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Trustees to slash school budget

By ALEX HAMILTON

SOME TRUSTEES like an efficiency team's plan for emergency surgery on the school board's budget.

Others don't.

But education minister Paul Ramsey has told the board it should follow most of the team's 42 recommendations and balance the district's budget by July 15.

The three-member efficiency team was sent in Ramsey to help the board find ways to deal with a projected \$1.345 million deficit in the 1998-99 budget.

Trustees decided not to pass the budget in April after planned music program cuts drew mass protests from local parents.

Ramsey says board should follow most of the recommendations

The team emerged June 26 with nearly \$2.3 million worth of possible cuts. Music program cuts are near the bottom of the list, with huge cuts to administration and closure of the Kitimat board office near the top.

In a meeting June 29 with school board vice-chair Linda Campbell and superintendent Frank Hamilton, Ramsey said he'd help the school board to retire its deficit in every way possible — as long as trustees stuck to the report's recommendations.

In particular, Ramsey said he approved of carrying a \$762,000 extraordinary deficit over into the 1998/1999 budget year, as long as the board agreed to sub-

mit a preliminary budget by the July 15 deadline.

The board must also retire that full 1997-98 deficit at the end of the 1998-99 fiscal year, and must not go further into the red without his permission.

Ramsey said he would approve the sale of assets and transfer of proceeds to the operating budget on condition that these proceeds are set against the deficit.

He also said he would consider approving access to the local capital and annual capital allowance reserve fund, but only if the money is set against the deficit and "other one time amalgamation or special purpose expenditures."

What the minister didn't agree to was

providing additional special grants to amalgamated districts "to support the extraordinary costs still to come in the merging of collective agreements."

Coast Mountains School district will also not receive any additional money under the new B.C. teachers' contract.

Campbell promised Ramsey a balanced budget by the July 15 deadline, but she said it wouldn't be easy.

"There are some pretty big decisions that have to be made," she said. "There's lots of debate on administrative cuts within the board itself."

As for the \$2.3 million dollars in cuts that the report says can be eliminated, Campbell said some of them aren't pos-

sible this year because of contracts. For example, the recommendation to lay off two trustees isn't possible until their present terms expire in December, 1999.

Overall, Campbell wasn't happy with the report and was disappointed that the team openly criticized trustees and employees.

In the 67-page report, the team used terms such as "dysfunctional conditions," "siege-like mentality," and "confusion reigns," in order to describe the situation in the school district.

The report also talks of "aligned groups of trustees" frequently battling each other, and of "the we-they" syndrome in terms of Terrace and Kitimat trustees.

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Natives to defy fish ban

Gillnetters stage protest in the park

By CHRISTIANA WIENS
and ANITA DOLMAN

NATIVE COMMERCIAL fishermen here vowed Friday to keep on fishing in defiance of salmon fishery closures this summer.

Ray Guno, who organized and led a parade and rally here Friday to highlight the aboriginal commercial fishery, said he and others are prepared to face jail or boat seizures rather than obey the drastic restrictions imposed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO).

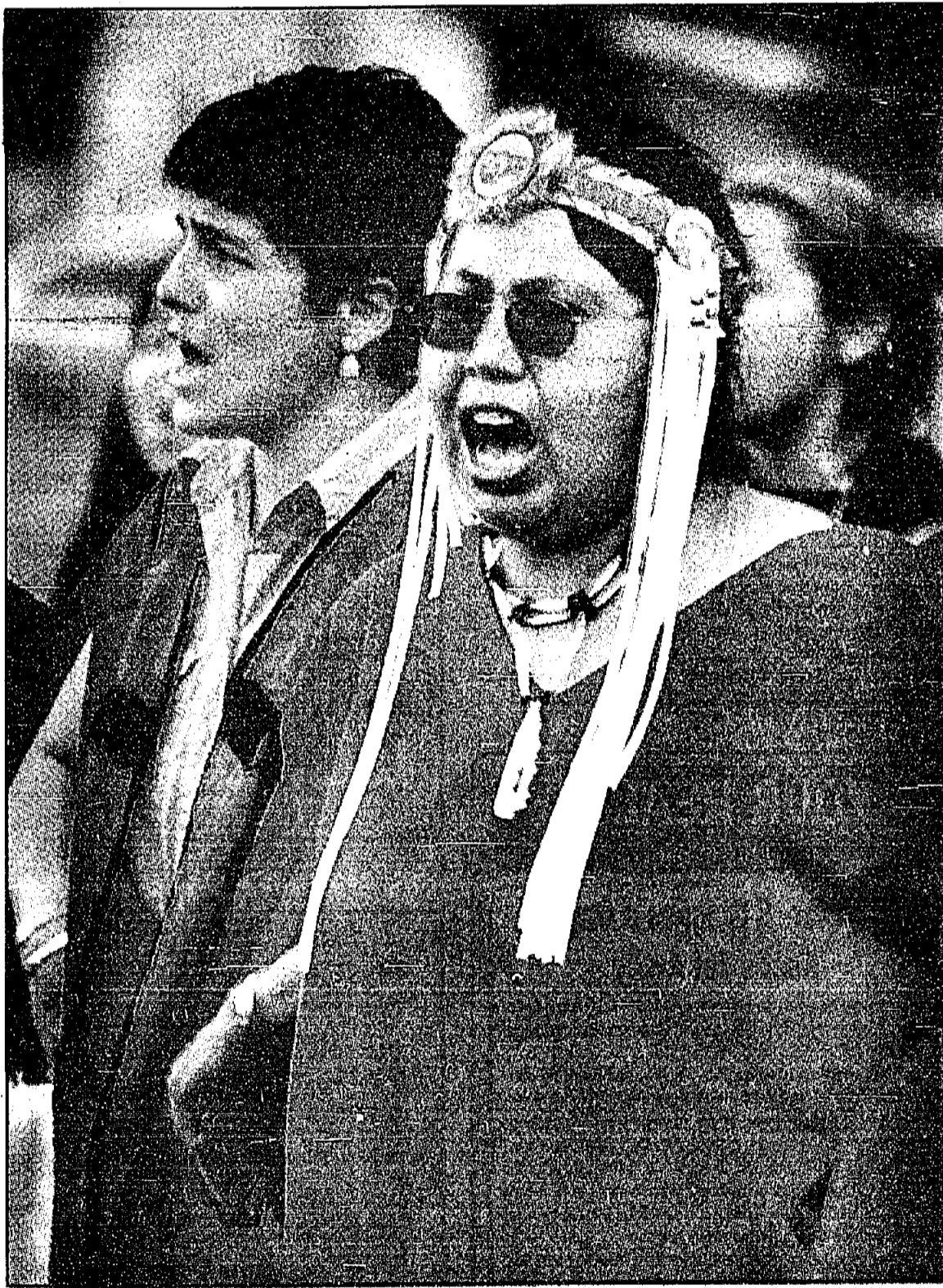
"We are here because of the salmon and the salmon are here because of us," he told the group of about 90 demonstrators who converged on George Little Park. "If you take the salmon away, you are committing cultural genocide."

Guno is president of the 4-15 Survival Coalition Association, a group of aboriginal commercial gillnetters who fish area 4-15 at the mouth of the Skeena.

They maintain DFO has mismanaged the fishery and that they would now face undue hardship from the fishing closures aimed at protecting endangered upper Skeena coho stocks.

"In the past, whenever we were abused by the bureaucratic elite, we were content to crawl back and the perpetrators would go on their merry way. We're not going to do that anymore," Guno said. "We, the 4-15, are going to go out fishing as usual."

Guno said natives are being unfairly blamed for declining stocks of coho while a burgeoning sport fishing industry is the real culprit.



LAX KW'ALAAMS DANCERS from Port Simpson cry out in response to aboriginal speakers at George Little Park Friday. The dancers rushed to the protest after deciding to join Thursday night.

"Coho and steelhead for biological reasons have always been low," he said. "It's a finite number, but when you have an ever-expanding sports fishery, the salmon disappear."

Guno says the commercial fishery, which he says is 85 per cent aboriginal in the zone near the river mouth, does take more salmon than the sports fishery.

But he says they take more of the

sockeye, pink and spring salmon, while anglers priver take more of the coho and steelhead.

He said native fishermen were being used as a scapegoat to save face for the DFO on the conservation front.

His group is considering taking legal action against DFO, which he says has not fulfilled its fiduciary responsibility to rationally manage the fisheries.

Guno said the group's members are expecting prosecution and boat and equipment confiscations.

"They'll come down with a hammer," he said, but added he doesn't believe that police can put all of them in jail.

"We'll be seeking alliances with international organizations to claim back our fisheries," he said.

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Fires burn near Telegraph Creek

MORE THAN 40 Telegraph Creek residents left the haze-shrouded town over the weekend as apprehension rose about two forest fires blazing nearby.

Residents were told to brace for a full evacuation if the winds went the wrong way, but by early Tuesday it appeared the town would not be threatened.

Those who left town were primarily the elderly, the very young, people with respiratory problems, and others who were too anxious about staying. They're staying at a school in Dease Lake.

The fires are both west of town and erupted in the tinder-dry northern woods after a series of lightning strikes Thursday and Friday.

One is a 2,000-hectare blaze about 20 kilometres southwest of Telegraph Creek, and across the Stikine River.

The other fire is more than 1,000 hectares in size and about 25 kilometres west of the town — on the same side of the river.

It's believed to be close to the Ball Ranch, beyond the historic townsite of Glenora.

The fires are both out of control but are nowhere near the road that links Telegraph Creek with Dease Lake and Hwy 37.

The difficult terrain and the smoke has made the fires difficult to fight, leaving crews largely sidelined, said Northwest Fire Centre communications coordinator Gord Munro.

They're working on preparing a fire guard to stop the blaze that's on the same side of the river.

But Munro said neither fire was heading for Telegraph Creek as of Tuesday morning.

Stikine Riversong lodge operator Dan Pakula said the fires have town residents on edge.

"There's a lot of anxiety," he said. "Some people are packing valuables in boxes and that kind of thing so if it did take a turn for the worst they would be ready to go."

Pakula said the smoke on Saturday had formed a spectacular column towering more than 30,000 feet in the sky.

"It was huge — kind of like what a big explosion would look like, a big billowy smoke cloud," he said.

Kitkatla loses injunction bid

THE KITKATLA band has lost its bid for a court injunction to stop logging by Interfor south of Prince Rupert in the first significant test of the Supreme Court of Canada's Delgamuukw ruling on aboriginal title.

The B.C. Court of Appeal ruled Monday that a lower court judge was correct in dismissing the band's request for an injunction on logging in the Kumealon valley.

The decision gives Interfor the green light to continue cutting — something it's been doing in that area since 1985.

The band had argued they had not been adequately consulted, which the high court's Delgamuukw ruling last December said must happen when development takes place on land where natives claim aboriginal title.

The company said it had consulted closely with the Lax Kw'alaams band, but later learned the area is also claimed by the Kitkatla. Both bands belong to the Tsimshian Tribal Council.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Mary Southin dismissed the Kitkatla application on June 25. She ruled that because the Kitkatla do not live on the land in question, and because it appeared they were using the aboriginal title process for "general environmental purposes", the weight of evidence in their favour was "thin" and not enough to displace Interfor's right to log.

Southin said higher courts may consider whether the weight of the evidence matters, or it's simply enough that natives' claim land to override logging permits in the name of Delgamuukw.

"If the strength of the evidence is of no matter on the question of title in truth the commercial life of the province can be brought to a halt," Southin said. "Perhaps that is what Delgamuukw says, but it is not for a single judge to bring the commercial life of the province to a halt."

The three-judge panel of the B.C. Court of Appeal backed up that decision on Monday, and suggested the fact Interfor has already logged nearly 1,500 hectares there makes the region hardly unique.

Salmon angling ban may be tough to enforce

WHILE FISHERIES officers maintain there will be no fishing for salmon on the lower Skeena after July 26, enforcing that could be a problem.

That's because anglers will still be allowed on the river to fish for steelhead and trout.

Exactly how will fisheries officers tell if local anglers are legally fishing for steelhead or illegally catching and releasing salmon?

Unless anglers admit they're fishing for sal-

mon, fisheries officers will be forced to judge based on their behaviour.

"The fishery officers will have to use a judgement call on that," said DFO recreational fisheries coordinator Elmer Fast.

"If people are catching salmon after salmon after salmon and not steelhead, I think the interpretation will be that they're trying to catch them."

They'll be expected to change their gear, loca-

tion or technique to avoid catching salmon.

Persistent offenders could be charged with harassing wildlife.

But guide Steve Nickolls is skeptical, saying it will be impossible for DFO to prosecute anglers who fish catch-and-release for salmon.

And he said the feds are refusing to come clean about that.

"They're asking people to lie in order for them to angle," he said.

FROM FRONT Trustees huddle to plan cuts

Campbell — a Kitimat trustee — said the efficiency team was supposed to focus on the budget and ways to save money, not to comment on advisory committees and the amalgamation process.

The report also referred to the board's "apparent lack of sense of priority" when coming up with possible cuts.

"It is interesting to note there is no reference to making reductions as far away from direct instruction to students in school as possible as the highest priority principle behind budget deliberations," the report said.

Campbell doesn't agree with some of the report's proposed cuts, in particular the recommendation to close the Kitimat office.

"It won't be beneficial closing it — not to us in our community," she said.

Unless the building is sold for \$200,000, Campbell said there won't be real cost savings. She doesn't want to see the building sit empty. Perhaps, she said, it will be leased out to a teen mothers' program.

Campbell said that Ramsey wants the office shut down because he said that it segregates the district.

"I guess it has to be done so that everyone has access to the district office in Terrace," she said. "But I'm not happy with this. It was hard to take."

Campbell also disagreed with the recommendation to cut advisory committees because then people wouldn't have a casual forum to voice their concerns.

Terrace trustee Stewart Christensen, however, agreed with the report's findings that advisory teams should be advisory.

"I believe we should get advice from all of our partner groups, and trustees should vote on that advice — not advisory teams voting on it and passing it to us," he said.

Overall Christensen said the report was very well done.

"I wouldn't have a problem following it carte blanche," he said. "I don't think we could go wrong by doing so."

Trustee Marj Brown also agreed the report was well done.

She said that another way to save money would be cut trustees' salaries, instead of taking \$20,000 from overall trustees' expenses.

"When trustees don't travel because they don't want to or they're too busy or whatever, it's not a big deal. We don't really feel the pinch. And I think we should be feeling the pinch too."



Paul Ramsey

Christensen didn't agree with reducing trustees' pay since it might deter candidates from running.

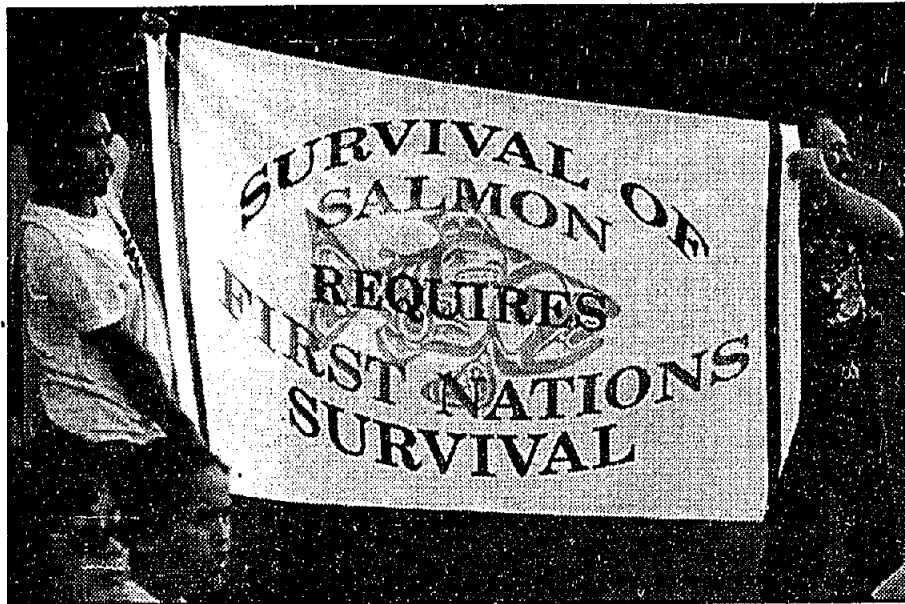
As for cutting music programs in Terrace, trustees said they were looking at them as the last things to cut.

"Can we find \$228,000 in other areas to keep that music program going?" said Campbell. "I don't know. The minister said if we can find the money wherever, then we can keep that program going. If not, it has to be cut."

Trustees will meet again tomorrow in a private meeting to further discuss possible cuts. And there will be another public meeting July 14 before the preliminary budget is sent to Victoria.

Suggested cuts

- Trustees expenses - \$20,000
- Administrative positions - \$598,139 (over 3 years)
- Support staff positions - \$246,369
- Operations, maintenance and grounds - \$80,000
- Supplies and equipment - \$230,000
- Special education reduction - \$112,000
- Music programs in Terrace (K/6-7) - \$228,000
- P.E. in Kitimat (K/6-7) - \$37,000



LETTING THE CROWD know what's up, local protesters let Terrace residents know why commercial fishers are angered over recent Skeena closures.

FROM FRONT Natives call fishing restrictions 'genocide'

Frank Wesley, a representative of the Port Simpson Fishing Committee who gave Guno \$500 to setup a legal defense fund, said fisheries officials were trying to starve natives out of their land.

Since the collapse of a Port Simpson cannery, Wesley said 98 per cent of his people were out of work.

A far cry from the economic clout he said local aboriginals usually have during fishing season.

"We spend \$8.5 million in Prince Rupert alone," said Wesley.

Wesley went on to say he believed the federal fisheries managers were pointless and aboriginals needed to work nation to nation and manage their own

resources to bring themselves out of a now-critical economic situation.

Another Port Simpson committee member, Stan Dennis, expressed anger against the sport fishing industry.

"As long as sports fishermen are out there fishing, I want to be out there too," Dennis said.

The Friday afternoon protest was conducted under the banner of the "Welcome Back Salmon Festival."

It consisted of a parade, dancing and a salmon barbecue.

Kitsumkalum band elder Vera Henry, who led the crowd in a thanksgiving prayer, urged native people to work together against the federal government to

ensure the survival of the aboriginal commercial fishery.

Guno also stressed native people have always relied on salmon and have never lost that connection.

"We have never severed our biological roots to nature," he said.

Moose collisions spark warning

RCMP ATTENDED an accident between a moose and a Chev S10 Pick-up truck Saturday.

The accident happened half a km east of the Extew crossing on Highway 16.

The driver of the vehicle and his two daughters are from Prince Rupert and were taken to the hospital for minor injuries.

The truck sustained extensive damages and RCMP say there have been similar moose accidents near Extew crossing this summer.

Caught in the act

TERRACE RCMP arrested a man trying to hot wire a vehicle in the parking lot of the Terrace Inn early Tuesday morning.

The 33-year old Terrace resident is known to police and was accompanied by another man who ran off when police approached the vehicle.

The man was scheduled to appear in court for theft of motor vehicle Tuesday afternoon.

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Sometime overnight between June 6 and June 7, 1998, the boat, a two seater paddle boat, was taken from where it was tied along the beach, at that residence.

The boat itself is described as a "sky blue" paddle boat with a cream coloured lower portion and removable cream coloured seats. The handle and lower fin are black in colour. The boat itself is approximately four years old.

The value is estimated at nearly \$1000.00

If you have any information about this or any similar incidents, or if you know the identity of the person or persons responsible for this theft, Crime Stoppers would like to hear from you.

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YOUR HEALTH

by Bryan Hunt

Water- 8 Glasses a Day Keeps Fat Away

Incredible as it may seem, water (purified is best) is quite possibly the single most important catalyst in losing weight and keeping it off.

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Amnesty pulls in pile of guns

TERRACE RCMP collected a bounty of firearms from Terrace-area residents in the past five weeks.

One hundred and nine firearms, five rounds of ammunition, one butterfly knife and four prohibited items were turned in as part of the latest weapons amnesty.

The aim of the program was to encourage people to bring in unwanted weapons without fear of prosecution for possession.

RCMP Constable Ray Griffiths' reaction to the amnesty was mixed.

"We would have accepted any of the weapons anyway without charging any one," he said.

Griffiths suspected 1998 counts were higher than last year because 98 rifles were turned in by one local collector.

All weapons are cut into pieces with a metal chop saw upon receipt.

The total firearms and rounds of ammunition collected province-wide as of June 19 totalled 32,660.



RCMP CONST. Ray Griffiths shows just a few of the 109 guns turned in here for a provincial gun amnesty that ended Friday. Most of the weapons were rifles turned in by one local collector.

News In Brief

New school planned

PLANS HAVE begun to build a new elementary school in the bench area to help reduce primary school class sizes.

Coast Mountain School District received \$121,000 last week to plan the construction of a new \$3.6 million elementary school in a new subdivision. It was one of 16 school planning grants announced last week.

Education ministry spokesman Karen Johnson said the school should be built in two years time.

Once complete, it would help ease pressure on Uplands Elementary, which relies heavily on portables to handle demand there.

Terrace trustee Stew Christensen said three potential sites are being considered. One's on Halliwell kitty-corner across from Uplands. Another is south of Dairy Ave. between Eby and Munro. And a third possible site is west of Bailey St., between Soucie and Mountain-vista Ave.

Coming up empty

KINGFISHER REISEN, Europe's biggest tour operator for angling trips to North America, is demanding compensation for cancelled bookings to fish the Skeena.

The company — which had booked nearly 1,300 visitors to B.C. in 1998 at a total cost of \$5.6 million — says 70 per cent of those bookings come after salmon fishing bans take effect July 26.

"Sixty per cent of our customers have already cancelled their trips to the Skeena River region," managing director Herbert Lochel said in a letter to fisheries minister David Anderson. "Further cancellations will follow."

Lochel estimates the company's loss at at least \$3 million because he's unable to offer customers alternative tours to Alaska on such short notice.

More firefighters leave

AREA FIREFIGHTERS have once again returned from northern Alberta, where they helped fight the latest outbreak of blazes.

Two unit crews, with 20 firefighters each, two sector bosses and one liaison officer were all sent from the region.

Meanwhile, four initial attack crews, including one from Terrace, were still in Ontario as of late last week.

Lane change

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL has approved a plan to extend the westbound, right hand lane of Highway 16 to the Canadian Tire entrance.

The Ministry of Highways will be putting up \$5,000 for the project, which involves moving a hydro pole.

The city will cover the remainder of the \$12,500 cost.

Bus runs adjusted

BUSES are running on their reduced summer schedule until Sept. 5.

Terrace Regional Transit System manager Mike Docherty said the change reflects school holidays and lower trip demand by area residents. The new schedule can be picked up at city hall, or call transit information at 635-2666.

Vermette reward draws only tips

Vigil marks anniversary of Kitimat triple murder

THE ANNOUNCEMENT of a \$17,500 reward for the arrest of Kevin Vermette has shaken loose 40 new tips to police.

So far, however, none have been definite sightings of the Kitimat triple murder suspect.

Kitimat RCMP Staff Sgt. Greg Funk said the tips came from as close as Kitimat itself to as far away as Regina, Cornwall Ontario, the Lower Mainland and South Carolina.

He added the Kitimat tip was ruled out quickly and others were made after the announcement of the reward jogged memories about possible sightings people made a couple of days or a couple of weeks ago. Funk said the latter tips are hard to follow up but they don't discourage anyone from reporting anything.

"If someone reports seeing him in a particular area, we are canvassing that particular area. But (Vermette) is not in custody yet," he added.

Vermette has been at large since last July 12, when he allegedly followed a car with four male passengers into Hirsch Creek Park and gunned them down in a hail of shotgun fire.

Mark Teves and Michele Mauro - both 20 - and David Nunes, 21 were killed in the attack. Donny Oliveira, also 20, survived and has since recovered.

Family and friends have planned a candlelight vigil for 9 p.m. on Sunday in Hirsch Creek Park to mark the one-year anniversary.

Police searched the Kitimat area extensively over three weeks last summer, and investigated more than 500 tips and possible sightings in the ensuing months.

So far none have turned up their lone suspect for the crime.

"This is encouraging," Funk added of the response since the announcement of the reward. "It means our press release was observed and our efforts to bring this to the public attention has obviously been accomplished somewhat."

Funk added if someone thinks they have seen Vermette police ask them to call right away.

The RCMP believes Vermette could still be armed and dangerous and if anyone sees him, are advised not to approach.

He is described as a Caucasian male, five-feet eight-inches tall, 177 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair.

He wears glasses and has some distinctive tattoos — one of a cat on his upper right arm, with the word "lucky" inscribed below. The others on his left upper arm are of a coyote and the moon, and a dagger through a rose.

He is an excellent carpenter, has good mechanical knowledge and has worked as a truck driver. Vermette is known to prefer temporary employment.

He is a loner, police describe him as antisocial, hot tempered and meticulous in cleanliness and organization.

Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to call the Kitimat RCMP at 632-7111.



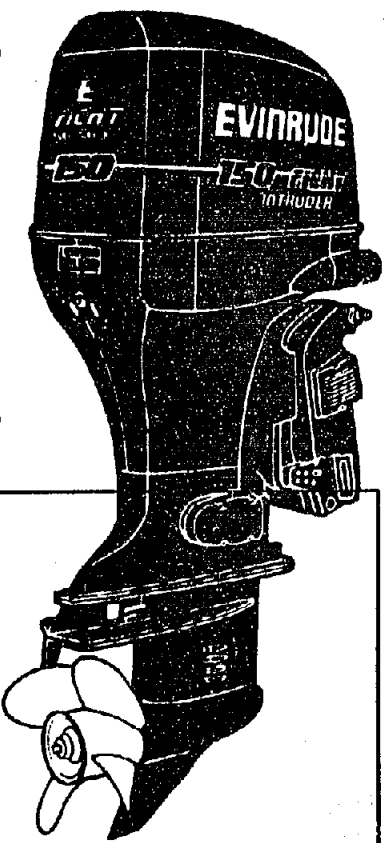
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Seconds count

A WOMAN collapses with a heart attack at an airstrip near Kitimat. Her husband calls for an ambulance from a pay phone.

A thousand kilometres away, at a centralized dispatch centre in Kamloops, a dispatcher answers her call.

He listens to the husband explain three times that he's calling from Kitimat and that they need an ambulance at the Kitimat Air Park.

But the dispatcher thinks he must mean the Terrace-Kitimat Airport parking lot and confirms that as the final destination. The frantic husband, probably no longer paying attention to anything but his stricken wife, says "right".

So began a tragedy on June 7 that saw Kamloops dispatchers send Terrace paramedics on a wild-goose chase to the Terrace airport while Arlene Moloney lay dying in Kitimat.

By the time the error was caught, 20 precious minutes were lost and Moloney arrived dead on arrival at the Kitimat hospital.

Her family, angry by the delay that could have been the difference between life and death, say a local ambulance dispatch service should be established to prevent further deaths.

Had the dispatcher even realized that a phone call from a 632- prefix means Kitimat, not Terrace, the problem could have been solved.

At one point dispatchers phoned the Terrace airport to ask for the firefighters — firefighters who haven't been based there for six months — betraying a further lack of local knowledge.

Terrace city council three years ago went to the wall with the B.C. Ambulance Service over Kamloops dispatchers' failure to consistently notify the fire department's first-responders, who often reach the scene ahead of the ambulance.

After a comprehensive review and a series of meetings, the service promised to call the Terrace first responders every time.

It's time to have an even closer look at the way ambulance dispatch service is delivered here.

Fish first

FEDERAL FISHERIES MINISTER David Anderson is taking it from all sides for his punishing crackdown on virtually every type of salmon fishing in the province to protect endangered coho stocks.

The medicine here is terribly bitter.

Sports anglers — who turn fish into dollars at a far more productive and sustainable rate than the commercial fleets — are being sidelined. It's true they had little to do with creating the problem, but the politics of fairness demands they share the pain now.

While this seems overkill to some, we should be thankful for one thing. It appears Anderson is determined not to let coho and other endangered stocks go the way of the Atlantic cod.

That's a sea change from the previous style of fisheries management that allowed the commercial fleet to inhale everything at the river mouth and had wild steelhead and coho destined for certain extinction.



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Gay pension plan is wrong

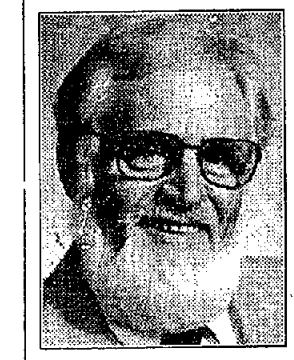
VICTORIA — There's an old story about a Canadian showing up at the U.S. border at the height of the Vietnam war, asking for political asylum.

Asked why he wanted to leave Canada, when thousands of American draft dodgers were going in the other direction, the Canuck said: "Well, there was a time when homosexuality was illegal. Then it was tolerated. Next it was legalized. I'm getting the hell out before they make it compulsory."

The problem with writing this column is that it will almost certainly be misconstrued, leaving me open to accusations of gay-bashing and being in league with the religious far right. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I fully support any and all measures to protect the rights of homosexuals. I abhor discrimination of any sort, be it based on the colour of skin, religion or sexual orientation.

But extending pension benefits to homosexual couples, however, as the bill introduced in the legislature this week proposes, has nothing to do with the protection of basic human rights. Instead, it puts a legal, moral and ethical stamp on homosexuality as just another, perfectly normal life-style. Well, it isn't.



FROM THE CAPITAL
 HUBERT BEYER

other, perfectly normal life-style. Well, it isn't.

This latest advancement in gay rights, entitlements and benefits comes a year after Attorney General Ujjal Dosanjh introduced legislation giving homosexual couples the same rights as their heterosexual counterparts on child custody, access and maintenance issues.

Same-sex partners were also included in the definition of spouse in the Family Relations Act. There was strong reaction last year from religious groups and others advocating "traditional family values." I expect similar reaction this time.

The changes to pension benefits would affect the province's 235,000 public sector employees, including teachers,

librarians, municipal workers, college staff and bus drivers.

Now, what possible harm could the proposed legislation do? Directly, none, but as I said earlier, I have a real problem with the increasingly popular portrayal of homosexuality as normal. And the legislation before the House now, reinforces that trend.

With apologies to Ted Nebbeling, Liberal MLA for West Vancouver-Garibaldi, and Tim Stevenson, NDP MLA for Vancouver-Burrard, both of whom are openly gay, and both of whom I know, like and respect, homosexuality is not a normal lifestyle.

Again, I have no problem with people being gay, openly or in the closet. It's the gradual shift in our society towards giving homosexuality a status equal to that of heterosexuality that I cannot accept.

There is a distinction between acceptable and normal. Heterosexuality is the norm. It is nature's way of assuring procreation and, thereby, survival of the species. Homosexuality is not the norm. It is the exception. I accept homosexuality as someone's choice, but don't try to convince me that it's normal. It

isn't. And saying so doesn't make one a bigot and homophobe.

There's another aspect that ought to make politicians think twice before giving same-sex couples the same pension rights as heterosexual ones.

If the surviving partner of a homosexual relationship is entitled to pension benefits, why not a brother or a sister? Sooner or later, the law would probably have to be changed to allow the allocation of survivor benefits to anyone.

HOUSE ANTICS
 Summer is the silly season in the legislature. The MLAs lighten up and there's the occasional flash of humour.

One day, this week, Liberal MLA Bonnie McKinnon was on a good old-fashioned rant, laying into the NDP with all she's got, when a baby started crying in the spectators' gallery.

"Now look what you've done," NDP MLA Helmut Giesbrecht shouted across the floor. It was enough to make everyone, including McKinnon, break into laughter.

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Westray boss eyes Cassiar

"B.C. has the dubious distinction of having one of the worst job safety records in the country," according to Tradetalk, published by B.C. & Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades Council.

"Between 1990 and 1997, 1,181 workers were killed on the job. Every working day, 751 workers are injured on the job; 16 permanently disabled. Three workers are killed each week."

"The construction industry is one of the most dangerous in the province; second only to forestry."

Maybe it's B.C.'s high rate of worker deaths that's attracting the former manager of Nova Scotia's Westray coal mine where 26 miners were killed in an explosion May 26, 1992. He sees profit to be made retrieving magnesium from the tailings of a closed Cassiar mine. He probably also sees his poor safety record being ignored for the sake of B.C. jobs.

Already he's pitched his plan



THROUGH BIFOCALS
 CLAUDETTE SANDECKI

to MLA Dan Miller, minister of northern development. Miller came away from the meet-

ing, dollar signs dancing in his eyes. How or why Miller would

even listen to a man with 26 dead employees haunting him beats me, unless Miller, too, cares more for creating jobs and profit than for worker safety.

Last week Nova Scotia's chief prosecutor announced he can't lay charges against Westray management for the loss of 26 lives because he "lacks sufficient evidence to obtain a conviction."

Lacks sufficient evidence! An inquiry into the Westray mine explosion took most of six years, cost millions of dollars, and heard testimony from dozens of mine employees, government inspectors and bureaucrats, and independent mining experts.

Witnesses told of too high levels of coal dust, of methane gas buildup, of machinery used underground when it shouldn't have been because it produced sparks, of safety regulations ignored, of failure to upgrade to meet safety standards.

In the end, Judge Peter Richard concluded the un-

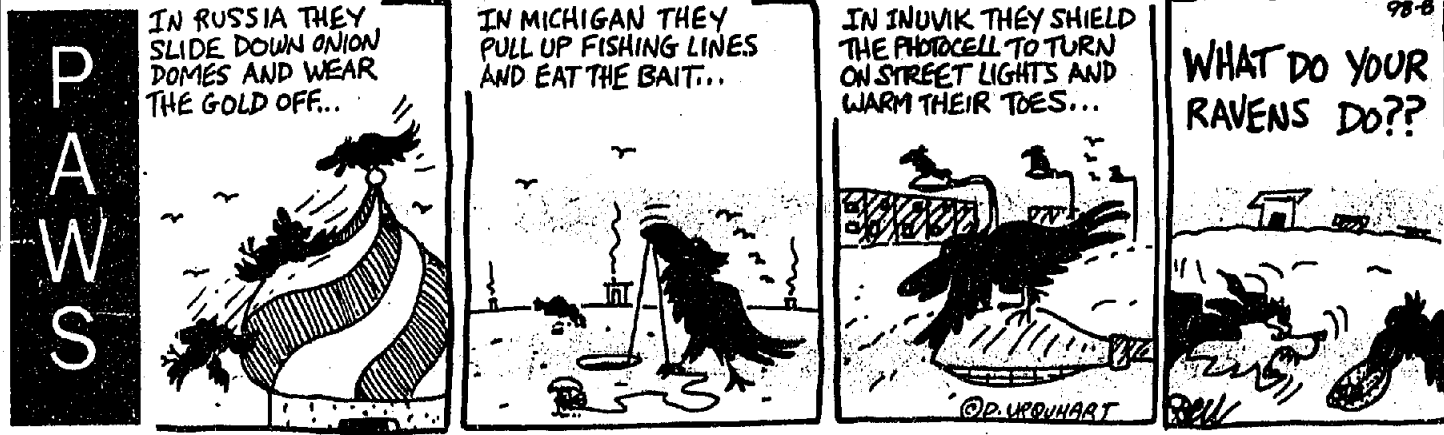
derground explosion was the predictable and preventable result of human failure at almost every turn. The disaster, he said, was a story of incompetence, of mismanagement, of bureaucratic bungling, of deceit, of ruthlessness, of coverup, of apathy, of expediency and of cynical indifference. Only the miners were free of blame.

"The fundamental and basic responsibility for safe operation of any industrial undertaking rests clearly with management." Judge Richard wrote in his four volume report naming names. He made 74 recommendations to prevent such a disaster repeating itself.

During the lengthy inquiry, Nova Scotia's government promised to hold responsible parties accountable for any criminal negligence. Yet despite Judge Richard's report, the chief prosecutor has let the matter drop.

Now the former manager wants to set up shop in B.C.

He sounds like our kind of guy.



All who fish are feeling the pain

Dear Sir
While reading through the newspaper dated July 24, 1998, I as a commercial fisherman cannot sit back and let the general public think that only the recreational sector of the fisheries was dealt a raw deal.

Anderson's plan calls for a \$400 million package for the commercial sector.

■ \$200 million for license buy-backs and early retirement. If the provincial government does not meet the federal department dollars allocated for early retirement this part of the program does not go ahead. Our provincial government has decided they want nothing to do with Anderson's Plan.

■ The \$100 million for displaced fishermen is for programs already in existence. These programs are programs offered by our local U.I. offices and they don't work on the North Coast. We want real jobs.

People in the recreational sector can at least apply for interest free loans, plus counselling paid for courtesy of Department of Fisheries.

Zero mortality on coho, is the word of the day. But it is only confined to the commercial sector. The recreation sector can still fish, using barbless hooks. How can you avoid catching a coho? How often can you catch and release a coho without any harm?

If Anderson's objective is to get out the small owner operators from the commercial sector at least offer us a decent compensation package for the years of investing in licences and boats.

To date the offer is \$6,500 for gillnetters, trollers, and \$10,500 for seiners if we elect not to fish 1998. E.I. payments or interest-free loans are not even in the picture.

How long can anyone survive on \$6,500 with mortgage payments, and everyday expenses?

I believe commercial fisherman are being sold out for tourism. But can we afford to feed or even start a family on the \$7.15 an hour that most tourism jobs pay? And tourism is only a few months of the year. Pray tell what will we do the rest of the year?

Most anglers and charter-boat owners have their jobs that they can fall back on.

Seine boat crews, shore workers, packer boats operators to date have been offered no compensation.

A way of life for many generations is being wiped off the face of our country. Our country is becoming no more than a dictatorship, free enterprise for only a select few.

I can only wonder is your job or way of life next to be exterminated?

Communities and villages up and down our coast are facing financial disaster. To the commercial sector, Anderson's plan is no more than a welfare cheque.

One portion of your article dated June 24, 1998, stated "sport fishing operators feel that they are only responsible for a much smaller fraction of the decline of coho."

But if you go to your DFO office you will find that the percentage is very much the same.

So let's all accept equal blame.

If it's a red zone (no fishing) for one sector it should be for all.

I thought one law applies to all. Let's all be made to conserve.

Barbara Krause
Terrace B.C.

Salmon ban unjustified

Dear Sir:
Lower Skeena River guides and lodges are being treated unfairly.

The 1997 angling guide reports submitted annually to the Ministry of Environment show from July 1st through August 30th show a total of zero coho encountered. This represents 12 guiding operations with more than 2,150 guided angler days.

The same data in 1996 showed an encounter of 18 coho and all fish were released. One cannot assume that these were the endangered fish because the encounters occurred in mid to late August in Skeena 1 and 2.

These fish could have been bound for the Lower Skeena River tributaries of which none show any problems with endangered Coho.

Referring to the "Living Blueprint for B.C. Salmon Habitat" publication, specifically referring to B.C. coho stocks at high risk of extinction, show out of the 20 creeks and rivers in the whole Skeena system only two were noted in the lower Skeena and they were "small" tributary creeks on the Kalum River, namely Glacier Creek and Goat Creek.

Eighty four per cent of the coho have been encountered by the commercial fishing fleet and 2 per cent by anglers.

Of all salmonids, 4 per cent are harvested by the native food fishery, 4 per cent by recreational anglers and 40 per cent by commercial fishermen. The balance of 52 per cent is left to spawn and regenerate.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see where the problem lies.

With the above data, does it justify a salmon closure on the Skeena River from July 26 through August 6? I think not.

Noel Gyger
Terrace B.C.

Doctors aren't hurting

Dear Sir:
On June 17th you printed a letter signed by seven local doctors who take issue with the chairperson of the Terrace Area Community Health Council on the C.H.C.'s attempt to control costs at Mills Memorial.

Doctors are the only workers that expect to have unrestricted access to the taxpayer's pocket. Any time there is an attempt to control hospital costs or the cost of the Medical Services Plan they are against it.

They do not contribute any more to hospital funding than other taxpayers yet their livelihood is dependent on maintaining hospital privileges.

The seven doctors who signed the letter together received \$3.2 million from M.S.P. in 1996/97. They



COLOURFUL PLAINS Indian dancers like Saskatchewan-born Oknese performer Dale Stonechild were at the recent Tribal Fest Powwow in Terrace, but local shutterbugs weren't allowed to take photos inside. This photo was taken when a Terrace Standard photographer persuaded some powwow participants to pose outside.

Powwow camera ban was silly

Dear Sir:
The first Powwow in Terrace has left behind a lot of disappointed people. It started off with all the rules that governed the fests elsewhere.

It changed directions in May with the outlying bands concerns with picture taking of their sacred dances. To appease their concerns, it was decided not to allow any cameras at the event.

However, the organizers continued to place articles in the local newspapers that cameras would be permitted, and leaving the impression that this would be a camera buff's paradise.

When the people arrived with their cameras, there was a sign on the door stating no cameras were allowed.

To back this up the security people were instructed to seize any cameras and destroy the film in it. This was told to me by one of the security persons. The police are interested in anyone else having this experience.

Caught in this sting operation was a festival circuit member from Onion Lake, Sask. Being an organization member he had used another entrance and was unaware of the ban. He was one of the two announcers there to run the event.

His camera was also seized and the film that was filled with scenic shots of this area and Prince Rupert was destroyed. He was very bitter about this and told me that Terrace was the only place in his ten years with the circuit that had not allowed cameras.

His partner had twenty years behind him, was all over North America and had never heard of a camera ban.

When asked how they dealt with the sacred dances, they said there was never a problem. The camera buffs always respected the performers' wishes and did not take pictures of their dance.

It was always mandatory to stand and remove caps at these dances as a further indication to anyone who wasn't paying attention to the announcers.

The bands that were so concerned about picture taking got the protection they wanted, but it turned out to be a double edged sword.

They also were unable to take pictures of other events there, that were far, far more interesting than what they had to offer.

They went home with nothing to show their friends and neighbours. Their demands also deprived all the other visiting dancers and their families of any souvenirs of their visit here.

It was quite a price to pay for a concern that never existed in the first place.

It was hoped by the circuit fest announcers that these concerned bands would eventually realize their mistakes and would fall in line with the rest of the continent.

If they don't, they may well find that local support for their tribal fest will no longer be there.

Larry Sommerfield
Terrace B.C.

will point out that they must pay overhead as well. This is true but the amount does not include the payments they get from ICBC or WCB.

I agree doctors should be fairly paid for their work, but let's not forget that B.C. already pays the highest fees in the country.

Given the state of the local forest workers, the doctors just seem to be greedy when they engage in their political games.

Maybe they should cooperate with the C.H.C. At least doctors don't seem to be hurting like many others.

Walter McConnell
Terrace B.C.

Hospital board should eat the same food

Dear Sir:
Recently I was a patient at Mills Memorial Hospital. The treatment, care and services provided by all staff was excellent.

But, what upset me and others happened on Thursday June 11, 1998.

The hospital board had a meeting and supper was provided, no problem.

The disgusting part is the extra attention to detail that took place in making the meal more appealing and presentable for the board members.

No attempt, even with extra staff on, was made with the patient meals. This whole farce was obviously part of a survey that the hospital had circulated a week earlier.

The survey asked questions about respondents' expectations about a hospital meal and what their hospital meals were like. Well, the meals might be nutritious, but appealing? No.

Hospital board members in the future should eat the exact same meal as patients, presented in the same way.

You are the public's representatives. If the supper leaves you feeling like a hamburger on the way home, fine. Patients don't have that option.

Excellent patient care is what Mills Memorial Hospital should be about. Please keep this in mind

the next time you make cuts.

N. Kendall
Terrace B.C.

Keep dogs leashed

Dear Sir:
I am writing to address the idea of Ferry Island becoming a leash-free zone for dogs.

I must state that I was not afraid of dogs nor do I dislike them. It is the owners of the dogs that have to face the reality that dogs are animals and therefore are unpredictable.

Since I have been working down at Ferry Island, (one and a half months) I have had a German Shepherd run at me and end up with its nose in my face, I have had a very large dog jump up on the front of me and cover my shirt and pants with mud.

Last night I had my pants literally torn off me by a retriever.

In the first incident there was no harm done, other than a fast beating heart, the owner was very apologetic, was aware that her dog was not overly friendly but was still walking in the park with her pet unleashed.

I must state that since then, when I have seen her and her pet, it has been leashed.

The second incident, there wasn't even an apology. Perhaps they left in a hurry because my husband seeing this huge dog jump up on me came flying out of the truck and demanded that they leash their dog or leave.

The third incident happened last night, I was on my rounds in the evening, I walked half-way into a campsite, said, "Hello" to a young person sitting by the picnic table. I didn't have time to even realize what was happening. The dog came at me with no warning, I turned away and he bit me on the back of my leg before the owner could stop him.

Guess what he said, "I can't believe he did that, he has never done anything like that before." Oh yes, this dog was tied up with his leash to the picnic table. He snapped it like a string.

A short time after this incident I was sitting at the trailer, waiting for my daughter to deliver me something to wear and waiting for my heart to get out of

A woman came to the campsite and told me the story of her family pet, who she believed "would never do anything like that!" One day they had company over and the dog attacked a little girl and literally tore her face off.

This could have very easily been a child that this dog attacked. Anyone who reads the paper or watches the news can quote a number of incidents where the family pet has killed or maimed a child.

Just recently a dog owner was sentenced to 12 years in jail, because her pets killed a child. Well someone should be responsible.

What if that was your child or grandchild? Dogs are animals, their owners have to take the responsibility.

Joyce Findlay
Terrace B.C.

Liked the columns

Dear Sir:
Congratulations on Claudette Sandeck's column on "What Every Grad Needs to Know".

We can trust B. C. teachers to give our children what the school system requires.

What you also need to know is that when the expensive fridge refuses to work in the early evening, it's because the cheap moulded plug at the back has melted. An electrician once condemned my fridge to death because of a 14-cent plug. Fortunately I got a second opinion.

When the same electrician made a second visit to replace the plug on an electric heater he said (magic words) "You can do this yourself".

This hadn't occurred to me. I thought electricians were God.

Since then I have learned to thaw pipes and frozen car doors with my hair dryer.

Judy taught me that WD-40 is the answer to many problems. Wilma introduced me to circuit cleaner and helped me prolong the lives of many TV sets and radios, even to resuscitate dead ones! A long-gone TWU member taught me how to deal with balky phones.

Claudette thinks there should be a catch-all course taught in this. Maybe "Housewifery 101" or "Grad meets World". And different life-skills are needed in different places.

I graduated in Gibsons. Didn't need Northern skills — like the preparing-for-the-power-outage routine which I now perform each September.

The parents of the grads who are going into the great big world could choose more sensible gifts, too. Not suitcases or trips or cars. The most sensible gift my older daughter received on graduation was a sewing machine from her grandmother.

I would advise a copy of Readers' Digest "Fix it Yourself Encyclopaedia" and "The Moveable Nest" from Ten Speed Press. An electric screwdriver would be good, too.

In addition to Claudette's wise advice, I liked Char Toews' Not the Bad News column, full of people going about their daily business, enjoying their lives.

Most of the news in the paper is printed because it is unusual. It's refreshing to read about ordinary, pleasant things happening. Worth the price of a subscription.

Marguerite Clarkson
Terrace B.C.

Try a different spot for skateboard park

An open letter to Mayor & Council:
For some time now the activities of young skate boarders on the apparatus beside the arena at the top of Paul Clark Ave. has interfered with the sleep of sick and elderly people in our housing unit.

We have had several complaints of excessive noise as late (or early) as 2:30 a.m. It is especially irritating to residents of the southeast side of the building.

Perhaps the city ought to consider moving the skateboard park to a more remote location (eg., behind the curling rink).

Alternatively, the council will take into account the seniors who live here and at least put a midnight curfew on its uses.

Margaret Cooper & Floyd Dean
Willows Tenants Association
Terrace B.C.

Zombies attacked town

Dear Sir:
Okay, kids, you can check this out with your local history teacher but Hubert Beyer is wrong again!

As I recall the story it was Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier who said the 20th Century would belong to Canada, not WW2 Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Laurier began his political career in 1871 and was just being optimistic about the Canadian way of life when he made his remark.

King on the other hand said, "Conscription if necessary but not necessarily conscription", promising that conscripts would not be sent overseas but would be used as home defense forces in case the Axis invaded Canada.

They labelled these conscripts "zombies" after King's remarks and sent them to Terrace where they mutilated, taking the whole town hostage — which is a whole other story.

Beyer did get it right about King being a necromancer — holding seances and talking to his dead dog without a leash. Perhaps the dog read Laurier's speeches and informed his master!

Speaking of dead dogs I see people want the right to run their dogs without leashes in public parks.

Twenty years ago when I had a dog I took him up a logging road to enjoy the scenic route. We both got out of the car and got some exercise walking.

My point is there is enough wilderness surrounding Terrace that we don't need to encroach on pedestrian public parks with dogs today anymore than past days. Take your dog berry picking or go smell the skunk cabbage!

Brian Gregg
Terrace B.C.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

Final tears flow for Co-op

IT WAS A tearful farewell for Co-op employees last Tuesday, as the doors closed on the store for the final time.

Staff got together to say their goodbyes at the store before heading to a farewell barbecue.

"It's really going to hit us in a few days when we have to shop and we head here by accident," said Shelley Heynen.

"I think the community is going to miss it a lot more than they think," said Gail Fell.

Food court manager Brian Tait, who is transferring to a Co-op in Dawson Creek, is one of only two employees to transfer outside of Terrace.

He estimates that more than half of the store's staff still haven't found work.

"Today it's been fairly upbeat. There's been a few tears," he said.

"I'd like to say thanks to all the staff for their hard work and friendship and to the customers and friends that supported us. Just thank you very much," he said.

"I cried my tears when we



CASHIER Karen Carrita rings through the final purchase at the Co-op department store. She and others said their farewells at the store's closure last Tuesday.

found out. I'm okay now," said Kathy Galuska.

Unsold goods were picked up by a liquidation company

earlier in the day and shelving and other equipment will go to local businesses. Tait says customer

response has ranged from sadness to disappointment to bitterness over the closing.

Out & About

Bank cuts teller hours

THE BANK of Montreal June 26 extended its hours but cut back on the times when people can deposit, withdraw, make bill payments or make transfers between accounts.

The new times are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a variety of services but contact with tellers for deposits and withdrawals is limited from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other Bank of Montreal branches in the northwest have already had their hours changed in this fashion.

Gas station goes

ONE OF THE oldest gas stations in Terrace is making plans to shut down.

Imperial Oil is closing its Terrace Esso service station on Lakelse Ave. effective Sept. 13.

"It's not viable," said Imperial area manager Chris Cufflan. "The property isn't large enough to accommodate the kind of offerings customers are looking for."

He said the company plans to sell gas here through a local Copperside Foods location.

The Lakelse Ave. location will go through an environmental testing and cleanup process before being sold.

Garage operators Jay and Laurene Kelso are moving to a new location in Thornhill. They'll operate under the name Central Garage at 3359 Hwy 16 East, beside Skeena Animal Hospital, starting Sept. 13.

Building pegged at \$2.3 million

A PRIME piece of downtown real estate is on the market with the closure of Terrace Co-op's main department store building on Greig.

Financially troubled with the downturn in the economy and by competition, Co-op directors two months ago decided to close the main store.

The adjacent garden centre and the bulk fuel and building supplies centre on Molitor remain open.

Co-op manager Ed Berney and Co-op chair Sandy Sandhals say several interested parties have made inquiries.

"An appraisal we had done lists the value at \$2.3 million," said Berney.

The land takes up 189,000 square feet, the main building 46,700 square feet and

the garden centre 2,400 square feet with 3,600 square feet of storage space.

Berney and Sandhals once again squashed rumours that Save On Foods/Overwaita has either bought the land or is a serious contender.

"I've had no firm offers from anybody," said Berney.

Businesses within the building have either moved elsewhere or, in the case of Keenleyside Insurance, are on a month to month lease pending a sale of the structure.

The Canada Post outlet is now across Emerson at the Saan store, opening July 2.

Also moving is Copper Barber Shop, which had been located upstairs in the Co-op. It's now opened in a new location at 4650 Lakelse Ave.

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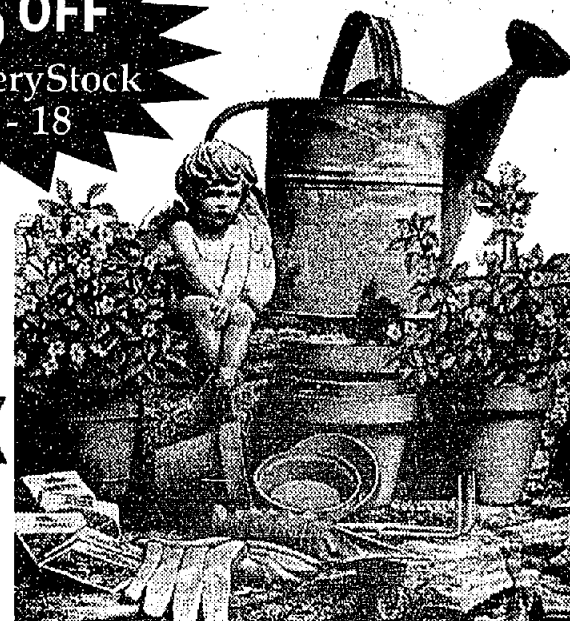
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Date & Time of Birth:
June 5, 1998 at 10:10 a.m.
Weight: 8 lbs 9 oz. Sex: Male
Parents: Mike & Lianna

Baby's Name:
Aidan Fredrick Roy Thomas
Date & Time of Birth:
June 23, 1998 at 7:22 p.m.
Weight: 10 lbs 2 oz. Sex: Male
Parents: Austin & Debbie

Baby's Name:
Trish Rox Brousseau
Date & Time of Birth:
June 19, 1998 at 10:40 p.m.
Weight: 9 lbs Sex: Female
Parents: Mike & Patty Brousseau

Baby's Name:
Dylan Michael Paquette
Date & Time of Birth:
June 24, 1998 at 8:55
Weight: 8 lbs 14 oz. Sex: Male
Parents: Kim Gunn & Marc Paquette

Baby's Name:
Krista Valerie Karlsen
Date & Time of Birth:
June 22, 1998 at 8:38 a.m.
Weight: 7 lbs 11 oz. Sex: Female
Parents: Bill & Goret Karlsen

Baby's Name:
George Richard Daniels
Date & Time of Birth:
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Weight: 8 lbs 7 1/2 oz. Sex: Male
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RCMP Staff Sergeant Doug Wheeler has a card himself, but he noticed the 1-900 number immediately.

"You always have to be aware of 1-900 numbers," he said. "The trick is if you make the call, you'll be charged long distance, and you have no idea what you'll win. God only knows what you'll get after making the call."

Crash victim waits hours

A TERRACE WOMAN is in hospital after lying injured on the Highway 16 shoulder for up to five hours before being noticed.

The woman's vehicle went off-road in the early hours of June 29 near Usk. She crawled her way through 25 metres of dense bush and climbed a deep ditch before being spotted by a passing motorist.

RCMP suspect fatigue may have been a factor in the accident.

Police seek log rustlers

TERRACE RCMP are looking for anyone who knows information about the theft of seven cedar logs from an area along Beam Station Road.

The logs were taken between June 25-27 and were cut into 2 foot lengths.

Suspects also smashed out the windows of a 330-button top loader.

Anyone with information about this theft should call Crimestoppers or the Terrace RCMP.

Asleep at the wheel

RCMP ARE investigating an accident 42 km west of Terrace when a snoozing driver crashed into a mountain Sunday evening.

The driver of a 1974 full-size Chevrolet van was heading eastbound on Highway 16 when the van left the road.

All three van occupants were taken to hospital, one was admitted overnight for observation.

Two injured in roll-over

TWO LOCAL females were sent to hospital June 27 after they lost control of their vehicle on Old Lakelse Lake Drive.

The accident happened at 10:35 p.m. when their vehicle hit the gravel shoulder and tumbled off the road.

Injuries are not life-threatening.

Crash darkens holiday

EXPLOSIONS, power outages and curious crowds gave Canada Day an electric twist.

A number of Terrace homes lost power Wednesday night when a green pickup truck blew a back tire and rammed a power pole outside the Happy Gang Centre for Seniors at 10:20 p.m.

Approximately four vehicles chased the truck from the corner of Kalum St. and Lakelse Ave. to the Terrace Arena where two of the three occupants of the truck escaped.

One person stayed with the truck and was questioned by police.

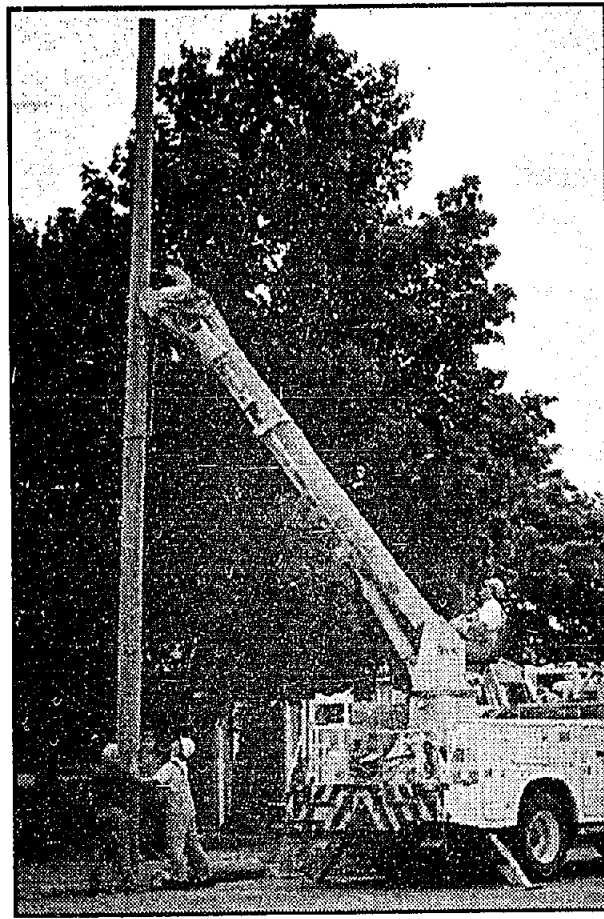
No one was injured in the accident.

Two police cars, a fire truck and BC Hydro representatives attended the scene.

Paul Ebling, a witness who chased the truck to the arena said sparks from the accident could be seen from two blocks away.

"It's a miracle those guys weren't electrocuted," he said.

Although RCMP believe speed to be a factor in the accident, they say foul play is not suspected.



B.C. HYDRO workers hefted a new pole into place on Friday, replacing one that was knocked out when it was hit by a pickup truck July 1st.

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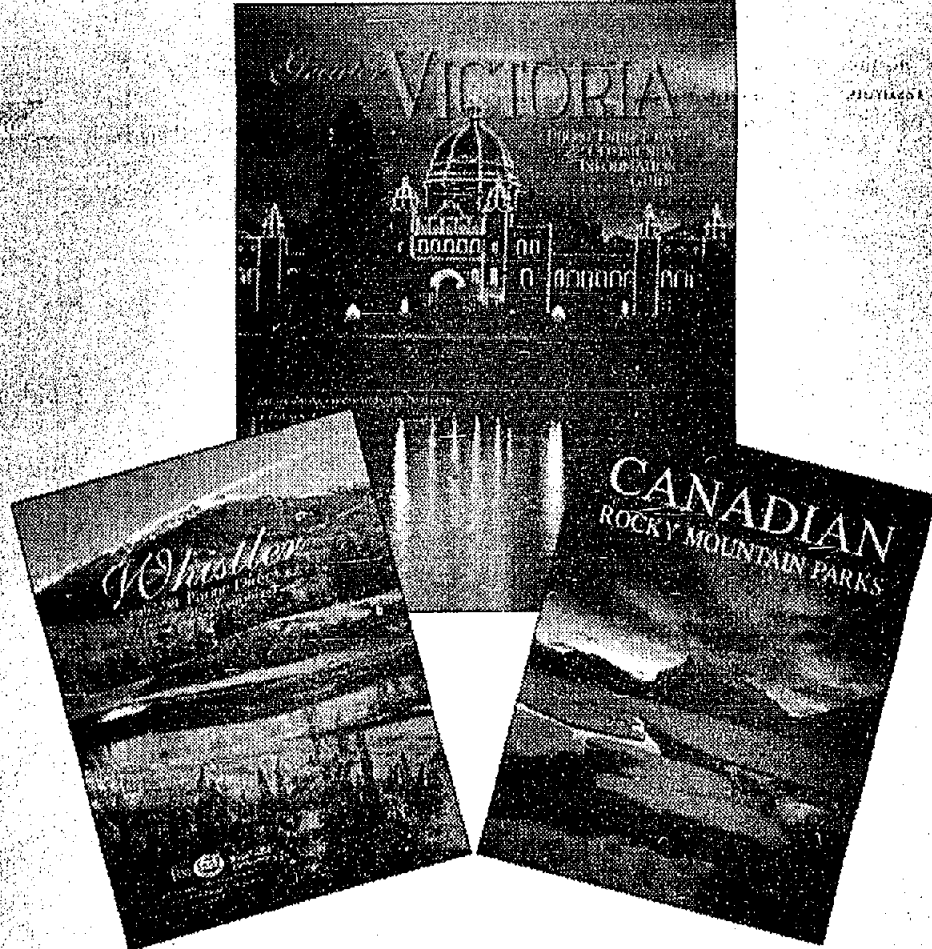
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Airport fire fears irrational, report says

CANADIANS shouldn't worry that there are no firefighters on duty fulltime at most Canadian airports, indicates a report released last month by Transport Canada.

"No reasonable argument, moral or economic, supports it," says the report ordered by transport minister David Collette after the crash landing of a plane late last year at Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Instead, report author Dr. Vernon Grose suggests some of the problem lies in how Transport Canada tells people what it does.

And that's tied in with unfounded public fears that the move to privatized airports will compromise

safety, he said.

In essence, Grose says Canadians view firefighting services at airports on an emotional and not rational level.

"Make certain that the role cost-effectiveness plays is proportionate with public concerns for their own safety," said Grose.

"Confirm that benefits are fully identified before they are aligned against associated costs in cost-benefit tradeoffs."

Grose said there is no connection between turning airports over to private groups and the decision to abandon on-site firefighting.

In Terrace, where the federal

government is getting ready to turn over control of the airport to a local society, the last airport-based firefighter left in January.

Transport Canada officials have said Terrace is one of those airports where the risk isn't sufficient enough to justify the expense of on-site firefighting coverage.

Grose did say that there should be separate evaluations of northern airports compared to those in the south because the former have different circumstances.

Grose was critical of news reports and of firefighter union statements following the Fredericton crash

which injured seven people.

"The facts, implications and significance of the Air Canada Flight 646 accident at Fredericton in December 1997 was misrepresented to the public by news coverage and resulted in distorted public perception," said Grose in his report.

"Using the Fredericton accident as a cause celebre, firefighters have unnecessarily alarmed the Canadian public."

Ironically, Fredericton is one of 28 Canadian airports to retain firefighters, but their shift had ended shortly before the aircraft crash landed.

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Decision awaited

IT'S GOING to be awhile yet before there's any decision on the kind of firefighting service to be based at the airport here.

Transport Canada's Stephane Corbin said the a department report, which concluded that fulltime firefighting coverage isn't needed at the majority of Canada's airports, will form the basis for any new recommendations.

"The minister has received the report and it has been passed along," he said.

Meanwhile, there is no firefighting or rescue coverage at the airport and two specialized fire trucks once based at the airport have been sold to the city.

City fire chief Randy Smith says part of the equation concerning airport firefighting coverage rests with the federal government and the new society which is in the process of taking over the facility.

"They first have to develop a business plan and look at the economic feasibility," said Smith.

In the meantime, three of Terrace's firefighters are undergoing specialized aircraft firefighting and rescue training, so they'll be in a position to provide ongoing coverage if it's required.

Talks are on to buy airport

NEGOTIATIONS are finally underway that should lead to a local society taking over the airport.

Talks between Transport Canada and members of the Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society are expected to continue through the summer and into the fall.

Issues being discussed include the operating subsidy for the airport, how employees are transferred, how the land and buildings are transferred, and other questions, such as whether there's any environmental contamination on the property.

City officials had delayed negotiations with Ottawa in hopes of first getting the province to turn over title to Crown lands at the airport.

The city sees the land as a potential light industrial site which would attract businesses. They would in turn pay rent to the non-profit airport authority, giving that body a steady source of revenue.

But city economic development officer Ken Veldman said the provincial government has given no answer to city proposals.

"Frankly we don't understand where the province is coming from on this," he said. "But the clock is ticking as far as this transfer goes so we decided to bite the bullet and get into this transfer process and see if we can't jog the land situation along from inside the transfer process."

Regular operating grants to the airport run out in two years time.

While the airport lands transfer proposal is still up in the air, Veldman said it appears the city's plan to extend the municipal boundary out to take in the airport is moving forward.

He said it's being examined by Victoria now and public hearings should be announced soon.



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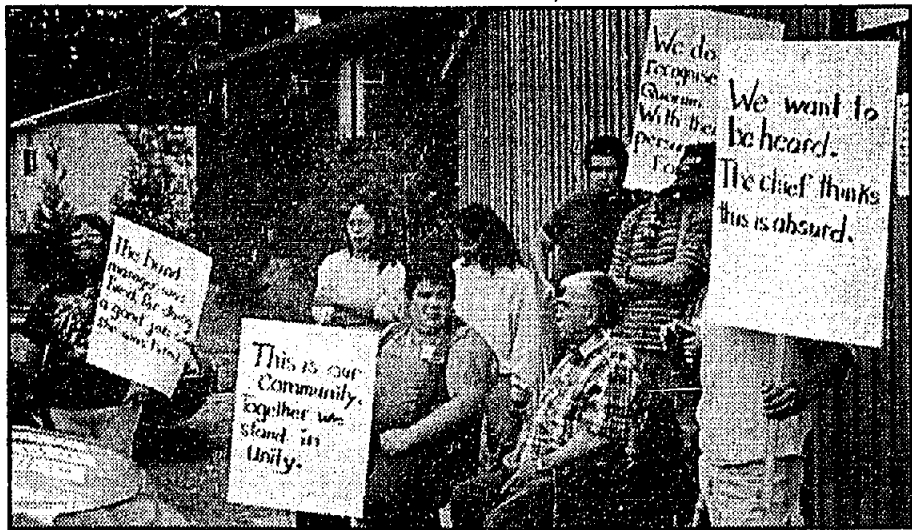
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KITSELAS BAND members occupied the band office on Queensway Ave. last Thursday in protest against chief councillor Mel Bevan.

Protesters take over Kitselas band office

Manager says band must fix financial mess

THE KITSELAS band could face financial ruin if a dispute there isn't quickly resolved.

That's the diagnosis of newly hired interim band manager Hal Stedham, who was barred from entering band offices on Queensway Ave. last Thursday by two dozen protesters who occupied the building.

Stedham said social assistance cheques need to be issued, paperwork has to be completed so a student employment program can begin, and ongoing fiscal problems that have led to a deficit have to be straightened out.

He said important grants will be missed if the band doesn't catch up on its paperwork now.

"If some of these issues aren't resolved soon it could result in terrible financial woes," Stedham said. "It could be devastating financially."

He's promising to take a neutral look at all the complaints raised by band members.

They took up placards and occupied the band office Thursday, calling for chief councillor Mel Bevan's resignation.

The protesters are angry about the May 19th firing of previous band manager Valerie O'Connell, the band's current financial plight, and irregularities surrounding the completion of

a project to renovate band homes.

Ron Nyce, spokesman for the protesters, also cited successive deficits incurred by the band's fisheries program.

And he said Bevan — who is also paid to be the band's treaty negotiator — is in contravention of the collective agreement that says a band council member cannot be an employee of the band.

"All of these grievances will be examined very carefully," Stedham promised. "Where we find there's been an injustice, we'll be doing our best to correct those injustices."

"I'm very interested in listening to both sides," he added.

Stedham is hoping to arrange a meeting between the band council, a representative from the protesting community members, and a Department of Indian Affairs official who would serve as a mediator.

Nyce said one of the key concerns is that Bevan has acted without due process and hired Stedham without the knowledge of two band councillors.

"He does not consult anybody — be they on council or the people," Nyce added.

He said they're hoping to force Bevan's resignation and new band council elections.

"We've come to the decision to shut down the office to put pressure upon them," he said. "We're going to stay here until we resolve it one way or another."

Band councillor Orlando Bolton, who was also present at the demonstration, said key band council meetings, including the one where O'Connell was terminated, have been held without notification of himself and one other councillor.

"They fired her on the 19th of May when I was in Vancouver," Bolton said.

But Stedham said his appointment was made with the approval of all members of the band council.

Nyce said the chaos at the band office since O'Connell's termination has resulted in the shutting down of a housing renovation program that meant jobs for some band members.

Because the band has been unable to pay bills, he explained, local suppliers and contractors have refused to extend credit.

Nyce said he's also worried some band members won't receive their social assistance cheques on time.

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Lomak drivers walk out

Teamsters say firm is using rival union

By ALEX HAMILTON
LOMAK TRANSPORT Corp. truck drivers here are on strike in support of 30 fellow drivers who have been laid off in Prince George.

At issue is what drivers here say is the company's move to funnel work from Lomak Transport — which is organized by the Teamsters — to subsidiary Lomak Bulk, which is organized by the lower-paid Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC).

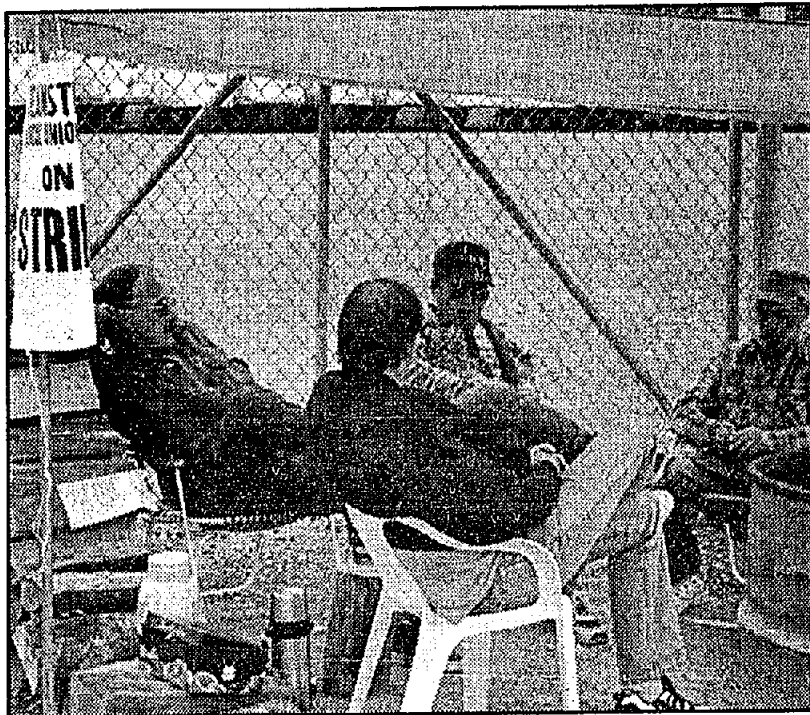
The Teamsters claim CLAC's members at Lomak Bulk are working for \$4 less an hour once benefits are factored in.

And that, they say, has resulted in contracts formerly won by Lomak Transport shifting instead to Lomak Bulk, and throwing Teamsters drivers out of work.

Terrace shop steward Wes Patterson said the 30 Prince George drivers were laid off June 30 after Lomak Bulk won a contract to haul fibre for Prince George-based Northwood.

Laid off employees, he said, were told they could apply for work with Lomak Bulk. But according to Patterson, that means doing the same job, with the same trucks, under the same management, for four dollars an hour less.

Patterson said truck drivers here are picketing to support employees in



PICKETING: Lomak Transport drivers here are tying up the company's trucks in support of laid off drivers in Prince George.

Prince George, since they are part of the same bargaining unit.

And he said drivers here are worried most of Lomak's bids for new work will come from Lomak Bulk to get cheaper labour, and that the practice will spread to this area.

"If it happens in Prince George, it will happen here," Patterson said.

"We're trying to hold onto the jobs that we've got at the rates of pay that we've got."

The Teamsters have much of Lomak's trucks and trailers tied up behind picket lines in Terrace, Prince George and Williams Lake.

Lomak president Ron Gilbertson did not return *The Standard's* calls.

Child death rate twice as high

BY ANITA DOLMAN
CHILDREN IN northern B.C. are twice as likely to die as those living in some southern communities, according to data collected for the provincial health officer's report for 1997.

The mortality rate for children between the ages of 0 and 18 was 9.5 per 10,000 in the Northwest between 1987 and 1995.

B.C.'s overall child mortality for the same period was 6.6, while some communities on the lower mainland, such as Richmond and the North Shore, had rates as low as 4.4.

"Most of the variation is due to a

combination of the poverty rate, employment rate and the education level attained," says provincial health

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officer, Dr. John Millar.

Millar says that mortality rates for

children in the Northwest were higher for every cause of death.

The report shows a correlation between child mortality and the percentage of the population that is unemployed, is on income assistance or has less than high school graduation.

Overall, provincial rates for child health have steadily improved and the gap between the North and other areas in B.C. has been narrowing in such areas as infant mortality.

The report says that regional differences in the child death rates are not explained to any significant degree by access to health care services.

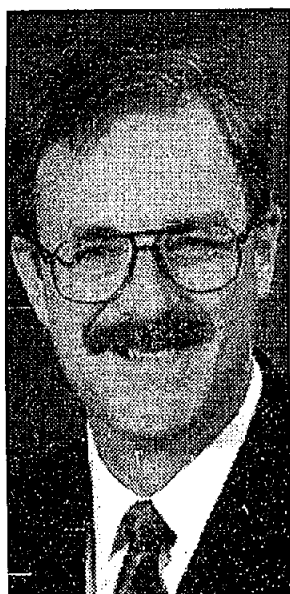
Reformer won't take \$1m pension

SKEENA MP Mike Scott says he will once again turn down a pension that would soon be worth at least a million dollars to him.

He was responding to the Liberal government's tabling in the House of Commons of a bill that will increase MPs' pay two per cent a year every year until the next election and allow MPs like Scott to opt back in to the MP pension plan.

Scott and most other Reformers had opted out of the plan 1995, which they had lambasted as "gold plated" in the 1993 election.

"I do not intend to opt back in to the pension plan," Scott said. "I don't see how I could look voters in the eye and opt back into



Mike Scott

it at this stage."

Scott would pass the six-

year mark and become eligible for his pension in 1999. At that point, he said, it would be worth about \$1 million.

Scott says that by holding out the option to rejoin the pension plan, Liberals are attempting to create controversy in the ranks of Reformers.

"The Liberals have put it in specifically as a means of attempting to divide Reform MPs by dangling what they think is a big carrot in front of our noses," Scott said.

Under the plan, the government contributes about \$4 to the pensions for every \$1 put in by the MP.

Scott and other Reformers have always said that's far more generous than private pension plans.

Also irritating, Scott says, is the Liberals' contention that the government won't make public which MPs opt back in to the pension plan, raising the spectre that some Reformers could sneak back in.

"That should be something that's wide open," Scott said. "The taxpayer is paying the bill, they have a right to know who is collecting these pensions and who isn't."

As for the salary increase, Scott says it's not a huge change, working out to about \$70 to \$80 per month.

MPs currently make about \$64,000 a year.

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Around Town

Money going to libraries

The Terrace Public Library was awarded a slight increase in operating grants last week from the province. Terrace's library can expect more than \$15,000 this year from the provincial government to provide easy access to information.

All of British Columbia's 71 public libraries, representing 227 public library branches, were given operating grants totalling more than \$8.3 million for 1998 to ensure free access to libraries.

Opportunities for youth

The Terrace Anti-Poverty Group Society is starting 'Opportunities for Youth', a new community service to help youths aged 15-29 to find and keep jobs.

Through the program, youths will be able to upgrade their skills, further their education, and learn job finding and maintenance skills.

At the new Youth Resource Centre, youths will have access to a photocopier, fax, answering machine, message board and telephone.

They will also be able to access the Human Resources Development Centre's job bank, Internet, and labour market information. An employment counselor offering one on one assistance, peer counseling and tutoring will also be available.

The office's grand opening will be on Tuesday, July 7 from 10-6 pm at 6-4717 Lakelse Avenue. Coffee, soft drinks, and barbecue items will be provided at no cost and gift certificates from Sight and Sound and Coles books will be presented as door prizes.

Principal retires

Thornhill Primary's principal Rick Olson is retiring this year after 32 years of running schools in Terrace and Thornhill.

Olson has been a principal at Uplands Elementary, E.T. Kenney Primary, Clarence Michiel Elementary and spent his last six years at Thornhill Junior Secondary.

Students at Thornhill Junior Secondary gave Olson an Australian hat for wearing when he learns to fly fish, and the school band played him a song they named "Mr. Olson's Opus."

Scott Corp, vice principal of Thornhill Junior Secondary said Olson will enjoy retirement operating a Bed and Breakfast at Lakelse Lake with his wife. Next spring, the Olsons are planning on travelling to Spain, Portugal and England.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community of Terrace for its generosity and its tremendous support of the Big Bike event.

It was yet again a very successful day for both the teams who participated and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of B.C. and the Yukon. Heart disease and strokes are still the number one killer in Canada.

All efforts to support this cause are greatly appreciated. I thank everyone for their time and effort. Please call 638-8464 for questions and concerns.

Sincerely,
Christine Walkinshaw, community development coordinator Terrace.

Scouts to get High school credits

Starting this fall Scouts in B.C. will receive four Grade 11 credits and Venturers will receive four Grade 12 credits when they successfully complete the Chief Scout's Award and the Queen's Venture Award.

Scouts who complete these awards will be given the equivalent of a full senior secondary school course.

The earning of these awards includes passing Scouting requirements in conservation, first aid, voluntary community service, youth leadership, citizenship, and outdoor skills. As well, challenges in the areas of athletics, science and technology, cultural arts, home and family care, and personal development must be met.

Dry Grad committee gives thanks

Dry Grad is over! We would like to say this year's event was a huge success. Approximately 200 grade 12s attended the Friday night party at the arena.

Arriving in decorated buses at 10 p.m., grads partied until 6 a.m. The students were having so much fun they didn't want to leave. We were pushing them through the door. With lots of food, entertainment and prizes, the class was overwhelmed.

The Caledonia dry grad committee would like to thank the community of Terrace, the volunteers, parents, and supporters for their input and long hours of labor to bring this event to a success.

There was only one negative issue that happened from the entire event. During clean-up, full cases of pop and juice disappeared after the Dry Grad. These cases were purchased by the committee fund and could have been returned for refund. All monies left from this year's Dry Grad are passed on to next year's committee fund.

Parent participation is what really makes this event a success. The more parents to assist, the easier the workload is on everybody. Through our efforts and mistakes, we will be passing on a Dry Grad workbook for next year's committee.

We hope it will assist next year's group. This chance comes but once in a lifetime, and the rewards are even more worthwhile.



PICKING RHUBARB: Instead of letting your excess fruit go to waste this year, let the Terrace First Nations Council of Women pick it for you. They will distribute it to elders and other people in need. Picking rhubarb in the photo above are members of the Terrace First Nations Council of Women: Judith Benson, Frances Stanley, Rosalee Morgan, Eva Mercer and Connie Little John.

They'll pick your fruit

TERRACE FIRST Nations Council of Women gather unwanted fruit so they can give to others.

Since spring and summer are normally food gathering times for native people, members of Terrace's First Nations Council of Women thought it was important to carry on the tradition.

"Last year we thought it would be a good idea to collect fruit so we could bring boxes to families and elders who can't climb trees or walk the fields themselves," said Frances Stanley, president of the council.

Last year, the seasonal gatherers were very successful. They collected a variety of fruits and wild berries like pears, apples and crabapples, soapberries, blueberries, salmonberries, raspberries and strawberries.

"People with no use for all of their fruit let us come and pick it," Stanley said.

Once picked, most of the fruit was put into boxes and distributed to those in need. The rest of the fruit was canned and given as Christmas gifts to homeless people and elders.

If you don't want your vegetables, fruit or berries, call the First Nations Council of Women at 635-9429.

Seedlings for sale

CITY COUNCILLOR Rich McDaniel is selling 30,000 hemlock, spruce, pine and fir seedlings at bargain prices because of Terrace's poor economic situation.

The seedlings were donated to McDaniel by Bell Pole Co. because the company didn't cut down enough trees this year in order to replant them all.

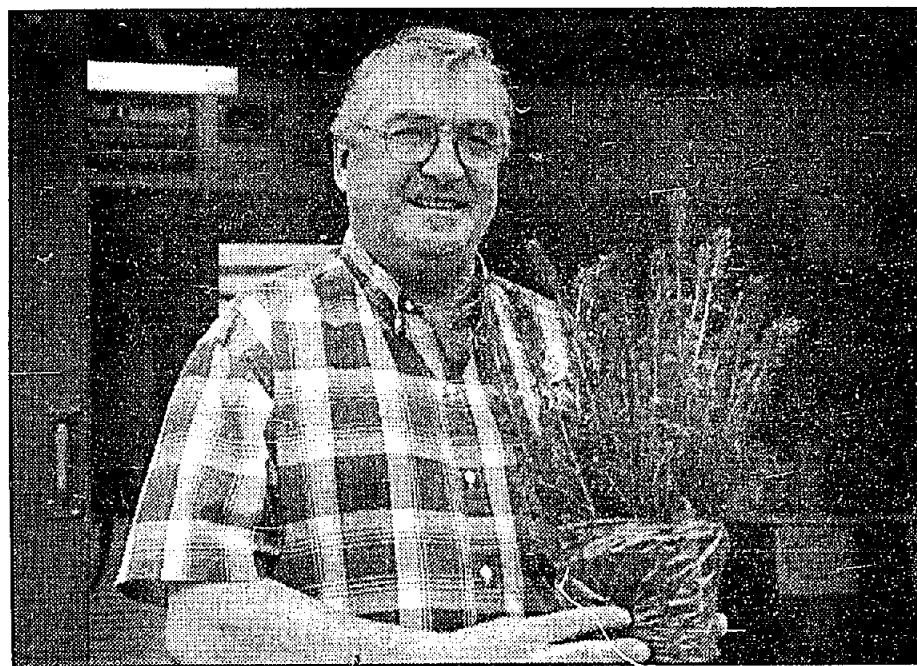
Since forestry companies have to order seedlings two years in advance, they have to forecast what areas they think they will log.

"Because of the economic situation over the past 12 months, we've had to adjust our logging schedule," said Ian Smith, Bell Pole's area manager. "It's a very unusual situation that we hadn't anticipated."

Smith said he tried to sell the seedlings to other companies, but everybody had extra trees this year.

Profits from the seedlings will go towards the future skatepark and to Terrace's Beautification Society.

A case of 360 seedlings will sell for \$4.50. A bundle of 20 trees is only 75 cents.



EXTRA SEEDLINGS: Terrace city councillor Rich McDaniel is selling Bell Poles Company's left over seedlings at low prices. Profits will go toward Terrace's future skatepark and to the Beautification Society.



"WE'LL MISS YOU": That's what students at Thornhill Primary School were saying to Armand Lapland June 25 as they left his big yellow school bus. Lapland, a bus driver, is retiring after 13 years.

Bye-bye Mr. Bus driver

THERE'LL BE no more big yellow buses or school children for Armand Lapland.

After 13 years of driving school buses, Lapland is retiring so that he can fish and relax with his wife.

To celebrate his last day of work June 25, dozens of balloons filled the bus's aisle.

Lapland said that his Thornhill students went crazy when they saw the balloons.

"There was no use settling the kids down this morning," Lapland said. "We had a lot fun."

When asked about retirement, Lapland said he was going to miss the children.

And Thornhill primary students are going to miss him, too. More than a few girls ran back to the bus to give Lapland one last goodbye hug.

Volunteers available for work

The Skeena Native Development Society's first Summer Student Youth Program is looking to assist seniors and others in need. Students aged 14-17 are available to help with yard work, car washing, small painting projects, and other small jobs. If you need help, call Beverly at 638-1180. Please leave a message.

Rotary Outstanding student award

Caledonia graduate Kyla Rice is the first recipient of the Rotary Outstanding Student Award for School Citizenship and Social Responsibility. She receives a scholarship worth \$1,500.

World's best resume contest

The Human Resources Centre for students are holding a resume writing contest in search of the "World's Best Resume".

Students are encouraged to submit their resumes to be evaluated and prizes will be awarded to the top three. All resumes submitted will be returned with helpful suggestions, hints and comments. Workshops will be held to learn how to create perfect resumes.

If you're interested in attending a workshop, call Natalie or Alison at 635-7134 local 303. Students can drop off resumes for the contest at 4630 Lazelle.

Two paddlers quit their punishing trek

Paddling across Canada wasn't as fun as two canoeists hoped it would be.

After battling giardia, broken ribs, hunger, and deadly currents, Frank Wolf and Ben O'Hara abandoned their grueling cross-country tour June 6, half way down the Peace River in Alberta.

Wolf of North Vancouver said he and his paddling partner O'Hara of Inglewood, Ontario were just not personally motivated anymore, and had to make the hard decision to quit.

In his final Royal Canadian Geographic Internet journal entry, Wolf described their quest as "snakebitten" from the start, as he detailed the series of difficulties he and O'Hara faced.

The two were rescued in May on the Babine River north of Hazelton, when they lost their canoe in rapids as they were returning to Hazelton after a long bushwhacking portage left them weak and running out of food.

They got new gear from sponsors, and set out again pulling their new canoe 140 kilometers on land from Hazelton to start again at Lake Babine.

Physical pain was part of the decision to quit.

Wolf suffered two broken ribs when he fell on the canoe prow, and O'Hara was coping with a bad case of Achilles tendinitis developed on a portage.

With four months ahead of them, and their health and spirits at a very low ebb, their injuries meant four months of pain.

Paddling 7,000 strokes a day forced Wolf's ribs nearly through the skin, and portaging made O'Hara's ankle swell like a balloon as he hobbled along.

The two adventurers had to face the reality of their physical and mental barriers. They had been travelling about six weeks, and covered 1,500 of 7,000 kilometers that lay ahead.

Wolf says instead of looking forward to each day, they had begun to dread the journey and only want it to be over.

"If you're not doing it for the right reasons, you have to quit," said Wolf, who crossed Canada by canoe in 1995 from east to west.

"On the last trip we had good breaks, but on this one things just piled up," said Wolf, noting they had giardia early on, then the loss of canoe, equipment and nearly their lives on the Babine,

followed by the physical problems.

However Wolf, on the phone from Vancouver, said he has no regrets and that it was a good adventure and learning experience.

They've got about 160 good photos, and will still do a piece for their Canadian Geographic sponsors.

Their several sponsors, who twice have provided clothing, gear, cameras and film, as well as two canoes, are just glad the men are alive, says Wolf, and there is no obligation.

"When they take on an expedition, it's part of the game," explained Wolf, "you have to think of the benefits," such as the photographs.

O'Hara has returned to Ontario, and Wolf is back in North Vancouver. Wolf said O'Hara may do some solo canoe tripping. Wolf will be doing local road races, and is planning to enter an adventure race, Raid Gauloises, to be held next year in Ecuador. Racers are dropped from a helicopter in a remote area and kayak, mountain bike and mountaineer their way out.

Considering his experiences on the Canadian Quest, Wolf may be better prepared than others for the challenge.

TERRACE STANDARD

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

▲ **GIG'S PUB** presents Real Zero, a four-piece rock 'n' roll band. **THE LOUNGE** features DJ Burt Ljungh playing jazz and swing.

ETCETERA

▲ **KISPIOX MUSIC FESTIVAL**: The fourth annual music festival presents northwest performers of all genres of music July 24-26. Headliners include the Mavens (a three-piece group), Big Fish Eat Little Fish (Frank Zappa meets Tom Waits), Painting Daisies (all female contemporary band), Linda McRae (used to play with Spirit of the West) and Zubot and Dawaon (blue grass band). Tickets for the weekend cost \$35 and can be purchased at the entrance gates. Family passes are \$85. Single day passes are \$20. Seniors and



children under 6 are free. Camping costs \$5 per person. No one under 17 will be permitted to camp without an adult.

▲ **PENCIL, PEN AND INK WORKSHOP**: This beginner and intermediate workshop on Friday, July 24 will explore various shading and line drawing techniques, washes and the use of contrast. The instructor is Anita Klein of Artcetera Design and Illustration. Time: 7-10 p.m. Cost: \$35 per person. Supplies provided. For info call 638-8884.

▲ **SHAMES MOUNTAIN**: Enjoy Christmas in July with Christmas carolling, Santa, live entertainment, decadent deserts and spectacular scenery at the Shames Mountain day lodge July 26 from noon to 5 p.m. Reservations call 635-6244.

Shames Mountain Blueberry Fest is on Sunday, August 16 from noon until 5 p.m. Bring your buckets and pick your own blueberries. They will weigh them and award prizes for the most picked. Enjoy delicious blueberry deserts. Reservations call 635-6244.

NIGHTS ALIVE

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

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KISPIOX VALLEY MUSIC FEST needs volunteers to work July 24-26. Rewards are offered. For 8 hours of volunteer work, you can receive a weekend pass; for 4 hours work, you can get a day pass; for 24 hours work you can get a weekend pass plus food. For info call Ruth at 842-6551 or Shari at 842-5061 or Sandy at 842-6157.

TERRACE FIRST NATIONS COUNCIL OF WOMEN SEASONAL GATHERING OF FOODS: If you don't want your rhubarb, fruit or berries, the First Nations council of women will pick. Don't let your fruit go to waste. There are others who can benefit from it. Please call: 635-9429.

WILLING TO DO VOLUNTEER WORK: The Skeena Native Development Society's first Summer Student Youth Program is looking to assist seniors, and those in need. We are able to help with yard work, car washing, small painting projects, and other small jobs. If you need some help, call 638-0797. Please leave a message.

Wednesday, July 8
RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP: The Human Resource Centre for students will hold resume writing and job searching skills workshops July 8 from 7-9 p.m. at the Terrace Public Library and July 9 from 1-3 p.m. at the Student Centre in Terrace.

Thursday, July 9
TERRACE ORIGAMI CLUB: all ages are welcome to join in at the Terrace public library at 7 p.m. Bring your own supplies and ideas to share or purchase supplies at the meeting. For more info, call Karen at 638-6398.

Saturday, July 11
MIXED SLOW PITCH TOURNAMENT at the Thornhill Ball Fields July 11-12. An event for the whole family put on by the Terrace Volunteer Bureau. To register contact 638-1330 or fax 638-1331. Registration deadline July 3, 1998. Registration fee is \$100 per team.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL: general meeting will take place on the Queen Charlotte Islands on July 11 at 10 a.m. at the Skidegate Seniors Centre meeting room. For more information, call Anne-Marie at 559-8860.

SENIOR GAMES ZONE 10: Monthly meeting is Saturday, July 11 at 2 p.m. at the senior's centre in Kitimat. For more information, call Maxine 638-8648.

Sunday, July 12
PERENNIAL GARDEN TOUR AND TEA: sponsored by Terrace Women and Development from 1-3:30 p.m. Tickets are available at Side Walkers. For information call 638-0488.

Monday, July 13
TERRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH: Space Mission Bible

Camp is running from July 13 to July 17. Registration is at 12:30 at 4640 Park Ave (Evangelical Free Church) For more info call Pastor Chris at 635-5115.

Wednesday, July 15
TERRACE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTRE: is offering a soap making workshop on July 15 from 1:30-4 p.m. They will make vegetable oil-based soaps scented with natural essential oils. A small cost will be involved, though they are hoping to avoid the fee by women bringing small amounts of ingredients. For more info and to register call the Women's Centre at 638-0228.

Thursday, July 16
THE FAMILY PLACE: hosting a painting workshop for toddlers to children aged 8 from 1-3:30 p.m. For info, call 638-1863.

Sunday, July 19
ANNUAL BEST GARDEN CONTEST: Judging for the Beautification Society's best garden contest will take place July 19-25. Entry forms are available at CFTK and must be returned by July 17. To register call Laurie Lindstrom at 638-1388.

Monday, July 20
TERRACE FIRST NATIONS COUNCIL OF WOMEN: There will be a potluck dinner at 5 p.m. at the Terrace Skeena Health Unit. Bea Richards will speak on the topic of Healing from the impact of Violence.

FIMO BEAD MAKING WORKSHOP FOR TEENS: with Diana Wong Adams will take place at the Terrace Public Library on the following days: Monday, July 20 from 1-4 p.m.; Wednesday, July 22 from 1-4 p.m.; Thursday, July 23 from 1-4 p.m.; Friday, July 24, from 1-4 p.m. Workshops are free, but space is limited. Please register by calling library at 638-8177.

Tuesday, July 28
WOMEN'S COFFEE NIGHT: A potluck and dessert is planned for July 28 at 7 p.m. Join in on an evening of desserts, music and conversation. Performers are welcomed. For more info, call Sarah at 638-0228.

THE FAMILY PLACE: presents a water workshop for toddlers to children aged eight. For more info, call 638-1863.

Thursday, July 30
RIVERBOAT DAYS is happening from July 30 to August 3. Event forms are available. Contact Dawn at 638-7688.

Tuesday, Sept. 01
POETRY DEADLINE — All young poets must submit their poems for the library's poetry contest by today. Contest open to those aged 12-18. Cash prizes. For more info drop by the library and pick up an information sheet.

Sunday, September 6
25th ANNUAL LABOUR DAY CLASSIC: The interior's oldest footrace held on Sunday, September 6 in Prince George is accepting entries. All former competitors are especially urged to attend tis anniversary event, and new competitors are welcome. Entrants can choose from an 8.5 mile run, 17 mile run, a 3-by-3 mile relay, or wheelchair, walk, and parent with stroller divisions. To enter or for information, call 962-7672.

WEEKLY MEETINGS
MONDAYS
TERRACE ADULT CHOIR meets Monday evenings until further notice from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Skeena Jr. High band room. Everyone welcome to join amateur singing group. For more info call 635-1951.

TERRACE YOUTH ACTION Society meets the second Monday of each month at the Skeena health unit at 7:30 p.m. If you're interested in supporting youth projects and the skateboard park, please attend. For more information call Maureen at 638-0263.

SKEENA SQUARES — Join them for square dancing Mondays at 7 p.m. starting September 8 at the Carpenter's Hall 3312 Sparks St. Beginners welcome. For info call Jim at 635-6724.

SENIORS GET together for Five-Pin Bowling at the Terrace Bowling Alley. Meet at 1 p.m.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at 4542 Park. For more info call 1-888-706-1780.

TERRACE DOWNTOWN LIONS meet the first and third Monday of each month. New members welcome. For more info call Ray at 635-3589 or Les at 635-9405.

SKEENA VALLEY FALL FAIR Association meets the second Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Thornhill Jr. Secondary in the library.

ORDER OF THE ROYAL PURPLE meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Call 635-2415 and 635-9228 for more info.

BIRTHRIGHT volunteers meet the

first Monday of the month in members' homes on an alternating basis. For information or to volunteer call Linda at 635-6849 or Michele at 635-3087. Birthrite offers free, confidential pregnancy services and is located above the Tillicum Theatre, suite #201. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. Call 635-3907 or call the 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-4900.

ARE YOU HAVING trouble seeing your grandchildren? Call Marge at 635-7421 for info.

MILLS MEMORIAL Hospital Auxiliary meets the third Monday of each month in the education room at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

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Two old friends reunite again

CURLEY RAY of Terrace and Buster Gunn of Calgary have met again after 62 years of being apart from each other.

The two men were playmates when they were ten years old. They went to school together in Grade 1 at the Little Smokey school house in the Peace River country.

And now, I will tell you their story.

"Curley" Hubert Adrian Ray was born Feb 12, 1926 in Cadillac, Saskatchewan.

His family left Cadillac when Curley was three years old to set up on a homestead at Little Smokey District in the Peace River area.

"Buster" Charles Thomas Gunn was born on March 28, 1926 in Washington state.

In the early thirties, his family left the U.S.A. and moved to the Peace River area. But when the depression struck, Buster's family headed North and settled in the Little Smokey District.

This is where the boys' friendship began 62 years ago.

When the boys started school together, the Little Smokey schoolhouse was only a small log home housing Grades 1-9. Curley said there were 40-50 students at times.

The school was heated by two barrel drums. When it got to be 60 below Celsius, students would stoke up both barrels. Children were of course, responsible for hauling the wood.

Both boys remember packing their lunch to school in lard cans. They would have moose meat sandwiches. Lard was spread on the bread and a dash of salt was added for flavour.

The boys would walk two to three miles to and from school in winter and summer. And Curley remembers that they never wore shoes in warm weather. During the winter months they had moccasins and rubber boots to wear.

Both Curley and Buster ran a trapline and would check their traps on their way to and from school.

Both boys used to hunt for deer. Curley remembers when he was eight years old, he shot his first moose.

Moose meat and potatoes were staples. Everyone made do and they shared what they had.

Curley and Buster remember that life back then was pretty tough, but they fondly remember the good times they had growing up.

Both boys remember that their mothers always had a family bible. They were taught at home to read, spell and write by that bible. Plus, all the family records were kept in it.

When Curley and Buster were in their early teens, they left the Little Smokey District and went their own separate ways. Both youths joined the forces during the war.

Later, both men married. Curley married Joyce in 1945 and had four children. They now have 9 grandchildren.

Buster married his wife Cathy in 1964. They had two children and now have four grandchildren.

Sadly Buster had some sadness in his life. He contracted polio in 1952 during the polio epidemic. He has been confined to a wheelchair ever since.

He and Cathy settled in Calgary, where they live in a high rise apartment building.

It was Terry and Kathy Gunn who live just down the street from the Rays in Thornhill who was responsible for Buster and Curley's reunion. Since she's Buster's cousin, she made sure both men found each other last year.

Buster drove to Terrace to meet up with Curley after all these years.

On Saturday, June 13, I was invited over to Curley and Joyce Ray's home to listen in on the two men reminiscing. It was a wonderful evening spent with both men trying to piece together their past lives together.

Good luck and good health to both Curley and Buster.



HERE 'N THERE
YVONNE MOEN



OLD SCHOOLMATES: Curley Ray (right) and Buster Gunn were reunited after 62 years. Both men attended Grade 1 together at the Little Smokey school house in the Peace River country. They met up again last month to reminisce about days gone by.

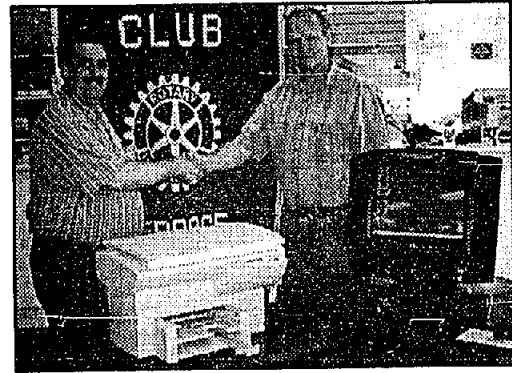
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In a recent raffle held by the Skeena Valley Rotary Club, first prize was a complete computer system. That's raffle chairman Bill Caufield (left) presenting the prize to winner Tom Logan. Proceeds from the raffle go towards various community projects.

Park Report

by Marie-Josée Banville



What is a habitat?

Everybody has a home. It may be an apartment, a house or a trailer but everybody has a special place that they call home. Your home is also called a habitat. It is a habitat because it provides you with shelter, food and a place to live and play. The same thing holds true for a rotting log, for an anthill, for a pond, etc. All of these different types of environments provide a home or a habitat for many different animals and plants. Habitats vary in size from a rock to a whole tree that is 30 meters high to a whole forest community. Each organism has a certain type of habitat or habitats where it can survive. Have you ever seen a fish living in a tree? Have you ever seen a tree growing in the middle of an ocean? Odds are no.

Your home is also part of a larger community. This larger community may be the city of Terrace or Kitimat. The habitats that we find in nature are also part of a bigger community. This community is called an ecosystem. Ecosystems include all the interactions of all living (plants, snails, microbes) and non-living (air, water, rocks) parts of an environment in a particular area. All ecosystems are connected in one way or another. They all work together to keep our planet healthy.

Just like humans, the survival of animals and plants is very dependent on their habitat. However, many of these habitats are not being well cared for. Garbage is being dumped into forests and fields. Wetlands are being filled in for development projects. Industrial waste is being dumped in lakes and oceans. When a healthy habitat becomes polluted, it no longer provides a good home for all the animals and plants that may have previously used it.

The only way to stop these precious habitats from disappearing is for us to work together to discover a sustainable solution. A solution that would allow animals, plants, and humans to live happily together.

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YOU BE THE JUDGE

Liars Don't Prosper

BY CLAIRE BERNSTEIN



BASED ON ACTUAL COURT CASES

"Darling, why are you sitting at your desk in the middle of the night, head in your hands?" Eleanor swept into the living room dressed in her nightgown and put her hands on Ivan's shoulders. Ivan covered her hands with his.

"Eleanor, we are in a terrible mess. You know Mother left me most of her property?"

"Nothing to sneeze at \$140,000?"

Ivan looked dejected.

"I just came across a later will which leaves most of the money to charity. We are doomed."

Eleanor was a fighter.

"Not at all. Come 9:00 a.m., I'm calling Daddy's old law firm. They'll handle it. Don't worry about a thing and come to bed."

That afternoon, the couple were sitting in front of Mr. Winston Jr., signing the contract hiring the firm's services.

"You understand what you're signing, Ivan? Because you say you're in dire straits, we agree that you will pay a percentage of your mother's estate to us if we are successful. Should you decide to terminate our services, you consent to pay our hourly fee for all services rendered to that date."

Ivan signed with a flourish.

In the elevator, Eleanor gave Ivan an angry stare. "Why did you lie to Mr. Winston, Ivan?"

Ivan pretended he didn't understand.

"You know full well what I mean, Ivan. You lied about being in dire straits."

Ivan looked defiant. "Frankly, I don't want to pay their hefty bills. I have a right to protect my income."

A week later, Ivan received a letter from the law firm.

"Winston and Winston have just learned that you

lied about your income. We cannot represent someone who is not completely forthcoming with us. Please consider our services terminated. Enclosed is our statement for \$20,000, for services rendered to date."

Ivan went out of control. "Our contract didn't say they could collect if they ended the relationship. They'll have to sue me."

The firm sued Ivan.

The firm presented the situation, "Your Honour, Ivan lied to us. He lied about his income. He couldn't feel comfortable representing him. But, Ivan benefitted our services. He can take that information, give it to another lawyer and speed up the process. Make him pay us for our hard work."

Ivan exclaimed, "Your Honour, I don't owe them anything. The firm was working on a percentage basis. I signed a contract, but it didn't say that I would have to pay if they dropped me. They dropped me. It wasn't my choice. I have every right to that information that they discovered. Don't make me pay what I don't owe."

Should Ivan have to pay the lawyer?

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YOU BE THE JUDGE - DECISION

"Ivan, you lied to your lawyer. This behavior is not acceptable," the judge declared. "Since you stepped out of the bounds of proper behavior, you must pay the firm for the work they did."

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Phone Wars

"Someone is calling me in Terrace Tonight,
Calling me on the phone.
I pick up the receiver and say hello,
But all I get is the dial tone."

-Joe Young, from The SYWIPE Chronicles.
Canto IV

She's a big woman, big like a sumo wrestler. She sits behind a big desk, dark brown, heavily grained, heavily veined, oak or black walnut or teak stained the colour of Earl Grey. Her skin is Naugahyde, gray with lumps. Her hair, bunned and pinned with a clip that looks for all the world like a knitting needle, is the same hue. She looks over her grannied glasses over the ranch sized desk to a directory the size of all the phone books from all the large cities, towns, villages and whistle stops in North America combined.

She reaches out with an ample arm, and grunts as she opens the rhinoceros hide cover. Light glances of the holographic script on the front filing the room with an ethereal glow and the words WORLD WIDE DIRECTORY. The book has spills open to the B's. She pounds a page with an index finger the size of a bratwurst. The loose flesh under her arm shakes, the desk creaks, the floor groans.

She looks up and over the glasses. Her grin is yellow.

"Rob Brown, six three five - zero zero five four," her maniacal laugh caroms off the walls, "Go forth and make his life a living hell."

At the command a swat squad of telephone men, clad in distinctive telephone pole motif of Bell Tel camouflage, belts a-dangle with tools and sophisticated digital machinery, scramble over each other and themselves, to execute the order, barking phrases like "consider it done, Ma," No sooner are they out the door than the whole episode plays itself out again, more vividly this time with slight, irritating changes to some of the details.

My eyes open, I'm sticky, I sit up and pull back the curtain. The air is warm and full of summer rain. Because of the shower there is no bird choir, just an occasional short complaint from a robin. It's still dark, or at least, as dark as it gets in the continual dusk of a June night. The slurping and sucking sounds of big trout spread across the pebbled lake. I lie back down and look at the indigo of my watch: 4:17.

Four hours later, after breakfast, we're dragging dragons over the weed beds, Webb lifts the paddle from the water and slides it between us with a rasp and clunk magnified by the boat and water and lack of meaningful sleep. I yawn and rub my eyes.

"You tired?" he asks.
"Phone dreams...paranoid phone dreams," I say, which inspires a look of bewilderment, so I tell him one variant of the dream then the inspiration for it, just to convince him I'm not completely mad.

There is a fine line between dream and reality. The soil that feeds the roots of my phone phantasma is easily located.

I tell Webb how, eighteen years ago, my phone bills began to thicken and lengthen. I slit the envelopes to discover page after page of lengthy third party long distance calls punctuated with a whopping bill for hundreds of dollars.

Alarmed, I went to the local B.C. Tel offices and swore I hadn't made any of those protracted long distance calls. The clerk was kind and understanding, assuring me everything would be taken care of. I returned to the telephone company when I started receiving overdue notices from them. No problem, I was told by the same clerk, who assured me I would not be billed for the calls I had not made. I wasn't. BC Tel cut off my phone instead.

After another trip to the phone company and an inconvenient wait my phone service was restored. Shortly thereafter another bill came with another long list of long distance calls billed to my number and a charge for reinstalling my phone service. I went back to the BC Tel offices. I was reassured everything would be fine. It wasn't. We went through a replay of the first scenario, and I was back at the phone offices once more asking to have my phone reconnected.

Then, on one cold winter night, an operator called. Florence Brown would like to make a long distance call an charge my number, was this OK, the operator asked. This was she, the lady who fell in love with long distance, the burr under my saddle, the source of my phone woes. "No," I was emphatic. I explained the problem. "Have her arrested. Get the Phone Cops on it."

Next week Phone Wars II...

It's tennis time!

THEY MAY NOT be pro's but Melita Bracken and Richard Kriegl are putting Terrace tennis on the provincial map.

Both competitors ranked high in the Kelowna Grand

Prix Number Four Tournament June 25-28.

Bracken squashed her competition in the women's singles C Category, but lost in the B event to the number one seed provincial player

in her third set.

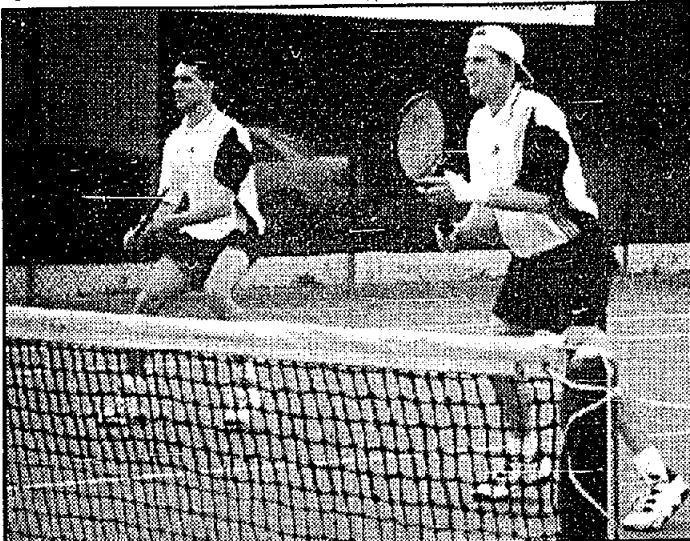
Kriegl lobbied his way to the quarter finals in the men's open singles only to lose out in his third set.

Kriegl also competed in doubles events with Alex Kotai.

Both Bracken and Kriegl expect to be one of B.C.'s top 50 tennis players this season.

If Bracken does well at an upcoming match in Prince George, she could nail a top-10 slot in the women's singles C events.

Kriegl hopes to place within the top 30 of the singles B Category after tournaments in Richmond and Vancouver's Stanley Park this summer.



DOUBLE TROUBLE! Tennis duo Alex Kotai, who was raised in Kitimat, and Terrace's Richard Kriegl in action last week.

Kamloops stalls local fastball heroes

THE NORTHWEST Merchants are at it again.

Hot off a 4-1 tournament in Prince George, the Merchants placed third out of 11 teams in the Williams Lake Stampede Tournament June 26-29.

Pitcher Rod Funk shut out the hometown Williams Lake Overlander Bulls 7-0 in the team's first game.

In the second match, Greg Pike pitched a winning game over the 100 Mile House Journeymen.

Jonathan Hunt hit a homer in the fourth inning to put the Merchants on top 4-2.

Then there was trouble. The first-place Merchants met their match against two different Kamloops teams.

"Our bats went cold on the last day," said Merchants representative Ken Veldman.

An almost unbeatable Rebels' pitcher shut down three Merchants' hitters.

Adding insult to injury, the Rebels then hit three home runs off Merchants' pitcher Rod Funk.

The struggling Merchants lost the game 1-4.

In the second game of the day the Merchants did better, hitting three runs in the seventh against the Kamloops Juniors.

Unfortunately, the Merchants lost the game a respectable 5-7.

League play continued against Prince George's

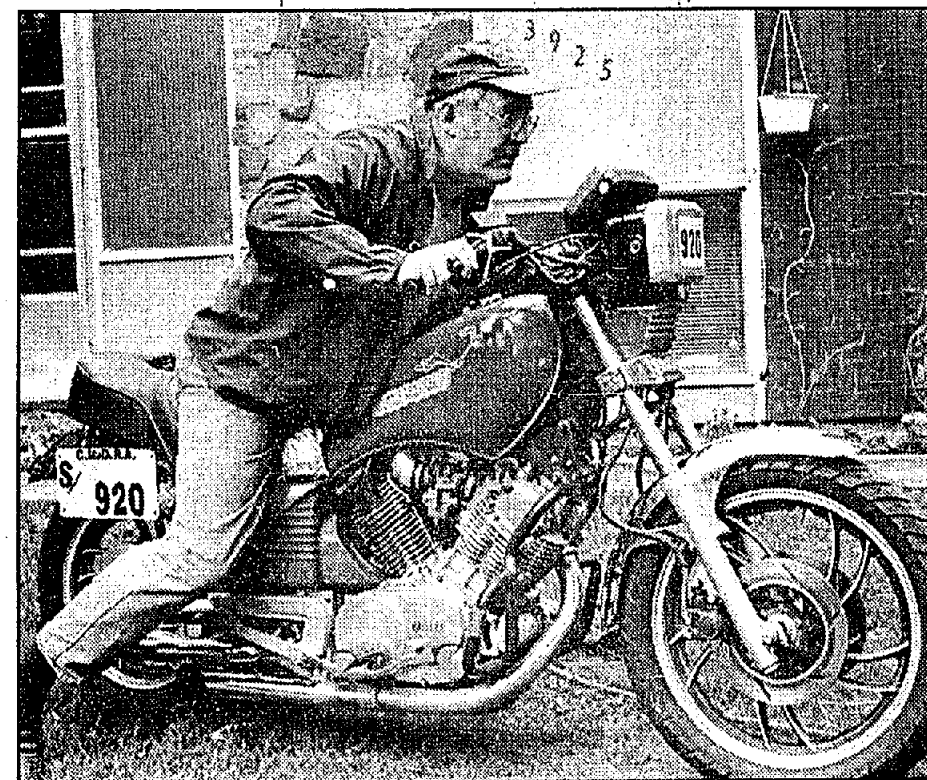
Taylor and Taylor last weekend at North West Community College fields in Terrace.

It was one of few opportunities many locals had to see the upstart team play on home turf.

The rookie team is new to the Prince George League, but many team members are comfortable with each other having played together since 'little league.'

Players will use two upcoming tournaments in Prince George July 10-12 and again on July 18-19.

They plan to use the competition to sharpen their batting skills before they head to Provincials in Vancouver at the end of July.



PUTTING THE pedal to the medal, local logger James Braid won first place at the Prince George All Bikes Drags Race last week.

Braid revs up Prince George speedway

AFTER WINNING the Prince George All Bike Drags Race last week, Jim Braid has become one of B.C.'s top ten Street Class racers.

And he doesn't plan to stop there.

By mid-August, after Canadian Motorcycle Drag Races in Saskatchewan, Ashcroft and Mission, Braid plans to accumulate enough points to be one of B.C.'s top-five racers.

Who would of thought it? Four years ago Braid lost the Prince George drag.

Gradually, and with a lot of practice, Braid moved up the association's food chain, placing seventh, second and

finally, first.

He rides a highly-tuned 1982 Yamaha Virago, slightly lightened and modified to boost the carburetor and exhaust system.

But there's not many places near Terrace where Braid can practice.

He currently tows the bike to an old stretch of highway near Shames Mountain.

As a member of the Road Runner Motorcycle Club and together with the Terrace Drag Race Association, Braid is looking at possible sites for a dedicated drag-strip near Terrace.

One track contender would be a piece of forestry land near the Terrace-

Kitimat Regional Airport.

"We're looking at a place for a Motorplex park," Braid said.

He said a park would be safer because it would allow different kinds of bike speedsters from Terrace and Kitimat to race on a controlled track going one direction.

Braid hopes it will deter highway accidents like the one on Highway 16 three weeks ago when a new dirt-bike rider, Kristin Acker, died while attempting to cross Highway 16 with her friends.

"I'm a firm believer in a bike area where kids can go."



MELITA BRACKEN with tournament organizer, Tony Lamprecht after winning the women's singles C Category in Kelowna June 25-28.

Copper climb a real challenge

WELCOME TO the Copper Mountain Hill Bike Climb in Thornhill.

The race is, well, rugged to say the least.

The 8-10 km track runs straight up Copper Mountain on loose gravel and is considered one of the area's toughest climbs.

Seventeen participants biked uphill, scoring race times five minutes faster than last year.

First place winners won bike accessories and \$100 worth of tires, but the competition was stiff.

Chris Scarborough won the expert category race in one hour 13 seconds squeaking past Brandon Smoley who finished just 20 seconds later.

Lance Pierce smoked the sport category by winning his race in one hour 12 minutes and 52 seconds — approximately eight minutes before Vincent Drovin and Mike Baber.

Debbie Ferguson, the only women competing, finished in one hour 25 minutes and 35 seconds.

All competitors were from Terrace.

Sport Scope

It's back!

RUN, WALK or roll the 25th Annual Labour Day Classic footrace in Prince George on Sunday, Sept. 6.

Thousands of competitors including Terry Fox and Rick Hansen have taken part in what is known as the Interior's oldest footrace.

Runners sign up for either the 8.5 mile or 17 mile run. Participants can also walk or join wheelchair, 3-by-3 relay, or parent and stroller divisions.

For more information call Dick Voneugen in Prince George at 250-962-7672.

Round-robin Soccer

CALL IT soccer, world-cup style!

The Terrace Nisga'a Tribal Council is holding two open round-robin soccer tournaments at Thornhill Junior Secondary and Primary fields July 24-26.

Two age groups — kids under 12 and kids under 10 — will form eight teams each. Come watch as the teams battle each other to collect points and trophies.

For more information call Lorne at 638-0452, Paul at 638-8644 or the council office at 635-4422.

Wrestler wins big

SPORT B.C. has awarded a \$750 scholarship to Hazelton graduate, Catherine Eckhardt.

Eckhardt is a straight-A student and was a member of the cross country, soccer, track and field, volleyball and wrestling teams.

She placed third in the 54 kg class at the Girls' Wrestling Championships in February and plans to study sciences in Alberta this fall.

Get Synchronized!

WANT TO learn how to synchronize swim?

Barb Essay at the Terrace Pool is organizing Terrace's first-ever synchronized swimming class for adults.

Classes would start this fall and interested parties can sign up by dropping in or calling the pool at 615-3050.

Golf tourney to benefit local MS charities

SKEENA VALLEY Golf Club will be hosting a 12-hole Texas scramble tournament on Sunday, July 26.

All proceeds from the Terrace Totem Ford Multiple Sclerosis Society Charity Golf Tournament will go to local MS charities.

Prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams and a free 24-month lease of a new vehicle will be awarded for holes-in-one.

Registration is \$200 per person and includes a banquet and entertainment.

There is room for 24 teams of four. Singles will be organized into teams.

To register, contact the Skeena Valley Golf Club or call Jake DeJong or Cathy Frennette at 635-4984.

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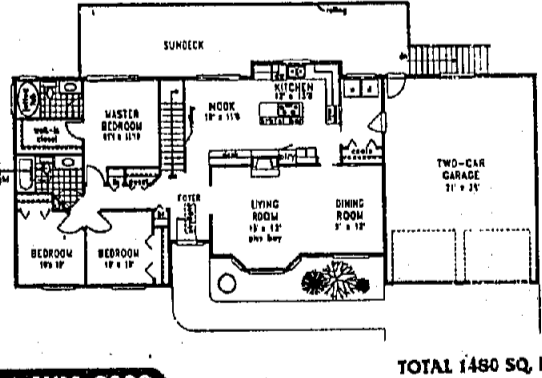
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Local skater strikes gold

By JULIA MITCHELL

EVEN IN THE heat of July, ice-skating beckons Terrace's newest triple-gold skater, Grace Mitchell.

Mitchell competed in a test day for high level figure skaters in northwest B.C. on May 23 in Kitimat.

She passed gold freeskate, competitive skills level 1 and diamond rhumba dance.

These tests were the first she had taken since last summer when she trained at the Racquet Club of Victoria, where she was coached by Sandy Leard and Greg Ladret.

Skating to a piano version of Schindler's List, Mitchell received excellent marks by the national-level judge in 10 of the 12 freeskate disciplines.

The piece was choreographed by Jennifer Kuehne, a former Terrace Skating Club member, who is now the head coach at Mount Raine Figure Skating Club in Stewart.

Mitchell joined the Canadian Figure Skating Association test and competitive stream in 1990 at age 10. She earned her novice, competitive and silver artistic tests.

She was the first Terrace Skating Club member to medal in freeskate at the B.C. Winter Games in Comox when she won silver in the 1995 juvenile ladies category.

Mitchell is coached by Nicole Page, an 18-year Terrace Skating Club member. Page's experience as an award-winning skater, amateur and professional coach at the Nechako club in Vanderhoof sharpened Mitchell's skating.

But in Kitimat's spring school, Mitchell relied on the coaching skills of fellow competitor, Shelley Lefebvre.

Lefebvre passed her competitive skills level 1 test, a gold-level equivalent, to earn triple gold feet. She passed her gold freeskate and gold dances when skating with both the Terrace Skating Club and Snow Valley Skating Club in Kitimat.

Over the years, each skater made every hour of ice time, quality time.

Lefebvre's combined skating, amateur and professional coaching years also amount to 18 years with the Terrace Skating Club.

Lefebvre was Hazelton's head coach last season but she plans to coach professionally in Oliver, B.C. next year.

In the meantime, Lefebvre hopes to freelance in Penticton, Osoyoos and Grande Forks.

One other triple gold feet member graces the Terrace Skating Club, Jessica Lambright.

Lambright skated in both the Terrace and Kitimat clubs to attain her gold freeskate, gold variation dance and gold artistic tests with coach, Kari-Ann MacDonald.

She earned her novice and junior competitive tests and skated novice pairs and freeskate at provincials.

Both women plan to build on their skating experience in their future careers.

A recent high school grad, Mitchell will attend Douglas College coaching programs in the Lower Mainland.

Lambright moves from Physical Education and Recreation at Douglas College to Human Kinetics at UBC to study the development and growth of children.

Mitchell's choreographer, Kuehne recently completed three years at Douglas College and has a Coaching Diploma in Sport Science. Coaching Diplomas cover vast ground including technical work as students work with highly-trained instructors to become first-class coaches.

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Both skaters chose to put in hours of amateur coaching time, thereby giving back to their club a little of what they received from professional coaches throughout the years.



Shelley Lefebvre, Grace Mitchell and dance skating partner Ron Pesano in Kitimat at the end of May.

Score Board

Women's Soccer

June game results

June 2
Blessings Children's Wear 2 — Green Hornets 1
Central Flowers 3 — Almwood Contracting 0

June 4
Artistic Hair/Northern Savings 1 — Green Hornets 0
Oasis Sports Club 4 — Almwood Contracting 1

June 9
Oasis Sports Club 0 — Central Flowers 0
Artistic Hr./Nrthrn Svgs. 4 — Blessings Childrn's Wr. 2

June 11
Green Hornets 1 — Almwood Contracting 1
Artistic Hair/Northern Savings 2 — Central Flowers 1

June 16
Team Sexsmith 2 — Central Flowers 2
Blessings Children's Wear 3 — Oasis Sports Club 3

June 18
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