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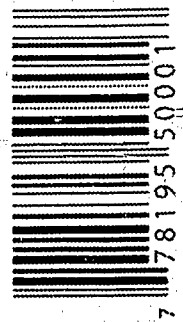


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MLA revs up northwest aid pitch

SKEENA LIBERAL MLA Roger Harris now has his eye on using a chunk of B.C.'s forecast \$2 billion surplus to jumpstart the region's economy.

He doesn't have a figure in mind yet or a specific project but says the province's rosy financial picture puts it in a position to lend a hand.

"The province now has the opportunity for capital investments. Government provides services for quality of life, but today we have the ability to make investments for infrastructure," Harris said last week.

Although Harris may not have a project list set out, he favours an added boost to the plans to develop a container port in Prince Rupert or a commitment to help build what's called the Stewart-Omineca Resource Road to open an area northeast

of here to mineral, forestry and tourism potential.

Northgate Minerals already has one mine in the area, the copper-gold Kemess South property, and wants to open another, Kemess North.

It now ships its product east to Mackenzie for rail transport to a smelter but says Kemess North would be better served by a road coming south and west to join up with Hwy37 north of Kitwanga. From there, the mine's ore would be taken to the port at Stewart.

The projected \$40 million cost for the Stewart-Omineca Resource Road puts it out of Northgate's financial reach, leading to pressure on the province to develop it by itself and recoup the cost by charging user fees to other companies who have developments that would then

be economically viable.

"The road would be cost effective to move minerals and we can't forget about tourism values as well," said Harris.

"Such an economic impact would help Terrace as it is the regional centre," he added.

Harris also thinks there would be substantial economic activity generated by extending B.C. Hydro's hydro lines further up Hwy37 North.

Having secure electric power would provide surety for resource companies who have projects that would not be viable otherwise, he said.

The MLA's plan to ask for some of the government's surplus comes at a time when there's already discussions between northwestern municipalities and provincial government ministries for fi-

nancial help because of the New Skeena bankruptcy.

It also follows the failed efforts of a local society to convince him and the government to provide at least \$100 million worth of assistance to the northwest.

The money, \$110 million (US), was paid by Alcan to B.C. Hydro and stems from a complicated power sales contract the former signed with the now-bankrupt American Enron power sales company in the late 1990s. When Enron went out of business, Alcan had to carry through on a guarantee to provide either money or power. It had first fought that guarantee but then agreed to pay up and forwarded the money to B.C. Hydro late last year.

That money now sits on B.C. Hydro's bottom line and more than likely will go into its rate stabilization account which

is used to ease the cost of overall operations.

Harris said he liked the Kitimat-Terrace Industrial Development Society's idea of getting a large chunk of money for economic development but drew the line at using the Alcan payment.

"One of the first changes we made as government was to stop any government from being able to drip into the pocketbook of B.C. Hydro and taking money," he said.

Any B.C. Hydro profit left after monies are put into the stabilization account is sent to the province. Harris said it is important to remember that the Alcan money will indirectly benefit the northwest – and the rest of the province – by helping keep hydro rates as low as possible.

Tsunami aid plans take off

FROM door-to-door Rice Krispie square sales to plans for a massive benefit concert, a tidal wave of Terrace generosity is building to aid Asian tsunami victims.

"We felt really bad about what happened and we were wondering if we could save some people and give them homes maybe," 10-year-old Brittany Seymour said.

She and her best friend, Taylor Belanger, raised \$33.53 selling Rice Krispie squares at just 25 cents each to neighbours in the Gitaus subdivision on New Year's Eve.

They also sold handmade coasters and pillows, knocking on 25 doors.

One neighbour bought a whole batch of squares. Others donated more when they learned the girls were going door-to-door.

They donated the money to Safeway, which collected \$2,279 from customers here for the Red Cross.

The heartbreaking plight of the victims of last month's tragedy and the mounting number of confirmed dead in the affected nations has spurred other local residents into action.

"For me, it's probably the same as for everyone else in town, just seeing this on television and feeling powerless, and wishing you could help," music teacher Robin Hollett explained.

On New Year's Eve she realized there was something she could do – organize a benefit concert for the Red Cross.

"Terrace has this incredible resource, which is our performing arts community. I just thought if everybody came together, we could probably do something."

The next morning she began making calls. "I tried to wait until noon," she added.

On Jan. 29, more than 100 local performers will take to the stage at the R.E.M. Lee in a gala-type concert and silent auction called Help Live (for more details, see *City Scene* on page B2).

The title takes inspiration from the historic 1985 Live Aid concert for African famine victims but also emphasizes the need to ensure those displaced by the tsunami remain



TAYLOR BELANGER, at the left in the top photo, and Brittany Seymour sold Rice Krispie squares while paramedic Jeff Peden collected money for tsunami relief. TERI SEYMOUR, TOP PHOTO. MARGARET SPIERS, BOTTOM PHOTO

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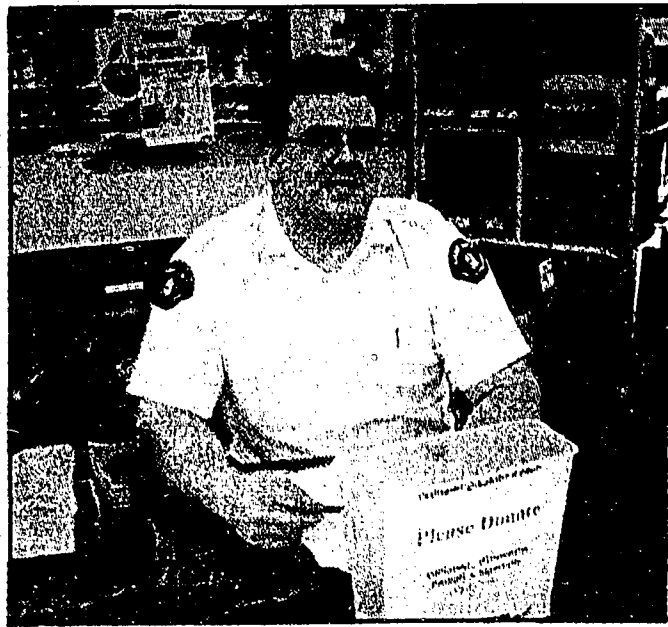
"I was just so amazed. Every single group I have phoned has wanted to participate."

Terrace's ambulance paramedics collected \$4,054.34 for the Red Cross in just two afternoons as part of a province-wide money drive spearheaded by B.C. paramedics.

"Our totals were nearly as high as Vancouver paramedics were reporting," paramedic Cheryl Spencer said.

"The people of Terrace were so awesome," unit chief Carl Wassink said, adding the amount surpassed any expectations.

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Newer homes worth more

TERRACE's newish homes have risen in value while older houses are once again worth less, according to B.C. Assessment.

Assessment authority official Tracy Wall said a typical newer single family home valued at \$167,700 in 2003 is now assessed at \$185,100.

"Most of the older homes in Terrace are worth less," she said, giving the example of one older home valued at \$129,000 in 2003 that dropped to \$119,000.

The split market is because construction of new homes pretty much ground to a near halt in 1997 when Skeena Cellulose collapsed.

"We really haven't been building new homes since then," Wall said.

But new people still move to town and existing residents increasingly want newer updated homes.

"There's more demand for the newer homes and we just don't have the supply to fill the demand," Wall said. "That has created this increase in the market." Wall characterizes newer homes as ones built after 1980.

She said home age is the biggest factor – ahead of neighbourhoods – and the pattern holds up in Thornhill.

"Generally the trend is similar in Thornhill, with the newer homes worth slightly more and the older homes worth about the same as last year," Wall added.

A typical newer Thornhill home is up from \$143,100 to \$148,700, she said, while a typical older one is down from \$94,800 to \$94,300.

Wall said it can be difficult for northwesterners to watch the booming housing market of other parts of the province, where in some cases prices have doubled or even tripled in a year.

"On an optimistic note, this is the first time in a few years we've seen residential property values increase in the newer homes in Terrace," she said. "I'm hoping we've finally reached the bottom and we will perhaps see things start to turn around in our area."

The estimated values are as of July 1, the snapshot date each year on which assessments are based. Total assessed values in Terrace rose to \$724.8 million in the 2005 assessment, up from \$717 million a year ago.

It was the second straight year of modest increases since assessments here bottomed out in 2003, after five straight years of declines since assessed values peaked at \$831 million in 1998.

An increased property assessment can mean a higher tax bill – even if city council keeps spending steady – but that's usually only for homes where the assessment has gone up significantly more than the average.

To compare assessment values, go to www.bcassessment.bc.ca.

Local realtor John Evans notes assessments are based on averages and don't ultimately determine the market value of a home.

"The value is always determined by having a willing seller and a willing buyer in a reasonable period of time," he said.

Jobless rate dips once more

AN INCREASE in the number of women working part time has dropped the monthly regional unemployment rate to a level not seen in at least four years.

And most of those jobs are in the accommodation and food service sector, says a federal employment analyst who spent late last week pouring over stats for Dec. 2004 which put the unemployment rate at 8.6 per cent.

"We were close to December with 8.8 per cent in Oct. 2001 while in January 2000 it was 8.5 per cent," said Patrick McIntyre.

He said it is now statistically safe to say the drop in the unemployment rate which began last summer can no longer be solely attributed to people leaving the area to find work.

"Yes, the population has dropped but the people who have stayed have found work or a way to be productive. In itself, that is a positive thing," he said last week.

November's unemployment rate was 9.3 per cent and it was 9.5 per cent in October.

In December 2003 the rate was 12.5 per cent

while it was 10.6 per cent in both October and November of 2003.

McIntyre did note that the number of male workers, particularly those in the traditional well-paid resource sector, has held fairly steady for the past months.

"There was an increase in full time employment for men and women, but it is so small it is almost as if it didn't happen," McIntyre added of the comparison between Nov. 2003 and Dec. 2003.

Unemployment rates for this area come from surveys done by Statistics Canada from Vanderhoof to the Queen Charlotte Islands and up north to the Yukon border.

Overall, the northwest has had the largest drop in unemployment in the past year of any region in the province. The provincial unemployment rate for December was 6 per cent, a 20 year low.

The northwest's either working or available labour force of males and females over the age of 15 for December was 50,900, a hike over the 50,600 of December 2003.

Of that December 2004 number, 46,500 peo-

ple said they were employed with 34,300 in a full time job and 12,200 in a part time position.

There were 34,000 people in a full time job in Dec. 2003 and 10,300 in a part time job for a total employment of 44,300.

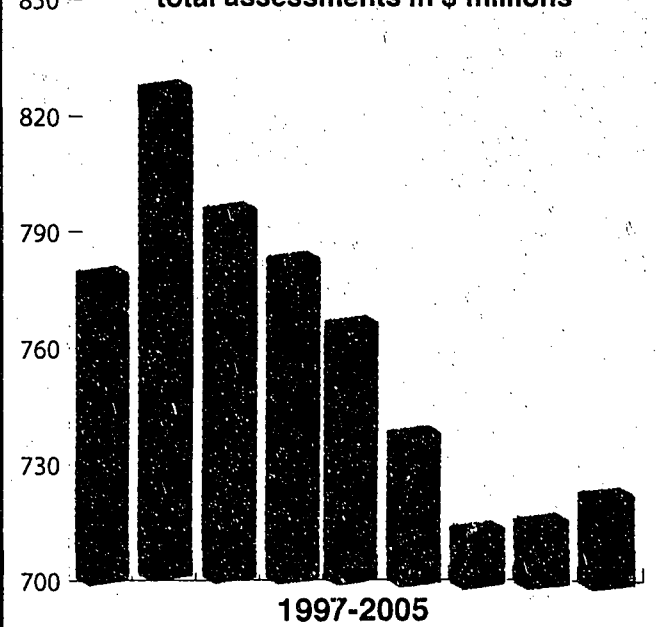
McIntyre said a significant figure is the drop in people who said they were looking for work but were unemployed – from 6,300 people in Dec. 2003 to 4,400 in Dec. 2004, making for a difference of almost 2,000 people.

"You could almost say 1,000 people have left and 1,000 have found work when you look at those numbers," said McIntyre. "Of course, they won't be the same people but it does indicate what is happening."

The overall population of men and women over the age of 15 was listed at 71,900 for this area in Dec. 2004 compared to 72,800 in Dec. 2003.

McIntyre said there was an increase in part time jobs for women in the health care and social assistance field, but it is not as much of a gain as it is in the food and accommodations field. Retail jobs of all descriptions continue to drop, he said.

Terrace property values
total assessments in \$ millions



Four in the running for NDP Saturday

NDP MEMBERS here will choose their candidate for the Skeena riding in this spring's provincial election from four nominees on Saturday.

Seeking the nomination are former MLA and cabinet minister Helmut Giesbrecht, Kitimat school trustee and union activist Peter King, Terrace social worker and Sierra Club member Rob Hart, and Terrace's Robin Austin, also a social worker.

It has not been unusual for there to be three or more candidates seeking the NDP nomination in riding competitions across the province.

Actual campaigning is expected to get underway quickly because for the first time the election date is

known well in advance – set for May 17.

The NDP nominee will try to unseat Liberal candidate Roger Harris, who has been MLA since defeating 10-year veteran Giesbrecht in 2001.

Harris, like Giesbrecht, did in 2001, enters the provincial election race with the added title of government cabinet minister.

The Skeena NDP provincial association membership has risen to nearly 400, says Les Watmough, who was the chair up until late last year.

Replacing him in that role is Kitimat's Rob Goffinet.

Observers attribute the membership rise to unhappiness with the Liberal government and to the mo-

mentum gained within the NDP after Nathan Cullen was elected federally in the Skeena Bulkley riding last June.

The cutoff for people to sign up and vote at the Jan. 15 nomination meeting was Oct. 15. That was aimed at avoiding last minute mass membership drives.

Saturday's nomination meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Best Western Terrace Inn.

A win by Harris this May would make it the first time in four decades that a non-NDP MLA was re-elected.

The last such MLA was Social Credit party Dudley Little, son of city founder George Little. He won four times in a row beginning with the 1960 election.

From front

Efforts include noon sock hop

Staff at Northwest Training and Counselling collected donations on behalf of the Red Cross in advance of the federal government's Jan. 11 deadline for matching donations from individuals to relief agencies.

Six local businesses responded to Northwest Training's challenge for employers to match employee contributions.

Grade 5 students at Cassie Hall did their part with a noon hour dance Monday, Jan. 10 dubbed "Kids Helping Kids." Admission was \$2 in the attempt to raise \$500.

"It just brought tears to your eyes to see this kind of compassion. They were just compelled to do something," school principal Todd Hollett said, referring to May de Leeuw's class. "They couldn't wait."

Music and a DJ were provided courtesy of Sight and Sound. Students who did not have the \$2 brought in recyclable material.

At presstime, Terrace travel agents were unaware of any local vacationers directly affected by the Dec. 26 disaster.

Terrence's Harold Armstrong, a member of the rock band Cinderella Rockafella, was

in Bangkok, Thailand, well away from the area of devastation.

He told the *Terrace Standard* he felt aftershocks from the Dec. 26 earthquake in Sumatra, but is otherwise okay.

"The local Thailand news holds back very little to shield one from the horrors of the tsunami," he said.

Terrence's Marion Clift, 91, didn't have to wait long to find out her grandnephew and his wife, who were vacationing in Thailand at the time of the disaster, were safe.

Thanks to a speedy email, Joe and Ann Dobson let family and friends back in British Columbia know they were safe. They were unharmed, and were able to assist other tourists in need.

"We're not medics, but we thought our language skills would be of help," Joe wrote.

"Over the day, hundreds of people came through. Most were injured," he wrote, describing seeing people with severe lacerations, broken feet, and skin peeled off their backs.

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Report urges big role for airport and closure of others in region

By JEFF NAGEL

A NEW report says airports in Smithers and Prince Rupert should close and Terrace should emerge as the northwest's air traffic centre.

The concept of consolidating regional airports is advanced by the B.C. Progress Board in its new report on the future of transportation.

"Northwestern B.C. is relatively over-served by these airports," the Dec. 16 report says.

"This region would likely benefit from having a larger and better served airport in well-located Terrace than having three modest airports, no one of which can attract the frequency or quality of service this region needs."

The report was written by UBC professor Dr. Michael Goldberg, who visited Terrace last year.

It also pointed to Fort St. John and Dawson Creek as two more airports where it makes more sense to close

one and expand the other.

A single large regional airport will be more effective, the report argues, than having a cluster of smaller ones in this region struggle to raise revenue and contain escalating costs.

Terrence's airport has taken a series of steps toward becoming the region's hub — renaming itself the Northwest Regional Airport a few years ago and beginning work to extend the main runway to 7,500 feet.

While airport manager Laurie Brown calls improving this airport a key to future economic development of the region, he plays down the idea of one single airport serving the region.

"I don't think it makes sense to talk seriously about closing these other airports," Brown said. "They're 150 kilometres or more apart. There's a definite community of interest and a demand for a certain level of service in all three of these commu-

nities."

"I think it would be difficult to get anybody to put their shoulder toward closing any of these facilities."

He also rejected the report's characterization of the region as over-served.

Despite the installation of an instrument landing system, Brown said Terrace's airport needs its neighbours to serve as alternates when planes can't land because of bad weather.

"There will always be instances in the year where we will be diverting aircraft to other sites," he said. "We still need those airports to function."

But, Brown added, Terrace is ideally situated for an enhanced regional service, with larger jets serving destinations like Vancouver, Calgary and perhaps U.S. or overseas destinations.

"It does make some sense to me for the region to work together to figure out what is the best combination of

services we can collectively provide from our respective airports," he added.

That may mean ground links to connect Prince Rupert, Smithers and other points to regional flights out of Terrace.

Brown said the customs service now available in Prince Rupert, if paired up with the regional airport, would make direct flights from the U.S. and other countries to the northwest possible.

"It is a resource that Rupert has that would be of value to this airport," he said.

The Progress Board report says smaller airports are struggling with finances after being taken over from Ottawa by local authorities, but without enough money for requirements like fire-fighting.

Rising security and fuel costs have added to the challenges of regional air service.

One way to help, the re-

port says, is for Ottawa to reduce the high rental fees it charges to the Vancouver International Airport, which in turn could then assist the regional airports.

"Local and regional airports outside the National Airport System must become much more strategic and cooperative," the report says.

It also cited the arrival of WestJet in some regional airports as another factor undermining the viability of neighbouring airports.

While Brown thinks WestJet is now more focused on other areas, he said a return to jet service here could come from one of the airport's existing carriers or else a new entrant like Jets-Go.

The progress board tracks how well the province does in meeting economic and other goals. It periodically issues special reports like the one on transportation.

News In Brief

Strike notice issued by college workers

UNIONIZED SUPPORT workers at Northwest Community College joined their peers at four other provincial post secondary institutions by issuing strike notice last week.

The 92 members of the B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union voted 85 per cent in favour of striking to back demands for a seven per cent wage increase over four years.

Post secondary institutions, as have all other provincial public sector bodies, are saying there are no raises for three years.

"The Campbell government's refusal to budget from its zero per cent wage mandate has created a log jam at the bargaining table and left us with no other choice but to exercise our legal right to strike," union president George Heyman said last week.

Also issuing strike notices are BCGEU workers at Douglas College, BCIT and Kwantlen in the lower mainland and Northern Lights in the northeast.

The NWCC 72-hour strike notice was served Jan. 7. Kwantlen workers followed up their strike notice by going on a series of rotating strikes this week.

BCGEU officials say workers have had no raises in five of the last seven years and raises of just 4.4 per cent in the remaining two years.

Workers also want parity with benefits given to college instructors including, for instance, a top up of normal EI maternity or parental benefits.

Also in the midst of bargaining for a new contract are unionized instructors at the college here and elsewhere in the province.

Their negotiations have not progressed to the point of indicating there will be a settlement or the possibility of job action.

Quiet New Year for local police

NEW YEAR'S EVE proved to be a quiet one for police while Dec 28 saw a car theft foiled with the help of the vehicle's owner.

The number of reports police received on Dec. 31 were similar to any other weekend night even though the bars remained open until 4 a.m., said Cst. Kelly Martin of the Terrace RCMP.

Police responded to 25 reports from 7 p.m. New Year's Eve until 7 a.m. Jan. 1.

The evening of Dec 28 was a lot more complicated, Martin said. A thief stole a 1990 white Pontiac Sunbird from a Kitsumkalum residence only to be spotted by the owner, who alerted Terrace RCMP around 7 p.m.

Police responded and found the vehicle travelling westbound along Hwy 16 near Shames Mt.

A pursuit began. After 36 km, police were able to pull the vehicle over and discovered what they allege to be an impaired driver at the wheel.

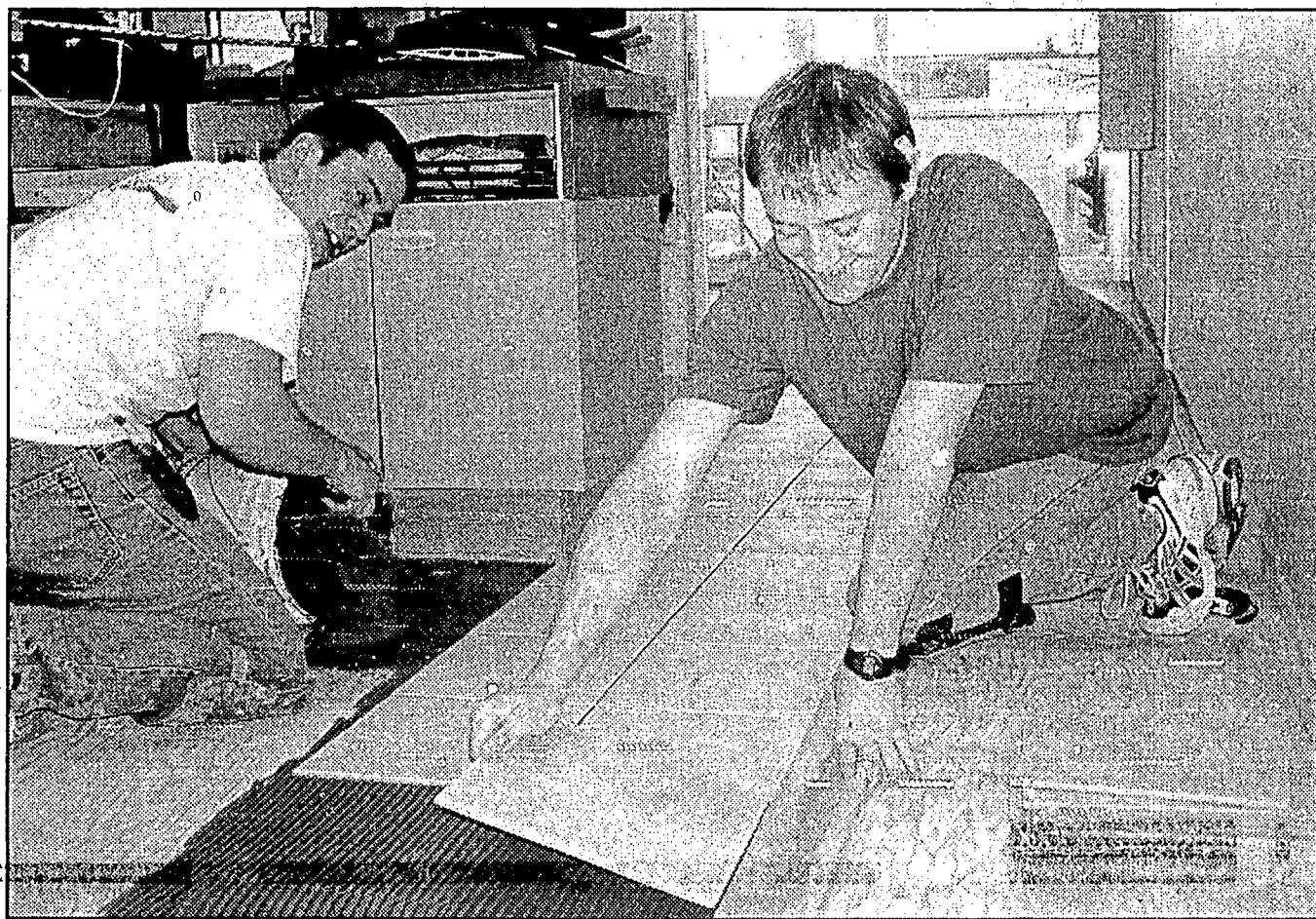
The 19-year-old Terrace male was released with a promise to appear in court on Feb 22.

Police are recommending charges of possession of property obtained by crime, theft over \$5,000, impaired driving, breach of probation, mischief under \$5,000 and flight from a peace officer in a motor vehicle.

Tile masters

THE TERRACE Public Library was closed for several days last week so improvements could be made to its entry and front counter area. Rob Normandy, left, applies thinset while Rod Steele, right, lays down floor tiles. They are from Your Decor. Walls in the area also received a new coat of paint. The library is one of the busiest public use facilities in the city, drawing thousands of users a year so ongoing maintenance is required to keep the building in top shape. Other recent improvements have included new washrooms.

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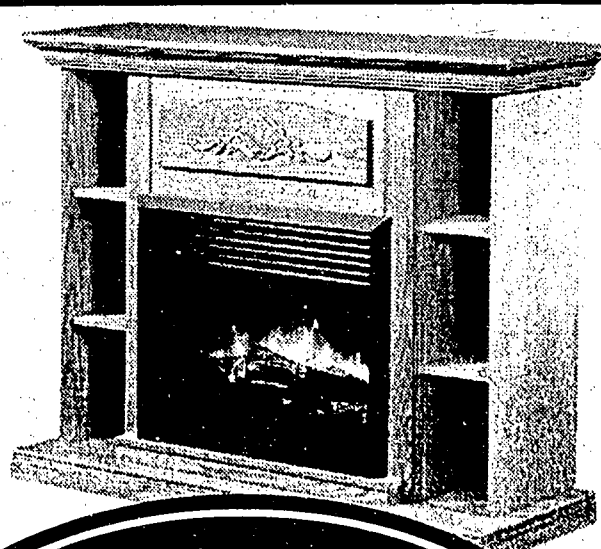
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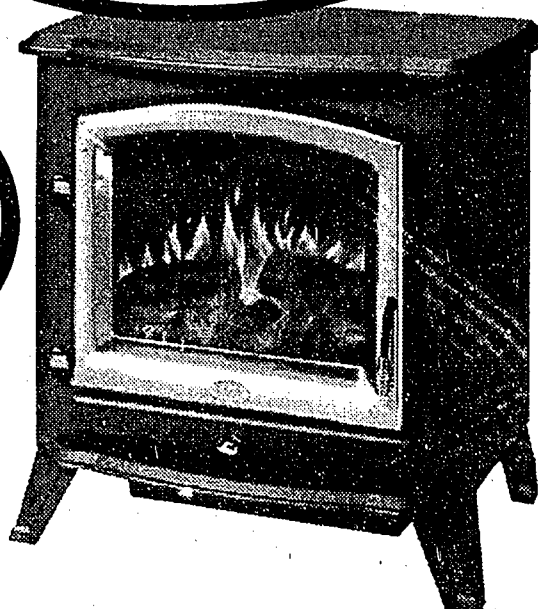
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Minefield

YOU'VE SEEN it in war movies. A soldier on patrol takes a step forward and 'click', he's stepped on top of a land mine. He can't stay there forever. Move and the mine blows up.

Skeena Liberal MLA Roger Harris did a political version of that 'click' just recently when he declared that resource revenue cannot be the sole property of the area in which it is located.

More properly, Mr. Harris continued, revenue from the resource is gathered within the central government and distributed out for any number of programs. It speaks to the reality that a government exists to serve the entire populace.

Mr. Harris provided two examples. One is the oil and gas rich northeastern portion of B.C. Royalties from this lucrative resource now form a mainstay of provincial revenues, surpassing those obtained from the forest industry. Had the money stayed in the northeast, it would have the best of schools, the best of health care and the best roads to the detriment of other areas, notably this one which has suffered greatly since the late 1990s.

The other example is the provincial government's boost in gas taxes several years ago. Money goes specifically to road improvements. Since the majority of the drivers are in the lower mainland, that area generates most of the tax but it is used to build roads throughout the province.

Now Mr. Harris made his comments in the context of a very complicated spat between B.C. Hydro and Alcan concerning the murky world of international power sales. Basically put, Alcan has now paid B.C. Hydro \$110 million (US) in cash dating back to a failed power deal the aluminum company made with the large and now bankrupt American Enron power trading company in 1997.

A society of Terrace and Kitimat residents wanted that \$110 million (US) sent back to the northwest where it was generated by Alcan and used to stimulate the economy. Alcan favoured that when it was suggested. Although it didn't happen, such an event would have been a huge public relations coup at a time when critics wonder what Alcan really wants to do here - make aluminum or sell power.

Mr. Harris was intrigued by the society's position, but he's firm on his overall opinion. When it comes to the latter, he's right. It may not be politically popular and even hazardous with an election coming in May. But we cannot have resource-rich fiefdoms, leaving less-fortunate areas to struggle along.

Yet the reality is that the northwest has been hammered hard. The Alcan money represented a unique opportunity. Mr. Harris needs to know the mine he stepped on can be defused. If not the Alcan money, then Mr. Harris needs to find another source - and soon.



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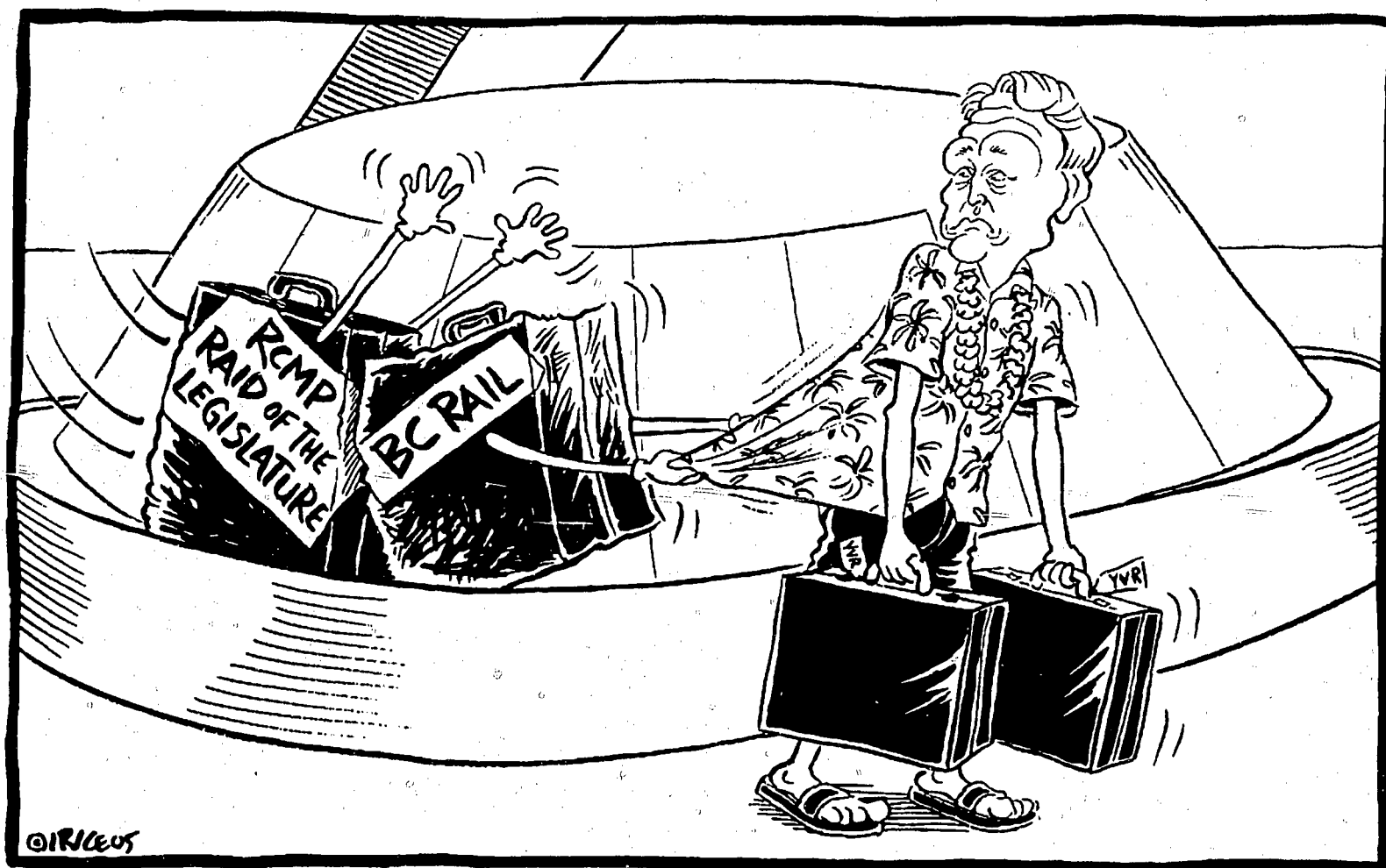
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GORDON CAMPBELL'S RETURN HOME IS MARRED BY BEING REUNITED WITH HIS EXCESS BAGGAGE

Planes, trains and automobiles

VICTORIA - B.C.'s regions should be pushing hard to make sure a new Progress Board report on transportation issues doesn't end up gathering dust.

Communities outside the Lower Mainland need lots of help to prepare for current and coming challenges. But transportation improvements offer one of the best bets for economic development and diversification.

Make it possible for people and goods to move efficiently and cheaply and all kinds of opportunities - from tourism to resource development to small business - are opened up.

The Progress Board is a useful creation of the Campbell government, set up to provide regular independent reports on how things are really going in B.C. and occasional special bulletins.

The transportation study, by UBC prof Michael Goldberg, offers a challenge to the provincial government and to communities to come up with transportation strategies - and actually execute them - that will boost regional economies.

Much of it is not complicated. But the report's recommendations are sweeping and will test both the provincial government's commitment and communities willingness to work together.

That's going to be especially true in the area of air transportation. Goldberg has a number of recommendations aimed at open-



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PAUL WILLCOCKS

ing up B.C. to more international flights as part of a global trade push.

But he also says it's time for more consolidation within the province's regions. Almost three dozen airports have some form of scheduled service, he says, and that leaves many too small to cope with increasing security costs and other infrastructure demands.

Some airports - Comox, Kamloops, Kelowna and Prince George - need to expand, Goldberg says. Others - like Williams Lake and Castlegar - are the right size.

But others need to shrink or even close, with service consolidated in a nearby centre, he suggests. Smithers, Terrace/Kitimat and Prince Rupert all have airports, he says, but the region

would be best-served by one larger airport in Terrace. Castlegar should be the airport for Trail and Nelson. Williams Lake should serve Quesnel. And either Fort St. John or Dawson Creek should emerge as the region's airport, the report says.

It's always a tough sell to get communities to set aside their local interests and focus on the region. But the principle makes sense.

The short-term blow to communities that see their airports downgraded could be cushioned by other recommendations in the report, which include a call for improved highways.

"A key strategic consideration should be establishing a workable time frame for improving - to the greatest extent possible - key segments of east-west and north-south highways to 'shrink' the distance between major centres and to enhance external market connectivity," the report says.

Priority should be given Trans-Canada Highway improvements in the Rockies, four-laning portions of Hwy 97 from Prince George to the U.S. and a lot of improvements in the Lower Mainland.

And to pay for the roadwork, the government should look to more tolls, the report says.

The report also makes a case for a much larger role for the Port of Prince Rupert, a change that would require major expan-

sion of the port number of other projects. Rail tunnels need higher ceilings to accommodate modern container cars and highway improvements in the northwest corridor are also needed.

And Prince Rupert's port needs to be supported with an inland container handling facility in Prince George, Kamloops or the Fraser Valley - a big boost for one or more of those communities.

The report also recommends that a new Pacific Port Authority be created to take on responsibility for all five ports in the province, with the ability to borrow money, build facilities and manage the entire system.

Tax breaks for airlines and rail and trucking companies are also recommended, along with a big push to ensure that effective security controls are put in place without compromising the flow of goods.

It's a good blueprint. But communities will have to push if they want to see action on problems that have been around for a decade.

Footnote: The report confirms Prince Rupert's advantage as a gateway that gets goods to mid-America far more quickly than any U.S. port. But the port is hurt because shippers bringing goods from Asia now have to return empty, because there is little outbound trade through the port.

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Navigating the health care seas

DR. PHIL says, "You teach people how to treat you." And we've taught successive governments we'll settle for so-so health care, including months long wait for specialist consultations and surgery.

Shielded by our low expectations, incompetent staffers do as little as possible, their eye on salary not service. If their sloppiness compromises our treatment or recovery, Oh, well.

Let me illustrate. Prior to Nov. 15 last year my Terrace doctor sent my medical records and x-rays to a Vancouver specialist for his opinion. Lulled by the myth health treatment is bound to take forever, I waited and waited for word.

Finally Dec. 13 I phoned the specialist's Vancouver office to ask why the delay. His nurse concluded after checking his office, "We have no referral from your doctor."

That seemed unlikely. "My doctor re-faxed my records to



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you Dec. 8."

"Oh, You know what? It could be in his in-box-waiting for him to look at it." She put me on hold again. "Okay, I've looked everywhere. We didn't get it. It's not on any of the doctor's plans. We have no papers on you."

Did I detect an unspoken "So there"? I tried a new angle. Where

would the x-ray be if it went by mail, not as a CD?"

"Let me see. There are two x-rays sitting here. I didn't look for x-rays. It was in a totally different place because it didn't fit in his in-box. We actually have everything together here ... sitting on the floor."

Before 9 a.m. next morning I had an appointment with the specialist and a treatment plan.

As patients, we should depend less on other and more on ourselves. Staff have dozens of patients dividing their attention. We need to keep track of what's happening ... or not.

Are appointments for tests, surgery, or consultations being made for you? If not, why not? Push to overcome delays. Be polite. Be persistent. Expect answers, reject excuses.

Never be put off by someone saying, "I'm getting really upset with you now!" If they feel criticized, they know they deserve to be.

Follow up on promises. A staffer promised to phone you by a certain time, but hasn't? Call. Why wait and stew?

Can't reach your doctor because voice mail is catching all his calls? Ask the receptionist to slip a note to his nurse next time she walks out to Reception to call another patient.

Give honest praise whenever you can. Dealing with the public is never easy. Dealing with patients in pain, under stress, anxious about their future health is no treat. Be kind.

Compared to the file fumble which delayed my treatment by a month and allowed my condition to worsen, I've gotten fine care and comfort from Jeanne Beaver, Dr. DeWit's nurse; Margaret Moniz, Mills Memorial Hospital receptionist; and the overworked lab technicians at the Park Avenue medical building.

Money alone won't cure health service woes. Our system needs bigger in-boxes.

PAWS



CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

The Mail Bag

Beauty queen dreams don't deserve charity

Dear Sir:

I am writing in response to Rebecca Collard's article, "Fenger claims Latin crown," which appeared in the December 15th issue of *The Terrace Standard*.

I feel that the community of Terrace has forgotten about what is important in our world today.

Theresa Marie Fenger is portrayed as a child in need and sadly, it seems many people believe it.

The financial support Fenger is receiving from this community is undoubtedly substantial, and more so, inappropriate.

Fenger's interests in fame and beauty pageants are out of personal interest, meaning Fenger and her parents should be financially responsible.

Terracites have to be reminded that attending a beauty pageant in Guatemala is similar to taking a vacation in Hawaii. Therefore, why is Fenger petitioning for financial support?

Moreover, Fenger does not deserve the publicity and praise she is receiving. In fact, I think the community of Terrace has placed Fenger on a pedestal where she doesn't belong.

I am continuously hearing about Fenger's role in representing Canada and being a role model for Canadian teens.

Has Fenger contributed significantly to the lives of those around her? Has Fenger earned the title of "role model"?

It is unfortunate that we have forgotten about Craig Kielburger, founder of Free the Children. At age 12, this boy from Toronto traveled throughout Southeast Asia raising awareness about child labour.

Now 21, he is still fighting for children's rights. In my opinion, Kielburger should be the role model of Canadian teens. Is winning a beauty pageant comparable to Kielburger's accomplishments?

I am hoping that, with this letter, I can

help the people of Terrace realize that Fenger's claims of representing Canada are not of significance.

Her dreams of popularity and beauty should not come of importance to our community. Terrace is already in a state of economic hardship - sponsoring Fenger's personal search for fame and fortune should not come before helping those who are less fortunate.

Vanessa Urbantke
Terrace B.C.

Frigid learning not very classy

Dear Sir:

Despite what the current glossy "Liberal" advertising propaganda, currently on display in the media would have you believe, the B.C. public education system continues to reel from the abuse and neglect directed its way by Mr. Campbell and his cronies. Two local, ongoing situations are cases in point.

The heat in Terrace/Thornhill schools and classrooms used to be controlled by individual thermostats.

As simple and logical as this sounds, it was also an effective way for teachers and other workers in the school system to adjust varying heating and cooling needs to fit the myriad of conditions that one would expect. A specific example would be a teacher going back to their classroom to do extra preparation, report work or marking on a weekend or evening.

Where in times past they would have been able to adjust the heat for the amount of time needed to do their work now they are only able to work as long as their body extremities remain pliable (room temperatures as low as 8 degrees being reported before the cold snap, 0.9 after)!



COMPETITIVE cycle racers don't like the new rumble strips being added to highway shoulders.

The change, by School District #82, in their heating philosophy, is one of the "tools" (given to them by the Liberals) that they have chosen to help balance their budget.

Rumour has it that all of the heat in our schools is now controlled by computers in the offices of the mega, U.S. Honeywell Corporation.

This appears to mean that the heat automatically comes on at around 8 a.m. and off at about 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Hardly an effective incentive for teachers to get in there and go that extra preparation mile!

Also laughable is the current "Liberal" line about their big push for daily Physical Education classes for all students. Laughable because even before the latest school amalgamation plans are implemented many schools haven't the necessary gym time available to meet the education ministry's previous Physical Education guidelines.

Take two schools, close one, put all the

students into the other and, yes, you will have less available gym time. School closures, another "tool" from that old "tool-box".

The welfare of public education and the children in that system is not what our current provincial government is about. As usual, actions speak much louder than glossy words.

Richard Eckert
Terrace B.C.

Still rumbling

Dear Sir:

I feel compelled to respond to some recent back and forth banter in the paper regarding the placement of rumble strips separating the shoulder from the main lanes of the regions highways.

Being an avid road cyclist I was concerned when I saw the equipment cutting the strips into the highway. I was however dismayed by the lack of tact used by Rudy and want everybody to know that his talk of gene pools and cell phones on speed dial are his views and do not represent my views or the views of the cycling community as a whole.

We all share the highways with trucks and tourists and our friends and neighbors, and appreciate the extra space the majority of motorists afford us. Thank you all.

Maybe if I explain a bit about our sport more of you will appreciate our concerns. The shoulders do provide plenty of room for a single cyclist to ride.

Although the sport of cycling involves solitary training it also involves group training and races. These activities make the shoulder of the highway very small very fast.

While riding in single file the lead rider has an unobstructed view of the road ahead, however the riders following him or her have only an unobstructed view of the backside of the rider immediately ahead of them. This leaves little time to react.

If the lead rider checks and sees that there is no traffic they can move out to avoid the obstacle and the riders behind can follow suit. The rumble strips will make this activity very difficult and probably unsafe.

Though group rides are often fairly social the reason we are so close to each others' backsides is actually to draft in the wake of the riders ahead. This is called a pace line and the riders at the back can ride with significantly less effort due to the reduction of wind. This results in a group being able to travel much faster than a single rider.

The lead rider can only "pull" the group for so long before they will be forced to either slow down or pass out, creating more debris for the riders behind. This necessitates a change in lead riders.

We do this by moving to the left and

slowing down, allowing the group to overtake us, and then tucking into the back. The rotation moves continuously at intervals of between 30 seconds and two minutes depending on how long the current lead rider can maintain the pace of the group.

The rumble strips will make this activity much more challenging. I say challenging because challenge is what this sport is really all about, and challenges can be overcome. We learn that about ourselves every ride and will continue to - rumble strips or not.

So as we all adapt, please have patience. We will do our best to stay out of the way, but please remember to respect us as we respect your space and give us the occasional brake. We may need it once in a while. And we do appreciate it.

Rick McDaniel
Terrace B.C.

School week vote explained

Dear Sir:

In Tanis Purcell's letter to the editor "Trustee Vote Claim Challenged." She writes, "In a recent letter to the editor school trustee Peter King claims to have originally voted against the four-day school week. Perhaps Mr. King could explain when this vote occurred."

I am happy to explain when this vote occurred.

A special meeting of the board was held Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the school board office.

#4139 motion that the proposed 2004-05 school year "draft" calendars for the Four and Five Day Instructional Week, be approved for circulation.

#4140 motion to divide.

#4141 motion Five Day Instructional Week,

#4142 motion Four Day Instructional Week,

I voted against motion #4142 and then the *Standard* interviewed me and printed my reasons. We had tried the four-day week and parents and employees that had spoken to me said, "We have to get rid of the four-day week at all cost."

Then after the 30 day consultative process with stakeholders it was clear that, though the parents and employees were not happy with the four-day week it was better than the other two options school closures or massive lay offs and larger class sizes.

As a school trustee I have always tried to support the wishes of the people I represent, but some times laws and financial constraints don't allow me to do the wishes of the people. This is why I am trying to change the problems that have been forced on us over the last three years.

Peter G. King
school trustee

Two views on log exports

Short-sighted policies squandering our future

By RENEE MIKALOFF

I'M NOT surprised cabinet's Dec. 2 order allowing two more years of raw log exports was done very quietly. And it proves that this government cares more about commodities than communities.

For Roger Harris to continue championing the 35 per cent raw log export provision is shameful and unacceptable.

It's the final blow to already devastated communities in the North Coast, Kalum and Kispiox Forest Districts. We deserve more than a few crumbs or tokens (some logging and hauling jobs) or tiny slivers of volume allocations dressed up as "community forests". Some would say this is better than nothing. I say "reach for the top, don't grovel for the bottom."

Raw log exports are knee jerk reactions to a symptom of an industry in

crisis and make no economic sense in the long term. But then B.C. wouldn't be a "Have Not Province" if this government was economically astute. Here's some figures from a government source a fellow Sierra Club of Canada worker sent to me:

■ In 2001, B.C. forfeited more than 800 potential full-time jobs by exporting over a million cubic meters of logs.

■ With the 2002 Order In Council, 700 potential full-time jobs or \$144 million in potential wages and benefits were lost in our region and only \$2.7 million was recovered by the province in royalties. It does not take an economist to conclude these jobs directly benefit people and communities, whereas the relatively meagre royalties paid to the crown only benefit corporations.

Also, none of those royalties "trickle back up" to benefit our area. This cor-

porate give-away is at the expense of our communities, which are already in the toilet, economically speaking.

■ In 2001, Peter Pearce recommended that government provide incentives to the forest industry for investment in and re-building of many older mills so that this industry has a more sustainable footing in the long term.

It's a sad day when our MLA does the opposite and perpetuates economic hardship in this region.

By extending the log exporting provision and removing apportionment (breaking the social contract that tied forest tenures to processing jobs) the government has ensured that no processing facility will reopen in our area any time soon. (A stable, guaranteed wood supply is essential in obtaining the necessary capital for a processing facility.)

So forest companies will continue to



LOGS that are being cut here now pile up for sale on the open market, with about 15 per cent of them exported outside B.C. FILE PHOTO

export the best and leave the rest.

This high-grading is bad not only for the economy but also for the ecology.

I agree with a good friend of mine who said we need a Safe Streets Act that protects the public from corporations that pillage our resources and impover-

ish our communities.

Mr. Harris, when can I expect a reply to my email I sent to your office over two months ago in which I requested data like "how much volume has been exported from our region since the 2002 OIC"?

Strategy for future rooted in seedlings

By ROGER HARRIS
Skeena MLA and Minister of State
for Forestry Operations

THE NORTHWEST Order in Council allowing log exports is a temporary feature.

It is in place as a means to an end. It is not about harvesting but rather about growing trees.

As we look and plan long-term it is one of the tools by which we move our northwest timber profile from one of a liability to one of an asset. It is how we will build sustainable, secure, long-term family supporting employment in the forest sector across the northwest.

The northwest OIC for export will allow for the continuation of forest activity today. This activity will sustain our local forest infrastructure; both people and equipment, by keeping them employed within the region.

It will provide the necessary flow of logs that will support our local dimensional milling needs and specialty log milling market.

It will provide the flow of fibre neces-

We must replant and transform our low-value forests. Log exports help us get there

sary to create new opportunities around non-traditional timber products such as pellets, co-generation and other biomass products

If the current SCI challenge has taught us nothing else it is the need to move as quickly as possible to change the profile of the fibre basket of the northwest.

We need to create higher valued saw log stands. As we do, the need for export will diminish, as the economics around local processing becomes economically viable.

The long-term economic success of our northwest forest industry will come with the change in timber profile. A plan that

gets us there sooner benefits everyone.

Those who advocate an absolute ban on log exports today have forgotten that all the legislated tools in the world are valueless if the industry financially collapses. They fail to recognize that every region and forest in the province is different and needs to be managed accordingly.

Recently, I spent a significant amount of time in the central interior of the province putting together and implementing a strategy on how the provincial government is managing the largest natural infestation in the history of North America: the mountain pine beetle.

One of the ways to mitigate the long-term impacts to communities across the central and southern interior of the province is to move as quickly as possible in planting a new, biodiverse forest.

In order to start that replanting process we need to increase the harvest activity there today.

The challenge in the northwest is in many ways quite similar to the central

interior.

The northwest contains the lowest value timber profile of any forest region in the province. The combination of low valued timber and high coastal operating costs has combined to be one of the major contributors to the many collapses of SCI over the years.

It has also been one of the barriers today to attracting new interest and investment into the forest industry in the northwest.

The Wes Cheston report, which was drafted in the '90s, has as its over-riding principle this concept: If the northwest is to finally find long-term stability in the forest industry it has to fundamentally move from the over-mature, high pulp timber profile of today, to a younger, higher valued saw log profile.

Wes Cheston clearly stated that government needed to put in place a regulatory and pricing regime to facilitate the economic harvest of current stands so that replanting could commence. The longer the delay in harvesting, the longer the du-

ration of impoverishment and uncertainty for the families, communities, businesses and industries that relied on the forests for a livelihood.

Log exports is just one of the tools that Cheston recommended that allows us to move the timber sooner. Its objective is not the facilitation of harvest but rather the tool by which we can replant sooner. It is not the export of jobs, but rather the process that finally starts to allow us to change the profile of the northwest forest so that our ultimate objective of no log exports and local processing becomes a reality.

Log exports are not anyone's first choice. Everyone would like to see each and every log harvested in a region manufactured within the province.

This should be the essential long-term goal of any forest policy. The discussions, myths and politics around log exports have to be taken in the context of that broader policy objective.

But most importantly the politics needs to be removed from the debate.



Roger Harris

Gov't ordered to try again to reach native timber deal

By JEFF NAGEL

A JUDGE has ordered the province to try again to cut a deal with the Gitanyow to make up for the transfer of Skeena Cellulose's forest licences in 2002.

Although Skeena's new owners failed to revive the company and placed it in receivership last fall, the province still has a duty to consult and accommodate the band, B.C. Supreme Court Justice David Tysoe ruled Dec. 30.

That duty has not yet been met, he said, despite lengthy negotiations aimed at providing the Gitanyow with cash and timber rights.

"I encourage the parties to resume negotiations," he said.

But he rejected the aboriginal group's call for other measures, such as quashing the licence transfer and barring Victoria from selling timber from Gitanyow territory.

It's the second time Tysoe has sent both sides back to the bargaining table. This time it carries the added weight of November's Supreme Court of Canada ruling that governments and native bands must both negotiate in good faith.

The Gitanyow are one of the only holdout bands in the northwest that have not yet agreed to accept one of the province's forestry agreements.

The ruling gives a rare window into the government's negotiations with aboriginal groups.

In April 2003, Tysoe says, Victoria was offering the Gitanyow \$325,000 per



Glen Williams

year in revenue sharing plus 400,000 cubic metres of timber over five years.

By December of that year the offer was up to \$340,000 and 86,000 cubic metres of timber per year.

But an impasse was reached as the forestry deal talks increasingly became intertwined with Gitanyow treaty talks.

And they hit another wall because the Gitanyow wouldn't accept the province's cookie cutter formula, from which Victoria wouldn't budge.

That formula set a cap of \$500 per band member per year for the revenue sharing. Based on the federal government's list of 680 band members, that amounted to the \$340,000 figure.

The Gitanyow argued the money should be based on the volume of timber harvested on their territory, not the number of people.

But if they accepted a per capita formula, they said, it should be based instead on the band's own tally of

2,500 Gitanyow — a figure that would boost the annual payment to \$1.25 million.

By June of 2004, provincial negotiators proposed that the deal be amended to use the number of Gitanyow who will be eligible for a treaty once eligibility provisions are hammered out in treaty talks.

The judge suggested ruling that provision be made retroactive. It's not unreasonable, Tysoe ruled, that the province doesn't want to deviate too far from its formula.

It's also reasonable, he suggested, for the Gitanyow to be compensated based on their true numbers rather than Ottawa's records.

Also at issue was not just how much timber the band would get but how valuable it was.

Gitanyow leaders demanded 100,000 cubic metres per year, its location to be decided in advance, rather than the province's offer of 85,000 cubic metres to be specified later.

The band also wants a meaningful role in land-use decision-making, control over large amounts of timber that Skeena failed to cut, and provisions for replanting of logged-out areas.

The dispute heated up last fall, when the province tried to auction off timber cutting rights in Gitanyow territory and the band responded with newspaper ads warning potential bidders of the legal cloud over the wood.

Gitanyow chief negotiator Glen Williams said the ruling reinforces the band's message to would-be log-

gers.

"Bidders and purchasers have to be aware that there exists a fundamental legal defect to these outstanding tenures in our territory," he said. "There are very serious financial risks for them, so until these issues and uncertainties are resolved, buyer beware."

Skeena MLA Roger Harris said the two licences advertised for a total of 500,000 cubic metres last fall have not yet been awarded.

He said meetings between provincial negotiators and the Gitanyow have already resumed.

Harris said it makes sense to try to accommodate the Gitanyow not just for the 2002 licence transfer but also for the new ones expected under the New Skeena liquidation.

"I think we both agree what we'd like to do is craft a single agreement that not only covers the past SCI transfer but what's going on today," he said.

He applauded Tysoe's ruling. "I think he provided some pretty good guidance on how to move it forward and find solutions," Harris said.

He said there's will on the Gitanyow side to find a solution. "They want to get on with improving the lives of the folks they represent," he said. "They see economic development as the tool to do that."

If further progress isn't made the Gitanyow can again ask the judge to consider quashing the licence transfers.

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Treaty talks poised to resume as villages leave tribal council

By JEFF NAGEL

FIVE TSIMSHIAN bands, including the Kitsumkalum and Kitselas near Terrace, are poised to resume treaty talks that were suspended amid internal turmoil last year.

The five have split away from the old Tsimshian Tribal Council and formed a new negotiating society. Joining the two bands here are Metlakatla, Kitasoo and Gitga'at (formerly Hartley Bay).

Despite objections and threats of legal action from the tribal council, the B.C. Treaty Commission has approved the breakaway group of five's plan to restart talks under the new organization, said commissioner Will Adam.

He said restarting the flow of money to support negotiations still depends on the five bands agreeing to assume their share of the loan rung up by the Tsimshian in treaty talks to this point.

The debt is close to \$20 million, said Gerald Wesley, the chief negotiator for the five bands.

"Each of us as participating Tsimshian first nations are committing to take responsibility for our part of the loan funding," he said.

The loans are expected to eventually be repaid out of a final cash treaty settlement.

The Tsimshian were receiving \$2.3 million a year for treaty-related operations when they were negotiating as seven united villages. Eighty per cent is to be repaid, while 20 per cent is a grant.

Wesley said main table treaty negotiations could resume as early as February.

The remaining two Tsimshian villages - Lax Kw'alaams and Kitkatla - will pursue treaty talks separately.



Gerald Wesley

Wesley said the Tsimshian hope to move on after a difficult year of political infighting that culminated in the suspension of treaty talks last April 2.

The treaty commission cut off the flow of money that supported Tsimshian treaty work.

Having the seven very different communities negotiate as one group had always been somewhat tenuous since talks began in earnest in 1995.

To provide maximum autonomy to each village, Tsimshian negotiators aimed to conclude seven highly customized treaties - at odds with the provincial and federal goal of reaching a single, efficient over-arching Tsimshian treaty.

But unified treaty talks hit a brick wall in 2002, when Lax Kw'alaams decided it needed to go to court to pursue its aboriginal right to fish.

Canada and B.C. then forced the band to choose between the court case and treaty talks. Lax Kw'alaams opted to continue the legal fight, and was then barred from negotiations.

The band then pulled out of the tribal council, and Wesley said that set the stage for disputes among the villages over things like repayment of treaty negotiating loans and overlapping traditional territories.

Metlakatla also withdrew early in 2004, and the tribal council, under president Bob Hill, suspended treaty talks.

The divisions spilled out into the open that spring and a series of meetings through the year were unable to heal the rift.

Wesley calls it a difficult, frustrating period.

"We should have been able to resolve our differences," he said. "We should never have come to the situation we've been in over the

past year."

In the end, he said, some Tsimshian leaders could no longer meet together in the same room.

Had the dispute not occurred, Wesley says the Tsimshian today would be much closer to an agreement-in-principle.

He says he had hoped they would reach one in 2005. Now he says that goal is 18 months to two years away.

It's now critical the five communities now negotiate with unity and mutual respect, Wesley said, if they are to be treated seriously by the opposing federal and provincial negotiators.

"I'm making great efforts to be rational in our approach

and that nobody is hurt any more than they have been already on our side of the table," he said.

While the tribal council continues to operate as a political body, the Kitselas and Kitsumkalum have cut all ties, Wesley said.

Adam says the treaty commission is satisfied the five bands have the support of their communities in pursuing a new negotiating structure and that the tribal council no longer has the authority to oversee treaty talks.

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The shelter is operated by the Ksan House Society and it recently received more money from the province to open up extra beds for the winter months.

"I'm not sure how many have been given out," Stensgaard of the gloves, hats and scarves.

Clothing generally comes from comes community donations, but a specific \$3,300 provincial grant in addition to the money for the beds is being used.

About nine to 12 men currently frequent the shelter and more people are there during the day during cold weather periods.

The shelter saw about nine people show up for its annual Christmas dinner, although staff prepared food for 50.

"Nobody from the community came so in a way that's a very good thing," Stensgaard said.

"Everybody had somewhere to go."

A room being refurbished with a first nations theme in honour of residential school survivors is still scheduled to open at the end of the month, he said.

Plans are underway for the shelter's next big meal in February.

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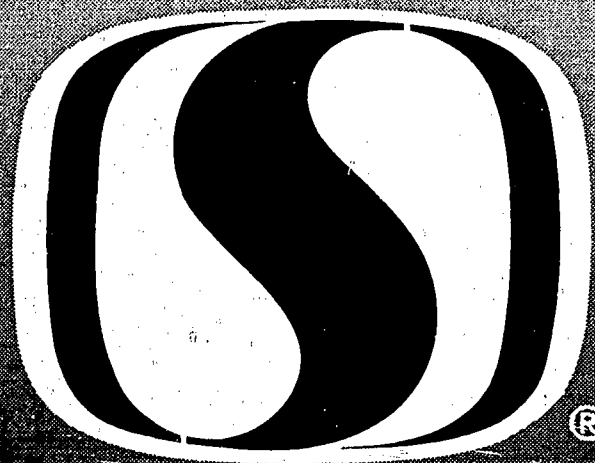


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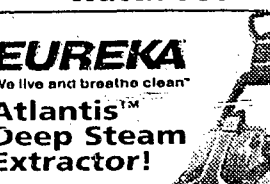
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MP promises to help out Miss Teen Mayan

By REBECCA COLLARD

THE MP FOR the Skeena-Bulkley Valley has promised to help advance the career of a local beauty pageant winner and aspiring country music singer, but says he is unable to provide her with money.

Theresa Fenger and her mother, Virginia, met with Nathan Cullen, MP, at his Terrace constituency office just before Christmas to ask for money and advice about Fenger's future ambitions.

Fenger incurred \$4,000 in debt during a trip to Guatemala in early December 2004 where she was crowned Miss Teen Mayan World.

Cullen was not able to provide money to defray expenses that had already been incurred.

"He thinks that because the \$4,000 was spent in the past, there's nothing we can do about it now," said Fenger.

However, Cullen said he would be able to help Fenger with future activities. He said he admires her for her achievements so far and her ambitions for the future.

"She's really keen to



A TIRED BUT elated Theresa Fenger was greeted with flowers at the airport in early December after arriving home with her Miss Teen Mayan World crown. Local MP Nathan Cullen has promised to help Fenger further her ambitions. REBECCA COLLARD PHOTO

work hard and go beyond what the norm is," said Cullen.

Cullen said he is hugely supportive of the arts and will support her in the future.

At the meeting, he talked to Fenger about how the federal government could assist with her singing career.

Cullen said Fenger could get financial support to sing overseas through various federal Heritage Canada department programs.

"We try to support Canadian talent abroad and music

has become a significant export for Canada," said Cullen.

While Fenger now has some possible financial sources for her music career, she said she is still hoping to raise money to go to more pageants.

Fenger said it is more difficult to get money and sponsors for pageants in Canada than it is in other countries.

She expects to hold a fundraising event early in this new year.

Second local pageant hopeful

A SECOND young lady from Terrace is about to enter a beauty pageant.

Sukhdeep Atwal, a Cal grad who is scheduled to obtain a Bachelor of Science degree this spring down south, is off to Montreal Jan. 19-26 for the Miss Universe Canada 2005 pageant.

There are 52 entrants and the winner goes on to represent Canada in the Miss Universe pageant this June.

Atwal wants to take her major in biology and minor in kinesiology degree and enter medical school. But first she wants to take a year off and go travelling.

In addition to her stud-

ies, Atwal founded Relay of Hope, a young organization which for each of the last two years has organized a nine-day relay from Lake Louise in Alberta to Canada Place in Vancouver to raise money for the non-profit group Rehab B.C.

Relay of Hope has raised \$20,000 for a recreational program at the G.F. Strong rehab centre in Vancouver.

"I believe that through my education and extracurricular volunteer work experience, I am a very well rounded person and would do a great job representing B.C. in the Miss Canada Universe Pageant," Atwal

writes in a letter to potential sponsors.

While going to school in Terrace, Atwal took part in Heart and Stroke events, helped at Mills Memorial Hospital and was on Caledonia Senior Secondary's student council, grad committee and prom committee and was senior editor of the school's yearbook.

Atwal's parents, Jangrup and Ranjit Atwal, are looking for donations to defray the \$4,750 cost of attending the Montreal pageant.

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'Aerial truck' lifts very heavy loads

By MARGARET SPEIRS
A DRAGONFLY-shaped, two-rotor helicopter hauled over a million pounds of gold ore during its mining work over the holidays.

Lakelse Air's Kmax K1200 helicopter flew to Stewart on Boxing Day to carry gold ore out of a potential mine location.

Its six days of work were declared to be "a swimming success" when it completed lifting a total of 500 tons of ore.

Each trip ore was loaded into a bucket able to carry 4,500 pounds of ore to min-

ers to sort for gold.

After its Stewart run, the copter returned to McBride for more logging work.

"It's basically an aerial truck," Lakelse Air owner Ian Munson said, adding the copter is designed for lifting.

It can lift a maximum load of 6,500 pounds, or two 80-foot logs, during its logging work.

The copter is used year-round and is more environmentally friendly than previous logging techniques that required fallen logs to be dragged away.

It lifts logs off the mountainside and carries them down onto a landing where they're loaded into a truck.

The copter is maneuvered with the "fins" on the bottom of each rotor and stabilized by two horizontal stabilizer bars near its rear.

It burns 85 gallons of jet fuel per hour and flies for two hours on one tank.

Munson said in an average year like 2003, the copter logged 2,100 hours flying time. He had hoped it would have been flown more in 2004 and is looking forward to being busier in 2005.

SAAN stores face uncertain future

SAAN Stores is holding a massive liquidation sale and will close locations across the country to preserve as much of its core activity as possible.

Its parent company was given creditor protection Jan. 6, giving it time to find a way to pay bills of at least \$48 million and to figure out how many of its 223 stores need to be closed to then emerge as a viable operation.

The fate of B.C. SAAN stores, including the ones in Terrace and in Kitimat, is not immediately known.

"The need to rationalize the number of SAAN stores will have consequences for some SAAN employees. SAAN regrets this but it is unavoidable if the core business is to be preserved," a company statement said late last week.

Money from the liquida-

tion sale will be used to pay creditors and provide cash to restructure operations.

"The financial performance of SAAN has been impaired by penetration into its markets, including its core rural markets, by competitors such as Wal-Mart and Giant Tiger and the resultant change in consumer shopping patterns," the company statement said.

It said sales and profits have deteriorated for the past six years.

The company employs 3,000 people and also operates the Red Apple Clearance Centre outlets.

SAAN has been a Terrace fixture since 1979, operating a store in the Skeena Mall until Sept. 1995 when it moved to its current custom-built own structure on the corner of Greig and Emerson creating, for a pe-

riod, a nexus of retail activity with a Robin's Donuts franchise next door and the Co-op complex across the street. Both Robin's and the Co-op have now closed.

The SAAN development was regarded as a showcase of downtown improvements as it cleaned up an unsightly piece of land in that area that was owned by CN.

SAAN also built its store in Kitimat over the same time period, spending \$4 million on the 18,000 square foot buildings.

SAAN means Surplus, Army, Air Force and Navy, and was started by brothers Sam and Albert Cohen in Winnipeg as a Second World War surplus outlet.

In the latter years it opened 28 "power centres" in large malls to compete with big box retailers, but the strategy did not work out.

Cancer takes businessman

FAMILY and business associates are mourning the loss of Tom Junior Gingles.

The owner of the National car rental agency in Terrace and a longtime member of the business community died Dec. 22 after a two-year battle with cancer.

Gingles emigrated from Northern Ireland to Vancouver with his wife Mags in 1968 and moved to Terrace a year later.

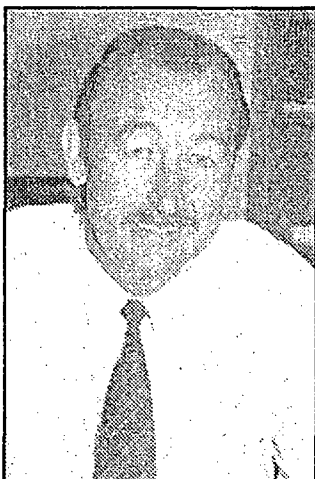
He entered the car rental business here in 1972 and ultimately headed a business with outlets from Prince Rupert to the Okanagan, with a fleet of hundreds of vehicles.

Gingles was one of eight original Terrace partners who financed and developed the downhill ski operation at Shames Mountain.

A longtime Rotarian, he received the club's Paul Harris Fellowship for community service.

Gingles was named the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce's business executive of the year in 1994.

He was also a finalist one year in the New Canadian Entrepreneur Awards.



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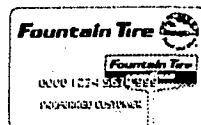
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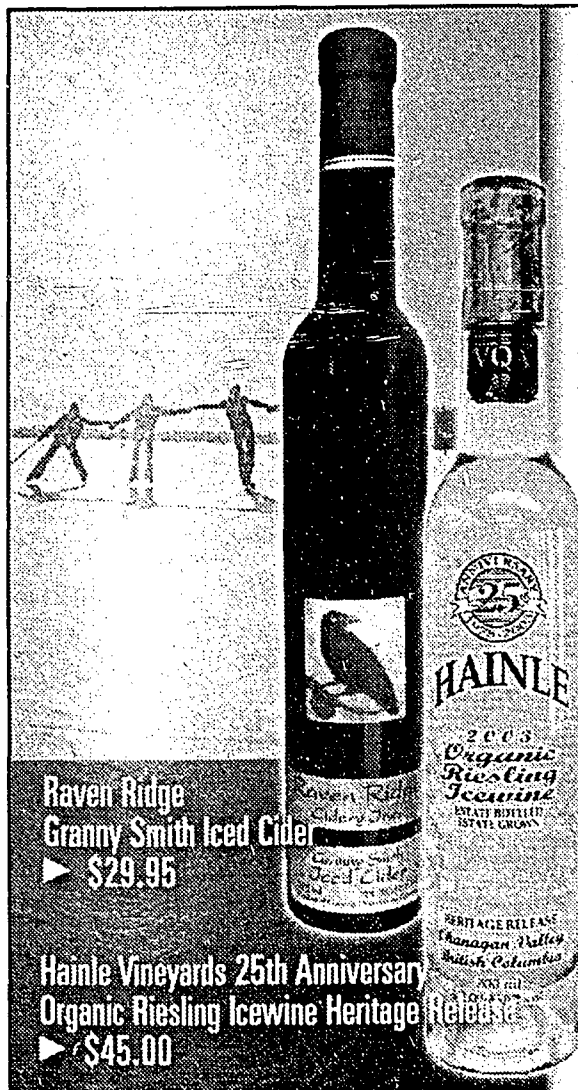
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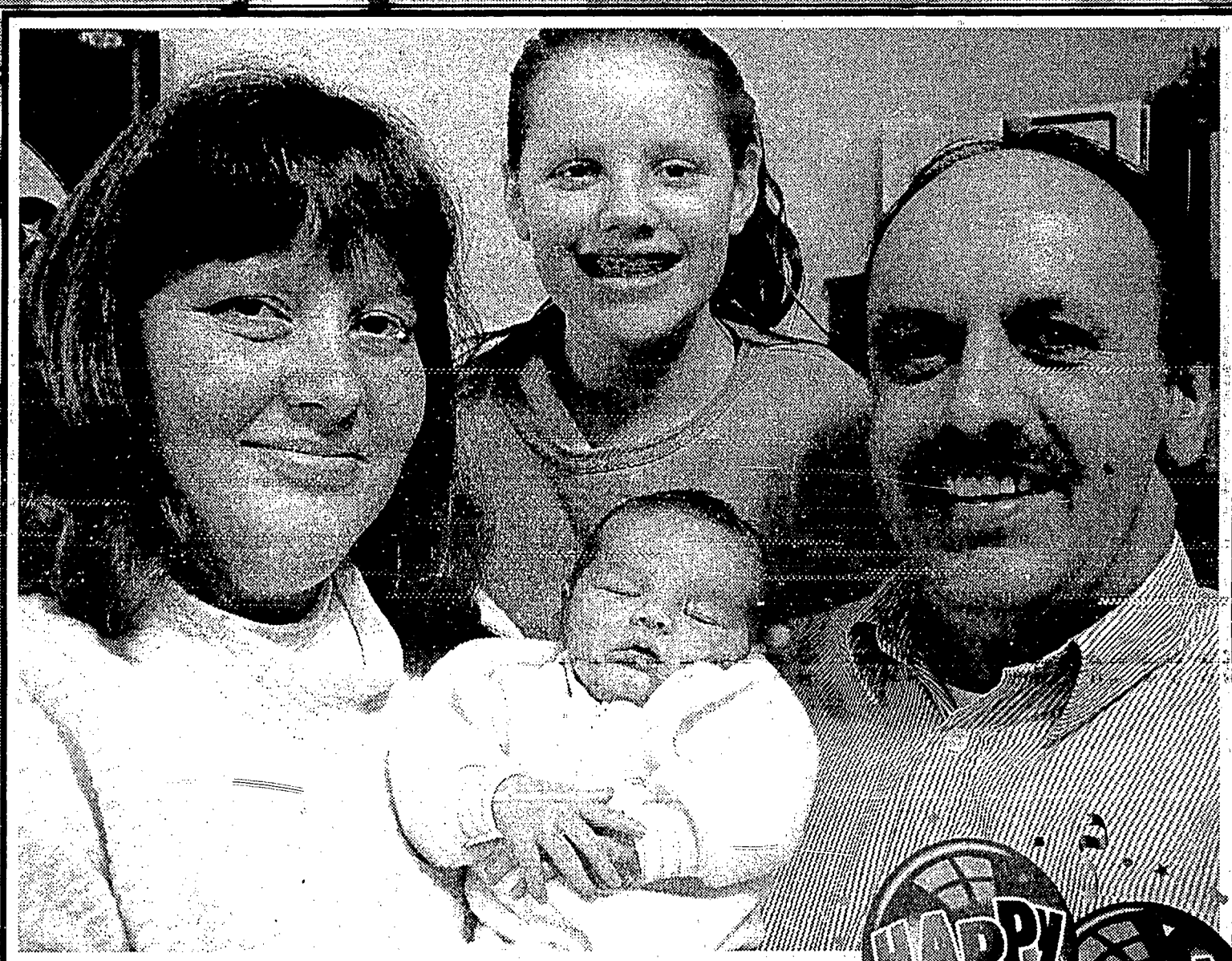
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Final fate of sawmill could be known by early next week

By JEFF NAGEL
THE RECEIVER overseeing New Skeena Forest Products hopes to know by early next week whether a deal will go ahead to operate rather than liquidate the Terrace sawmill.

Larry Prentice, vice-president of Ernst and Young Inc., said auctioneer Maynards' offer to liquidate the Terrace mill expires Jan. 15.

He said that's one of a series of factors driving the negotiations now underway between himself, various bidders and the City of Terrace to an early conclusion.

"I am very focussed on a resolution early in January of what we're going to do in Terrace," Prentice said last week.

"On or before Jan. 15 we'll know whether or not those assets are going to be turned over to Maynards or whether there's a transaction at an economic level that somebody is going to step up and be prepared to do."

Prentice said he remains cautiously optimistic the sawmill here can be sold to someone who will operate it.

"I'm hopeful there's a

deal that can come together," he said. "But I can't yet say it's probable there will be one."

Another source of uncertainty is the outcome of the sale of Tree Farm Licence #1 to the Lax Kw'alaams band near Prince Rupert for \$4.815 million.

That deal is slated to close Jan. 17.

But Prentice said loggers are appealing a court ruling that allowed the termination of their evergreen contracts to cut half the timber from the TFL.

"I'm sure the purchaser will not want to close until there's an answer to that," he said, adding he's seeking a speedy consideration of the issue by the B.C. Court of Appeal.

"I'm trying to have that heard and decided before the closing date."

Prentice won't name bidders but Don Hull and Sons Contracting had previously confirmed it and other logging firms here were bidding for the Terrace mill, as were a group of ex-Repap executives who ran Skeena Cellulose in the early 1990s.

But Gordon Hull last

week said the contractors group no longer appears to be the preferred bidder.

"We haven't heard much in two or three weeks," he said. "I would say things don't look that promising."

Hull was not optimistic the ex-Repap bidders, if chosen, would lead to a stable operating sawmill here.

"Don't hold your breath looking for anything good from those guys," he said. "Look at their track record."

Terrence mayor Jack Talstra, who was leaving last week on a business trip to China, declined to discuss the negotiations or what the city is considering offering in assistance to a potential new owner.

He said the next major step is waiting to see whether the tree farm licence sale to the Lax Kw'alaams really goes ahead.

If not, he said, the dynamics of the whole sale process change. "That allows other people to make an offer on it," he said.

The Kitselas and Kitsumkalum bands had previously bid for the TFL, but had offered a much lower amount than Lax Kw'alaams.



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Around Town

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FEB. 9 MARKS the start of the Year of the Rooster.

Last week, Canada Post got a jump start on the festivities by issuing two stamps honouring Chinese New Year by issuing a 50 cent domestic stamp and a \$1.45 international rate stamp commemorating the Year of the Rooster.

People born in the Year of the Rooster (1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, and 2005) really have something to crow about.



Year of the Rooster

According to tradition, they are believed to be proud, dignified and flamboyant and to possess a heart of gold.

They are straightforward, lack deviousness, are sociable, entertaining and can be the soul of social gatherings.

Roosters are perfectionists with great organizational skills. Cleanliness and tidiness are of great importance to them.

They are practical, confident individuals who strive to achieve their ambitions and have great success in many fields.

Well-known Canadians who were born in the Year of the Rooster include hockey legend Maurice "Rocket" Richard, rocker Neil Young, writer Gabrielle Roy and actor Hayden Christensen.

What a warm December

TERRACE HIT a record low for snowfall in December, a month that shaped up to be one of the mildest Decembers in decades.

Just over 35 cm of snow fell in Terrace, compared to a two-decade low of 44 cm in 1989.

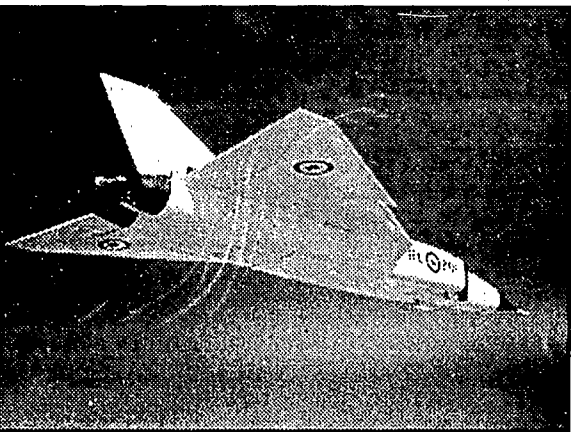
The average December temperature is just below freezing, according to statistics from Environment Canada.

The coldest December in the past two decades was in 1996, when the average temperature here was -7.4 C.

The warmest December was in 1991, when the temperature hovered one degree above 0 C.

Though Terrace didn't top the 326 mm of rain that fell in December 1991, the amount of rain that did fall (over 160 mm) was well above the two-decade low of 4 mm in 1996.

December's total precipitation was 202 mm, compared to the driest in two decades, 76 mm, in December 1985 and the wettest, 471 mm, in December 1991.



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For the first time, northwest British Columbians have a chance to see *Avro Arrow: A Dream Denied*, a special traveling exhibit now on view at the Kitimat Centennial Museum to Feb. 5.

"Part of the reason for our exhibit is to set the record straight, to distinguish fact from fiction," the director and curator of the West Parry Sound District Museum, where the exhibit originated, has said.

The exhibit includes plane parts, documents, photographs, plans, newspaper clippings and even plant newsletters.

It chronicles the history of the development of the jet, viewed as Canada's best chance to fly to the forefront of the international aerospace industry, to its cancellation.

Included are the stories from the factory workers of Malton, Ontario where the jet was manufactured and eventually scrapped, adding a human dimension to the story, which describes what Canadians were capable of developing, where it could have led, and why it didn't happen.

The Kitimat Centennial Museum, located at 293 City Centre, is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. It's closed on Sundays.

For more information, call 632-8950, or log onto www.kitimatmuseum.ca



BEAUTIFUL NEW ADDITION: Baby Tegan Ella, centre, is surrounded by her proud family, a few days after her Jan. 1 arrival. From left to right: Mom Heidi, big sister Jessica and dad Ernie.

JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

Quiet New Year's ends in labour

Local family's newest addition is also the first baby born in Terrace in 2005

By JENNIFER LANG

HEIDI WHITE didn't expect to give birth to Terrace's first baby of 2005, but she's certainly relieved that she did.

Heading into New Year's Eve, she and her husband Ernest Anaka and daughter Jessica, 12, were mentally preparing to welcome the newest addition to their family on Jan. 2.

That's the date Heidi, 32, was scheduled to have her labour induced.

"I was, like, two weeks overdue," she said.

So, on New Year's Eve, the family settled in for a quiet evening at home.

When the clock struck midnight, they wished each other a happy new year, and soon went to bed.

Shortly after that, Heidi realized she was beginning to go into labour.

It began to dawn on her that her long-awaited baby might finally arrive on New Year's Day.

"I was shocked," Heidi said.

A bouncing baby girl with a lustrous head of hair, Tegan Ella, was born at 6:51 p.m. Jan. 1 at Mills Memorial Hospital, weighing 4,000 grams (or 8 pounds, 13 ounces).

The wait for the family's newest addition was finally over, to Heidi's relief.

"It was a long nine and a half months," she laughed, a few days after returning home from hospital with her new daughter.

Tegan is her second child, but

"It's just like having a brand new one all over again," Heidi said.

So far, Tegan seems to be something of a night owl.

"When she was inside of me, she liked being awake from 2 to 4 in the morning," says Heidi, who works at McKay's Funeral Home, where her husband is a funeral director.

"Now that she's here, I'm up at 2 to 4 in the morning – even in the hospital."

"She likes being awake during the night."

Terrace – are you ready for your close up?

Photos at potluck help tell the story of Terrace's diverse cultural landscape

By JENNIFER LANG

DON'T BE surprised if a tall, friendly woman with long hair and a wide grin asks to take your picture in the coming weeks.

Her name is Ewa Luby, and she's a member of the Terrace Multicultural Association.

She's working on a special project: she's taking photos of different people in the community.

Next month, her photographs will help decorate the walls of the Kitsumkalum Community Hall at the association's 20th annual potluck dinner. It's a way of reflecting the cultural diversity of Terrace.

The outgoing woman eagerly signed up for the assignment, even though it means approaching strangers.

"I said, don't worry – I don't have a problem!"

For two decades now, the annual potluck dinner has brought the community together over a mouth-watering feast.

People are encouraged to bring their favourite traditional dish, and sample the specialties of other cultures.

"I love it," member Jane Dickson says. "It's one of my favourite events. It brings people together."

The event performs a valuable function in breaking down the barriers that separate people.

When neighbours eat a

meal together, they realize they share a lot of other things in common, too.

"It's that acceptance," Dickson says. "I've always felt that Terrace has a very positive attitude to people coming in. People have a heart in Terrace."

Little wonder, then, that the multicultural association celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

To mark this historic milestone, members have decided to organize its biggest potluck dinner ever.

That meant a venue change (the Kitsumkalum hall is big enough to accommodate 1,200 people, a truly sizeable crowd).

— There's also going to be a fond look back at previous potlucks.

Member Saša Loggin, a multimedia consultant, is working on a slide show presentation featuring memories from the past 20 years of the annual dinner.

Entertainment by local performers is a favourite component of the evening.

And the big draw is, of course, the food.

This year, the pressure is off to bring a dish inspired by your own traditions.

Dickson says some people found that a little restrictive – what if you're South Asian but you have a flare with Moroccan cooking?

That's why this year's 20th anniversary dinner is billed as an international potluck. Simply bring along

your favourite international dish. People can bring what they like.

The potluck takes place Saturday, Feb. 19, starting at 5 p.m. Rides will be avail-

help, please call Jane at 635-3583, or email terracemultia@snn@uniserve.com



SAY CHEESE: Ewa Luby will be snapping pictures of local residents.

JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

Experienced potluck veterans will notice another difference this year: the buffet tables will be arranged in a more efficient way, speeding up the dinner.

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■ The Terrace Symphony Orchestra presents an evening of chamber music with special guests Mary Sokol-Brown, violin; Gene Ramsbottom, clarinet; Joe Elworthy, cello; and Dave Brown, double bass. These musicians have come from the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and CBC Radio Orchestra to workshop and teach musicians from our community. On Saturday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m. at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre they will perform a concert including the works of Vivaldi, Schubert, Carl Maria von Weber, Gliere, and Kodaly. Tickets at the door.

■ The Canadian Tenors, Craig Ashton, Leon Leontaridis, and Joey Niceforo, Saturday, Jan. 22 at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre. Presented by the Terrace Concert Society. Tickets at Cook's Jeweller's in the Skeena Mall.

■ Help Live, a benefit concert and silent auction for the tsunami relief fund. Presented by Terrace performers Saturday, Jan. 29 at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at Misty River Books and Uplands Elementary, starting Friday, Jan.

14. Featuring Dr. Fishy, Aurora Wind Quartet, Classical Act string ensemble, Sophia Palahicky's dancers, Kelly Lima, Terrace Community Big Band, Northern Conservatory of Dance, Uplands Vocal Ensemble, and more...

Theatre

Dinner theatre: The Terrace Little Theatre presents Norm Foster's romantic comedy **Maggie's Getting Married**. Will the sibling rivalry between bride-to-be Maggie Duncan and her sister Wanda ruin an expensive family party? Playwright Norm Foster scores again with this hilarious tale that unfolds on the eve of Maggie's wedding. Presented at the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club Jan. 28-29, Feb. 4-5, Feb. 11-12, 14 and Feb. 18-19. Tickets are \$34 and available at Uniglobe Courtesy Travel. Proceeds from the opening night performance Jan. 28 will be donated to the Red Cross.

Visual arts

The Terrace Art Gallery presents Northwest Images, photography by Brad Woollacott (upper gallery) and Paintings in Grey and Green, oils by Mark Tworow (lower gallery). Jan. 7 to 30. The opening night reception is Friday, Jan. 7 starting at 7:30 p.m.

Etc.

■ Hand drumming workshops are offered on Sunday evenings in January starting on Jan. 9 at the Terrace Art Gallery. There is an \$8 drop in fee for non-members and \$6.50 for members. The sessions begin at 7 p.m.

■ **Before Sunset**, writer-director Richard Linklater's (*School of Rock*, *Waking Life*, *Dazed and Confused*) 2004 follow-up to the 1995 romance, *Before Sunrise*, at the Tillicum Twin Theatres Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. Stars Juliet Delpy and Ethan Hawke meet up in Paris nine years after their memorable night in Vienna. Presented by the Terrace and District Arts Council. Tickets at the door.

■ **Falling Angels**, a film adaptation of Canadian author Barbara Gowdy's first novel, is presented at the Tillicum Twin Theatres Feb. 23 as part of the continuing The Terrace Not Paris Film Festival. It was filmed in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and stars Miranda Richardson. Starting at 7 p.m. and presented by the Terrace and District Arts Council.



Dinner Theatre

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January 28, 29
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22 - The Canadian Tenors- Their repertoire covers a wide range of music and can be selected from foot stomping Canadian folk tunes, ballads, musical theatre, opera, pop-opera and the world's most beloved songs. 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25.00/adults \$20.00/students and seniors. Available at Cook's Jewellers

February

12 - The Vagina Monologues a repeat of this amazing performance - by local women. A fund-raiser for Ksan House Society's Transition House.

18 & 19 - Uplands Elementary School presents "Treasure Island"

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

The Good Food Box distribution day is Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. Families who have signed up need to pick up their box at the location they signed up for: Skeena Kalam Housing (4616 Haugland at Pear), Skeena Health Unit Auditorium (3412 Kalam St.) and the Walsh apartments (310-4931 Walsh Ave.) For more information, please call 638-1863.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18

Terrace Toastmasters meets at their new location in the auditorium at the Northern Health Authority's Health Unit, at 3412 Kalam Ave., at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18. We are always open to accept new members. If you would like to join us for a meeting, please call Bob at 638-0923 or Rolf at 635-6911.

SUNDAY, JAN. 23

Family Literacy Day. Come to the public library for our annual Family Literacy Scavenger Hunt and Puppet Show. Book draws and fun for the whole family. To add to the excitement, come to the library and pick up a literacy game to complete during the month of January, bring it in and be eligible for more great prizes.

MONDAY, JAN. 24

Northern Health's board holds its next regular meeting in Prince George on Monday January 24 2005. The meeting is scheduled to take place in the boardroom at NH's 687 Dornbier Crescent site. The open session will run from 1 to 4 p.m., with a public presentation session scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. Northern Health welcomes presentations from interested individuals or parties. Presentations can be made in person, via telephone, or through a video conference link. Interested speakers are asked to submit a request for a presentation time-slot as soon as possible by calling (250) 565-2922 or e-mailing tammy.hoefer@northernhealth.ca. The deadline for submitting requests for presentations is Friday Jan. 14 at 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 4

Award-winning children's author Diane Swanson reads at the Terrace Public Library Feb. 4 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Swanson writes fun and informative books for kids. She specializes in non-fiction animal series. Join her for a fun, interactive look at the astonishing natural world. Please register in person at the Terrace Public Library or by calling 635-1798.

PSAs

Registration begins Jan. 6 for Children's Storytimes at the library. Toddler Time (babies 12-23 months) Wednesdays, from 11:15-noon (parent participation program). Tales for 2s on Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. (parent participation program). Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5 years) Wednesdays or Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. Classes begin the week of Jan. 18 and run for six weeks.

Free drop in program for parents and children under 6 at the childcare facility attached to the Thornhill Community Centre. Adult-child drop-in with activities parents and children can enjoy together, yummy snacks and good company. Wednesdays from 1:15-3:15 p.m. Program starts Jan. 15 and ends March 16. Everyone welcome. No need to register, no charge. For more information, call 638-1863.

The Terrace Women's Centre is open Wednesday to Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 4542 Park Ave. (near the pool). Drop in discussion group on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. Call 638-0228 or drop by.

Family to Family education course. Free 12-week course, one night a week. For families of persons with depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and personality disorder. Learn the skills to cope. Course starts Jan. 26. From 7-9:30 p.m. at the Stepping Stone Clubhouse. To inquire or to register call Eileen Callanan at 635-3620 or Cheryl Watts at 635-8206. Seating is limited. Sponsored by the B.C. Schizophrenia Society and supported by the Northern Health Authority.

Legal Ease Workshops. The Terrace Women's Centre is organizing a workshop series to answer your questions on debt management, legal services and labour and employment standards. Starting

with bankruptcy and debt issues Monday, Jan. 17 from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Terrace Public Library boardroom. With experts from KPMG - trustees in bankruptcy. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments provided. Child care subsidies also available by calling 638-0228 the day before the event.

Piano and Speech Arts Workshops Feb. 17-19 at the Terrace Academy of Music, presented by the Pacific Northwest Music Festival, along with the help of the Terrace and District Arts Council. Clinicians Alison Matthews and Yuko Noble will be offering private and group lessons to festival participants. Contact Kelly Lim at 638-1183 to register before Jan. 15. Space is limited, so please call now: 638-1183.

Parent and Child Mother Goose program starts Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Northern Health Authority's health unit. From 10-30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays to March 10. Simple rhymes and action songs to delight your child (newborn to 18 months) and help develop language and communication. This program is free. Come as often as you can. For further information, call the health unit at 638-2200.

The syllabus and entry forms for the 2005 Pacific Northwest Music Festival are now available at Sight and Sound (Keith Ave. Mall location). Registration deadline is Jan. 15, 2005. For more information, call Irene at 635-3215.

Have you ever lived in Prince Rupert? We are holding a week long Homecoming celebration May 16-23 for all former and present residents. We have a week jammed packed full of things to do and see. Send your name and address to Box 22002 Prince Rupert V8J 4P8 or visit our website at princeruprhomecoming.com and we will forward you an information package. Call Leona Zajac at 250-624-9254.

Looking for Shilobrats! Get ready for a high school '60s reunion July 29-31 at CFB Shilo, Manitoba. Reconnect and register at <http://members.shaw.ca/djordan65>.

The Terrace Red Cross Medical Equipment Loan Depot located in the North West Community Health Services building is not out of service. We are experiencing some technical difficulties with the phone line (638-2192). Anyone wishing to borrow equipment from the Red Cross Depot should call 615-2322 and leave a message that includes a call-back number.

The Thornhill Fire Department is looking for 10 more volunteer fire fighters. Training and safety equipment is supplied. Call 638-1466.

Mentors needed: Children in the In-School Mentoring program are eagerly awaiting the chance to have a mentor spend one hour a week with them, just hanging out and having fun. For the Mentor, it's a meaningful opportunity to make a profound difference in the life of a child. For more information, call 635-4232.

Terrace Big Brothers and Big Sisters are people who have found a rewarding and meaningful relationship with a child. They spend a couple of hours a week opening up a new world of experiences for a child. It's easier than you might think to get involved. For info call 635-4232.

Terrace Emergency Shelter accepts donations of used clothing - coats, gloves, socks, sweaters, hats - anything to help keep those less fortunate warm and dry. Donations can be dropped off at Ksan House Society office at 4724 Lazelle Ave. (the pink house behind McDonald's), or at the shelter at 2812 Hall St. anytime.

Support After Suicide, a new self-support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one or friend from suicide. You need to know you are not alone. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesday evening of the month, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Stepping Stone Clubhouse. Call 638-1347 for more information.

Soup Kitchen, operating every Monday from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Kermode Friendship Society, 3313 Kalam St. Enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a bun! Call Angela or Louisa for more information at 635-4906.

JANUARY SPECIALS

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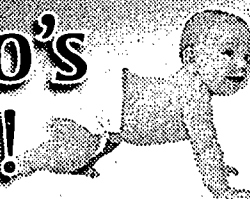
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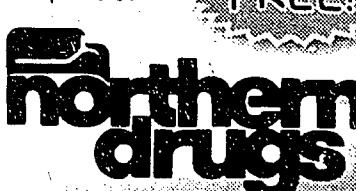


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Weight: 8 lbs. 0 oz.	Weight: 7 lbs. 12 oz.
Sex: Male	Sex: Male
Parents: Bennessa & Nelson Orfao	Parents: Maggie Nole & Clinton Dennis
Baby's Name: Mattea Fewer	Baby's Name: Kalan Benjamin AJ Wilson
Date & Time of Birth: Dec. 28, 2004 at 10:17 a.m.	Date & Time of Birth: Jan. 2, 2005 at 8:45 p.m.
Weight: 7 lbs. 1 oz.	Weight: 9 lbs. 4 oz.
Sex: Female	Sex: Male
Parents: Lara & Owen Fewer "Little sister for Francesco"	Parents: Terina Smythe & Mark Wilson Sr. "Little brother for Gail, Richard Florence, Mark Jr & Dallic"
Baby's Name: Kenyon Morris Gladstone	Baby's Name: Louise Jacqueline Boake
Date & Time of Birth: Dec. 30, 2004 at 12:22 p.m.	Date & Time of Birth: Jan. 2, 2005 at 11:05 p.m.
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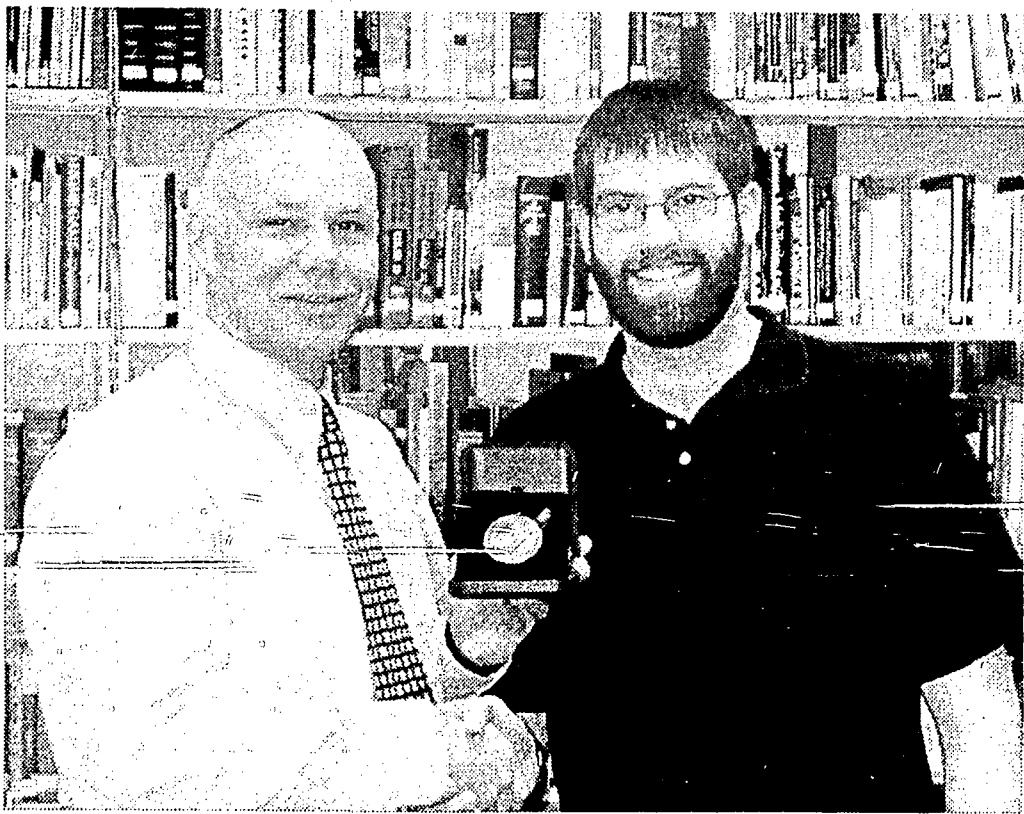
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BRONZE MEDAL: Caledonia school principal Cam MacKay presents 2004 graduate Tyler Branch with the Governor General's award.

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Engineering student earns G.G. medal

A CALEDONIA Senior Secondary graduate has been awarded a prestigious academic award.

Tyler Branch, who's now studying engineering at the University of Calgary, has earned the Governor General's bronze medal for academic excellence.

A bronze medal is awarded to the student who achieves the highest average upon graduation from a secondary school.

He completed Grade 12 with a 92.12 per cent average.

Branch, who wants to become a petroleum engineer, was involved in wrestling until an

injury sidelined him into managing the team in Grade 11.

Branch received his medal last Tuesday in Terrace from Caledonia principal Cam MacKay.

The awards were created in 1873 by Lord Dufferin, Canada's third governor general following confederation, as a way to encourage academic excellence across the country.

They are awarded at four levels: bronze for secondary school, collegiate bronze at the post secondary level, silver for undergraduate and gold for graduate student achievement.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Terrace Musicians Association

Tuesday, January 18

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Dear Sir;

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Parkinson Society British Columbia, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the residents of Terrace as well as their families and friends, who walked at SuperWalk for Parkinson's in September.

Together, they raised \$3,725.75 for Parkinson's research and support services. Each year, this community continues to surpass expectations, despite inclement weather, and we'd like everyone to know how special they are. Thank you to one and all!

Lori Francisco
Parkinson Society of
British Columbia

Operation Christmas Child

Dear Sir;

Every year, thousands of Canadian Families and individuals prepare Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for hurting children around the world. Hundreds of Ter-

race residents have participated in this project again this year.

Each gift box will become a priceless treasure to children living in countries ravaged by war, famine, extreme poverty and natural disasters. Check out www.smaritanspurse.org for interesting stories and information on the projects of Samaritan's Purse around the world.

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

Eleanor Froese
local coordinator

Toy run

Thank you to everyone who helped with toy and food donations for our 2003 Christmas hampers.

This year we are anticipating about 660 hampers being distributed. Anyone interested in helping us is encouraged to start collecting food and/or new toys for our Christmas drive.

Ian McDonough,
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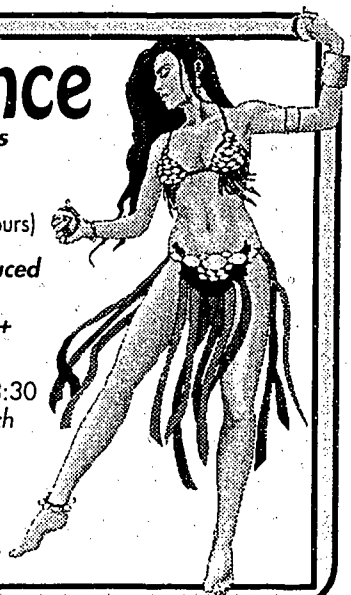
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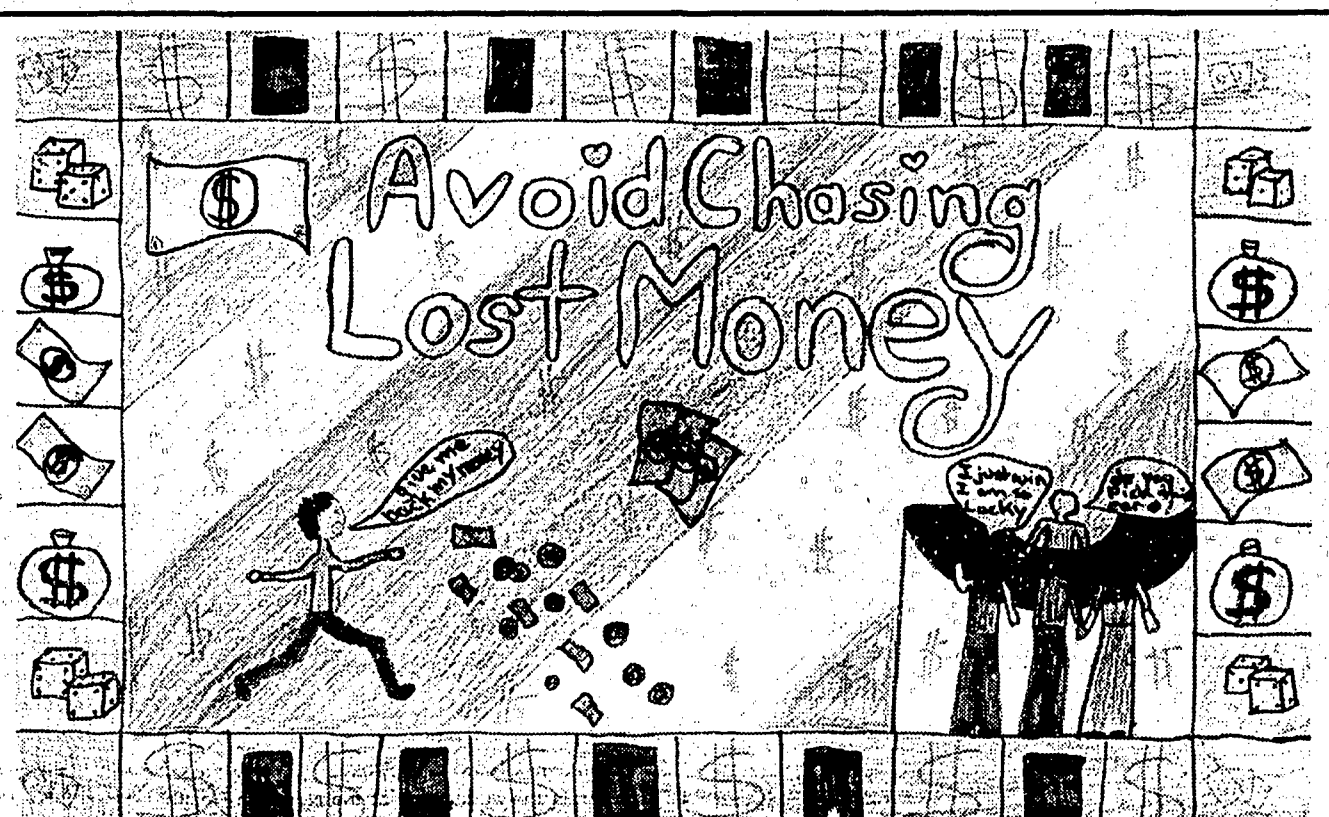
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Presented by Greg McQuarrie and Laurie Philips, Northwest Addiction Services, a program of Terrace and District Community Services Society. Call Provincial Helpline 1-888-795-6111 or Northwest Addiction Services at 1-888-638-8117, free of charge for one on one, family, couples assessment and treatment, Prevention and Education in Terrace and other communities in the Northwest Region.



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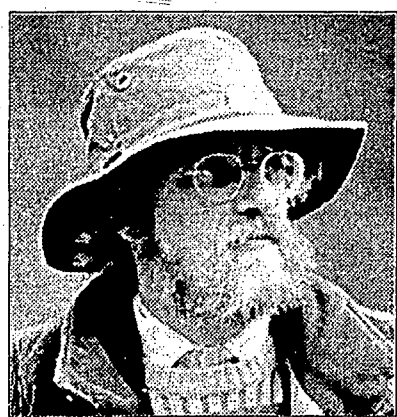
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If we work together, this year will provide the foundation for the future. A future that rebuilds communities in a way that takes us away from the boom and bust cycles of the past."
- Roger Harris MLA.

Good news! Get that old trumpet that's been in the closet since the kids' school band days.

Round up a wooden spoon, some pots and pans, and throw open the front door so we can beat out a cacophonous tattoo and yell ourselves hoarse as we ring in a joyous new year bursting with promise!

"The last few years have been a time of change, an evolution that was necessary to bring BC back to a position of economic strength," declares our MLA.

Now we're on the threshold of a future "that provides our children with the hope and opportunity to build their future right here in the northwest."

It seems to me that Terrace is a lot worse off today than it was when the Liberals came to power, squandered the surplus left them by their predecessors and ran up the largest deficit in this province's history by implementing tax breaks that brought no relief to the poor and middle classes, then used that deficit to justify the firing of civil servants, cutbacks to government services, raising tuition costs, and turning the stewardship of raw resources over to those eager to exploit them.

I dug around on my desk and pulled a recent edition of this newspaper and rifled through it for evidence of this emergent age of prosperity.

The first article to catch my attention was about how the impoverished school district was putting in a needs budget while trying to fend off the ire of disgruntled parents dissatisfied with the compressed school week.

My eyes moved up to "Skeena tax future known tomorrow," which described the legal wrangling between the City and Cellmark Corp. over the corpse of the Terrace Sawmill.

There was certainly no hint of an economic upturn in this, the final chapter in the sad saga of a mill that earned a lot of dough for corporations that are now reneging on taxes owed to the community that enabled their plunder.

The last article on the front page described how the cabinet of the provincial government huddled behind closed doors ultimately deciding to continue exporting raw logs to keep the industry in the Northwest afloat.

Next, I turned the page to find it headed by a piece on the plan to create energy by burning trees so as to alleviate the crippling unemployment rates upcountry.

Some optimistic apostles of growth and some blinkered bureaucrats might characterize these ventures as a glimmer of light at the end of a dark tunnel, but a sober appraisal of these initiatives leads to the quick realization that they are desperate acts.

The country burns its old growth forests and exports its raw resources, and allows foreign multinationals to compromise vibrant marine ecosystems and replace its wild salmon with vastly inferior hatchery-bred exotic species, is doing what Third World countries do and runs the risk of becoming one.

Despite the ridiculous pre-election propaganda that has appeared in the corporate private-sector media of late, there's no economic boom outside of Vancouver, not in the Heartland and certainly not here in the Hinterland.

If you want to beat an alcohol problem you have to admit you have one.

Recovering from an economic problem requires the same approach.

We have such a problem because half a century ago the government of the day made the decision to turn our forests over to large forest corporations.

As a result, small operations went out like the lights on a Christmas tree after the festivities are done, and sustainable forest practices became more remote as the Annual Allowable Cut was increased year after year to guarantee growth.

In the best cases the forests were farmed, in most cases they were mined under a philosophy that strove to liquidate all the old growth and get a new crop started.

That notion was bankrupt and very soon the forest industry will be too for the simple reason that the ecological complexities of an infinitely complex biological system will not fit neatly on a spreadsheet.

If we don't come to grips with this reality and stop squandering natural capital, there will be little promise in our children's future, and no happy new years for a long time to come.

Kings come close at home

THE TERRACE River Kings lost at home to the Kitimat Ice Demons 5-4 in their final game of 2004 on Dec 30.

Goaltender Burny Carlsen kept the River Kings in the game all night with some spectacular saves.

Kitimat's final goal tip-in handcuffed Carlsen who bobbled the puck, dropped it to the ice and let it slide across the line, the only bad goal on a night that featured eight terrific scoring plays, driving goals and a couple of power play markers that showed penalties don't pay for either side.

Ice Demons suffered a serious loss in the game's third shift when a player was pulled down on a breakaway and slid hard into the boards. He was quickly attended to and left for hospital.

It was later discovered he had fractured one shoulder and dislocated both.

Terrace's Kurt Nester also wound up in hospital with a separated shoulder.

As well as a host of injuries, officials sent a parade of players to the penalty box.

Hits from behind, high sticks, cross checks in the face, slashes, punches and even rugby tackles were the order of the night.

The Demons took 45 minutes in penalties to the Kings 28.

A packed house of fans raised the old rink rafters, however, including a noisy contingent from Kitimat, and everybody seemed to enjoy the play when hockey was on the agenda. There were no fights in the game.

Both teams were coming off long layoffs. Timing and passing looked rusty and



RIVER KINGS celebrate a goal during their game on home ice against the Ice Demons on Dec 30. Terrace kept up with Kitimat until the end, losing 5-4 on a goal that narrowly slipped past Burny Carlsen.

RIVER KINGS WEBSITE PHOTO

bad ice and bouncing pucks slowed everybody down.

Terrace took the lead in the first period on a nice goal by Toby Mitchell, who deked the defense and put a high hard shot behind the Demons goaltender.

Terrace took the one-goal lead into the second period when the Demons got back on even terms after a beautiful through pass from one player to another easily slipped the puck under Carlsen.

Kitimat was guilty of one too many passes at least twice in the next few minutes as they took the play to Terrace and Carlsen did good work stopping five players

in a spectacular way.

Terrace took its second lead of the game on a point blast from Davey Jones that deflected into the net.

The Kings added to the lead on a power play as Troy Farkvam finished off a nice pass to drive the puck into the net. Assists went to Chris Brown and Jones.

Terrace seemed to tire and the Demons came on strong, scoring on a two-assist play.

Then, 30 seconds into a power play, the Demons threaded the needle with a pass across the ice and roofed the puck over Carlsen's shoulder.

It was 3-3 going into the

third and the penalty parade continued. The Demons went into the lead for the first time just three minutes into the period.

A Kitimat player, who was a target of a lot of the Terrace rough stuff, took a misconduct penalty and was ejected from the game after cross checking Ivan Laschenko into the glass.

Chris Brown, butt of a Demon, who reacted, and after the jostling was over, Troy Kaye and the Kitimat player were ejected from the game.

Terrace responded and Jones made the Demons pay when he tied the game with his second goal of the

night, assisted by Darcy Allison.

The Kings tried to goad Kitimat players into fights after the final whistle in a melee that saw the net tipped over and saw penalties go only to one Demon, who received five minutes for elbowing and a game misconduct.

With the win, the Demons clinched the CIHL regular season league title for the third consecutive year.

Terrace hosts Houston this Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 11:45 a.m. for their last home games of the regular season.

Bluebacks mark midseason point

By MARGARET SPEIRS

TERRACE BLUEBACKS finished the year with two meets to test swimmers' progression at the halfway point of the season.

Several Bluebacks competed at the December MidSeason Madness on Dec 10 to 12.

Andrea Comerford, 11, competed in her first 200m breaststroke and Danica Devost, 10, debuted in the 400m freestyle.

Coach Mike Carlyle was pleased with their performances.

"It was a great starting point for them," he said, adding the swimmers were challenged with longer distances.

Race tactics for all were evaluated to get them ready for the bigger meets this month and next.

Comerford, Devost and Amy Moldenhauer, 10, swam best times in all their individual events.

Blueback relay teams finished first or second in all their races.

At the Christmas Cracker meet in Victoria, Allison Knoedler swam in her first bigger meet in the 15-year-old and over age group and competed against other B.C. swimmers including 2000 Olympian Kirsten Patalski.

Carlyle said Knoedler wasn't nervous about racing against the former Olympian. She was focused on reaching a certain level of performance.

Knoedler's best finished includes a second in the 200m individual medley, and thirds in the 400m individual medley and the 1500m freestyle.

Carlyle said Knoedler is living up to her potential.

"We felt really good about seeing times close to her best times to last year," he said, adding Knoedler felt positive about her swims.

Sports Menu

■ Jan 14

Adventure Challenge competitors, organizers and volunteers meet to plan the fourth annual outdoor adventure sport series at 7:30 p.m. at 4445 Lazelle Ave. Call Sarah Zimmerman Campbell at 638-8899 for more details.

■ Jan 14 and 15

Inland Kenworth Bantam Rep Hockey hosts Smithers Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m.

■ Jan 14 to 16

Terrace's Bluebacks swim in two regional events. The Scotiabank Northwest Regional Champs start Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 9:10 a.m. with the finals going Saturday at 2:40 p.m. and Sunday at 1:40 p.m. The Scotiabank Regional Development Meet starts at 2:40 p.m. Saturday and 1:40 p.m. Sunday.

■ Jan 15

Wax your skis for the 25th Annual Snow Valley Alcan Marathon to help raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of BC and Yukon. Skiers trekking the 30 km or 50 km events pick up their bibs at 9:30 a.m. and start at 10 a.m. Skiers in the 15 km and under groups don their bibs between 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for an 11 a.m. start. Call Liz at 250-632-6055 for more info.

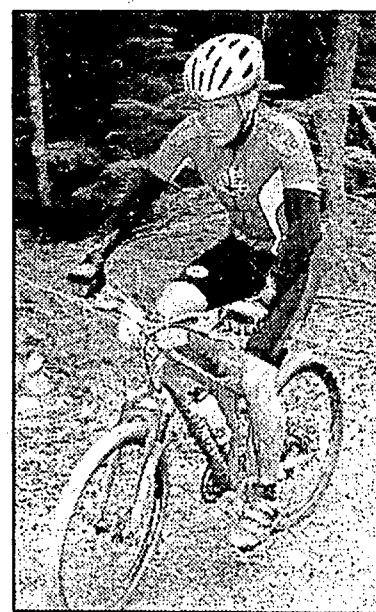
■ Jan 15 and 16

The River Kings host Houston for two of their last three games of the regular season. Saturday's game skates at 8 p.m. and Sunday's takes to the ice at 11:45 a.m.

■ Jan 15 and 16

Young skiers aged 10 to 16 compete in the first race of the BC Alpine Race Series at Shames Mt. Call Bryan at 635-7178 for more details.

Sport Scope



BRYAN LAST was just one of many competitors in the 8-hours of Onion Lake Endurance Bike Race, the fifth and final event, in last year's Adventure Challenge. Everyone eager to plan for the 2005 Challenge is invited to a meeting this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at 4445 Lazelle Avenue.

SARAH ZIMMERMAN CAMPBELL PHOTO

Ready for Adventure?

CALLING ALL Adventure Challenge participants, volunteers and organizers.

Anyone interested in making this year's outdoor adventure sport series the biggest – and perhaps the most gruelling – one yet is asked to attend a planning meeting on Jan. 14 at 4445 Lazelle Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

For details call Sarah Zimmerman Campbell at 638-8899.

Atoms take first and third

TERRACE teams scored first and third in an Atoms minor hockey tournament in Dec.

Bargain Shop of Terrace won the tourney, followed by Kitimat, Terrace Canadian Tire and Prince Rupert. Next up the Atoms travel to Kitimat for a development skate.

Improve your skating skills

ANYONE INTERESTED in increasing their skill for hockey or ringette still has time to register in the Terrace Figure Skating Club's Powerskating programs, which start this month.

For info or to register, please call Monique at 635-4374.

Terrace team ties for first

FOUR TERRACE teams skated in a novice minor hockey tournament at home on Dec 28.

Terrace's Nechako Northcoast tied Hazelton for top spot with three wins and one tie.

The event, which saw seven and eight-year-olds from Hazelton, Smithers, Kitimat and Prince Rupert compete against our local teams, played as a participation series, with each athlete receiving a skate towel and medal.

 BC Newspaper Group

Junior wished to host a celebration at the Skeena Valley Golf and Country Club. What a grand evening it was! Thank you to the many friends who attended and enjoyed the visual presentation. Special thanks to Dimitri-Sight & Sound.

Thank you to all the out of town guests. We really appreciated Mark Lindsey and Joyce Bunyan from National Car Rental, Head Office, Toronto, David Wong, Vancouver, Hon Wun, Nanaimo and many other friends and employees of National Car Rental who travelled so far to pay their respects. Thank you to Skeena Rent A Car staff and families for your continued love and support during this very difficult time.

The family wishes to thank the pallbearers listed below, and Honorary Pallbearers from the Rotary and Pugsy Clubs.

Junior was dearly loved and will always be remembered by: the love of his life his sweetest Mags and his loving sons Kelly, Linda, Audrey and caring daughter -in-law, Scott (Vancouver) and Aaron (Kelowna), Granado's three little angels, his grandparents Joyce, Kathleen and Irving. Mags and family wish to thank sincerely the medical staff for the attention Junior received over the years. Thank you especially to Dr.Geor? Appleton and Florence Sheppard, Dr.Jaco Fournie, Dr.Kirk Barton, Dr.Bill Redden,Dr.Helinz Gunter, Surgeons Dr.J Dunfield and Dr. Warwick Evans. And our wonderful nursing staff especially Marilyn Dvorak at Mills Memorial Hospital.

Thank you to the staff at the Cancer Clinic in Vancouver especially Dr.Barb Melosky and Dr.Swetitski, & Marsha a wonderful nurse, Dr.Lynburner and Dr.Grafton. We appreciated the assistance from the ambulance services in Terrace & Vancouver, BC Medivac Team and the Terrace Fire Dept.

Mags, Kelly, Scott and Aaron want to recognise the outpouring of love, prayers, masses and support, which came from many families in Terrace and beyond. Thank you for all the well wishes, cards, flowers and gift baskets of food. You were always there for us and we will never forget you. We are so blessed with a wonderful community, of friends I feel privileged to call you "Our loving Family".

Thank you to our special extended families for your overwhelming support of love and caring especially, Doc, Martin, Appleton, Evans, Shaw, Phillips, Al, Myra, Pietro, Brad, Dave, Taylor, Munson, Muschonas also pall bearers, Reddon, McKeown Eves, Crutcher, Petto, Dussal, Eliza, Murphy, Stewart, Barton, Ryan, D'Huill, Dood, Frémette, De Jong, Leowich, Macdon, Krause, Xenoditis, Hilovics, Blackstock, Robinson, Prociavias, Johnson, Sean, Beeson, Harrison, Chénais, Lesnais, Families of Caledonia Sen. Sec. Knott Hill Church especially Rev.Wm. Hargrave, Ft. Terry Brock T.V.A.P.

Many families and friends in Northern Ireland especially, Ongies, Velson, Rogers, Beggs, McNulty, Donehy, Blair, Collins, Logan and many others around the Globe. We feel your love - Thank you so much.

Junior my love, As you leave this earth,

The love you've given me, will remain to light my life and those you have touched.
Each memory my love, a candle burning bright, I will miss you and I love you dearly.

"Til we meet again. God be with you... Mags

258 Careers

AD. CONTROLLER/ACCOUNTANT. A well established Kelowna based, under ground utilities/road contractor has an immediate requirement for a full time accredited Accountant/Controller. The successful applicant will perform all aspects of accounting cycle up to and including financial statements and preparation of tax return. He/She will also be responsible for general office management. We are an aggressive company and require a strong aggressive person that is ready to take on new challenges and grow with the company. Remuneration will be commensurate with abilities and desire. Please Submit your resume in confidence via E-mail to the president at rockandroll57@telus.net

TEKMAR CONTROL SYSTEMS is a well established manufacturer of electronic controls for operation of building heating, cooling, and ventilation systems. We have an immediate full-time opening for an Assistant Manager in our Administration department. We are open to looking at university graduates who will be available over the next six months. The successful candidate should have 3rd or 4th year CGA or equivalent. Applicants should be detail oriented and have the ability to analyze and document processes in the department. Knowledge of the full accounting cycle and strong supervisory skills are required. Experience with customs, transportation issues, trademarks, and contract law would be an asset. The candidate should also have strong computer skills including spreadsheet, payroll, and accounting software. Please send resume to: Steven Fairbrother, tekmar Control Systems Ltd., 5100 Silver Star Road, Vernon, BC V1B 3K4 Fax: (250)545-0650.

266 Education

OIL FIELD & CONSTRUCTION TRAINING. H2S Alive, PST, WHMIS & TDG. Call 1-877-220-4073 for course information in YOUR AREA and to register.

270 Help Wanted

HEAVY DUTY Mechanic required with repair and rebuilding experience on logging equipment. Coastal Pacific Equipment, Williams Lake, BC 250-392-7757.

SPEEDEE OFFICE Furnishings is accepting resumes for EXPERIENCED Office Furniture installers. Working out of our Prince George office. Class 5 drivers license and clean drivers abstract a must. Wages paid will depend on your experience. Email resumes to robb@speecee.ca or fax (250)564-7543.

EXPERIENCED STROKE delimeter operators and stroke delimeters required for work in the Prince George area. Call Gene at 250-962-8372 or 250-561-1616 or Fax Resume to 250-962-8371 (2P2)

GROWING LOCAL business requires a Data Entry/Office manager. Initially this will be a part time position with a minimum of 4 Hrs per day 4 days a week. This position will grow into a full time position for the right person. This position is ideal for a person who has just completed a business related course, wants to start a career path, has aggressive new ideas and is willing to take on sales and marketing responsibilities. It would also suit a person who is in the sunset of their career and would get satisfaction from mentoring a growing business. Please respond with covering letter and resume to File #197 Terrace Standard 3210 Clinton St., Terrace B.C. V8G 5R2 (1P3)

LOGGING POSITION in New Zealand required experienced grapple yarder operator and loader operator. For more information Email sharple@ihug.co.nz or telephone Dave 0064 33132390 (2P1)

270 Help Wanted

WANTED: PERSONAL CARE AIDE. 2+ hours a week. Permanent part time, on the job training. Certificate not required. A vehicle a must. For interview call 250-635-4992. (1P3)

270 Help Wanted

WE ARE looking for FT/PT Kitchen helper working evening shift. Please send your resume to Shan Yan-Restaurant at 4606 Greig Ave. No phone calls please. (1P3)

MYSTERY SHOPPERS!?!?!?

Major retailer looking for people to work 2-20 hrs/month, to assess customer service skills of our employees. Inquire online www.qualityshopper.org

Trigo's

★LIFESTYLE★

We are looking for individuals that are:

- Hard Working
- Team Player
- Future Leader
- Success Minded
- Dynamic Individual
- Friendly
- Reliable

If the above describes you, then Trigo's has positions available for you.

We are looking for individuals who want a challenge, enjoy wearing the latest fashions and athletic wear including Lifestyle Footwear. We need to fill the following positions.

1. Part-time Sales Associates
2. Full-time Sales Associates

Drop off your resume at Trigo's Lifestyle, 3228 Kalum St., Terrace and complete an application form. No phone calls please. Only those individuals contacted will be interviewed.

Senior Staff Accountant

Well established Pacific Northwest Chartered Accounting firm requires a senior staff accountant.

- excellent communication, interpersonal, and problem solving skills
- accounting designation preferred with public practice experience
- must have considerable accounting, taxation, computer and audit skills.
- knowledge of financial statement preparation and file preparation
- be energetic, committed, able to supervise others, and able to work independently and efficiently.

Reply with resume and references to:

Terrace Standard
3210 Clinton Street
Terrace, B.C.
V8G 5R2
File# 198
Confidentiality assured.

**COAST MOUNTAINS SCHOOL DISTRICT****SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST - VACANCY**

A temporary position (February 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006) exists for an Itinerant Speech Language Pathologist in Terrace and surrounding area of Coast Mountains School District 82. The caseload involves speech language therapy, evaluation, counselling, and monitoring of the communication development of referred students.

The successful applicant will also provide in-service and awareness training for classroom teachers. This is a full time, 12 month position, with normal school vacations at the Spring and Christmas breaks, plus summer vacation.

Have, or be working towards, a Master's degree in Speech Language Pathology and be eligible for membership in the BC Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists. The successful applicant must have a valid BC driver's licence and will be required to travel.

Further information about the School District can be seen at: <http://cmsd.bc.ca>.

To: Human Resources - SLP Competition
Coast Mountains School District 82
3211 Kenney Street
Terrace, B.C. V8G 3E9
Fax: 250-638-4461
Email: hr@cmsd.bc.ca

270 Help Wanted

KASIKS WILDERNESS RESORT is looking for a mature, experienced couple to run an eleven-room resort with a kitchen and dining room. The resort is located in the Terrace area. The managers will be responsible for the development and implementation of the resort on a daily basis. If interested, contact Debbie Russell at 250-638-1881 ext.225 (1c3)

SOUTH OKANAGAN based company looking for class 1 drivers, minimum 2 years Super B experience, clean drivers abstract, running western provinces and states. Fax resume to 250-495-5376 or call 250-498-7153 951p3

Welcome Wagon

Are you looking to substitute your retirement income or just to help pay the bills? This might be for you. We have openings in your area.

Please send resume to:
Welcome Wagon
#105, 436 Lorne Street
Kamloops, B.C.
V2C 1W3
www.iamlovingit.ca

LOOKING TO hire long logging trucks 2.60/tonne hour. Call (250)788-3385 (2P1)

RELIABLE, TRUSTWORTHY babysitter needed in my home. References required. Please phone 250-615-5435 (52p3)

**Certified Heavy Duty Mechanic**

Cheslatta Forest Products Ltd. requests resumes for a **Certified Heavy Duty Mechanic**. This is a full time position, including a broad range of benefits.

The successful candidate will have at least 8 years experience with logging and mill mobile equipment. Please fax your resume to: "Certified Heavy Duty Mechanic" (250) 694-3285.

**Royal Canadian Mounted Police****Considering a policing career with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police?**

Attend an Information Session and have all of your questions answered! Attendance at an Information Session is **mandatory** for anyone wishing to apply to the RCMP.

There will be an **Information Session** held in Terrace, B.C. at **1800 hours, on January 25th, 2005**, in room 202 at the Northwest Community College.

Basic requirements for RCMP regular member applicants:

- Canadian citizen
- proficient in either of Canada's official languages (English and/or French)
- 19 years of age or older at the time of enrollment
- min. Grade 12 or equivalent (GED) from a Canadian educational institution
- possess a valid Class 5 Canadian Driver's license
- meet the physical and medical requirements
- be of good character

For more information, check the RCMP website at www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Cst. Bob LANG or Cst. Kelly MARTIN at the Terrace detachment at (250) 638-7400.

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You must be 19 years or older.

Apply in person only.

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays Only!

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lucky \$ Bingo Palace

4410 Legion Ave., Terrace

No phone calls please.

KSAN HOUSE SOCIETY

4724 Lazelle Ave. Terrace
Ph: (250) 635-2373

Terrace Emergency Shelter Support Worker

Ksan House Society through the Terrace Emergency Shelter program provides short term accommodation to men and couples. Ksan House Society is seeking applications from dedicated individuals for the position of:

Positions: Permanent full-time and Auxiliary Support Workers

Terms: Unionized position - BCGEU
Wages and benefits as per Collective Agreement
Hours of work are twelve (12) hour shifts including night shifts.

Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade 12, a Social Services Diploma or Certificate, and/or extensive in a similar environment.
- Ability to work with homeless and/or transient individuals.
- Considerable understanding of issues related to homelessness and poverty.
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nations issues.
- Knowledge and understanding of Mental Health issues.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Strong organizational, problem solving and communication skills.
- Strong conflict resolution skills.
- Solid knowledge of community resources.
- Ability to work in a professional manner.
- Ability to handle stressful situations.
- Must ensure complete confidentiality.
- Work independently and collaboratively with other team members.
- Participate in on-going program development.
- Must be self-motivated.
- Valid First Aid Certificate.
- Oath of Confidentiality.

Any interested parties may submit a cover letter and resume, no later than 21 January 2005 at 4:00 p.m. Please address to Ksan House Society, TES Hiring Committee, 4724 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C. V8G 1T2. Only candidates short listed will be contacted.

THE GOURMET HOUSE RESTAURANT

is seeking experienced waitresses and kitchen helper (drivers license required)
Drop resumes off at:
4554 Greig Ave., Terrace.
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Kaman Industrial Technologies

Inside-Sales Professional

Kaman Industrial Technologies, a large North American industrial distributor, seeks an Inside Sales Professional at our Terrace, BC location.

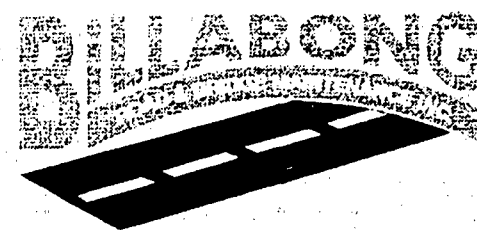
Responsibilities: telephone and counter sales, providing the best possible technical solutions to help our customers, and distribution and inventory of products. Qualifications: Experience in industrial product sales and a valid driver's license. Knowledge of power transmission products is preferred.

Fax resume to (801) 975-2039,

email: PAC613-kit@kaman.com

or apply in person at 2901-D Kenney Street, Terrace, B.C.

www.kamandirect.com.

**OFFICE MANAGER - Smithers, B.C.**

Professional accounting designation with 5 years office experience. Well organized with attention to detail, able to prioritize and meet deadlines. Professional attitude. Ability to communicate clearly with the public, government and co-workers.

Must have excellent computer skills in Outlook, MS Office Excel, Word and Access. Understands fully and has the ability to do A/R, A/P and Union P/R. Typing speed 50 wpm.

Resume and references to Attention: Ms. Randi Beatty, P.O. Box 745, Terrace, B.C. V8G 4C3, Fax 250-638-8409 or email rbeatty@nechako-northcoast.com. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Closes: Jan. 18, 2005.

The Provincial Networking Group Inc.

is currently accepting applications for the following position:

Employment Support Worker (Adults with Disabilities)

Part time (20-30 hours per week)

Duties: responsible for providing employment screening, job-search assistance, job training, and on-the-job support for adults with cognitive/physical disabilities. Other duties include conducting employer surveys, maintaining and developing employer contacts in the community, writing employment proposals, and maintaining client files and reports.

Qualifications: the successful applicant will have a minimum of a grade 12 diploma and will be organized, patient, outgoing, and highly motivated. Must have initiative and be able to work independently as well as within the team context. Excellent communication and problem solving skills are essential, as is a positive attitude and good judgement.

Employees are required to have a valid B.C. driver's license and reliable transportation with business insurance. Ability to work flexible hours is required. The successful candidate will be required to undergo a criminal record search.

Rate of pay: \$16 per hour starting rate for qualified individuals.

Applications must be received by 4 p.m. January 21, 2005.

Mail or fax resumes to: The Provincial Networking Group Inc.
4730 Lazelle Avenue, Terrace, B.C.
V8G 1T2
Fax: 635-1698
Attention: Marg Anderson

Only those applicants short listed for an interview will be contacted.

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In response to an increasing workload and new business opportunities, we have an opportunity for an Intermediate Municipal Engineer.

The Company

R. Radloff & Associates Inc. is a growing company located in Prince George, B.C. which provides engineering consulting services in the following areas.

- Municipal Engineering
- Project Management
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Current Projects

- Water and Wastewater Treatment
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- Community Planning

The Position

Specific duties will include:

- Engineering feasibility studies, design, and preparation of specifications;
- Construction supervision and project management;
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You are an enthusiastic, hard-working individual that obtains pride and satisfaction from working in a team environment on existing projects. You have a dynamic personality and excellent communications skills. You are able to complete tasks with minimal supervision. Experience in working with First Nations would be considered an asset. Knowledge of AutoCAD and or Land Desktop Design Software is preferred. P.Eng. registered in the province of B.C. (minimum 5 years of applicable experience in civil engineering). Related degrees and qualifications with sufficient design and construction experience will be considered.

Radloff & Associates offers a competitive salary with a comprehensive benefit package and profit sharing. Radloff is an employee owned company with opportunities for advancement available to the motivated candidate.

Interested applicants please apply in confidence to:

Scott Bilbrough, P. Eng.
#350 1460 6th Ave.
Prince George, B.C.
V2M 1B7
Phone: (250) 562-6861
Email: sbilbrough@radloffeng.com

GIBRALTAR MINES LTD.

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Career Opportunities

Ledcor Management Ltd., in a joint venture with Taseko Mines Ltd., operates Gibraltar Mines Ltd. Gibraltar is an open pit copper/molybdenum mine located approximately 60 km north of Williams Lake in central BC. Recent growth in the company has created openings in the following positions:

- **Mine Site Purchaser** will have completed a recognised purchasing program and have previous purchasing experience for an open pit mine environment.
- **Electrical Foremen (2)** will be trade certified with a minimum of 3 years supervisory experience relating to G.E. Diesel/electric drive systems, electric mining shovels & drills, power distribution systems, and PLC control systems.
- **Mine Maintenance Foremen (2)** will be trade certified in Heavy Duty Mechanics with a minimum of 3 years supervisory experience relating to repairs and maintenance of mining shovels, drills, haul trucks, and support equipment.
- **Electricians** will be trade certified with a minimum 2 years industrial electrical experience relating to G.E. Diesel/electric drive systems, electric mining shovels & drills, power distribution systems, and PLC control systems.
- **Heavy Duty Mechanics** will be trade certified with a minimum 2 years relevant mining experience relating to electric mining shovels & drills, haul truck maintenance & engine repairs. Third or fourth year apprentices will be considered.
- **Millwrights** will be trade certified with a minimum 2 years industrial experience relating to the maintenance of crushing, grinding & flotation circuits. Third or fourth year apprentices will be considered.

The Company offers a comprehensive benefit package which includes relocation assistance allowances.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit their resumes in confidence by January 31, 2005 to:

Via mail: Gibraltar Mines Ltd.
Attn: Norma Davidson, Human Resource Assistant
PO Box 130
McLeese Lake, BC V0L 1P0, or
Via E-mail: ndavidson@gibraltarmine.com or
Via Fax: 250-297-6546

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Thank you for your interest.

270 Help Wanted

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Visitor Info CENTRE

TOURISM CO-ORDINATOR

The Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce seeks a full-time coordinator to oversee the operation of the Terrace Visitor Information Center and provide support services to the Chamber of Commerce.

Duties include supervision, training and scheduling of staff according to Province of BC Guidelines, inventory control and the production and distribution of print material to promote Terrace and BC and general office duties.

The position demands a well organized self starter with interpersonal skills, telephone proficiency...including the ability to work well under pressure and demonstrate initiative. Resourceful. Excellent knowledge of Terrace, the local area and tourism opportunities in the region. Experience in tourism and sales an asset. Although not a necessity, the ability to speak a second language fluently would be an asset. Willing to maintain appropriate professional dress code and grooming standards that comply with Visitor InfoNetwork criteria.

Candidate must also have strong computer skills (MS Word, Publisher, Access, Excel, Simply Accounting) and the ability to use internet and search tools.

Forward a resume and hand-written cover letter to John Taylor, Executive Director, Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce, 4511 Keith Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 1K1 by 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 28, 2005.

While we thank you for your application, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.



Terrace & District Chamber of Commerce

290 Work Wanted

OWNER/OPERATOR buttontop loader looking for work. 30 years bush experience, fully certified. Please call and ask for Sid or Holly at (250)847-4628. References provided upon request. (2P1)

302 Accounting

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MOTHER OF one in Thornhill area is willing to babysit full time weekdays in her own home. Call 250-635-3707 (1P3)

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330 Handyman

HANDY MAN with truck, tools and snow blower to do odd jobs around house or property. mechanical, Carpentry, Electrical, and Plumbing experience. Reasonable hourly rate. Phone Gary 635-3794. (2P3)

346 Miscellaneous Services

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404 Apartments

PARK & CLINTON MANOR APTS.

Unfurnished and partially furnished apts. Bachelor units, one bedroom and two bedroom. Beside swimming pool. One of the best maintained apts. in town. No pets. REFERENCES REQUIRED. Please phone call: 615-7543 or 635-3475

Birchwood Apartments

- 2 Bedroom Apartments
- Clean And Quiet
- Laundry Facility
- Close To Swimming Pool & Town
- References Required
- Available Immediately
- Small Pets Welcome

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FOR RENT 1 Studio Suite \$400/mo and 1 bedroom suite \$520/mo. Right downtown, secured building with laundry mat. Heat included. Absolutely no parties. Great for working couple or older single person. Phone 635-7585 (1P3)

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NASH PARK, left, William Fisher, Trevor Oliver and Jordan Johnson curled their way from a 5-0 deficit to a 7-5 win in the A event of the Kermode Junior Bonspiel on Dec 27 and 28 at the Terrace Arena. Park is the skip of a junior team that will compete in the Northern BC Winter Games next month. Johnson will skip another juvenile rink that's travelling to the BC Juvenile Championships in Nelson in March. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Juveniles qualify for provincials

AFTER TWO close games, Terrace pulled away with the zone win in Juvenile boys curling in Kitimat in Dec.

In the double knock out zone championship, Terrace's Jordan Johnson and his rink topped his southern competitors 7-6 and 6-4.

In Saturday's games, Kitimat handed Terrace a 9-5 loss but Terrace dispatched Smithers 10-4 in the other game, leaving Terrace to take on Kitimat Sunday morning for the title.

Johnson's team took two each in the first two ends, but Kitimat battled back, using the hammer in the next to draw the four for four and tie it up.

Johnson faced three blues with his last rock in the fourth. But he pulled off a nice tap to escape with a single.

In the eighth, Johnson made no mistake with the hammer, drawing in for two and the game, 7-6.

Terrence opened the second game with a single but Kitimat answered with a double to go up 2-1.

Kitimat put the pressure on early in the third.

Johnson's hammer took a long time to come but eventually it did swing enough to punch out the blue for two and a 3-3 tie after four.

Terrence got a break in the sixth when third Doug Swank's rock just brushed a guard but got a course correction as a result that sat it in the four and counting.

And the four foot quickly became a very crowded place with red counting and blue second shot.

Johnson had only to throw a draw on his last, which he did perfectly, realistically leaving Kitimat with no way of avoiding the steal: Terrace by a 6-3 margin.

After Terrace removed one guard, Kitimat drew to the front 12 centrelime and stopped, partially covered by the remaining guard.

Terrence second Kieran Griffith having removed that guard, Kitimat slipped one into the front 12 to present a side-by-side target. Swank promptly drove one out and pushed the other to the 12 ft. on the right side - blue lying two.

Kitimat, having put up a long centrelime guard to protect the shot rock, Swank removed the blue second shot and rolled to the other side in the eight.

Kitimat's takeout swung too much, only nudging the red in passing and driving out their own - but they were still lying one.

Johnson then tried to put it away by going for a long raised takeout - and got a scare when he very nearly removed his own instead.

Kitimat's last rock looked for the tap that would leave them lying two and Johnson having to make his shot to avoid an extra end. But it slipped through without contact and the teams shook hands.

Terrence took the win 6-4.

The Juvenile girls side was a two-team affair which saw Terrace cruise to the title with 10-7 and 11-4 wins over Smithers.

Both juvenile teams will compete in the B.C. Juvenile Championships in Nelson from March 20 to 24.

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 A site visit is scheduled for January 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT
 ON THE PROPOSED BC TIMBER SALES, SKEENA BUSINESS AREA
 1999 - 2005 FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN
 MAJOR AMENDMENT #8

Notice is hereby given that the Skeena Business Area, BC Timber Sales proposed Major Amendment #8 to the 1999-2005 Forest Development Plan (FDP) is available for public review and comment. The plan proposes operations in the Kalum Timber Supply Area and TFL #1, specifically in the Limonte, Skeena West, Sandur, Thunderbird, Dasque and Lower Skeena operating areas.

The proposed FDP shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, road development, maintenance, and reforestation required for the term of this plan. The plan also includes information on the maintenance and protection of other non-timber resource values in the area. It is available for review and comment by resource agencies and the public before the Ministry of Forests puts the plan into effect.

The proposed plan is made available for review and comment to provide the opportunity to address concerns of the public and resource users. The Forest Development Plan will be available for review at the dates, times and locations listed below.

January 5, 2005 to March 7, 2005 Ministry of Forests - Terrace Timber Sales Office (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm) #200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, BC
 January 5, 2005 to March 7, 2005 Terrace Public Library 4610 Park Avenue, Terrace, BC (Regular Opening Hours)

If interested parties are unavailable to review the proposed plans during the above times, arrangements can be made to review the plan at a time convenient for them. If you would like to discuss the proposed plan with a BC Timber Sales representative, please contact the Terrace Timber Sales office to arrange a meeting.

Please forward any comments, questions or concerns in writing, by no later than March 7, 2005, to Michael Folkema, R.P.F. at BC Timber Sales, #200 - 5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, BC V8G 1L1 E-mail Michael.Folkema@gems9.gov.bc.ca. Ph: 250 638-5189, Fax: 250 638-5176

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