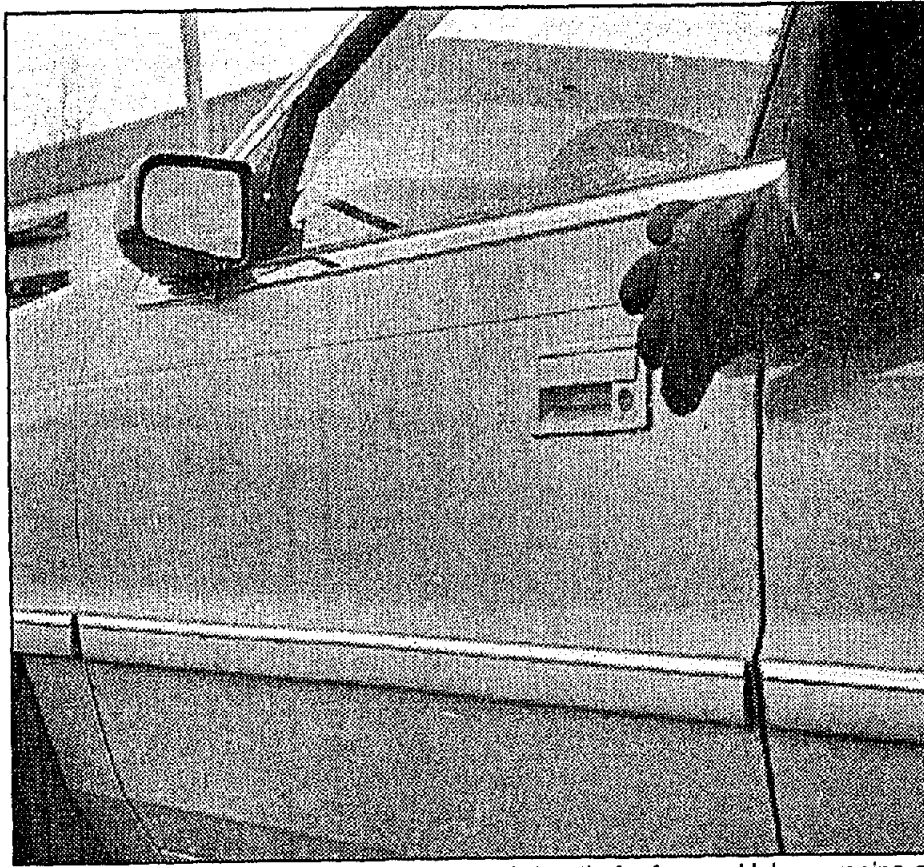
That number dropped to 33 cars stolen last year, down 25 per cent.

When compared to the provincial average those numbers are very good indeed.

The province showed only a 2.8 per cent decrease in theft of vehicle claims.

Dickson reminds drivers to never leave a vehicle running unattended.

"It takes only five seconds to secure your vehicle and only three seconds for a person to steal a vehicle," he said.



THEFTS OF VEHICLES may have dropped, but thefts from vehicles remains a big problem. It only takes a minute to lock up a vehicle and it is a good habit to undertake, says ICBC. The crown corporation and police also remind motorists to remove valuables from plain sight to avoid them presenting an easy target.



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# Hawkair expands into Rupert

TERRACE-BASED Hawkair is venturing into the Prince Rupert market as of Feb. 27.

It's a modest expansion - one flight a day, two days a week - but that may increase if demand goes up, says Rod Hayward, one of the company's three managing partners.

The Prince Rupert flights on Tuesday and Saturday won't affect Hawkair's Terrace service because it operates only one flight on those days anyway, he said.

"We'll still be departing here at 8 a.m. those days. The Rupert flights will take place before we return to Terrace," Hayward added.

"And because we only had one flight a day on those two days, adding Prince Rupert will give us a little more utilization of the aircraft."

Hayward noted that Hawkair has been heavily lobbied by people in Prince Rupert to offer flights from there since it started Terrace-based operations last fall.

The airline has been getting a steady amount of passengers from Prince Rupert.

Some used a shuttle bus services, but it's been cancelled because of costs.

"This way, if people want to use us, they might have to come to Terrace," said Hayward.

Prices are going to be marginally more than here for Prince Rupert tickets but that reflects the higher user fee at the airport there.

Hayward also said continued high fuel costs have forced it to increase ticket costs here.

One of its return advanced purchase fares of \$368, for instance, now costs \$399.

# Thefts add up

RESIDENTIAL and business properties in Thornhill have been extensively targeted for break-ins in the last few months.

A green 1999 Kawasaki dirt bike was stolen from Bear Creek Contracting in December 2000 and six Husqvarna chain saws were stolen from a residence.

In a third incident earlier in January, several items were stolen from the Thornhill Firehall. Taken were an NEC multimedia projector, a Radio Shack portable scanner, a television and a VCR.

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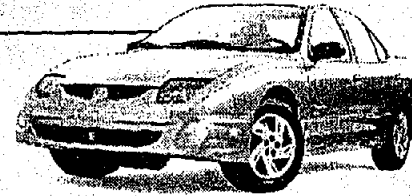
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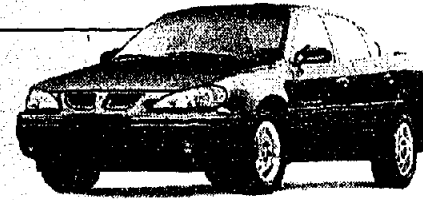
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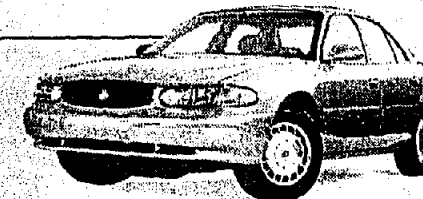
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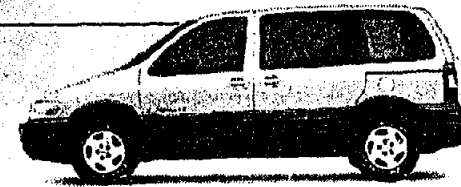
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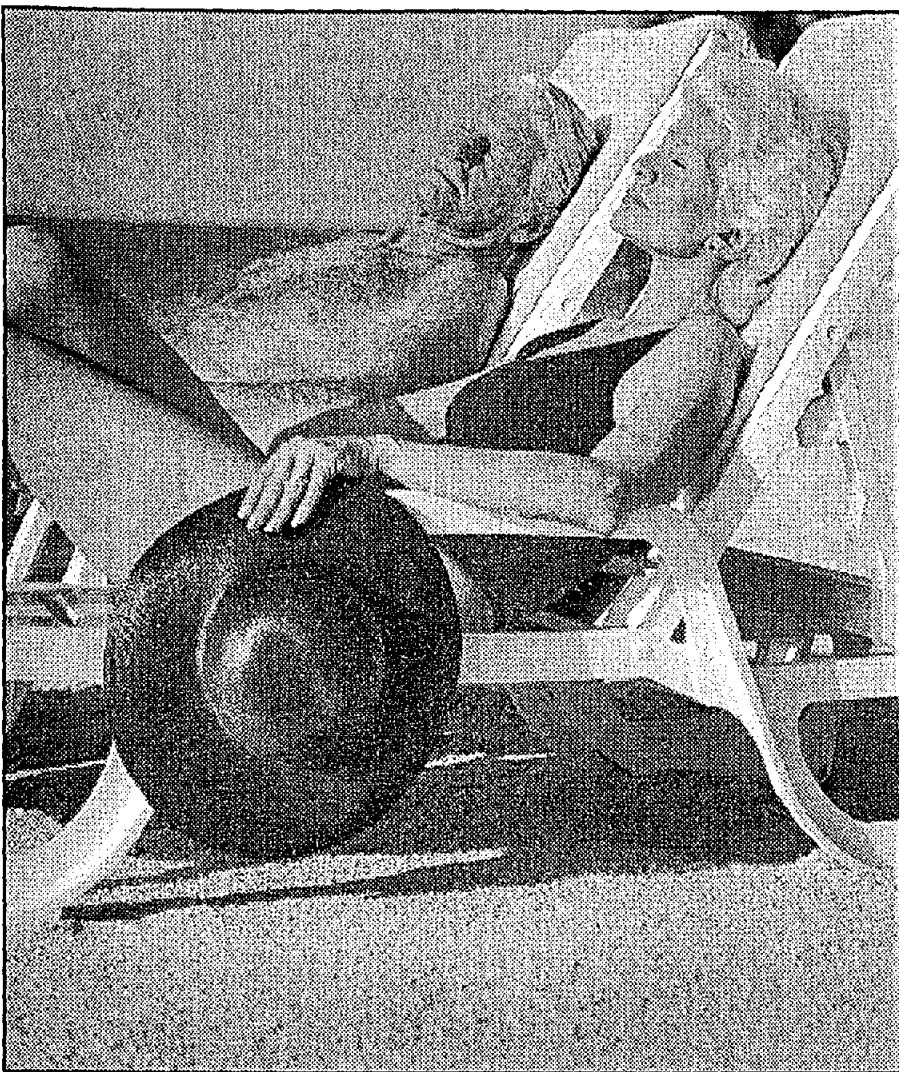
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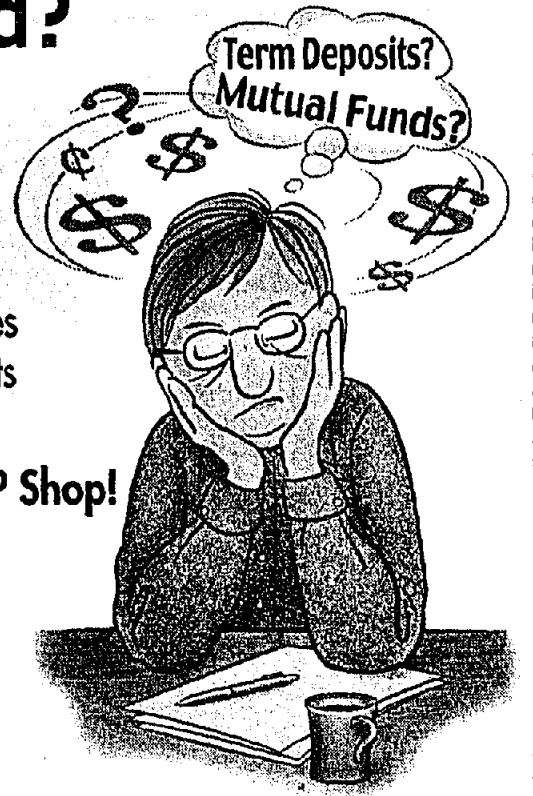
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# Tahltan oppose ban on grizzly bear hunt

Moratorium would cripple northern guide-outfitting industry

By JEFF NAGEL

A PROVINCE-WIDE ban on grizzly bear hunting would be an economic body blow to native villages like Iskut and Telegraph Creek, say residents north of here.

"It's very important to us," said Iskut chief councillor Louis Louie, who is appealing directly to Premier Ujjal Dosanjh not to cave in to pressure in southern B.C. to ban grizzly hunting.

"We're telling him that maybe down there they have a grizzly shortage, but up here we have no shortage of grizzly bears," Louie said.

"Just because they call that basketball team the Grizzlies down there don't mean nothing up here," he added.

Indeed, when rich Americans and Europeans want to see and shoot grizzlies, the remote Spatsizi wilderness is where they go.

The big bucks they drop into Hwy 37 villages like Iskut translate into much-needed jobs for their Tahltan residents.

A ban would effectively shut down the trophy hunt, affecting five guiding territories in the region that employ at least 40 people, said Tahltan Land Use Office coordinator



TROPHY HUNTERS sometimes have their grizzly kills turned into bear rugs, like this one.

Brad Nothstein.

"The majority of guide-outfitting properties in our traditional territory are operated by Tahltans," Nothstein said. "Having those opportunities are a very important part of our economy up here."

The Iskut band operates its own guide-outfitting operation.

Louie said Eagle River Guiding employs about a dozen seasonal employees - from guides to wranglers to cooks - in a village where jobs are scarce.

"It brings in good money," Louie said.

Aboriginal concerns are twofold. Besides the threat to the guide-outfitting industry, they also fear a ban could be made to apply to their aboriginal rights to hunt for food, social and ceremonial purposes.

The only way those rights can be overridden is if hunting would jeopardize stocks.

And Louie contends there's no evidence of that.

"There's no scientific proof that there's a shortage of grizzly bears," he said. "There's no biological evidence to support the closing of the grizzly bear hunt."

Tahltan guides also employ non-natives in the region.

Terrace assistant guide George Chinn is among those who work for Tahltan guide Fletcher Day.

"The impact on the guide outfitters would be devastating - to both aboriginal and non-aboriginals," Chinn said.

"I just can't see any reason for shutting it down," he said. "It's well-managed by the government."

## From front

# Ban would ignite hunt fairness furor

Nyce said present estimates suggest around seven grizzlies can be hunted in the area each year. He said the Nisga'a should be entitled to two or three of them under a formula in the treaty.

The rest of the huntable bears in the area, which covers most of the Nass watershed, are allocated for other natives and non-native hunters.

A ban would deny them from hunting those bears.

And that would break the B.C. government's promise to non-native hunters prior to passing the treaty and raise the spectre of unequal treatment, says Watmough, who was a strong treaty supporter.

"The province would be obliged to continue giving the Nisga'a bears," he said. "If there was a complete ban the other side wouldn't get any. And boy would that make them angry."

Other aboriginal groups in treaty talks are negotiating similar wildlife entitlements, meaning more areas of the province could likewise end up exempt from a grizzly hunting ban as new treaties are signed.

Skeena MLA Helmut Giesbrecht predicts an effort by government to ban grizzly hunting could also

B.C. environment ministry is there's no need for any change in the annual hunt to protect grizzly stocks.

"Someone is definitely going to take the issue to court," he said. "If ministry officials don't agree there's a need [for a ban] for conservation then you're not out of the woods on that."

Giesbrecht says he opposes banning the hunt province-wide and has made that clear to the rest of the NDP caucus, which is divided on the issue along urban and rural lines.

"If someone proves to me with numbers that they are endangered, I don't mind using whatever means necessary including a moratorium to protect be shot down in the courts.

Native groups exercising their aboriginal right to hunt can only be denied for conservation reasons.

If the province imposed a moratorium and tried to make it stick to the aboriginal traditional hunt as well, Giesbrecht said, native hunters would quickly mount a legal challenge.

And he says they'd have a good case because the prevailing view in the them," Giesbrecht said.

In the absence of clear evidence, he said, he'd be amenable to a reduced

hunt while researchers try to get better population estimates, but added a moratorium would be wrong.

"Once you put in place an outright ban it's very hard to get it lifted."

Giesbrecht said activists opposing the grizzly bear hunt might also target other species.

"Some of these groups don't support catch-and-release fishing - which they suggest is torturing the fish

- so who knows where some of this stuff is leading," he said. "It could be the thin edge of the wedge and you get into a ban upon all hunting and it goes on and on and on."

"All of this has a very profound effect on the outdoor recreation industry," Giesbrecht added.

The B.C. Liberals also oppose a ban on grizzly hunting without clear evidence of the need for one.

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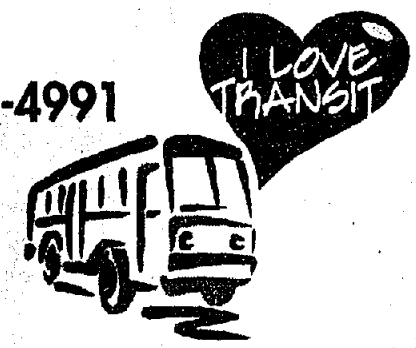
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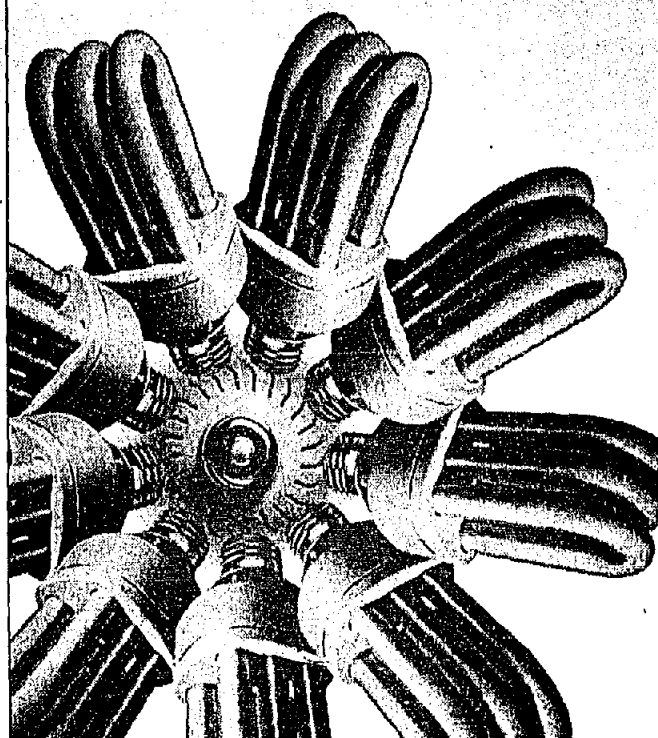
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## Around Town

### Santa found many warm hearts here

THIS JUST IN - a message from Santa's Terrace Headquarters, AKA Nelson McGinlay's house on Highway 16 West: "Thank you."

Each year, the McGinlays festoon their yard with a dazzling array of colourful Christmas lights and decorations, a beacon to children and their parents who come to take a peek, and visit with Santa.

This year 516 children, plus their parents and grandparents, visited with Santa Claus outside the home in the evenings leading up to the Big Night, donating \$1,400 to McGinlay's Christmas Fund. McGinlay also appears as Santa Claus at many corporate Christmas parties in December. Those businesses donated another \$1,200 to the fund, totalling \$2,600.

Of that, \$1,580 will be donated to the Terrace Fire Department for the firefighters' burn fund; \$680 will be donated to breast cancer research; and the remaining \$340 will be donated to the Fishermans' Park enhancement project, in memory of Trevor Olson.

Nelson McGinlay and his wife Pat also send an apology to the people of Terrace; they both fell ill during Christmas, so the lights at Santa's Headquarters were darkened early this year.

They would also like to send a special thank you to their generous neighbours, Jerry and Yvonne, for their help powering the annual display.

### White Cane Week

CANADA'S AGING population is fuelling the number of visually impaired or blind clients assisted by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Aging is a major cause of vision loss, and more than 90 per cent of all new clients are senior citizens, the institute reports.

The CNIB, a non-profit agency established in 1918, offers rehabilitation services to people who are blind, visually impaired or deafblind, through a network of 57 centres across the country.

This Saturday, staff and volunteers at the local CNIB will be at the Skeena Mall between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. as part of White Cane Week, a national awareness campaign. You're invited to come and meet them. As well, the western Canadian rep of a company that makes low and high vision aids will also be on hand for demonstrations.

### Stopping violence and crime in local schools

SOME LOCAL students will be working with teachers, school staff and police officers this week to help prevent violence in schools.

The Youth Taking Action workshop takes place at the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly Feb. 7 and 8.

Following the workshop, the students will head back to their own schools armed with ideas and strategies to teach other students how to deal with intimidation, harassment and violence.

Terrace is one of 13 communities where Youth Taking Action workshops, presented by the B.C. Ministry of the Attorney General, are being held.

The anti-violence and crime workshop comes just as the Coast Mountains School District is considering enacting a district-wide anti-bullying policy.

The school board got the ball rolling in December, when it decided to ask each school in the district to send in a copy of their bullying policies. Those are now being reviewed by the district's education committee in order to develop a district-wide anti-bullying policy.

District superintendent Herb Fader was among those concerned attending a public meeting on bullying in Terrace Dec. 12. The meeting, called Isn't it Time? was organized by Dierdre McEwan.

All schools have been asked to provide district's education committee to review bullying policies at each school.

### Fourth Rising Spirit workshop announced

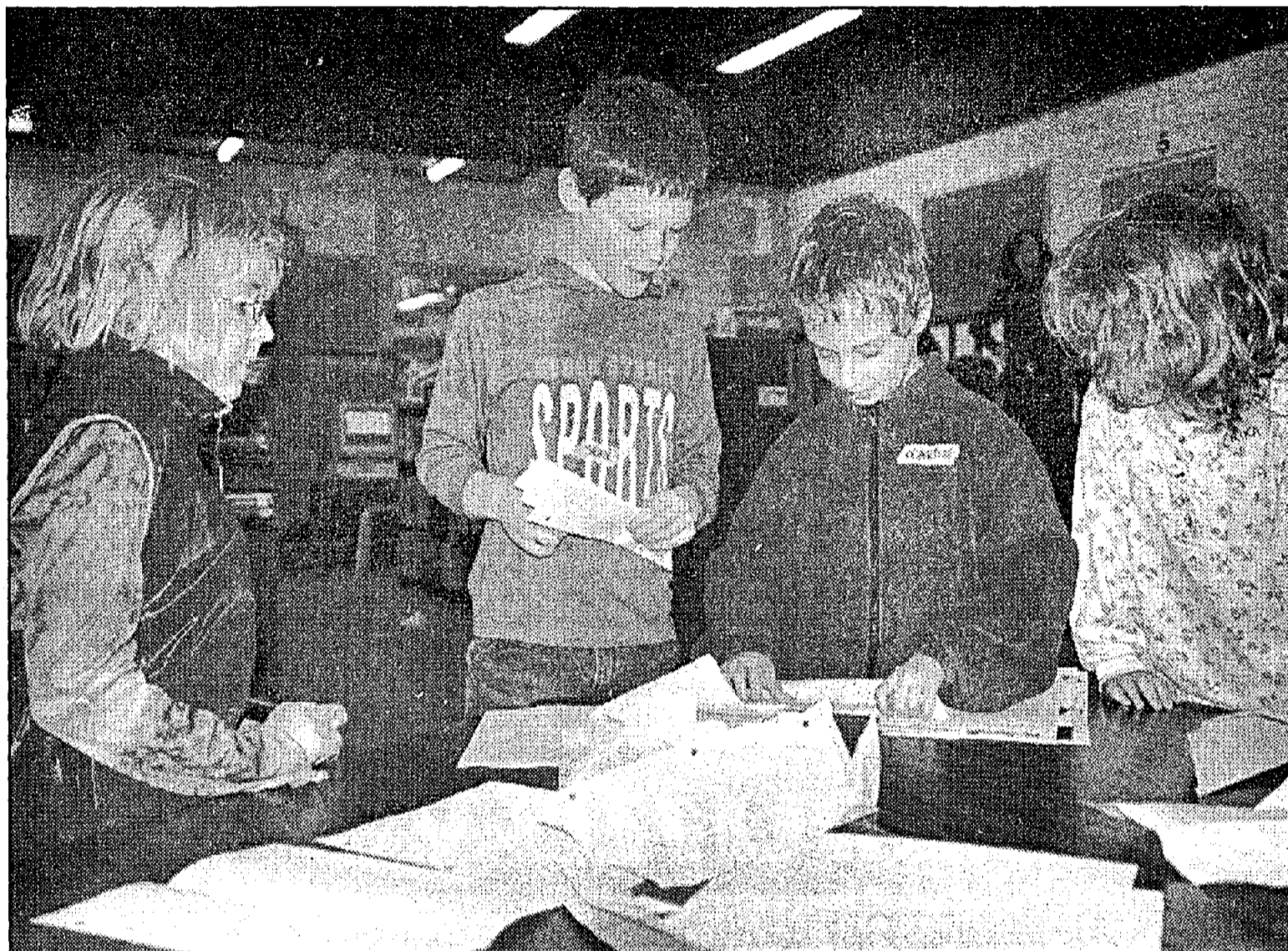
MOVIE STAR and native leader Chief Leonard George comes to Terrace later this month when the Friendship Society's alcohol and drug program hosts Rising Spirit IV.

George is described as a traditionalist and spiritual leader. He's also a lecturer and consultant with a decidedly ironic sense of humour.

The two-and-a-half day workshop will also feature Lee Brown, a Kelowna college instructor who uses traditional First Nations approaches to healing, learning, personal growth and community development.

Topics include community development on alcohol and drugs, prophecies, abuse, healing and spirituality, organizer Benita Chapdelaine says.

The workshops take place at the Kermode Friendship Society Feb. 21, 22 and 23. To register or for more information, call 635-7670.



PERFECTING PAPER airplanes. Students in E.T. Kenney's science club compare folding techniques. They later took their paper planes for a test flight.

## Celebrating science

Preparations build for the annual festival

By JENNIFER LANG

HOW DO planes fly?

Scientific inquiry begins with a question like that, as several dozen E.T. Kenney Primary School students learned during a recent demonstration of the concept of "lift".

They watched in rapt amazement as parent Sasa Loggin, model airplane in hand, gestured the action air makes over a plane's

wings, lifting the hulking mass into the air.

Later, real live pilots, Hawkair's Scott and Wayne, shared a valuable tip every kid needs to know - how to make a paper airplane.

It was science in action, and since the start of the new year, E.T. Kenney has hosted a weekly Science Club featuring experiments and demonstrations by Loggin and Nancy Jay, both parent volunteers.

"The idea is to generate interest in science projects and provide assistance with the projects they want to enter in the upcoming science fair," school principal Sue Springer says.

Students all over Terrace are gearing up for the annual festival, which takes place Feb. 17 at Thornhill Junior.

The gym will be a hive of activity as students, teachers and parents gather to view displays, perform experiments, compete in contests, or take part in science activities.

Debra Thame, science festival committee chair and a teacher at Clarence Michiel Elementary, says the festival going to be non-competitive this year.

Judges will instead offer

constructive comments. Prizes will be awarded by drawing entrants' names out of a barrel.

The decision to go non-competitive was made because judging 400 or more entries each year was a lot of work.

"How can you pick the best 60?" she says, adding it was difficult keeping criteria consistent.

More troubling, however, was the fact that organizers noticed some students had a lot of help from their parents, while others obviously did the work themselves.

This way, there is more incentive for students to complete their work on their own.

"The whole idea of the Science Festival, the original mandate was simply to promote science within this age group," Thame says.

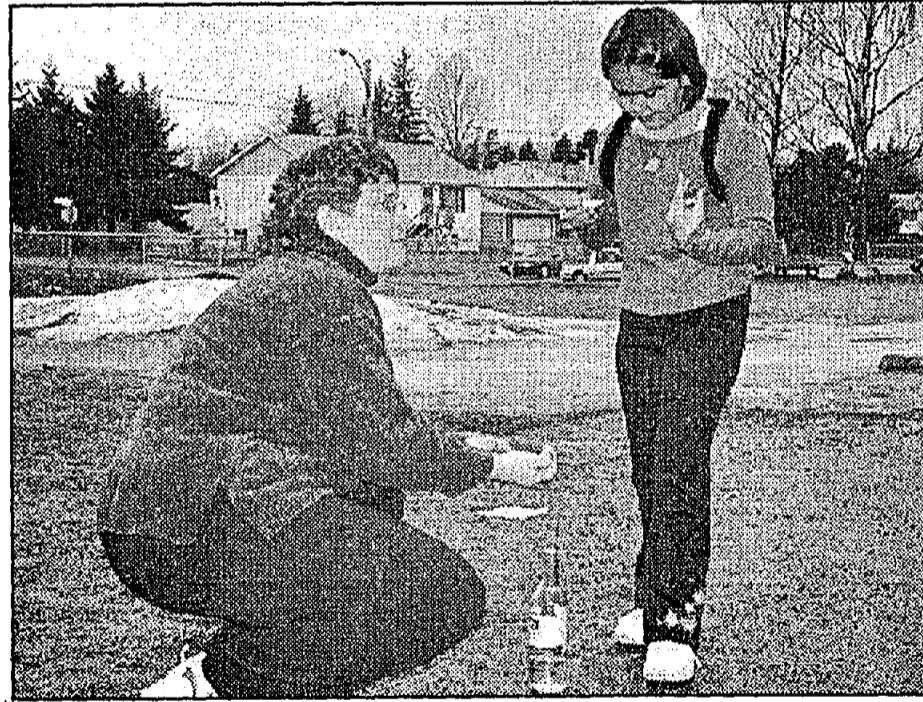
Organizers will consider going back to a competitive festival if entries are way down from last year.

"If we drop to 150, then absolutely we'd have to look at competitive entries again."

Keeners craving competition, she says, still have the option of entering regional, provincial and national competitions.



E.T. KENNEY'S Skylene Smith uses a magnifying glass to see tiny alevins, a kind of juvenile salmon.



FELICIA BOLTON watches her teacher Debra Thame of Clarence Michiel Elementary launch a bottle rocket made with vinegar, water and baking soda.

## Demand steady for Pioneer Legacy

Released in December, *Chronicles of the Lower Skeena River* part two also sparks a renewed interest in Volume One among novice history buffs

COPIES OF *Pioneer Legacy, Volume II*, are making their way across town, the province - and the globe - as sales maintain a steady pace following its recent publication.

The locally written and compiled history book is the second instalment of the late Norma V. Bennett's *Chronicles of the Lower Skeena River*, published by the Dr. R.E.M. Lee Hospital Foundation just before Christmas.

"The sales are very good," reports Helene McRae, who helped complete the book after Bennett passed away last year.

"I'm just sorry Mrs. Bennett isn't here to see it, because I think she'd be pretty proud of it."

In fact, it's selling just as well as Volume I.

"I think maybe more people are interested in it because of the

human interest, because it starts with some of the pioneers they know."

She and her husband Bill McRae, both members of the hospital foundation, are selling copies of the book, which is also available at local stores.

"I've sent a couple of copies down to the States, and one to Switzerland," she says. "They're going all over the world."

Closer to home, former Terrace residents are also requesting copies of the book, including long-time Terrace logger and contractor Ray Skoglund, now of White Rock, B.C., has requested a copy.

Fan letters are also pouring in, including one from the man after whom the foundation is named.

"This is an extremely important book from an historical point of view - the best I have seen on such a subject," wrote former Terrace resident Dr. R.E.M. Lee, who now resides in Victoria.

Phyllis Bowman, author of 14 books on the region, wrote, "The book is beautiful - it is professional looking and so many good clear pictures."

McRae also notes there's renewed interest in Volume I.

"I guess people are interested in local history and realize how valuable it is to preserve it," she

says. In keeping with Bennett's intent, both books are published by the R.E.M. Lee Hospital Foundation as fundraising projects to raise money to purchase hospital equipment for Mills Memorial Hospital.

McRae says the hospital badly needs a new mammography unit. The current one is 12 years old and out of date. Replacement costs range around \$130,000. The unit's processor, meanwhile, is 14 years old. It will cost another \$60,000 to replace.

Volume I won a B.C. Historical Society prize the year it was published.

McRae ways the second volume could be in the running this year, too. It's been entered in the annual contest. Judging takes place later this year.







ROAD APPLES (formerly In Step) in concert: Mitch Adams (foreground), Steve Little and Bill Lenuik. Drummer Daryl McDicken is not pictured.

## Rockers help bring ski trip within reach

FOR LOCAL rockers Road Apples a recent gig at Cassie Hall Elementary School may have been a first.

After all, how many rock bands play an elementary school dance?

The four-man band's Jan. 25 appearance offered up a rare treat for Grade 6 and 7 students - and some parents, says school principal Joe Vidal.

"Everybody had a grand time," Vidal says, adding the band played a mix of classic rock and some more modern tunes.

The band, a four-piece featuring Steve Little, Bill Lenuik, Mitch Adams and,

behind the drum kit, Daryl McDicken, the school's music teacher, played at the dance because it was a benefit concert for the ski program.

"The guys didn't want anything," Vidal says.

Although most intermediate schools in Terrace take students skiing at Shames Mountain for a couple of days during the school year, Cassie Hall simply hasn't offered the ski trip in recent years.

"Some parents have two or more kids in Grade 6 and 7 and the costs add up very quickly," Vidal says.

"Right now it's a hard

time in the economy and we don't want kids, for financial reasons, to be limited."

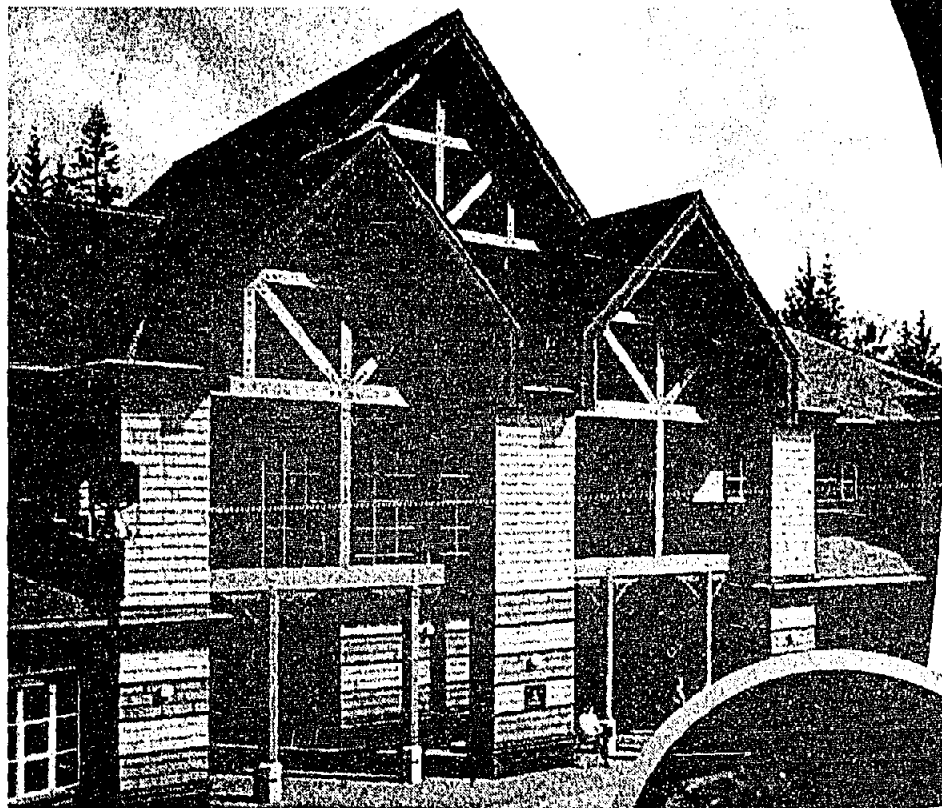
Thanks to some creative fundraising, the dance included, the school has been able to cut the cost of the ski program in half, to just \$50 (or \$58 for snowboarding).

That includes two lift passes, two lessons, transportation to and from Shames Mountain, and equipment rental.

"It's an expensive sport to pick up, but this way, at least kids will have an exposure to it."

The school hits the slopes Feb. 14 and 28.

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## Gov't needs support

Every time the beleaguered and befuddled New Democrat government drags a plow across the political field of this province the furrow fills up with snakes. The history of preternaturally Supernatural B.C. is full of political boondoggles. Some of them even bigger than the great fast ferry debacle. But under the inflationary glare of a media corps dominated by journalists scrambling over themselves to curry favour by conforming to the codes set down by their rich, righteously, right-wing, millionaire bosses, the flimsiest threads of every picayune peccadillo are spun into a threadbare suit of scandal.

For those who think I exaggerate the bizarre nature of B.C. Realpolitik and dispute my assertion that, for the most part, the media compromises its integrity in its zeal to discredit the NDP, consider the actions of the Spokane Police in the case of one Robert L. Yates. Possessing incontrovertible DNA evidence pointing directly at their man, the Spokane cops chose to wait patiently near a freeway on ramp where, ultimately, they apprehended and arrested their suspect. Asked the reason for their modus operandi, a spokesperson said it was decided that Yates would not be arrested in his home out of respect for his family. Yates was charged and later pleaded guilty to the murder of some 13 women.

Compare this to our province, where the cops, on the suspicion that someone may have built a deck on the back of it for political favours, enter the home of the premier of the province, then rifle through his belongings - an indignity to which no other political figure in this country has been subjected. All of this is done in front of the premier's family. And, as if the wound hasn't been salted sufficiently, the not-so-covert operation is captured on film by the largest private TV network in the province. With the act itself bold evidence that someone within the constabulary directly or indirectly tipped the newsmen to the raid, the real scandal refuses to stand up as the press heads for gaming tables at a Burnaby hotel.

The actions of Minister of the Environment, Ian Waddell, have already caused considerable fuss and fulmination amongst developers and realtors, and will inevitably draw opprobrious fire from BCTV propagandists and the reactive press as well. Waddell has had the temerity to table legislation to protect small urban streams.

"Some landowners have already suffered steep losses, according to landowners, developers and municipal planners who are familiar with the Act, which forbids any form of development-including the construction of pathways and the clearing of vegetation-within 15- to 30-metre-wide buffer strips along urban rivers, creeks, brooks and even ditches," reports the Vancouver Sun.

Especially galling to the developers, whose colleagues, incidentally have paved over, filled in and generally wrecked hundreds and thousands of streams and invaluable wetlands, is the fact that Minister Waddell does not envision any need for compensation.

Ian Beveridge, Past President of the BC Federation of FlyFishers, is not persuaded by the Sun or the Land Men. "If there is any need to justify the enactment of new streamside protection regulations, the following statistics should certainly suffice," writes Beveridge. "The world's most significant salmon river, the Fraser and its 200 major tributary streams, together, constitute a system which is recognized as the most productive salmon freshwater habitat in the world."

"Of the 60 salmonid producing streams, which existed in Vancouver in 1859, only 6 remained in 1989, and these were only marginally capable of producing salmon."

Beveridge observes that "this deterioration has occurred mainly within the past 100 years, in an area which constitutes only 0.6 per cent of the province's land mass, yet houses 65 per cent of B.C.'s population of 4 million."

Emphasizing the urgency of the problem in urban areas, Beveridge suggests it is reasonable to assume that, "the same destructive trends exist in all areas subject to population and industrial expansion."

"This legislation is unquestionably a step in the right direction, but to be equitable and meaningful, it must ultimately be extended to lands impacted by all forms of resource sector activity, not restricted only to urban development," says Beveridge.

Streams are to the environment what capillaries are to the circulatory system. Losing them to greed-driven suburban expansion is unacceptable. The media in this province should forget their bias and support Ian Waddell on this one.

## Powder makes for excellent skiing and boarding conditions

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

SKIERS and snowboarders couldn't stop talking about the snow at Shames Mountain last week.

That's because there is so much of it.

From Jan. 26 - Feb. 2 Shames received 89 cm of new snow, and that much fresh powder makes for some great skiing and snowboarding conditions.

While some ski resorts in B.C.'s interior are desperate for snow, Terrace has had outstanding conditions.

Shames was buzzing with activity Jan. 28 after the hill received 32 cm of the white stuff the previous night.

"You would never know it in town, but you get up here and it's a whole different story," said skier Ed Moore about the recent dump.

Moore was at the mountain with his wife, Julia, and their two-year-old son, Harold.

Harold is still too young to ski, but he gets a bird's eye view of the action from the baby carrier on



JULIA MOORE and her son Harold, 2, gear up for a great day of skiing. Harold isn't old enough to ski on

his own, but he doesn't seem to mind the bird's eye view from the safety of his mom's backpack.

his mom's back.

While Julia Moore has her second level ski instructor's certificate, there were plenty of novice skiers and snowboarders out for their first time.

Meagan Blow, 13, was just one of many people,

young and old, strapping on a snowboard for the first time.

"It's fun," she said with a big smile.

And members of the Ruins board team were also on the hill.

With oodles of fresh

powder to play in, Terrace riders Tyler Wilson and John Moher joined up with the team's youngest rider, Mike Pederson from Prince Rupert, to show off some of their tricks.

One after the other, they launched off a jump

made from snow and demonstrated their mid-air antics.

The team is preparing for the Ruins Cup and Big Air competition in March.

If Sunday's action is any indication it should be a great competition.

## Sports menu

To get your game, event or meeting added to the Terrace Standard Sports Menu or Sports Scope, fax us at 638-8432, or you can e-mail us at [standard@kernode.net](mailto:standard@kernode.net)

Feb. 5-10

■ All Native Basketball Tournament in Prince Rupert. Support the Terrace Spirit Riders (women's division) and the Predators (intermediate boys). Call (250) 627-8997 for ticket info.

Feb. 9-11

■ 46th annual Terrace Ladies Valentine's Bonspiel. Registration deadline is Feb. 7, call Keith at 635-5583 for info.

Feb. 9

■ Celebrate the arrival of power to Onion Lake. Switch will be flipped at tonight's reception: 7:30 pm.

Feb. 10

■ Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club hosts its 20th annual cross-country marathon. Registration forms at Source for Sports and Valhalla.

Feb. 10

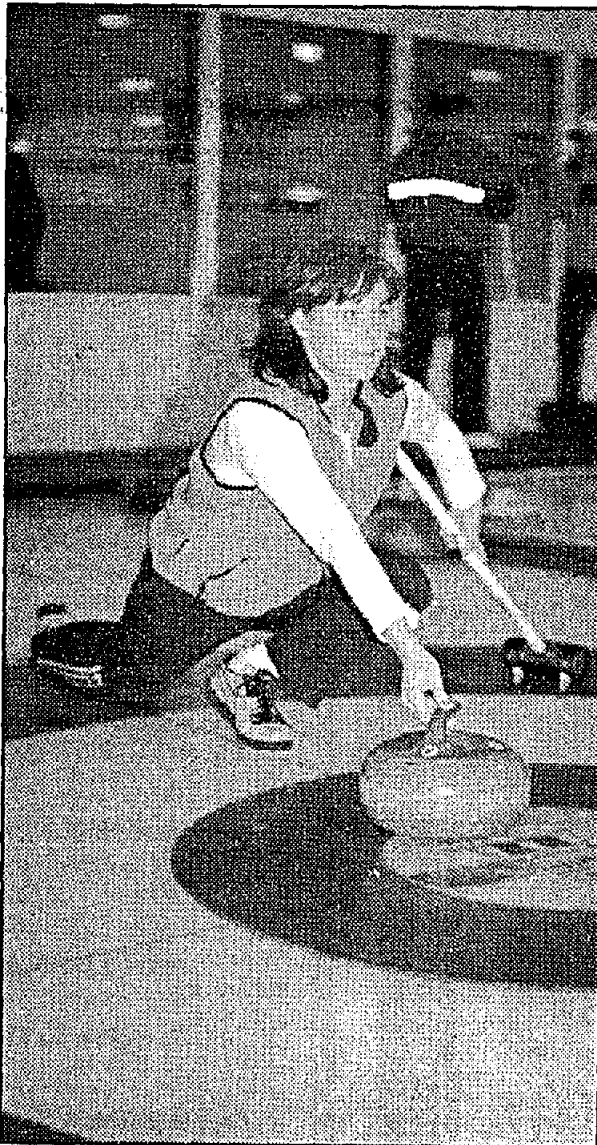
■ B.C. Senior Games Zone 10 monthly meeting. Happy Gang Centre 1:30 pm. For details call Maxine 638-8648 or Hugh 635-3833.

Feb. 14

■ Sweetheart special at Shames Mountain. Wear red and you get two lift tickets for the price of one.

Feb. 18

■ 7th annual Dummy Downhill at Shames Mountain. Call 635-3773 for details.



SYLVIA GRIFFITH comes out of the hack during a practice session before heading to the BC Scott Tournament of Hearts in Port Alberni, Jan. 22-27.

## Local curlers win in Kitimat

TERRACE'S John Kennedy rink took top honours at the 33rd annual Aluminum City Men's Bonspiel Jan. 19-21 in Kitimat.

Kitimat took three of the bonspiel's four events but the A event went to the Kennedy quartet.

Blaikie's rink won the A two years ago while Kennedy went down 8-3 by Wolf DeSmet of Smithers in last year's final.

Kennedy jumped early with a deuce in the first, but Blaikie hauled him back with a single in the next and a steal of two in the third.

Rather than take the single in the next, Kenne-

dy elected to blank in hopes of better things to come - and was it ever the right choice.

Coming to throw his last, Blaikie faced three reds but had to throw the freeze. A great try got him in to count, but with enough separation to allow Kennedy to make a fine chip and stick for four and a 6-3 lead.

Blaikie's quartet had a shot at fashioning a comeback in the tenth but Dale Walker's double put paid to that idea to a 9-6 victory for Kennedy, third Walker, second Richard Blanes and lead Shane Burke.

## MacDougall rink returns from provincial playdowns

THE MACDOUGALL rink is back in Terrace after the B.C. Scott Tournament of Hearts women's curling championships.

The cream of the curling crop gathered in Port Alberni Jan. 22-27 for the tournament.

The ladies played nine games in the round robin, the most curling the team has done this season.

"The level of play was excellent," said MacDougall of the opposition.

Up against the best teams in the province, skip MacDougall, third Joan Kucharyshen, second Jacquie Eves and lead Sylvia Griffith won three of their nine match-ups.

"In all of our games it could have gone either way right up to the seventh or eighth end. I think that comes from them playing more ten-end games than we ever get to," she said.

The highlight of the

tournament came early for the MacDougall rink when they took on the Shelley MacDonald rink and won.

The MacDonald rink, from Richmond, B.C., went on to take the title.

Though hopes for a top-three position were high, MacDougall is happy with how well the team played.

"We curled well the whole week, I'm very proud of my team," said MacDougall.

"There's a lot of pressure, a lot of demands and a lot of curling. They did really, really well."

The current team has been together for two years and MacDougall is confident that if they stick together they could have another stab at the provincial title next year.

"It'll be our third year playing together," she said. "If we can stay together I think we have a shot at it."

## Power arrives to Onion Lake Ski Trails

THINGS are looking brighter for cross country skiers at the Onion Lake Ski Trails.

It's been twelve years in the making, but the area finally has electricity.

"We have power in the two garages on the highway, the electrical building and club trailer," said Terry Brown, chairman of the Snow Valley Nordic Ski Club.

"And everything is set up for future power for lighted ski trails, a lodge, and a caretaker building," he said.

While the lit ski trails

will come about sometime in the future, the new power means added safety for skiers now.

"The front parking lots are always lit up now, which adds to security and safety," said Brown.

Brown commended the efforts of an extensive volunteer team for helping out with everything from wiring buildings, digging trenches to overseeing construction efforts.

A reception celebrating the arrival of the power will take place at the Onion Lake ski trails at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9.

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AMENDMENT No. 1 to the **FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1999-2003)** for Forest Licence No. A-16883

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC VIEWING**

Notice is hereby given that Orando Logging Ltd. will hold a public viewing of a proposed Amendment to the Forest Development Plan for Forest Licence A-16883. This Amendment to the Plan will cover the Lakes and Madley geographic areas within the Nass Timber Supply Area of the Kalam Forest District.

The Forest Development Plan shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, road development, maintenance and deadwood for the period of 1999-2003. The Plan also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other resource values in the area. The proposed Amendment pertains to:

- Cutting Permit 235, Block 2
- Cutting Permit 236, Block 1
- Cutting Permit 239, Block 1
- Cutting Permit 174, Block 1

The Amendment is available for review by the public before the Ministry of Forests considers approval.

The proposed amendment to the Forest Development Plan will be available for public review at the Skeena Cellulose Inc. Woodlands Office, 4900 Keith Avenue, Terrace B.C. from February 7, 2001 to April 7, 2001 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM, or by appointment (638-5700)

The proposed amendment to the Forest Development Plan may be revised as a result of written comments received. To ensure consideration, all comments must be in writing and addressed to Skeena Cellulose Inc., Terrace Operations, 4900 Keith Ave., Terrace B.C. V8G 5L8. All comments must be received prior to April 7, 2001.

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**155 OBITUARIES**

**RICHARD HARTWELL PREST**  
 1923-2001

Passed suddenly Jan. 26, 2001 in Hope, B.C. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Frances J. Prest. Son's, Rick Prest of Sherwood Park, AB, Dale Prest of Winfield, B.C. and daughter Holly Litke of West Byfleet, England. And six grandchildren, Erika, Rick, Clint, Shauna, Lauren and Torre.

A memorial service was held at Henderson's Funeral Home in Chilliwack, B.C. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

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**GRACE HARVEY SMITH**

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Grace. Grace was born in Monkton Hall Farm, Musselborough, Scotland on May 24, 1922 and passed away on January 29, 2001. Predeceased by her husband Harold April 99 and son Ian July, 2000.

She will always be remembered by her son Brian, daughters-in-law Sharon and Sandy and grandchildren Marc, Jenny (Cliva) Bireh and Brenna.

The family would like to express our appreciation for all the kindness shown by the doctors and nurses at Mills Memorial Hospital. Special thanks to all the ambulance and fire department personnel.

Thank you as well to her many friends and members of the Knox United Church women.

The Smith Family

**Harrison, Luke**  
 August 23rd, 1957 to January 28th, 2001.

Luke Harrison passed away January 28th, 2001 following a brave fight with lung cancer. He was 43 years old.

He had recently moved back to Quebec to be with his mother, father and many brothers and sisters. Luke worked at Mantiques for many years and was well known and will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers a donation to the Cancer Society would be appreciated. His wish was to be cremated with no service.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on **Thursday, February 15, 2001, at the office of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, #300-4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C. commencing at 7:00 p.m.** to receive representation from all persons who deem their interests to be affected by the proposed bylaw:

**Thornhill Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 480, 2000**

The purpose of this bylaw is to rezone land described as Parcel B (PP 36995) of Block 2, District Lot 370, Range 5, Coast District, Plan 3482 from the R1 (Single Family Residential) zone to the RMH (Mobile Home Park) zone. There is an existing mobile home park on the property, which predates the Thornhill Zoning Bylaw. Successful rezoning would provide redevelopment and expansion potential. The RMH (Mobile Home Park) zone allows 15 units per hectare.

The property subject to rezoning is approximately 2.2 hectares and is located between Old Lakelse Lake Road and Sande Avenue in Thornhill as indicated on the sketch below.

DL 374 Plan 5448  
 Plan 4209  
 Plan 10131  
 Parcel B (PP36995) Block 2 District Lot 370 Range 5, CD, Plan 3482  
 DL 370  
 DL 1905  
 Plan 4418

**Property subject to rezoning**

The public hearing on Bylaw No. 480, 2000, is to be held by Directors Les Watmough, Bob Cooper and Rich McDaniel as delegates of the Regional District Board. A copy of the Board resolution making the delegation and a copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the office of the Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine, 300-4545 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, BC (V8G 4E1) between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except statutory holidays.

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