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Docs to close off admissions

By ALEX HAMILTON

LOCAL DOCTORS won't admit out of town patients to Mills Memorial Hospital Dec. 1 unless the province gives the facility more money.

They're also taking the action in support of nurses at Mills who say they're understaffed to the point that those who are on shift are over-worked.

The decision brings to a head the long standing position of doctors and nurses that the hospital doesn't receive money for the regional services it provides.

"We're all tired of dancing the dance. We've been doing that for 10 or 15 years now," said surgeon Dr. Michael Kenyon last week.

"If the government wants to fund this as a village hospital and not recognize its regional role, that's fine. We've been bled out," he said.

Because Terrace takes patients from else-

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where in the northwest who are too sick to be cared for in their home hospitals, more pressure is put on Mills, said Kenyon.

"To be a patient here you have to be the sickest of the sick and that requires care. Particularly with nurses, it's at the point of no return," he added. "There are too few of them."

Traditionally, doctors here have admitted patients from Kitimat, Prince Rupert, Smithers, Hazelton, the Nass Valley, Dease Lake and Stewart.

A second physician, Dr. Lani Almas, said hospital nurses have been short staffed for the past six months.

"They're burnt out," Almas said. "They can-

not function at that level. They can't possibly cope."

The nurses shortage has been a problem here since June, when a number of nurses retired or quit to work elsewhere. Hospital officials have previously said there isn't enough money to hire more full time nurses and have been relying on hiring casuals (on-call nurses who will work only when needed.)

Doctors say it's ridiculous to advertise for casual nurses since no-one is going to be willing to move up to the north without guaranteed full time employment.

Almas doesn't understand how the hospital can't afford to hire more full time nurses, and therefore provide more beds for patients.

"We used to staff for an 85 bed hospital, why can we not afford to staff for a 35 bed ward?" Almas wondered.

Over the past two and a half months, the hospital has managed to keep admissions below 32 beds, averaging 23 beds in September, 26 beds in October, and 24 beds from November 1-13.

"We haven't operated as a fully operating hospital in six months," Almas said. "Every day there is a push to get people out, to send people home."

"I want to be funded so I can practise medicine and not practice politics anymore," she said.

Doctors will take in outside patients who are emergency cases.

"There is no way that I can turn them away medically, legally or morally," Almas said. "However, we would be telling people that you don't transfer people here, you send them to Vancouver."

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■ Cry me a river!

Julie Jacobs, Dennis Hannam and Annette Martindale are actors in *The Odd Couple*, Terrace Little Theatre's season opener. The play, which is directed by Marianne Brorup Weston, is showing at

the McColl Playhouse at 8 p.m. on November 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, and December 2, 3, and 4. Tickets can be purchased at Uni-globe Courtesy Travel.

Mayoral contenders tangle

NO KNOCKOUT punches were landed in Friday night's debate between the mayoral candidates, but voters did witness a tough test of the three contenders in advance of Saturday's election.

Challenger Garry Pryce, one-term city councillor Linda Hawes and veteran mayor Jack Talstra fielded questions from the floor and from a media panel Friday night at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre in front of an audience of about 80.

The most heated moment came when Talstra rebutted Hawes' promise to bring in a policy guaranteeing local suppliers will be invited to bid on city purchases and that preference be given to local bids when all other factors are equal.

"It's a little bit insulting to our administration, our staff and our workers," Talstra said. "They try to find the best bargain they can."

He also took a more regional view on the same issue, noting Terrace benefits when people in other northwest communities choose to shop here.

"If everybody shopped in their own town, Terrace would be the loser," he noted.

Hawes took aim at Talstra's campaign claims that Terrace could get a cut of the proceeds from the sale of timber that blew down over the summer in the city

watershed. "It plain and simple doesn't work," she said. "It's Crown land, stumpage goes to the government and that's it."

Pryce played up his status as the only candidate who doesn't have their eye on the B.C. Liberal nomination for Skeena.

"If either one of these candidates wins this election you can be sure that by 2001 we'll have to refill the position of mayor," he said.

There were also several questions from Braun's Island residents to all three candidates pressing for city action to resolve sewage and water contamination there.

"Terrace's sewage system has not polluted the water on Braun's Island," Hawes responded, citing reports from the environment ministry.

Pryce meanwhile said the city should take responsibility and pay "whatever it takes" to solve the problems there.

All three candidates backed the construction of the multiplex and Talstra pledged that if there's a 'Yes' vote he'll fight hard to ensure the cost to taxpayers is reduced.

"I guarantee we're not going to use 100 per cent taxpayers money to build it," Talstra assured.

Talstra also made it clear -

something he'd done in even blunter terms at a Chamber of Commerce forum two days earlier - that he was not happy about council's decision in August, spearheaded by Hawes while he was out of town, to go to referendum in November.

Talstra had wanted to wait for a February referendum that would have allowed more time to try to find other sources of money to reduce the cost to taxpayers.

"I tell you we've put the cart before the horse here," Talstra told the Chamber forum, referring to holding the referendum before getting a better fix on financing. "I really regret that."

"It's too late now," he added. "I still think you should vote yes. But I tell you I'll do my darndest to make sure that you don't pay that full cost."

Also raised at Friday's forum was what would happen next if the multiplex is voted down.

Talstra said that privatization options - explored without success in the past - would likely have to be revisited.

Pryce said that failure of the referendum would reflect the city's failure to communicate the project's benefits or how it would be carried out.

"People were unaware of what was going on at multiplex

meetings," he said.

The same "lack of vision and initiative", Pryce said, was the reason attempted amalgamation with Thornhill also failed.

Hawes rebutted that, insisting there were plenty of multiplex open houses and other opportunities to participate.

"The public has been invited to participate in the process every single solitary step of the way," she shot back.

Talstra was asked by the media panel why he didn't keep his promise of three years ago that he'd hold a vote on the Nisga'a treaty if it became controversial.

Talstra responded he'd made that statement when the process was still "quite secretive" and that after extensive lobbying the province agreed to put a municipal representative on its negotiating team to keep the city informed.

The city didn't need a repeat of the divisive experience it had when there was a referendum on Sunday shopping, he added.

Hawes also took the line that the treaty is all but passed and there's nothing the city can do about it.

"This is not a time to re-debate this whole issue," she said. "The federal government is going to pass it come hell or high water."

New 'plex plan pushed

By JEFF NAGEL

THE CITY could get \$1 million to reduce the tax bite of the multiplex if Braun's Islanders can be persuaded to merge with Terrace, says mayor Jack Talstra.

In return for joining the city, he suggested, Braun's Island would get a water system free of charge that would end problems with contaminated drinking water there.

Talstra's plan reaches back to 1996 when a referendum to merge Terrace and Thornhill failed. Had that passed, Terrace would have received about \$1.26 million from the provincial government.

It's this amount of money Talstra now wants to use on the premise Thornhill will indeed one day join Terrace and he says there's a precedent in Quesnel.

Talstra suggested the city use about \$250,000 of that money to ensure Braun's Islanders pay nothing for a water system. That would leave \$1 million the city could then use to reduce the amount of borrowing required to construct the multiplex.

Talstra noted that in the 1996 amalgamation referendum the city had leaned toward using its share of restructuring grants for recreation.

"I just want the voters to know that we as a council are doing our best to make sure that 100 per cent of the burden of paying for the multiplex won't be borne by the local taxpayer," Talstra added. "We will try to reduce that amount as much as we can."

Cutting borrowing costs from \$7.6 million to \$6.6 million would trim the annual property tax increase by about \$5 and might boost voter confidence that further reductions can be found, he said.

Talstra said there's probably eight to nine months to examine the idea and look for other money before construction of the multiplex would begin if the vote passes.

He added it could happen quickly if there's support on Braun's Island. "I don't believe it requires another vote in Terrace," he said, adding a vote would be needed on Braun's Island after a series of negotiations.

Talstra conceded using the grant now, if that's possible, would mean the city wouldn't be entitled to any more if and when Thornhill or other rural areas decide to join. He added that the city might not attempt a large scale amalgamation again, but rather look at cutting deals with smaller areas to join the city.

The first step of this plan is up to Braun's Island, Talstra stressed, noting the idea won't go ahead if they're not interested.

Councillor Linda Hawes, who is challenging Talstra for the mayoralty, called his announcement a premature one that may falsely raise expectations.

How the city spends the \$1 million under Talstra's scenario will be up to the next council, she added, not just the mayor. "They may see other priorities are more important at that time," she added.

"This raises potentially false hopes on several different levels," Hawes said. "There's no firm offer on the table, there's no contract, there's nothing in writing. It's premature."

What people should remember most about the multiplex when voting in the referendum, she said, is that taxes won't go up for about two years, by which time the economy may improve further.

Talstra said he's also fighting for a federal infrastructure grant for the project. If that comes through, he promised business leaders at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday, he wants to use that to reduce business taxes for the multiplex more than for homeowners.

Skeena MLA Helmut Giesbrecht said much more investigation is needed on the idea of tapping restructure grants, but said it could be a creative solution to the drinking water problem on Braun's Island.

"It's worth looking at," he said. "I'm going to try to advance it."

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Nurses start a campaign to become nurses again

THE B.C. Nurses Union is campaigning to stop nurses from doing non-nursing duties so they'll have more time to take care of patients.

Leanne Malthus, the BCNU's northwest representative, said at a time when there's an extreme shortage of nurses in B.C. - and in Canada - nurses shouldn't be spending time doing clerical or house-

keeping work.

Mills Memorial nurse Penny Henderson, said the hospital removes nurses from patient care to do a number of non-nursing duties, including portering patients, cleaning incubators and beds, getting ice water, washing floors, emptying laundry bins and filing charts and paperwork.

It doesn't require a

nurse to do these things, Henderson said.

"But we're still doing it."

She added that nurses have enough work to do simply taking care of patients.

"We're overworked," she said. "At times it's hectic."

The hospital currently employs about 43 full time nurses and 12 casual nurses, which isn't nearly enough according to Henderson.

She said the hospital needs to hire about 10 more full time nurses and 10 more casual nurses to make life bearable.

Henderson explained the hospital doesn't employ support staff 24 hours a day, so nurses have to clean and take care of dietary needs after 4 p.m. when housekeeping and dietary staff go home.

Malthus said that hospitals should be hiring clerical recruitments and more housekeepers to do this kind of work.

"It seems like a waste of government wages to have nurses doing non-nur-



Penny Henderson

sing duties," she said. Local doctor Lani Almas said it's ridiculous to have nurses cleaning floors when patients need attention.

"You don't pay people with those brains to wash floors," she said.

Malthus said it isn't the nurses fault when they don't have time in the day to spend time with patients.

By allowing nurses to do what they're trained to do it will improve patient care, she said.

From front

Docs to close admissions

Kenyon also said other hospitals appear to be taking advantage of Mills and that there is no system in place for the hospital to be compensated when people come from outside the area.

"We've received the usual Christmas holiday notice from Kitimat General Hospital. It says due to the holidays there will be no OR [operating room] between Dec. 15 to Jan. 6. That's six weeks of not using their budget. Then it says go to Terrace if you have to. This has been going on for years and years."

"But when we say let's have a regional authority, they say we can do without you. Fine, they can't have it both ways," Kenyon said.

Almas, who also sits on the Terrace Area Community Health Council, which runs Mills Memorial Hospital, said acting council chief administrator Tom Novak is supposed to be organizing a meeting between local people and the provincial government before the end of the month.

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Dock strike forces mill to close

THE LOCKOUT by employers at the province's west coast ports forced Skeena Cellulose to temporarily close its Terrace sawmill on Monday.

The threat of back to work legislation did cause an end to the lock out, but it was too late to save a production day at the mill.

Production began to return to normal after locked out employees and then their employers accepted recommendations of a federal conciliator. The lock out had lasted for a week.

The Terrace mill ships lumber out of the port at Prince Rupert and SCI has little room to stockpile lumber. Most of SCI's lumber production is normally sold to Asian markets cut off by the port lockout.

"There's only so much you can stockpile on site - if the wood isn't being picked up by the ships you're not selling it," said SCI spokesman Don McDonald said.

SCI had been making plans for a lengthy closure although it was one of many companies asking for the federal government to legislate an end to the lock out which was costing the economy an estimated \$90 million a day.

SCI is unable to boost its lumber shipments to the U.S. without penalty because of quota restrictions under the Softwood Lumber Agreement.

"If we had an alternate place to sell to we would," McDonald added prior to the mill re-opening. "We would switch gears very fast."

Although SCI's Prince Rupert pulp mill ships 100 per cent of its pulp through the Port of Prince Rupert, it's not affected to the same degree as the sawmills because it has greater capacity to store product, he said.

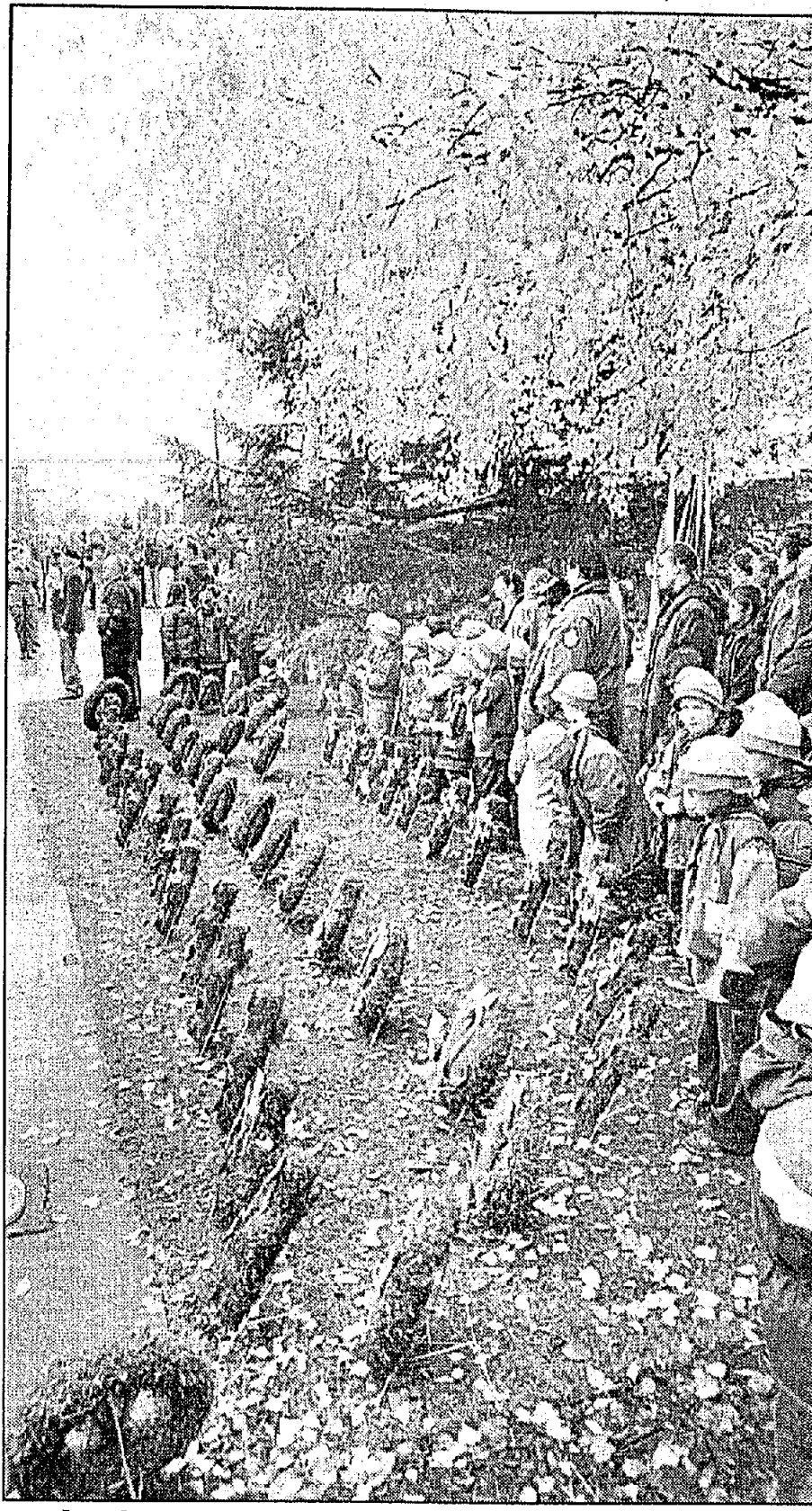
The pulp mill is also in the middle of capital improvements and has not yet returned to full production.

McDonald said the work should be finished around month's end at which time the B line will start up, bringing the pulp mill up to its full 1,250 tonne capacity for the first time in more than 18 months.

The mill has been switching between its two pulp lines while work proceeded over the past month.

SCI isn't directly lobbying for an end to the port disruption, but is a member of the Council of Forest Industries, which is calling on the federal government to take immediate action.

"We rely on them to do those kinds of things," McDonald said of COFI.



At the cenotaph

ROW OF Beavers stands just past one row of wreaths at the city hall cenotaph during Nov. 11 ceremonies. A large crowd was on hand to witness the annual Remembrance Day ceremony. Warm weather helped the occasion.

News In Brief

Firearms workshop

THE NATIVE courtworker and counselling association hosts a firearms legislation information workshop at the Kitsumkalum Community Hall Thursday, Nov. 25.

The all-day forum starts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and features presentations from Troy Keen, Terrace RCMP firearms officer, and federal official Anna Hunter on adaptations to the law for aboriginal people.

Bring ID

DON'T forget to take your ID with you when you head to the polls Nov. 20.

If you aren't already registered to vote you can do so at the polls. You will be asked for two pieces of ID. A valid B.C. drivers licence, B.C. Care card or credit card all qualify - as long as they carry your signature and either confirm who you are or where you live.

To vote, you must be a Canadian citizen, be 18 years of age, have lived in the province for six months and in the area for at least 30 days.

Polling booths will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Summit's over

PEOPLE WANT lower taxes, a fiscally sound provincial government, more flexibility for businesses and a different relationship between business and labour, says the B.C. Business Summit.

It made the observations after finishing the last of its 14 regional summits across the province to gather ideas on what to do about the economy.

The Summit itself is celebrating its first anniversary of holding a conference in Vancouver attended by more than 800 people.

The first of the regional summits was held here.

Liquor laws tighten

PROVINCIAL LIQUOR officials have refined what they mean by the definition of "producing" when it comes to commercial hobby brewing outlets.

Chief licensing official Bob Simpson says regulations coming into effect April 1 will remove any uncertainty that those who use such outlets will have to perform beer and wine making duties.

"They'll have to visit the outlet, pay for the product when they order it, add and mix the ingredients and return to bottle the product," he said.

Customers will also be required to sign a form indicating the product will be for personal use and not for commercial purposes or used at a licensed event, said Simpson.

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Issue is money

IT'S UNFORTUNATE two ideas to reduce multiplex borrowing costs have surfaced so late in the game. There simply isn't enough time for voters to absorb the information, ask questions and add it to the mix of deciding whether the multiplex is worthy or not.

The first idea comes from the Municipal Finance Authority, the body which borrows money on behalf of local governments across B.C. for large-scale projects.

It has in place a program in which local residents can invest in local projects. The investment would pay more than money in a chequing or savings account but less than the interest the authority would pay if it issued bonds on the big money markets. That not only means a cost savings but, since the investments are RRSP-eligible, there's a bonus for the local investor.

The second idea comes from Mayor Jack Talstra and dates back to the failed 1996 bid to merge Terrace with Thornhill and other rural areas.

If the merger had gone through, the city would have received \$1.26 million from the province. Talstra's suggesting that \$250,000 be used to give Braun's Island a water system, provided its residents agree to become part of Terrace. The remaining \$1 million would then be used to reduce the overall borrowing needed for the multiplex, providing a slight decrease in the city property tax hike needed to pay for the project.

Ambitious and complicated, the Talstra plan leaves many questions hanging, not the least of which is whether a cash-strapped provincial government has the money kicking around. And it places Braun's Island residents in the delicate position of being a deal-breaker or deal-maker for the multiplex.

These plans speak to the crucial multiplex financial issue - just because voters are being asked for approval to borrow up to \$7.6 million, does it mean the entire amount will be borrowed?

Multiplex backers say every effort will be made to raise money in other ways to trim the amount to be borrowed as much as possible. They also say it's tough to line up alternate financing in advance of voter approval.

In other words, voters are being asked to say 'yes' as a matter of faith that other sources will be found or, indeed, are there and are waiting for voter approval before being unveiled.

That's a substantial request, given the natural reluctance voters have to accepting monetary promises. As well, the multiplex vote is also wrapped up in the suspicions Thornhill and other rural voters have to any project requiring money they feel is city-driven.

Had multiplex backers been able to demonstrate there is other money out there, voters just might be more comfortable this Saturday with the idea of voting 'yes'.



Make that FRBC a case of RIP

VICTORIA - Forestry experts have said it for years. So has the Liberal opposition. And so have I, for that matter.

Now the province's fiscal watchdog, Auditor General George Morfitt, has made it official: Forest Renewal B.C. has been spending money like a drunken sailor.

He didn't quite put it that way, but in the language of accountants, his comments are as condemning as mine.

"FRBC doesn't have a good handle on where it's going, what it's doing or what it has accomplished," Morfitt says in his report released last week. The Crown corporation, he says, "has struggled with the principles of wise spending." To me, that sounds pretty much like the description of a drunken sailor's spending habits.

Forest Renewal has spent about \$1.8 billion since its inception five years ago. Of that, according to Morfitt, \$1.2 billion was spent without FRBC knowing what it wanted to achieve. Staff, Morfitt said, increased from an initial 30 to 56 in early 1999.

Like so many ideas gone awry, this one, too, was born of good intentions. Forest Renewal B.C. was set up in 1994



FROM THE CAPITAL
HUBERT BEYER

by then premier Mike Harcourt to help forestry-dependent communities which were facing a bleak future.

Dwindling demand for our lumber, coupled with drastically reduced annual allowable cuts, which were prompted by the realization that our forests were not "forever," as the industry had wanted us to believe, pushed many forestry communities to the brink of economic ruin.

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jects, such as retraining of jobless forest workers and small niche industries that could create more jobs with less timber.

Initially virtually everyone, including the industry, the opposition and the media were onboard. And why wouldn't they? It was a good plan that held great promise.

Alas, problems developed early on. At one point, Forest Renewal had hundreds of millions of dollars in the bank and few plans how to spend it.

With all that beautiful money lying around, doing nothing, the government played with the idea of grabbing \$200 million to reduce its deficit. Only after a public outcry did the government abandon that idea.

Soon critics came out of the woodwork. One man who had done some contract work for Forest Renewal said publicly that the organization was spending money without accountability, giving specific examples.

The opposition referred to Forest Renewal as an NDP slush fund. The corporation, they said, gave preferential treatment to projects undertaken by government friends.

Forest Renewal was able to fend off much of the criticism

on the not entirely unjustified grounds that the opposition had a political ax to grind and the media were traditionally controversy-driven.

It's a little more difficult to shrug off the auditor general's findings, though. Morfitt has no ax to grind. At least I hope the government and Forest Renewal won't stoop to that accusation. At an rate, his term is up in year. This is probably his last major report.

Forest Renewal officials, of course, are trying hard to control the damage to its image done by Morfitt's report. The statement that the corporation doesn't know where it's going, one official says, is "totally false." FRBC, he says, has a new five-year plan that sets out exactly where it's going and how it's going to get there.

Well, I've seen too many five-year "organizational" plans, from the ones the Soviet Union kept promising, to the NDP government's debt-management plan that keeps being revised, to have any confidence in FRBC's alleged blueprint for the future.

I have the distinct impression that Forest Renewal's days are as numbered as the NDP government's. I wouldn't bet on the future blueprint of either.

Watch MASH and fireworks

After years of straining to learn what Terrace city council was mumbling about, the new sound system in council chambers is a treat.

Without it, I might have missed David Hull's motion to restrict the use of fireworks to those possessing a pyrotechnics licence.

A wise motion, long awaited. Now, if only the regional district backs up city council with a similar resolution. Next year our Halloween could be a lot more peaceful and safe.

Every year some B.C. kid loses an eye, a couple of fingers, or injures a friend by ignoring commonsense rules for safe use of fireworks.

And every year dozens of dogs are frightened out of their wits by the random explosions of noisemakers. Annually, on that single night, more dogs escape their yards in panic to become dog pound statistics, according to the SPCA.

City council is equally



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concerned a misdirected firework might intentionally or accidentally cause a fire, such as in Surrey where fire destroyed an entire elementary school. Although that fire may have been speeded along by the contents of a gas can seen carried by one arson suspect.

With council chamber's better quality sound, council meetings can be more entertaining than some Monday night programs. Council has

certain similarities to M.A.S.H. There's the Corporal Klinger councillor who can get anything for you better than wholesale; he asks and he receives, whether it's six loads of gravel, 14 yards of concrete, or a fax machine.

The mayor presides over operations like Colonel Potter, keeping the team working together. Last week, faced with an uprising of citizens over the cutbacks at Mills Memorial Hospital, the mayor cajoled, trying to prevent blood being spilled on the floor.

Following the citizens' presentation, TV viewers watched a soundless intermission, much like a muted commercial. Councillors, all up for re-election, spoke on-one with spectators. How I wished I could lip read.

Summing up the delegation's impact on council, the mayor spoke one true thing: he said council's influence on the provincial government depends largely on taxpayers'

obvious support for council's efforts.

When council meets with government in Victoria, the health ministry counts them as seven dissenting voices. Big deal. But if Victoria sees dozens of citizens taking the trouble to crowd council chambers or to pack a health council meeting, even this premier and health minister might clue in that Terrace, not just council, expects, nay demands, more funding for Mills.

One delegate noted spending seems out of whack when \$40 million is to be spent building a highway for Kincolith's 600 citizens, when a hospital that serves the north-west region must fly patients to Vancouver for routine care because we lack beds for our doctors to admit patients.

In view of the sparks spit out by citizens angry over hospital cutbacks, Hull's motion restricting fireworks was well timed.

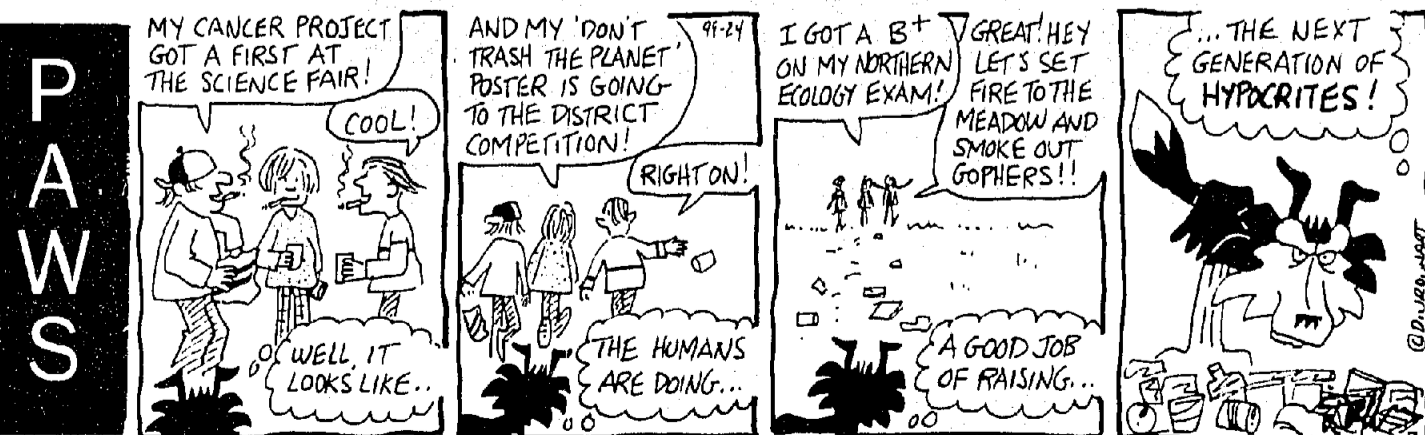
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CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

The Mail Bag

It's about the future

Dear Sir:
As a homeowner, I have an investment in this city. I am not going to invest in another house, so I might as well throw a few bucks at infrastructure, and why not recreation facilities? There appears to be a quantified need and a ready market. This will help my investment to recover.

The volunteer committee that picked up the pieces after the last no vote has done an exemplary job. They followed due process, and although they may have attempted to accommodate too many, may have compromised too much (or not enough depending on where you stand) and seem to have had to do all this in a political vacuum, they deserve our respect and thanks.

I want this community to put the Terrace vs. Thornhill issue behind us and build together. Too much of the opposition is focused on this. We cannot continue with this mentality without destroying both communities. If we do continue to use this issue as a scapegoat, it will take a political miracle and generations to get us working together again.

If the referendum were to fail, it will be very long time before we have the political will to go down this road again and the costs to this community will be beyond comprehension. I do not mean just the inflated cost of a new structure in 10-15 years time, but the resulting tears in our social and economic fabric.

I want everything I have worked for and held on to during this last economic downturn to be worth something.

I want my daughter to grow up in the same vital and optimistic community that I was lucky enough to find during a snowstorm in Nov. 1992, a place that I am proud to call my home and where I have chosen to build my life.

Bruce Martindale, 'Skeena City' One cup of coffee

Dear Sir:
I am extremely shocked and appalled by what Steve Cook had to say about the multiplex in the Nov. 3 issue of The Terrace Standard.

Mr. Cook obviously doesn't understand what the multiplex will do. He probably doesn't understand because he's not a 15 year-old teenager like I am, and doesn't know what it's like to find things to do nowadays. What do you want us to do during the winter? Hang out on the streets smoking, drinking, and vandalizing?

He probably also don't understand what it's like to get up in the mornings for hockey practices. Myself, my younger brother, and my father all have to get up for early-morning hockey practices, sometimes at 4 a.m. Terrace's lack of facilities is so bad that we have to rent ice-time in Kitimat. That's stupid.

Our neighbouring communities have multi-purpose recreation complexes. We have an aging arena and an adequate pool. Terrace is the "hub" of the Pacific Northwest yet we have the fewest number

of facilities.
Mr. Cook, are you really that deprived that you can't afford another \$59 a year to pay for this facility. This equates to one regular cup of coffee per week. You probably have 2-3 cups of coffee per day.

Tyler Noble, Terrace, B.C.

It's affordable

Dear Sir:
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This project is one that the entire area can be proud of. This is not an issue of Terrace vs. Thornhill, as the entire region will benefit from its construction and operation. It will pay social and economic benefits to the entire area. It is a chance to make a statement that we care about our community and particularly our youth.

Steve Smyth, Terrace, B.C.

Pretty sad

Dear Sir:
This is in response to Steve Cook's submission of Nov. 3, and his latest supporter in the Nov.10 issue of the Standard.

It's pretty sad when certain stereotypes in Terrace bitch and complain about all the dilemmas our community is facing, only to turn around and write garbage about "the greatest afflictions and epidemics affecting our society are due to failure to honour God ..." Yes, axing the idea of a new multiplex will fix everything...right!


If you had taken the time to read the pamphlet sent to you in the mail, you would comprehend that no one ever suggested, nor did they promise, that the proposed multiplex would solve all of the world's problems that you mention.

Maybe if you were more informed about the minor tax increase vs. the benefits this multiplex will provide to the entire community, "not just the few proponents of organized sports who want the rest of the community to pay for their choices," you would realize that the less fortunate communities in the northwest without a multiplex would also benefit.

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She'll vote 'no'

Dear Sir:

Why do we need a multiplex? Sure, it would be great to have an extra sheet of ice, but even that seems a bit of a useless expense in our poor economic situation.

I don't buy the "it's for our children" argument. Kids are going to school 5 to 6 hours a day, they are in karate, basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey, ringette, volleyball and swimming. Some are in band, piano, violin, drama, voice and ballet.

Children of all ages are in Air Cadets, Scouts, Cubs, Guides, and Brownies. Little children are in Kindergym, Tiny Tot sports, parent-and-tot swimming, and preschool. They all have access to the library and they surf the web. Plus, according to statistics, they watch an average of 20 hours of television each week.

Are these the individuals who need a multi-million dollar sports complex to fill in leisure time? Our children are kept so busy becoming jack of all trades, they become masters of none. By the time most reach their teens, they are showing severe signs of stress: anger, withdrawal, hyperactivity, and sleep disorders.

Only a very few really choose a specific field to pursue, the vast majority simply drop everything because they can't cope. Our young people need encouragement, respect, and work, they don't need yet another hang-out. They feel abandoned enough as it is.

Terrace is not exactly booming, we need to look at our priorities. Look in the classifieds at all the rentals available. If you check with the local realtors, you will find that these places are not sitting empty because people have bought homes. People have left, period.

Vote for people who will be willing and able to represent Terrace and pull together to make this city a major center again. And vote no for multiplex.

Juan Roy, Terrace, B.C.

They say 'yes'

Dear Sir:

The Terrace Senior Men's Soccer Association supports the multiplex as it will fill a void.

The TSMAS is a local group that organizes a futsal (indoor soccer) league during the winter to provide an opportunity for adult soccer players to stay active and build their soccer skills. Our players are diverse in background and age, with no membership requirement other than a desire to participate.

Since starting futsal four years ago, it has been a struggle to provide sufficient playing time for our members. Gymnasiums in the Terrace area are fully booked, and we continue to remain on gym waiting lists for more gym time. This situation has caused the TSMAS to set limits on the number of teams and players.

Lack of gym time has meant that none of our teams have practice times available, and that holding a futsal tournament in Terrace cannot be considered.

The multiplex will provide much needed gym time for a wide variety of sports groups in the Terrace area. When all sports such as basketball, floor hockey, volleyball, etc. are considered it becomes obvious that the multiplex will see continuous use.

Terrace Senior Men's Soccer Association,
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Talstra's doing just fine, says Helmut Giesbrecht

IF JACK Talstra had a fan club, Skeena NDP MLA Helmut Giesbrecht might be one of its strongest members.

Following some very complimentary things the Terrace mayor had to say about Giesbrecht several weeks ago when launching his election campaign, the Skeena MLA has responded in a similar fashion.

"Jack and I have worked well together on a number of issues," said Giesbrecht in citing the support he gave for a city millennium grant application which resulted in \$200,000 for the city's linear park.

"He's essentially doing a good job. I don't detect a lot of concern out there on where the city's going," Giesbrecht added.

Talstra had complimented Giesbrecht on his work on behalf of the city and area, saying there there's no need at the present to unseat him from his provincial seat.

Although Talstra is a Liberal and the two might not agree on political philosophy at times, Gies-

brecht said the mayor has taken a non-partisan approach to their relationship.

And when that does happen, Giesbrecht said Talstra does so in speaking for his council which might want to take a partisan approach.

"Jack has no control over where council wants to take issues at times. Jack tries to avoid that, even though some of his council members might take a partisan approach."

"I have no quarrel with him," continued Giesbrecht. "I might even vote for him."

The MLA said Talstra was a key player when Skeena Cellulose faced financial disaster several years ago and which resulted in the provincial government rescuing the company.

"It clearly works better if there is some kind of co-operation between the two levels [of government]," said Giesbrecht.

The political relationship between the two dates back to the 1980s when Giesbrecht was mayor of

Terrace and Talstra a councillor.

Talstra took the mayor's chair away from Giesbrecht in 1985, a fact the Skeena MLA now says was a beneficial.

"I went fishing and had a good time on the river," said Giesbrecht. "I realized some one did me a favour. It saved my life. Then in a weaker moment, I got back into this."

Giesbrecht did concede that Talstra may seek the Liberal nomination for the next provincial election and could end up opposing him.

"Jack will make up his own mind on this and we'll have to see what happens," he said.

One of Talstra's mayoral opponents is Linda Hawes, herself connected to the provincial Liberal party.

She was one of the co-chairs of Kitimat mayor Rick Wozney's campaign when he ran as a Liberal against Giesbrecht in the 1996 provincial election.

★★★★★
Talstra repeated his theme of trying to work



Helmut Giesbrecht

cooperatively with Giesbrecht and the provincial government at a forum for the mayoral candidates hosted by the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce last Wednesday.

"I'm trying to be nicer to our MLA," Talstra told the business group. "Three years of bashing has gotten us nowhere. So from now on I'm going to love him to death."

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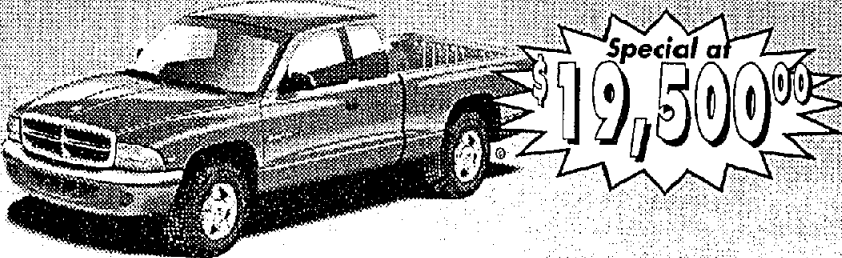
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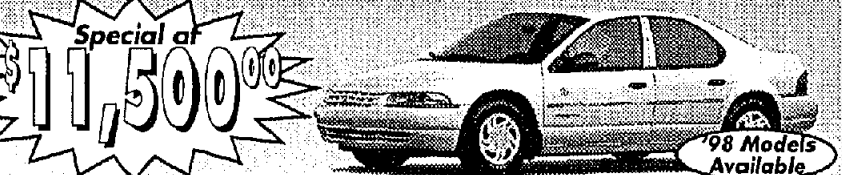


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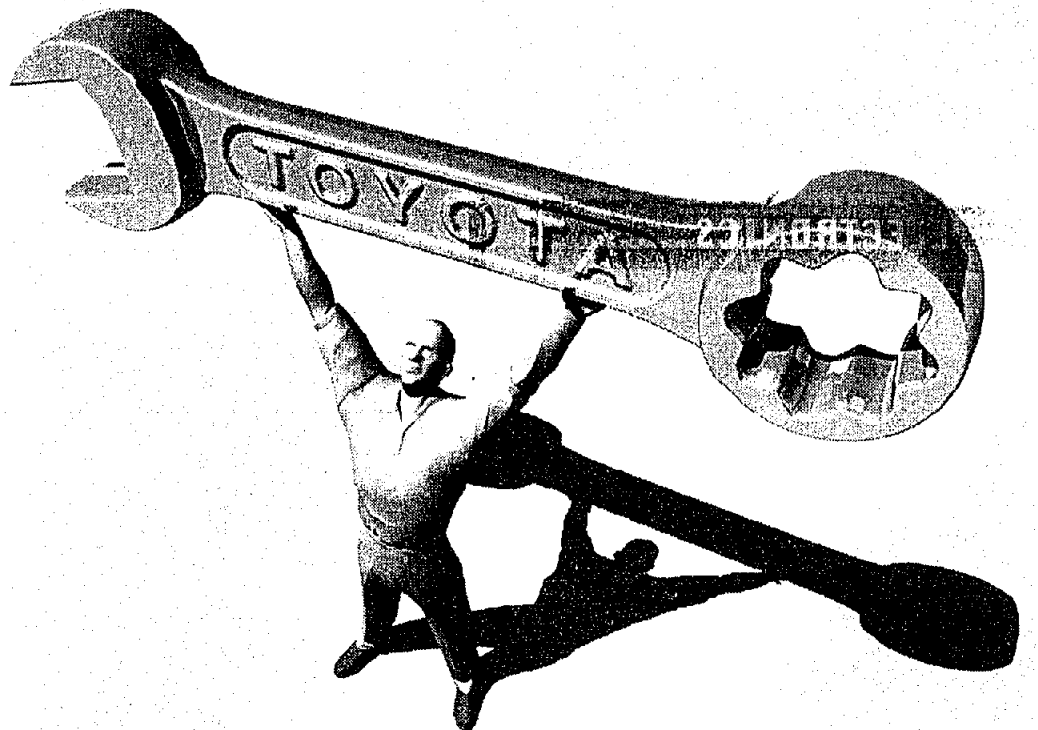
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Candidates grapple with water and dump

TAXES, COMMERCIAL development, Braun's Island and the site of a regional landfill dominated the regional district all candidates forum at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre Nov. 13.

After drilling mayoral candidates on Braun's Island drinking water, Jeff Dilley returned to the floor to question Area C candidates on the same subject.

Calling safe drinking the "toughest question of the night," Peggy Julseth criticized Terrace mayor Jack Talstra's plan to bring Braun's Island into the city and use provincial money to improve their drinking water before taking to Braun's Islanders about it.

She questioned whether residents would want Terrace's fluoridated and chlorinated water supply.

Area C opponent Bob Cooper admitted he didn't know too much about the problem, but said it didn't appear the city was at fault.

Dilley also questioned Julseth on conflict of interest procedures, causing her to say she'd step away from

the table on issues where she might stand to gain some financial gain.

Several candidates running for the Thornhill seat, also disputed city councillor Ron Vanderlee's proposal to amalgamate Thornhill one section at a time.

"I don't think that's possible," said incumbent Les Watmough. "It's one of the most ridiculous things I've heard."

He said doing so would be equivalent to "eating a lobster one claw at a time" or "doing a jigsaw puzzle with half the pieces missing."

Thornhill challenger Ted Wyatt also questioned the feasibility of sectioning Thornhill off, and said the residents wouldn't go for it.

Another challenger, Mike Moore, said Thornhill residents he knows would have appreciated more choice during the last amalgamation vote.

"It was assumed they wanted to amalgamate not incorporate," Moore said.

Moore also said his position as assistant fire chief in

Thornhill shouldn't conflict with the regional district, but said he would consider stepping down at the fire department if there was.

Wyatt said he'd like to improve housing standards in Thornhill by encouraging community pride.

On the topic of a regional landfill, Julseth said she favoured one in Thornhill, pending the site could be made environmentally safe through a clay base and proper filtration systems.

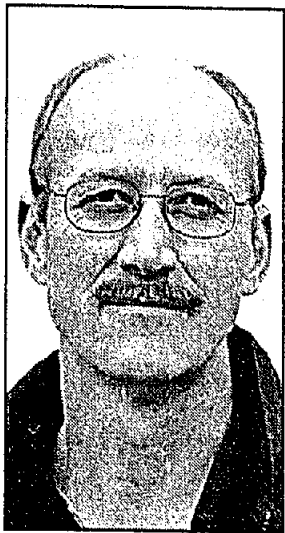
As a Thornhill candidate, Watmough confirmed his preference for Onion Lake east, saying all northwest communities should chip in and use the new location.

Watmough also avoided taking a position on the multiplex, saying it wasn't an issue in this election.

And although he was involved in early planning stages, ultimately the issue would be decided via referendum.

"This thing belongs to the people," he said.

Both Julseth and Watmough took on the issue of Thornhill's water and sewer



Ted Wyatt

master plan.

Julseth, in defence of previous work during her term as Thornhill director from 1993 to 1996, said the plan is "solid and good" and a similar plan should be encouraged at Lakelse Lake.

Bob Cooper highlighted the difficulty of representing an area "nearly the size of Prince Edward Island which has 26 MLAs and under 200,000 people."

Even though the area represents people from Kitimaat Village to north Eby and Jackpine Flats, Cooper said he could bring a personal touch to the regional district board.

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BUSINESS REVIEW

Out & About

Minister says market a model for rest of B.C.

New rules on new condos

THE RULES for converting apartment buildings to strata title have been changed by city council.

The main difference is the required vacancy rate before sale of apartments as condominium units is allowed.

In the past the minimum vacancy rate for strata conversions has been three per cent.

Council upped that requirement to a vacancy rate of five per cent on the recommendation of city staff.

New cargo

THE PORT of Prince Rupert has landed a deal to start handling the import of slack wax from Asia bound for Alberta.

The molten wax is a key ingredient used by Oriented Strand Board mills.

The regular shipments should start to arrive by tanker early in 2000 for rail shipment to Borden Chemicals' plant in Edmonton.

THE PROVINCE hopes to help out the Skeena Valley Farmers' Market and learn how to replicate its success elsewhere, says agriculture minister Corky Evans.

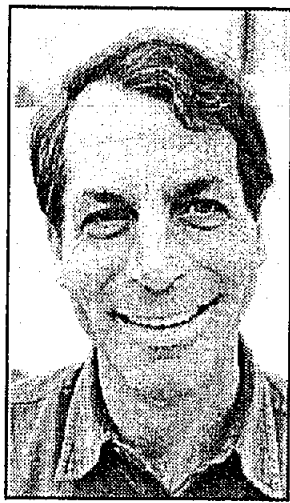
Evans ended his northern tour with a stop here Friday and a meeting with organizers of the Skeena Valley Farmers' Market.

"It's the best farmers' market I know of in the north," Evans said. "The province is trying to figure out how to enhance that share of the market."

One of the keys to its success is a good relationship between the market and local health inspectors, Evans said, adding some other markets find themselves other considerable pressure from food regulators.

"There are areas where health inspectors take a dim view of farmers markets," he said, noting preserves and ethnic foods sometimes raise concerns.

Specific ideas he'll explore to help this market includes possible signage on the highway and financing the purchase of cloth shopping bags with the market logo embla-



Corky Evans



John Backhouse

zoned on them that the market could then sell and repay the province.

Evans said he thinks the Terrace area - which had been a hotbed for orchards and other agriculture in past decades - needs better contact with the ministry to foster more agriculture here.

"There's a real dearth of information coming out from our ministry to the Terrace area," he said, noting the district agriculturalist is based in Smithers.

"Maybe our ministry should set up a booth at

the farmers' market," he suggested.

Also on the tour with Evans was northern development minister John Backhouse.

They're looking for ways to foster agricultural expansion in the north, where potential farm land is much more available and less contested by other land-use pressures than in the Lower Mainland.

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People vent their frustration over the state of health care

By ALEX HAMILTON
STORIES OF problems with health care came spilling out Saturday as nearly 150 gathered to express their frustration at what they feel is a system that is falling apart.

And those present at the Elks Hall also took out their frustration with Skeena NDP MLA Helmut Giesbrecht who held a closed meeting earlier with those who organized the session.

The frustration took the form of criticizing Mills Memorial Hospital admission restrictions and the shortage of nurses.

The hospital has restricted hospital admissions since June because there aren't enough nurses available to take care of patients.

"Our medical system is really going downhill," said Terrace resident Kaeleen Foote, who was appalled with the medical attention her seven-year-old son received at Mills Memorial this summer.

Foote said she's disgusted with the hospital after her doctor refused to admit her son after he fell 15 feet off a household roof. Her son was rushed to the hospital for tests and X-rays of his jaw.

However, doctors were unable to complete the tests because her son was in too much pain.

Foote said doctors wanted to admit her son overnight for observation, but since his injury wasn't life threatening, there wouldn't be a bed available for him.

So Foote's son was taken to Kitimat at 11:30 p.m., where there was a bed available for the evening.

The next morning, Foote said, she and her son had to return to Terrace to complete the tests and X-rays.

Once the tests were complete, doctors realized her son had broken both sides of his jaw and suffered a slight skull fracture.

He was immediately flown to Vancouver where he received the attention he deserved, she said.

"The point is my child was put at risk sent to Kitimat and back," she said. "He should have been assessed here."

"If your child becomes ill or is seriously injured, and he can't be helped at this hospital, then there's something clearly wrong with this."

Other residents at the meeting said they wanted the provincial government to increase the hospital's budget.

Many were upset that MLA Helmut Giesbrecht refused to attend the public gathering, preferring to meet privately with Don Ritchey, Ida Mohler, Bill McRae and Mayor Jack Talstra, who helped organize the meeting.

"This is an exercise in futility if our MLA isn't here," said Erle Crawford. "We're all sitting waiting for someone to talk to us and do something."

Reporting back from his meeting with Giesbrecht, Ritchey said the MLA blamed the doctors for Mills' budget problems.

In the past, doctors have been accused of keeping patients in the hospital for too long and increasing referrals to boost their income.

Ritchey said Giesbrecht said Mills would stand a better chance of receiving money for some regional services, such as the intensive care unit, if the eight other community health councils in the region agree.

According to Dr. Michael Kenyon, who spoke at the meeting, only Kitimat and Prince Rupert health councils are against Mills becoming a regional hospital.

A consulting firm from Alberta has been hired to recommend what kind of

regional services are needed in the northwest. It's report is expected to assess whether Mills should become a regional hospital. Findings should be complete by June 2000.

Kenyon spoke out at the meeting saying doctors are offering a solution to Mills' budget problems by refusing admissions of out of town patients as of Dec. 1.

He said it may even be better for out of town patients to be turned away from Mills because it has become unsafe to look after them at the hospital.

"Terrace has two nurses on night shift with 30 beds," Kenyon said. "These inefficiencies come very close to inhumanity."

Dr. Jim Dunfield, who resigned from his chief of

staff position at Mills over budget cuts, said moral at the hospital is at an all time low because nurses are overworked.

Yet, the ministry continues to criticize the hospital for being inefficient.

"We think we're as efficient as we're gonna get," Dunfield said. "You can only scrape so much."

Kenyon added that doctors are putting their medical reputations at risk, while administrators aren't risking anything. He said it's time the health ministry acknowledged Mills as a regional centre.

Kenyon explained that Kitimat hospital routinely closes its surgery and obstetrics during Christmas.

"But we're not going to cover them anymore," Kenyon said. "We're going to make them bite the



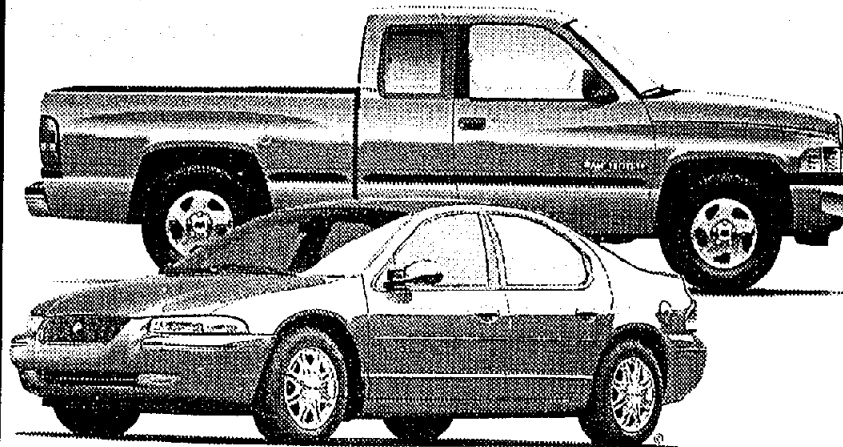
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bullet." Mayor Jack Talstra urged everyone at the meeting to write letters to Helmut Giesbrecht with specific examples of how the hospital has deteriorated.

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'No' campaign signs pop up

OPPONENTS of the planned multiplex entered the battle of the signs last week.

Darcy McKeown took contributions from other multiplex opponents and erected 14 signs urging voters to reject the referendum question to borrow up to \$7.6 million to build the multiplex.

McKeown, who works in the construction industry, says not everyone's happy with him, but insists he was exercising his right to free speech.

"I figured somebody went out and put Yes signs up. I didn't want it so I went out and put No signs up," he explained.

Businesses will be hit very hard by the tax increases accompanying the project, he said.

He also has serious doubts about the parking plans, the design, and the ability to find more money to reduce the cost to taxpayers.

"I definitely think they Here's how to cut costs

THERE's several different ways that the cost to taxpayers for the multiplex will come down from the worst case scenario of \$7.6 million, say its backers.

The main one is to raise funds from other sources, says city recreation superintendent Steve Scott.

That includes local contributions, in kind donations, government grants and corporate donations.

"Everybody is hearing that the Liberals are gearing up to spend some serious money," Scott said of the federal government. "We think now is the time to put our hand up and say we're ready."

They also plan to try national corporations, particularly ones with local branches or sales.

"CN is a natural one to approach," Scott said. "Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola are very keen and generally quite interested in this kind of community project. The flip side is they want some exposure - and that's fine."

Major industry is another possible donor.

"Alcan almost 10 per cent of their workforce living here in Terrace," Scott noted. "We know they've been a very good corporate citizen in Kitimat and we're hoping they would have a similar sentiment here in Terrace."

It's also important to note, he said, that there will be a two-year window of time while construction proceeds to look for other sources of money to reduce the tax hit.

"If this thing's approved that's going to be part of my job," Scott added. "It's not going to be left to a volunteer who may or may not get around to it."

Other ways the cost can go down is through an increase in the city's tax base over time. "The more properties being taxed the smaller the amount per property that will be charged," he said.

Community bonds and an actuarial benefit the city would receive from the Municipal Finance Authority are other ways borrowing costs can be reduced, he said.

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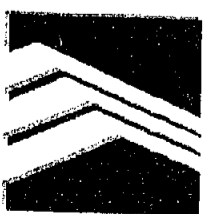
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- **Recreational Activities:** Indoor and winter sports are fundamental to Canadian culture, and our children should have the same access to these activities as children in larger cities. The multiplex will ensure this access and it will also attract large-scale events and activities to our city. However, if the multiplex is approved, finding alternate funding must be made a priority. Arts and music activities must also be supported.
- **Streets:** reviewing the current financing structure for residential street upgrading and looking for opportunities to reduce the financial burden on the homeowner.
- **Economic Diversity:** although our resource industries are vitally important to this region, Terrace needs to work with the Chamber of Commerce, the Terrace Economic Development Authority, and other interest groups to also promote our city to new and diverse businesses to ensure longterm economic health for our community.
- **Parks:** maintain and develop our parks and green space. Not only does this benefit current Terrace residents, it is an attraction to professionals, businesses, and other people who find green space scarce in larger cities.
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Nisga'a cautious on 'plex aid

NISGA'A TRIBAL COUNCIL officials here in Terrace say they don't want to get hopes too high about the possibility of a contribution to the multiplex if it gains voter approval this Saturday.

"We don't want to get hopes up and have anyone be disappointed if it doesn't come together," said Martin Adams, a vice-president of the Nisga'a Tribal Council and head of the Terrace local of the tribal council.

He was responding to mayor Jack Talstra's earlier statements that the Nisga'a were talking about contributing a sizable amount - possibly \$100,000 or more - to the project.

"We've had very preliminary discussions in that we wanted to have meetings to find out how we might assist in getting the multiplex in place," Adams said Friday.

He stressed that the Terrace local doesn't have a large amount of money available for such a contribution, nor is it planning to use treaty money.

"We don't have any ready money that we have at this

time that we can commit to that," said Adams. He said it's more likely the Nisga'a could instead harness federal grants for the multiplex that wouldn't otherwise be possible.

That fits suggestions from Talstra that some sort of First Nations cultural component could be incorporated into the project if such grants are available.

"We're going to be looking at that and seeing if there's any way we can access money to help it out," Adams said.

The improved ability to host conventions, major celebrations and gatherings, and sporting events like basketball tournaments are all reasons that the Nisga'a are much more supportive of the multiplex project than they had been of the 1995 second sheet of ice, he added.

"The multiplex does mean something for the people we represent this time around," he said. "With the addition of the gymnasium that brings us into the picture more."

Islanders leery of water plan

SOME Braun's Islanders say they've become political pawns in the game of selling the multiplex to local voters.

The community won't meet as a group until tonight to respond to mayor Jack Talstra's suggestion that they join the city and provincial restructuring grants that could follow to the city then be tapped to pay for an island water system and reduce the price of the multiplex.

But Diana Penner, an island resident and vocal critic of the city over suspected water contamination, says she's horrified by the idea.

"I feel sick to the stomach right now," she said, adding a \$1 million reduction in the cost of the multiplex is being made to hang on the decision of islanders.

"It won't make Braun's Island residents very popular with the people of Terrace."

Penner said it's wrong to suggest the island would get a free water system under the idea, because their property taxes would go up if they joined the city.

She said residents do plan to look at the idea, along with a possible independent community water system, and a continuation of their efforts to prove city liability in the contamination of island wells.

Residents have been told by the regional district that a water system would cost each property around \$9,000, she said.

She added she fears the island will be forced to join Terrace and take city water on the basis of health concerns.

"Terrace water is terrible water," she said. "You can drink it and survive. Our water is far better than the City of Terrace water and that's pretty precious."

Kathy Juba, one island resident present when Talstra

made the announcement, added a water system wouldn't address concerns about ditch and slough contamination by city sewage or runoff.

She said islanders plan to meet and discuss Talstra's proposal tonight.

Penner is also upset that some of the temporary pipes the city is using to channel sewage from the treatment plant to the river have washed away.

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"We now have the sewage running right along the shoreline," Penner said.

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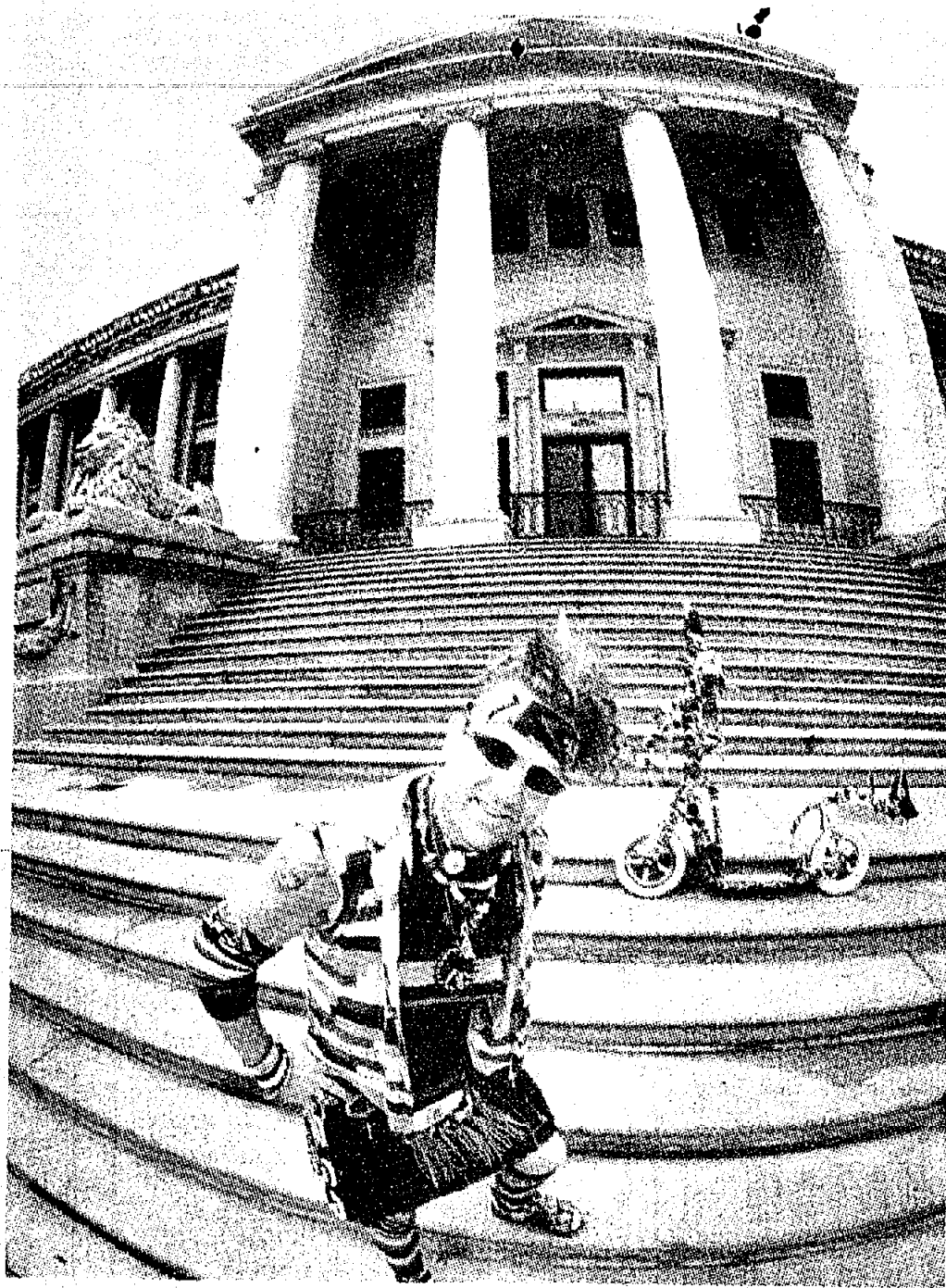
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Scholarships offered for high school abroad

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Nacel Canada, a non-profit student exchange organization, is currently offering scholarships to globally minded, flexible students who could be suitable representatives for our country and culture, while benefit from living with a foreign host family.

You don't have to be a "straight A" student; we're looking for mature teenagers (currently in Grade 10 and 11) who have good marks and social skills, plus a record of community involvement, while full credit is not guaranteed for completing Grade 11 or 12 abroad, most Canadian schools will recognise the high standards of foreign education systems.

Nacel has a strong support network in Canada and abroad, ready to assist you with any problems that may arise. Selected students pay only their airfare and personal spending money; Nacel will take care of fees for school, textbooks, medical insurance, orientation, transfers to the host family, full room and board, and any other expenses of the program. Naturally, you will need to purchase your own passport and visa; be aware your host family may wish to take you with them on vacation to other countries nearby.

Furthermore, we have many other exchange positions available and all applicants will be offered partial financial assistance if their family is willing and able to host one of our incoming exchange students from abroad.

But HURRY, the deadline for the initial application is December 1, 1999. If you or someone you know, could take advantage of this opportunity, call Cancell coordinator Marian Ennis at 1-888-828-2288.

Family storytime

Family storytime takes place at the Terrace Public Library every Thursday night from 6:30-7 p.m. until the end of November for children and parents of all ages. Drop in for stories, songs, and puppets. FREE! Registration is not required. For more information call the library at 638-8177.

Book launched

Creekstone Press is launching on December 3 a new book in Smithers, called *Oar & Sail: An Odyssey of the West Coast*.

The book chronicles the adventures of the late Dr. Ken Leighton as he rowed from Vancouver to Prince Rupert in the mid-90's.

At age 66, the late Dr. Leighton set off from Vancouver's Jericho Beach in a custom-built, open rowing boat. Two years and a full log-book later, with calloused hands and a joyful heart, he docked the Morag Anne in Prince Rupert, 500 miles north of his launching point.

Dr. Leighton has since passed on, but he left behind a lively manuscript, which we are now publishing along with illustrations by his son, artist and physician, Dr. Rob Leighton.

The book launch will take place at 7:30 p.m. on December 3 at the Smithers Art Gallery.

Mint cookies still available

Brownies and guides are still selling the famous mint cookies at Safeway and other locations around town. Call 638-8879 to place an order.

Talent search

The Kinette Club of Terrace is raising funds for the CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION by sponsoring a "Talent Nite" at the Northern Motor Inn (George's Pub). It will take place Sunday, November 28. Anyone (must be 19+) interested in entering an act, please contact Katherine Hicks at 615-9592 (days) or 638-1782 (evenings).

Eating disorders

ANYONE WHO is interested in attending an eating disorder support group please call the Health Unit in Terrace at 638-2200.

Warm clothing needed

As temperatures drop, registered nurses in B.C. are inviting Northwest B.C. residents from Houston to the Queen Charlotte Islands to join them in donating warm clothing and blankets for the poor and homeless.

Locals are asked to donate blankets, socks, sweaters, coats, sleeping bags and hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and combs.

Contributions should be dropped off at Mills Memorial Hospital or the Northwest Health Unit before November 19.

Nisga'a give Peruvians advice

The Nisga'a are helping indigenous Peruvians set up a school in Peru that is modelled after a post secondary institution in New Aiyansh.

TAKE A MAP and draw an imaginary line from New Aiyansh, down along the North American coastline.

Head south past Vancouver, Seattle, California, Mexico and Central America. Don't stop until you hit the sandy shores of South America.

Then, follow your finger to the Amazon Basin in Peru, where 200,000 indigenous people live.

There, a confederation of indigenous nations known in Peru as Confederacion de Nacionalidades Amazonicas del Peru (CONAP) faces increasing pressure from multinational mining corporations interested in developing their land.

According to its own leaders, the people don't have the technical or business training to negotiate with corporations on an equal footing.

They need technical training. But they need training that would keep students in school (The university in Lima has a 71 per cent drop out rate for indigenous students).

So they're looking north to the Nisga'a and their post-secondary institution in



A GOOD PLACE TO MEET: Deanna Nyce and representatives of Nisga'a post secondary institution and CONAP, an association of First Nations people in Peru meet in Terrace for lunch before heading north on the Nisga'a highway to examine a grass roots education system at work in the Nass Valley.

New Aiyansh called Wilp Wilxoskhl Nisga'a, or WWN.

And through help from the World Bank, a four-person CONAP delegation visited the Nass Valley last week.

"We are very honoured to meet you," said WWN CEO Deanna Nyce at an introductory luncheon in Terrace Nov. 6.

"I believe in my heart

that we have a story to tell, that we can contribute a very valid story to the world of academia."

After a week touring Nass communities, meeting WWN dignitaries and feasting on traditional Nisga'a food, the group will have written a draft agreement, setting up a partnership between the two indigenous nations.

Nyce and a delegation of

three other Nisga'a will then travel south for a first-hand understanding of indigenous territory and people in Peru.

The agreement breaks north-south boundaries between aboriginal people, who will develop a grass roots university in Peru in association with established Peruvian universities.

Using WWN's relationship with UNBC as a

model, CONAP will work toward their ultimate goal of creating a new level of indigenous professionals in the Amazon.

Its people will be able to develop their own natural resources, administer their own businesses and control their own economies.

Ideally, the setup will also foster a student exchange program between WWN and CONAP.



GOOD AT HIS GAME: Walter Raedeke and Christine Koefed play a game of Scrabble November 6 at a tournament at Northwest Community College. Raedeke won the tournament, undefeated in all seven of his games. Another tournament is scheduled for February 5, 2000.

Scrabble wiz wins second Terrace tournament

WALTER RAEDEKE is a typical Scrabble wizard.

He's creative, imaginative, and he's fascinated with words.

"I do love words," he admitted. "I'm always looking at the etymology (the root of the word.)"

But being a good Scrabble player doesn't necessarily come naturally.

Raedeke practices playing and studies the Scrabble vocabulary book for about 45 minutes each day.

"I generally play and study on my own," he added.

What Raedeke likes about Scrabble, is that no two games are alike.

"It's a creative game," he said. "It's about words and using some imagination."

Considering his love for the game, it's no wonder that Raedeke lead the Terrace Scrabble tournament November 6, winning all of his

seven games.

He averaged 364 points per game, which is incredibly high, considering a great score is anywhere from 400 to 600 points.

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— Walter Raedeke.

He explained that only phenomenal players like World Scrabble Champion Joel Wapnick, who is Canadian, often score 600 points.

Runner up in the Terrace tournament was Geri Mantel, who won four out of seven games.

Division Two was won by Rob Relling (5-1) with runners up Brenda Silsebe and Larry Bollingbroke, both winning four out of their six games.

Last minute entrant Karen McAthy, the unofficial Groundworks "champion", won the tough luck award, earning her a one year membership to the National Scrabble Association.

High Game went to Rob Relling with 465 points in his first game of the day.

Raedeke said special thanks go to Karen Chrysler, Angelette Korutz, and Kelly Kline for being word judges at this event, as well as Phil Bialobzyski who tallies the scores.

The Terrace Scrabble Club meets every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in the Terrace Public Library.

The club has planned another tournament February 5.

Musicians Joe Trio are comin' to town

"THEY'RE young, they're hip, and they're music is timeless."

That's how Concert Society president Karen Birkedal describes classically trained musicians Joe Trio, performing here November 25.

Since this Vancouver violin-cello-piano trio was formed in 1989, they have performed concerts across Canada and in the United States.

Their repertoire consists of the classics - from Haydn to Shostakovich. They also play new works by contemporary composers, as well as their own imaginative arrangements of popular jazz and rock tunes.

"They're very user friendly," Birkedal said. "They can play a wide degree of music."

In 1997, Joe Trio recorded their first CD, *A Cup of Joe*, which is regularly played on the CBC.

All three performers are top-notch musicians. Violinist Cameron Wilson is currently a member of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra. Cellist Laura McPheeters has played in *Showboat* and the orchestras of the Vancouver Opera and Modern Baroque Opera Company. Pianist Allen Stiles has played in the Canadian and International productions of *Phantom of the Opera* and the touring productions of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Music of the Night* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

The Concert Society will be selling wine and beer at this concert.

Tickets for Joe Trio cost \$23 at Uniglobe Courtesy Travel.

CITY SCENE

THEATRE:

THE TERRACE LITTLE THEATRE presents "The Odd Couple", the first play of the season on **November 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, and on December 2, 3, and 4.** Come to the McColl Playhouse to see the play directed by Marianne Weston.

MUSIC:

JOE TRIO: The Terrace Concert Society presents piano trio Joe Trio **November 25 at 8 p.m.** at the REM Lee Theatre. Their repertoire consists of the classics - from Haydn to Shostakovich - new works by contemporary composers, and their own imaginative arrangements of popular, jazz and rock tunes. Come enjoy a glass or wine or beer this evening at the theatre.

COFFEEHOUSE: Terrace musicians Association present a coffeehouse **Saturday, November 20 at 8 p.m.** at Elks Hall, featuring Corcobado and Wayne Sheridan.

Have the autumn rains brought your spirits down? Let the joyful sounds of singing lift them up! Come hear the **KERMODEI CHORISTERS** children's choir and **VOX POLARIS** adult community choir in song **Sunday, November 21 at 2 p.m.** The concert will be held at Knox United Church, and will have music to chase away the November blues! Tickets at the door \$8 adults/\$6 students and seniors.

Join **THE TERRACE COMMUNITY BAND** for its **MUSICAL TOUR THROUGH EUROPE.** They will warm your hearts and toes with their entertaining selections, **Saturday, November 20** beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Pentecostal Assembly, 3511 Eby Street. Also on the program, and always a hit, the **Big Band.** Tickets available at the door: Adults \$8, seniors/student \$5, children 12 and under free. For more info call Carol at 635-4729.

THORNHILL JUNIOR SECONDARY BAND will be performing **November 26 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Pentecostal Assembly.

DANCE:

Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Terrace presents **A FALL FLING DANCE** featuring music of the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's. Come to the Kin Hut **Saturday, November 20** from 8:30 p.m. to 1 A.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Tickets are available at Sight and Sound or from any board member. Door prizes, return shuttle available by donation.

ART GALLERY:

FUNCTIONAL ART **November 12 to November 28:** Art isn't just for hanging on your walls. Come and see a wide selection of art that you can cook with, sit on, sleep with, walk on and wear. **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:** Our Christmas craft fair will take place in the Gallery on **Friday, December 3** from 6-9 p.m. and **Saturday, December 4** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Wednesday, November 10
Northwest Development Education Association and Terrace and District Multiculture Association's annual general meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 10 at 7 p.m.** at the Terrace Art Gallery. Dr. Isaac Sobol will present a slide show on his recent trip to Tibet entitled "Travels to Tibet with Shoes from Terrace" following the AGM. For more info call 638-8329.

Saturday, November 13
HOLIDAY SEASON BAZAAR at Kiti K'Shan Primary School (4730 Graham Ave). time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Tables for rent for \$20. Call Pete for more info 638-1056. All vendors welcome. Bring your crafts, wood works, pottery, toys, clothes, tupper wares, Avon, candles, bake goods, jewellery, or anything else! Come join us for breakfast and lunch.

Sunday, November 14
Terrace Nisga'a Tribal Council local monthly membership meeting from 1-4 p.m. at the N.T.C. meeting room. Members urged to attend.

Monday, November 15
Dry Grad meetings will be held on the third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Caledonia library. The next meeting is on Nov.15. All grad parents are encouraged to attend. For more info, call Thecla at 635-7872 or Karen at 638-1508.

The Terrace Churches Food Bank opens its doors for its November distribution on the following dates: **November 15-18.** The distribution centre is located at 4647 Lazelle, rear entrance. It is important to bring ID for you and your dependents. The food bank operates between 1-3 p.m. Monday is open to people with last names beginning with initials A-H. Tuesday is open for people with last names I-R. Wednesday is open to people S-Z and Thursday for anyone missed.

Tuesday, November 16
First Nations Council of Women in seeking new members and volunteers for a community Christmas dinner. Next meeting is Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Terrace Resource Centre. For more info call Bonnie at 638-2088.

First Nations Council of Women is organizing a focus group discussions on "It takes a community to raise a child," facilitated by Liza Haldane and Mary Ann Skill. Come to the Terrace Women's Resource Centre at 7:30 p.m. All parents, grandparents, guardians and interested citizens are invited. We need to hear your voice. Our children are counting on you. For more info call Liza at 638-0228.

Wednesday, November 17
Canadian Women in Timber 9th Annual Christmas Bazaar from 6-10 p.m. in the Coast Inn of the West Banquet Rooms (Three Christmas basket raffles, free coffee and donuts, non-smoking event.)

Thursday, November 18
Terrace and Area Health Council: notice of regular board meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the Education room, Mills Memorial Hospital.

To celebrate **Drug Awareness Week**, there will be a Drug Awareness display at

Northwest Community College from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Clean Air Coalition: Here is your chance to learn about how the January 1, 2000 Workers' Compensation Board Regulations on smoke-free workplaces will affect you! The Clean Air Coalition of Terrace is planning a Community Information Session **Thursday, November 18** from 7-9 p.m. at the Coast Inn of The West in the West Banquet Room. Refreshments provided.

Free Infant Safety Course at 7 p.m. at the Health Unit. Learn prevention and intervention for falls, choking and more. To register, please call 635-2200 or come into the North West Health Unit at 3412 Kalum Street (Public Health Office.)

Friday, November 19
Mills Memorial Hospital Auxillary is having its Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale from 1-5 p.m. and Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby at the hospital.

Saturday, November 20
To celebrate **Drug Awareness Week**, the Northwest Addiction Services will be sponsoring a "Fatal Vision Obstacle Course" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Skeena Mall in Terrace.

The **Family Place** invites children, youth and adults to celebrate **National Child Day.** Visit our mall display and children's activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for free face painting, play dough, story time and balloons. Enjoy a free swim at the Terrace Aquatic Centre from 5-6 p.m. (Children 7 and under must be accompanied to the pool by and adult.) Please join us in celebrating our children. Make **National Child Day** special for the children in your life.

Join **Eberle and Holly** from the Terrace Public Library for some **story telling** at the Skeena Mall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to celebrate **National Child Day.** Storytime will be presented on the hour.

TERRACE PHOTO CLUB slide presentation at Caledonia High School (projection room) at 7 p.m. For more info call Shawn at 638-6398.

THE TERRACE HOMEBASED BUSINESS FAIR presents a fall fair in the Terrace Area Banquet Room from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Heather at 635-2365 or Eireen at 635-9415.

THE SALVATION ARMY will be having a **Craft and Bake Sale** from 1-3 p.m. at the Salvation Army Hall at 4643 Walsh Avenue. There will be baked goods, and homemade crafts available as well as a place for coffee and treats. Cookbooks, T-shirts and baseball hats will also be available.

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

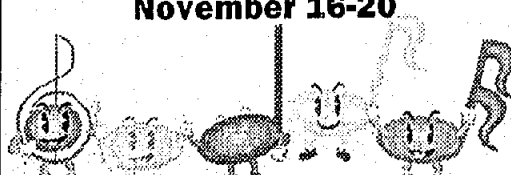
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Baby's Name: Lauren Mikaya
Date & Time of Birth: Oct. 25, 1999 at 6:44 p.m.
Weight: 9 lbs. Sex: Female
Parents: Jacqueline & Jerry Root
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Baby's Name: Konrad Edgar Perry
Date & Time of Birth: Oct. 26, 1999 at 4:26 p.m.
Weight: 7 lbs. Sex: Male
Parents: William & Denise

Baby's Name: Dylan Alexander Clarence Bolton
Date & Time of Birth: Oct. 25, 1999 at 9:28 a.m.
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by Claudia Perry

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A study released in 1975 supported many historical uses of the herb, with benefits for arthritis, rheumatism, high blood pressure and high blood cholesterol levels.

The study showed that Yucca contains non-toxic steroid saponins. These saponins promote our body's ability to produce natural cortisone, which helps with inflammation, healing and pain. Those same saponins work on the natural intestinal balance, stimulating friendly flora and restricting others. Thus it may effect enhanced absorption of nutrients at the same time as relieving a toxic burden to your eliminative systems.

As well, the herb contains easily-used calcium to nourish the joints. The minerals zinc, selenium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, iron, manganese and silicon are present, along with vitamins A, C, and niacin. Impressive results have been reported from certain clinics in the Sonoran desert, where Yucca is included in a routine prescription for arthritis.

While its primary action is on arthritic conditions, Yucca may additionally be helpful for bursitis, cataracts, colitis, dandruff, gallbladder, gout, liver problems, prostatitis, urethritis, and venereal disease.

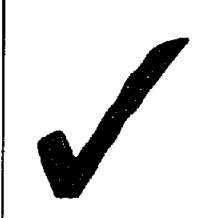
THE SOLUTION: As yucca can cause some intestinal cramping due to its purgative nature, look for it in combination with other complimentary herbs. A suggested formula might include white willow, allalla, burdock, black cohosh, sarsaparilla, parsley and slippery elm for best results. Remember, a healthy body works, plays, and feels better!

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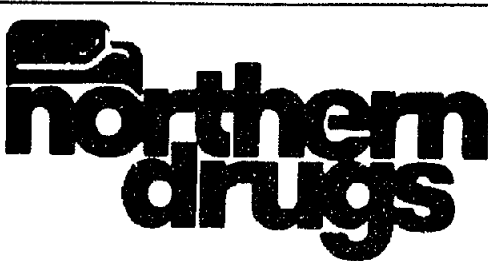


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THE MONTHLY meeting of Branch #73 was held on Wednesday, November 9 at the Happy Gang Centre with president Mary Ann Dilley presiding.

There was an excellent turnout with 73 people in attendance.

May McFarland, secretary, announced that in 1999 there were 240 members and 24 life members, making the grand total of 264.

New members introduced Betty Newlove, and Pat and Ron Jacobs.

A moment of silence was observed for Harold Wilcox who passes away since the last meeting. Silence was also observed for those who fought in world wars for their country.

Plans for the Christmas Bazaar are well underway and members are urged to bring their crafts/knitting goods in soon so pricing can be done. Raffle tickets should be returned when books are finished - there are still a few books remaining to be sold.

Election of vacancies on the centres executive were conducted by member Olga Power. The nomination committee of Mary Martin, Corbi King and Olga Power put forward Cliff Best - 1st Vice president, May McFarland - secretary, and for directors - Marge Drahorad, and Fern Gagnon. These people were duly elected. Outgoing directors - Betty Demmitt and Roy Nelson were thanked for their service to the organization. All workers at the centre are volunteers and their efforts are very much appreciated.

Members please note the following dates:

Bazaar Day: Saturday November 20th, from 2-4 p.m. at the centre

Games Night: November 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting is Thursday, December 9th at 2 p.m.

Christmas Dinner is December 15th at 6 p.m. Sign up at the centre if attending so that no one is disappointed, your executive committee needs to have an idea of numbers ASAP.

See you at the centre!

Thank You

Volunteers admired

I would like to add a few THANKS to the story in your last edition about the food donations to the shelter.

Thank you to the Salvation Army who gave the mining company our name for this donation.

The food was delivered on two separate dates. Thanks go out to Joe, a shelter employee, for donating his time and truck to deliver, and unload the first three pallets of food to the shelter.

Bandstra brought the second load of food to the shelter, the driver helped unload the three pallets then met me at two other locations and packed the meat into freezers. Thank you for ensuring we found enough freezer space for the meat.

I would also like to thank my children, whom I volunteered, to help unload and deliver some of the donations.

The Stepping Stone Clubhouse also received a donation of the food.

Janet Costain

Thank you for your article, "Tibetans receive shoes" (Wednesday, Oct. 27, 1999).

There is one correction and a few additions I'd like your readers to be aware of. The number of pairs of shoes delivered to poor youngsters was actually 400. We took the best of the over 1000 pairs of shoes donated by residents of Terrace and Nisga'a communities in the Nass Valley.

The great volume of donations made it impossible to take every pair donated.

Some shoes have been kept for our next trip to Tibet, and others will be donated to local charity organizations.

It was a fantastic response, which has brought joy to many children in Tibet, and for which our communities should be proud.

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Doctor Isaac Sobol

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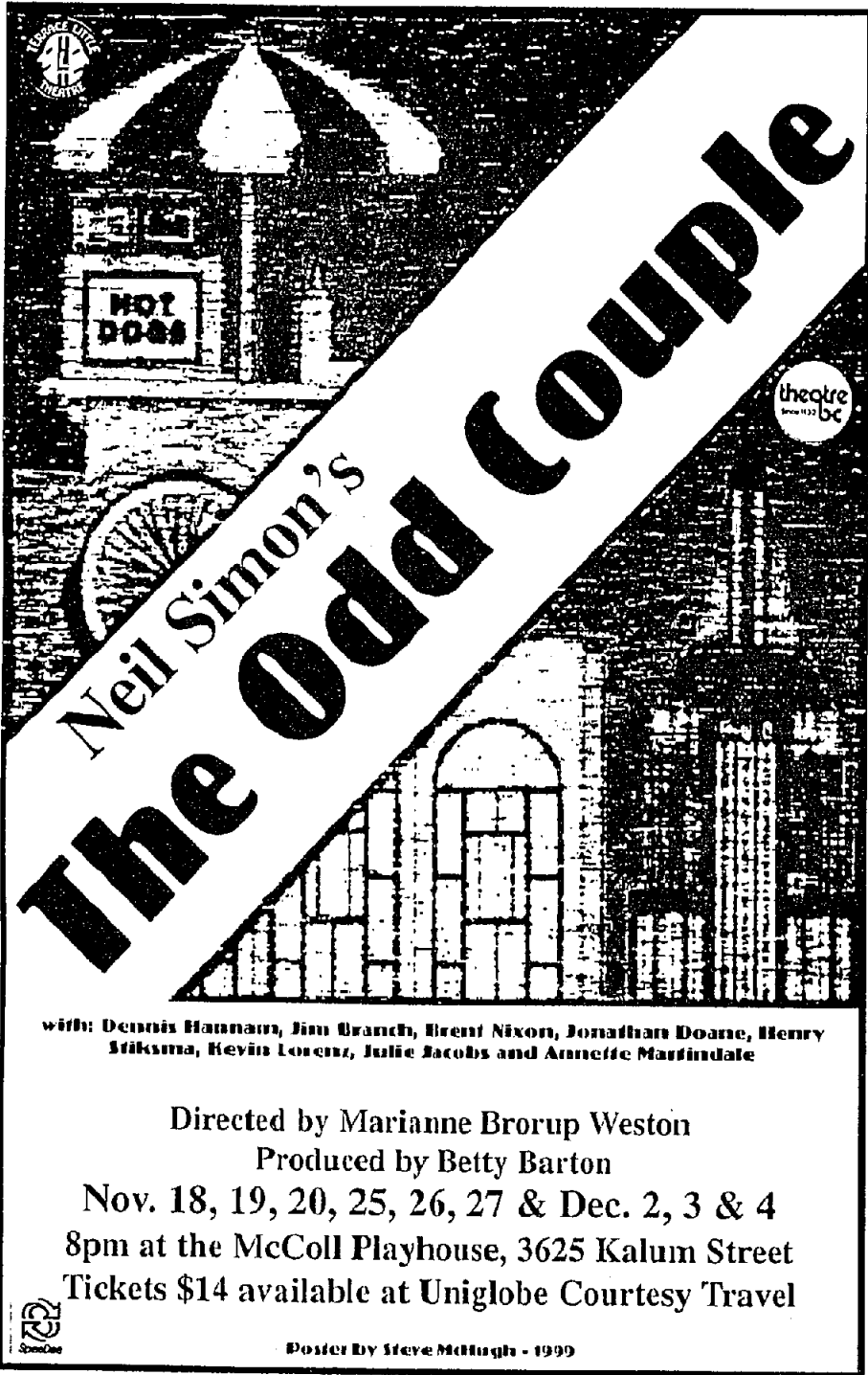
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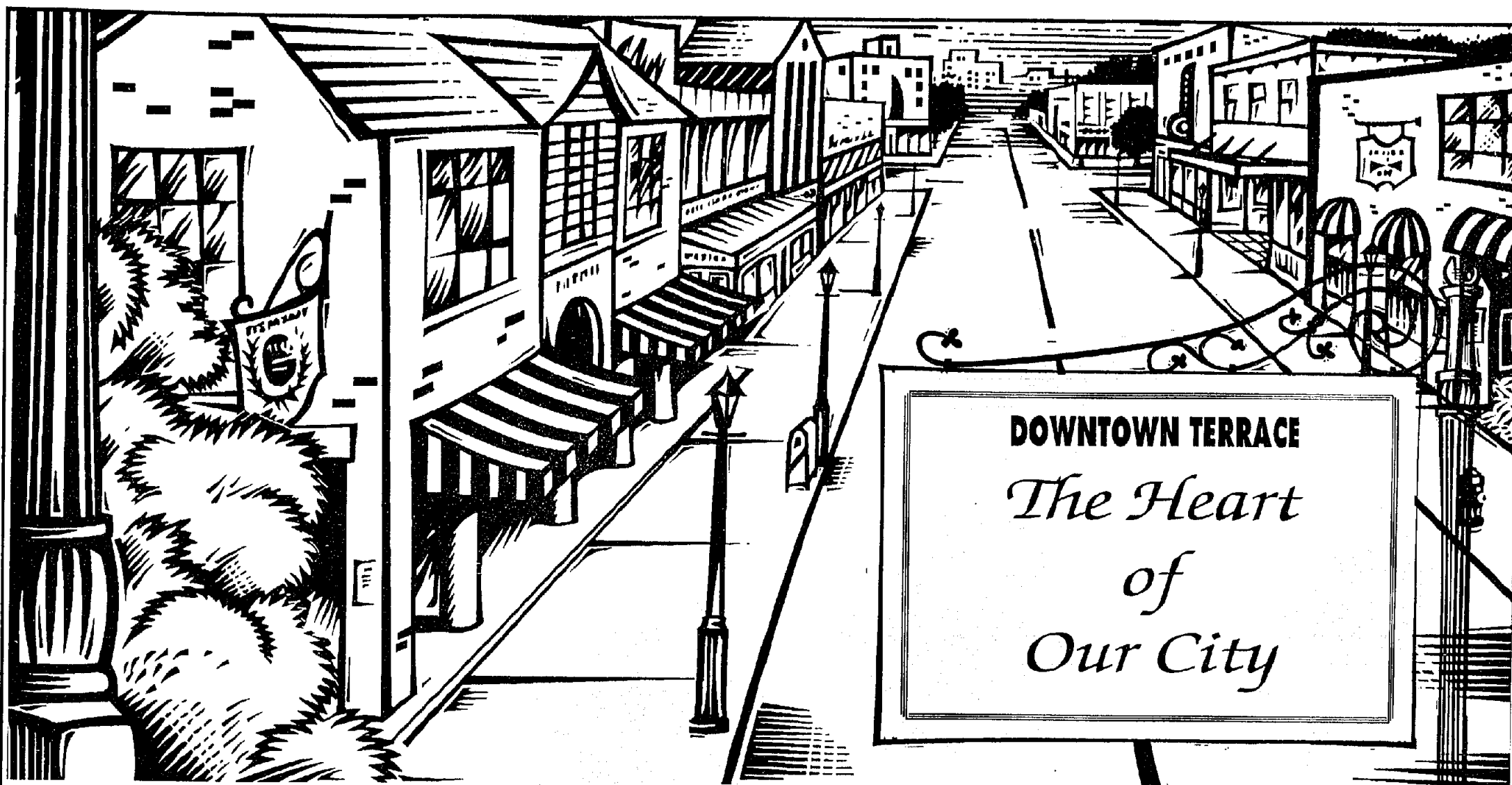
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Terraceview employee retires after 30 years



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After 30 years of dedicated service, Jim MacKenzie retired last month from Terraceview Lodge.

A retirement party was held for Jim last week at the Northern Motor Inn with about 100 co-workers and friends in attendance.

Jim received a beautiful picture of both the former Skeenaview and the current Terraceview Lodge management and staff.

He also received a cheque from the Health Care Society, which is given when employees retire.

Hugh Power, representing the K-40 group, presented Jim with a lovely stainless steel mug. Mayor Jack Talstra also gave Jim a special letter thanking him for his 30 years of service.

Jim was born October 15, 1938 in Lockeport, Nova Scotia.

Jim's mother was Evelyn Frank. His step-father was Jack Frank, who was the first white child born in Kitsumkallum. There were only two boys in the family - Jim's brother Edward MacKenzie also lives in Terrace.

Jim grew up in Nova Scotia. In 1951, his mother Evelyn went to Vanderhoof

to help take care of her sister, Joan Dean, who now lives in Kitimat.

Jim and his brother Edward stayed behind with their grandmother, Maud Attwood.

A year later in 1952, when Jim was 13, he and his brother travelled on the train all the way from Halifax to Prince George, B.C.

Arrangements were made with two nuns, who were also travelling on the train to Prince George, to look after the two boys on their long journey.

While they lived in Vanderhoof, Jim's mother Evelyn met Jack Frank who was working there at the time.

They then were married in Vanderhoof and in 1956 the family moved to Terrace.

In Terrace, Jim continued on in high school, at Skeena until 1957. Then he went to work for Skeena Beverages, which was owned by Gordon Temple, on Grieg Avenue until 1960 when the building burned down.

After working at several different jobs in the city, Jim was hired in 1969 at the Home for the Aged, now called Terraceview Lodge. He worked at the senior's residence for one year, until he was hired at Al's Laundry down by the Legion.

After a couple years there, Jim then went back to work at the Home for the Aged as a cook's helper. He left there again to work at Simpson Sears for one year.

Then in September 1969, he went back up to

Terraceview. For the last 30 years Jim has been working at Terraceview Lodge in the housekeeping department.

Over the years, Jim has been very involved in the community as a hard working volunteer.

Jim has been a very dedicated member of the Terrace Kinsmen since 1967, and now he's a life member.

Jim has also been a very hard working member of the Royal Canadian Le-

gion for 14 years. He is also a member of the Terrace Happy Gang Centre, Citizens on Patrol and Zone 10 Seniors Games.

This year, he won two gold medals competing in cribbage at the Seniors Games.

I would like to wish Jim Mackenzie a very happy retirement. I'd also like to thank him for all the volunteer work he does. It's people like him who make Terrace a better place to live.

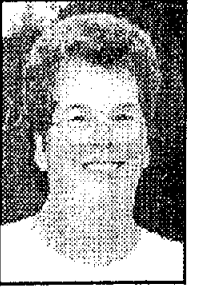
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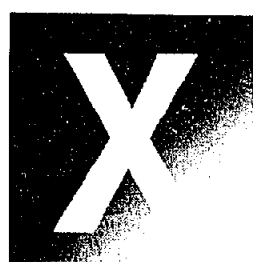
HOW IS TERRACE DOING?

How is Terrace doing under Jack Talstra's leadership? One way to check is by looking at the other communities in our region.

Jack Talstra has always sought to promote Terrace as a regional centre—both in terms of retail sales and industrial service & supply. With a business-friendly approach and reliable municipal services, the city has grown to a point where significant numbers of shoppers are now being drawn from Prince Rupert and Smithers. These people are in addition to the many visitors arriving from Kitimat, the Nass and Stewart.

Needless to say, a strong retail sector protects local jobs and our tax base.

Population trends, always an indicator of economic health, summarize things best: Terrace has grown over the last few years to where it is now the largest city* in the Northwest.



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Quality angling

The Copper River is as good a steelhead river as any we have in this province. When fisheries managers assigned classifications to our steelhead rivers and streams they decreed that to qualify for class one status a river must offer a wilderness experience. The Dean was so designated, as was the Gtinadoix. The part of the Copper above Limonite Creek qualified too, and still holds that designation despite the fact that access to it is much easier now.

I've never understood why remote wilderness was an essential ingredient in the recipe for angling of the highest order. Getting to the Dean, for example, is either expensive or difficult or both. Once there, the angler will have to tent unless he's booked a slot with one of the guiding outfits working the river. When the weather is vile, camping gets downright ugly. Sitting, soaked under a low lead coloured sky, rods propped up against the tent, watching logs course down a swollen, discoloured river for days on end is the polar opposite of quality angling.

Decent access is an essential feature of top quality angling: I think so, and so do almost all the accomplished and devoted anglers I know. After a leisurely breakfast at home I can go out to the Copper river in the comfort of my vehicle, select a beautiful run in a non-threatening wilderness environment, catch a few steelhead then return to the comforts of home before dark. Tourist anglers can return to their camper after a day's fishing or stay in town where they can enjoy the amenities.

When cobbling together the river classification system, environment ministry staff correctly understood that crowding was inimical to a first class angling experience. Despite the fact that it can only be gained by plane, boat, or helicopter, the Dean sees many more anglers than the Copper. One afternoon this season I counted 30 vehicles on the Copper River above the Clore, largely because the lower river was dirty. On every other day I saw one or two other fishermen, and many days I saw none.

All of the Copper is first class because it has lots of productive water, varied riverscapes, majestic views, few fishers, and a strong, growing run of summer steelhead, all of it close to town, but if this superb fishing experience is to be preserved strong measures must be taken soon.

A number of factors will lead to overcrowding on the Copper. After a pair of fine seasons, reports on the good fishing have circulated widely. Many American anglers who now spend their time in the Bulkley Valley and the Kispixox will make their way to the Copper. Illegal guides have been working the river for years now, increasing the guiding pressure above the limits set by the fisheries ministry while at the same time undermining the integrity of the fishing regulations. More and more non-resident fishers are staying at local hotels or bed and breakfasts and making their way to the river on their own. Some foreign anglers hire a guide once then come back to fish the same runs with a guide on their own decreasing the guide's opportunities, or, at the very least making his job more difficult, while adding to the fishing pressure. At present there is nothing to prevent a non-resident angler from hiring a guide then setting up camp on the river and guiding himself.

Preventing the possibility of overcrowding and the consequent diminution of angling excellence on the Copper can be easily accomplished by the imposition of a regulation that requires all non-resident anglers to hire a guide. This simple change would immediately eliminate the parasites who practise illegal guiding. It would also increase the economic benefits from the fishery while encouraging the participation of anglers who are willing to pay a reasonable price to partake in some of the world's best steelheading.

Economies, like ecosystems, are healthier when they are diverse. We should be striving to create a robust, carefully controlled guiding industry here to promote economic diversity and to provide stable employment to our community. A guide requirement for non-residents on the Copper would go a long way toward accomplishing this.

This change will require some kind of adjustment to the number of guided days on the Copper, but ultimately it would actually decrease the angling pressure by putting a ceiling on the non-resident activity thereby ensuring that residents, whose numbers are relatively stable, will continue to have access to fine angling.

Guides tend to avoid other fishers. The last thing a guide wants to do is take his clients through water that is already fished, or risk conflict and resentment by placing them beside resident anglers.

Non-resident anglers loose on a foreign river can be a threat to themselves and others. Putting these people under the watchful eye of a guide ensures compliance with regulations, guarantees them a measure of safety, increases their likelihood of angling success, and promotes the proper handling of fish.

Any idea that has the potential to increase wealth of a community, promote stability, while protecting the interests of its residents, deserves a very hard look.



NICE BREAKAWAY: That's Junior ringette player Danielle Billey during a tournament game against Houston earlier this month. Billey and her teammates beat Houston and Prince George and lost to Quesnel in three-game road trip.

TERRACE RINGETTE ASSOCIATION

Juniors split wins in tough road trip

TERRACE JUNIOR ringette players won two games and lost another on a road trip this month.

The team, beat Prince George and Houston but lost to a hard-to-beat team from Quesnel 11-5.

The Terrace Petites had a disappointing tournament and lost both games to Prince George (6-1, 10-5) and Quesnel, 7-2.

The Novices, who were strong enough to play in the

Junior division at a tournament here last month, played in their own division and won all of their games.

The Juniors feature a brand new goalie, Kristen Daumont, who comes to the sport with fresh eyes and a fast glove hand.

Several Juniors are hoping to qualify for the host team at the Canadian National Competitions in Prince George in February.

Acceptance to the team

means hard work and weekly road trips east during the winter weekends leading up to the Canadians but it's also a once-in-a-life-time opportunity said local spokesperson Dianne Billiey.

Several older teammates may also qualify for the Belle (17 years old and up) All Star team.

Those results will be released in the first week of December.

Bantams test strength against Triple-A teams in Quesnel

THE TERRACE Inland Kenworth Bantam "AA" Reps ran into stiff competition at a tournament in Quesnel Nov. 5-7.

They got off to a brutal start by dropping the opening game of the tournament to the host team, The Quesnel Thunder Bantam "AAA" Reps, 9-2. Kelly Steel

and Jordin Kostelnik scored Terrace's two goals.

Terrence then faced the Fort St. John Flyers "AAA" Rep team and lost 8-3.

Terrence trailed 4-3 going into the third period when Fort St. John scored on a long

screen shot that deflated Terrace's enthusiasm. Sean Mahoney, Steven Cullis and Kelly Steel scored Terrace's goals.

Terrence then lost 8-2 against The Williams Lake "AA" Bantam Reps. J.J. Duben and Josh Murray scored Terrace's goals.

In their final game against The 100 Mile House "AA" Bantam Reps Terrace won 8-2.

Stephen Cullis paced the Terrace team with three goals, including one on a penalty shot. Dan Mathews, J.J. Duben, Josh Murray and Sean Mahoney scored other goals.

Terrence assistant coach John Amos

said Triple-A teams are always harder to play against.

"They are about half a step faster and usually bigger than our guys, as they have so many more players to choose from."

Amos also said Triple-A teams also have a distinct advantage over Terrace in practice time.

"They're practising two to three times a week, where we normally get one practice at 5 a.m."

"Don't get me wrong," Amos said, "I'm not making excuses for our team, I think we should have done

better."

Amos added Terrace was "right in the game" in their battle with Fort St. John until the Fort scored on a long drive.

And, he said, Terrace is skilled enough to have beaten Williams Lake but the team spent more than 60 minutes in the penalty box.

"That showed a definite lack of discipline," he said. "We definitely have a lot of work to do over the next couple weeks."

Terrence played Prince Rupert here last weekend and will be attending a "AAA" bantam tournament in Williams Lake Nov. 19 - 21.

Sports Scope

Recognize them?

LAST WEEK the Terrace Standard boasted about the skills of our very own Maxine Smallwood and Bob Goodvin, two of the area's B.C. Seniors Games competitors who won gold medals at the World Senior Games in St. George, Utah last month.

This week, we've got pictures.

Take a peek at Maxine and Bob donned with their four gold medals.

Maxine won hers in the discus, javelin and shot put events, while Bob won a gold medal in the discus.

Although they both enjoyed the variety of events, including square dancing, at the games, the athletes say they don't plan on attending the World Games again next year due to busy personal lives and a hectic senior game season.

Once again, congratulations!



Maxine Smallwood



Bob Goodvin

Terrace Oldtimers get beat in Rupert

THE TERRACE Timberman and Terrace Subway Oldtimers hockey teams were out-skated at the Carlo Paolinelli Memorial Oldtimers Memorial Tournament in Prince Rupert earlier this month.

Subway was squeezed out of first place in the Flounder division after racking in 19 points, one point short of Rupert Wood'n Steel.

The Terrace Timberman beat out A&G Auto Body Repairs in the Red Snapper division with 16 points, but fell short of Prince Rupert's Stingray Fishers and the Kitimat Eagles who topped their division with 19 points.

The Carlo Paolinelli Tournament is a 12-team tournament which pits teams from Hazelton and Stewart to Prince Rupert in a fun four-day tournament.

Let the futsal begin

THE TERRACE men's futsal season starts soon.

Although some teams are still getting organized for the upcoming season, about seven teams should be registered to play come game time.

All games run Mondays and Tuesdays at Caledonia Senior Secondary.

Call Jacques 635-4368 or Trevor at 635-5674 for more information.

Futsal is similar to indoor soccer and, if you want to try the sport in action head to Caledonia Mondays for a quick drop in round.

The fun, co-ed games run every Monday at 6 p.m. to Nov. 29 and may be moved to Thornhill next month.

A minimal fee is charged to cover gym rental.

Caledonia wins Renaud Fontaine Memorial

THE CALEDONIA Senior boys volleyball team took first in the Renaud Fontaine Memorial Volleyball Tournament at Caledonia Oct. 30.

The Caledonia boys beat out Bulkley Valley Christian School in the finals after beating Smithers Secondary two games to one in semi-final action.

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AT THE RINK: Assistant coach Barbara Brain and coach Cynthia Hummel pose for the cameras with the level one and two Canpower skaters.

Canpower gives hockey players a skating edge

MORE THAN 55 skaters registered for Canpower sessions in Terrace for the winter months, Canpower has proven to be a very popular sport.

Offered through the Terrace Figure Skating Club, Canpower is a sport for hockey and ringette players who want to develop their on-ice speed and agility.

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ringette and hockey - to increase manoeuvrability on the ice.

All coaches are fully qualified and must take a Canpower instructive course to be able to teach.

Terrace's coaches both recently upgraded their skills this summer in Vancouver.

The next round of Canpower lessons starts in January and all skaters must register for an 10-session package to pass Canpower Canada's predetermined guidelines.

Watch closely for registration in December. Spaces are limited and usually fill quickly.

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Houston - Karla Holland at the Houston Friendship Center at (250)845-2131
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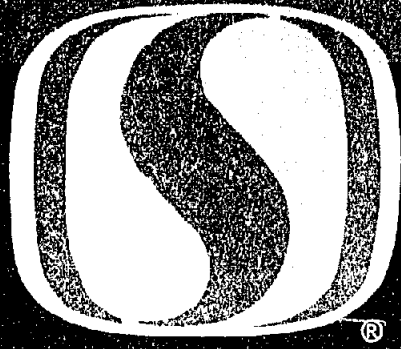
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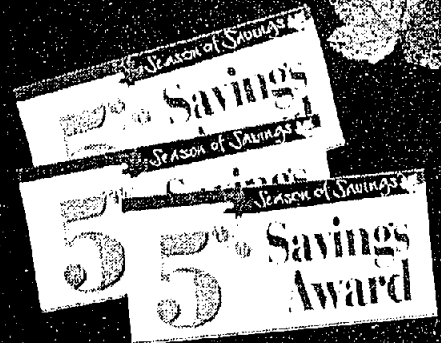


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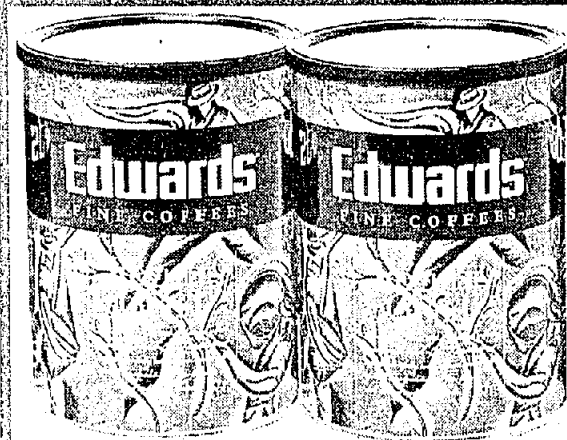
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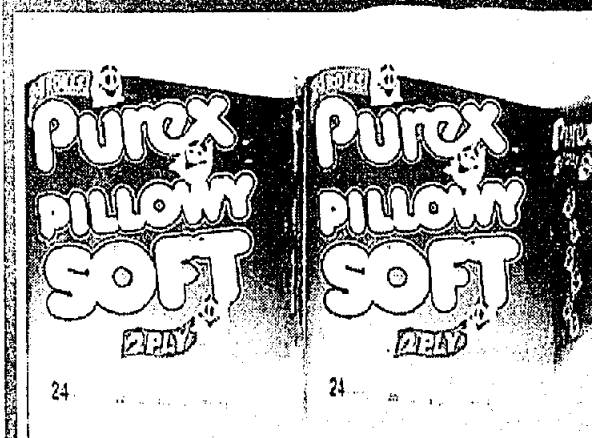
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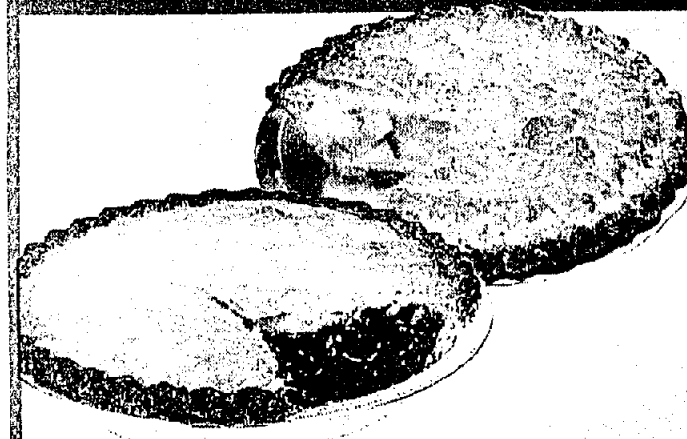
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