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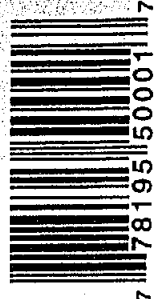
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## Gov't inept on power crisis – mayor

### 'Nobody sharp' is monitoring Alcan

By JEFF NAGEL

MAYOR JACK TALSTRA is accusing the province of incompetence in its handling of the Alcan power sales issue and industrial development in the northwest generally.

He made the comments after city council met chamber of commerce and Alcan representatives May 13 about the Alcan crisis.

"We have poor representation in government today," Talstra said. "My sense is these people aren't as capable

as they should be. What's most disappointing about it is you would think the Liberal government would be business-minded to some extent."

Kitimat council is poised to launch a court action to try to enforce contract terms that Alcan's Kemano power be used only for industry.

Officials there argue the province is making no effort to stop Alcan from gradually expanding its ability to sell power at the expense of aluminum smelting, threatening hundreds of jobs at the smelter.

Talstra said he suspects Kitimat council has strong grounds to take its stand against Alcan power sales.

And he said it appears the province has not paid close enough attention.

"Nobody sharp is on top of these files," Talstra said. "We're not on top of situations and not sharp enough to be on top of evolving situations in the

■ More on Alcan power sales on page A5

world."

He said other provinces and U.S. states offer incentives to attract companies to provide guaranteed numbers of jobs – something B.C.'s government seems unwilling to consider.

"Quebec has an industrial strategy," Talstra said. "A lot of states have an industrial strategy. We need an industrial strategy for the northwest."

Talstra also drew parallels between the government's handling of the Alcan issue and its sale of Skeena Cellulose just over a year ago.

He said he suspects talks with early bidder Mercer International collapsed

because the province wouldn't negotiate extras to attract the firm in the way it was used to dealing with other governments.

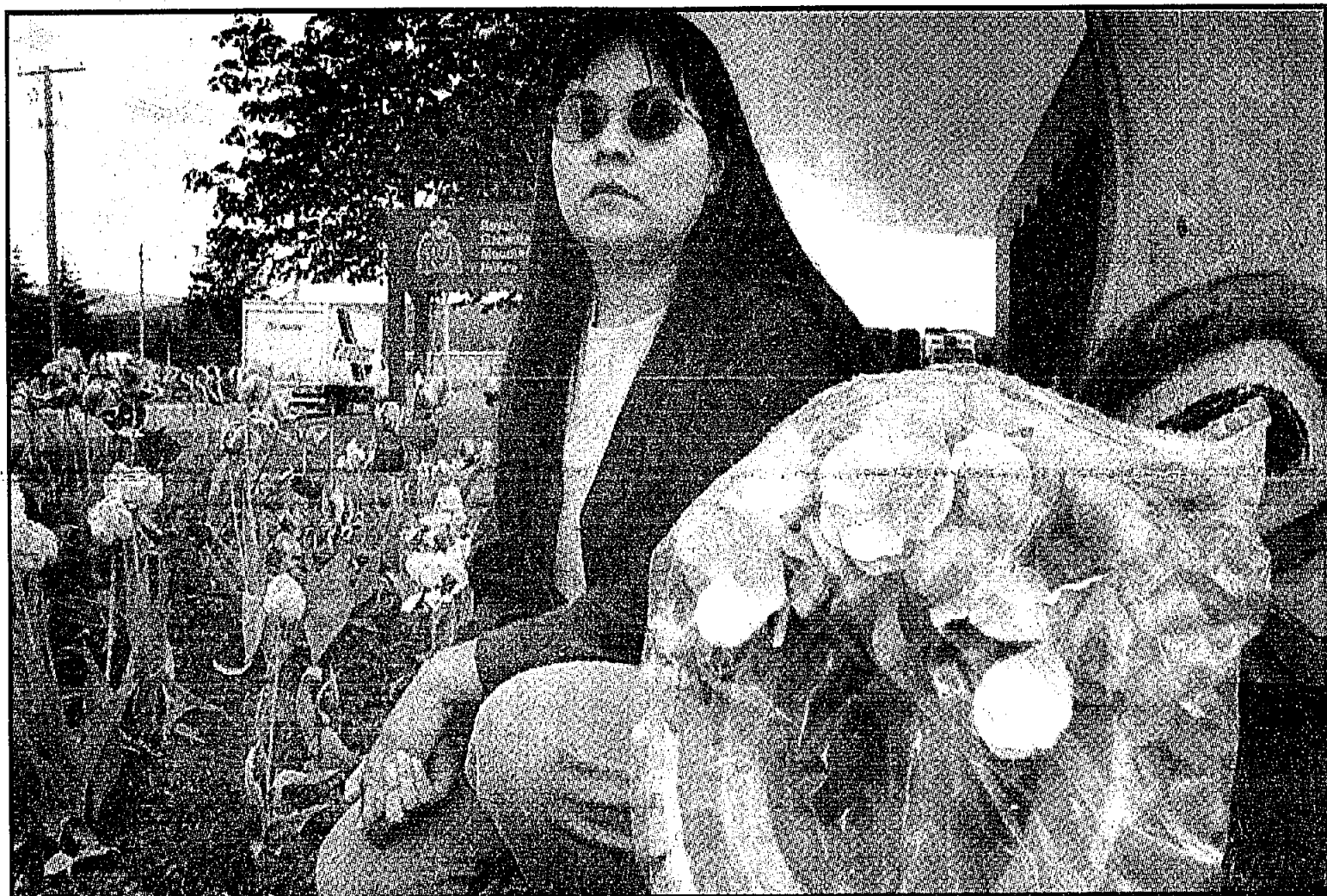
The comments came after a meeting in which city council debated the issue but emerged with no firm stand with Kitimat against Alcan power sales. Council instead decided to tell the province it considers the Alcan problem a regional issue, not one just affecting Kitimat.

Talstra said it may be useful to remain neutral for now. "I don't know what's so sacred about having a position," he said. "Because once you

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Talstra



Laurie Allen and her family laid a wreath in front of the Terrace RCMP detachment May 15 at the end of the coroner's inquest into the death of her brother Richard Allen. He died while in custody there July 4, 2001. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

## Inquest urges jail repairs

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

A CORONER'S jury says the drunk tank at the Terrace RCMP detachment needs a makeover to make it safer for prisoners.

The recommendation to replace the cell's steel bars and mesh with a clear material came after a May 12-15 coroner's inquest into the July 4, 2001 death of 29-year-old Richard William Allen.

Allen, a member of the Liard First Nation, died after threading his underwear through the bars of the cell and hanging himself, the jury concluded.

The recommendation was made "to prevent prisoners attaching clothing and doing bodily harm until planned renovations are carried out at some later date," the jury's foreman said.

Cell renovations at the detachment will take place over three

years with changes beginning in January 2004, says Terrace RCMP Inspector Marlin Degrand.

The jury's recommendation is meant as an interim measure until those renovations begin. It will be taken into consideration but Degrand doesn't know if it's physically feasible or not.

The jury also recommended guards and police officers be more vigilant when logging information about prisoners' activities and behaviours in the cell block. Guards should bring relief up to date on the activities of prisoners and be more vigilant of prisoners flagged on internal paperwork as being suicidal, the jury advised.

The jury heard the testimony of more than a dozen witnesses in determining the facts surrounding Allen's death.

The inquest heard he was arrested after he was found in a stolen pick-up truck that crashed into a ditch on North Sparks St. shortly after 4 p.m. July 4, 2001. He was arrested for impaired driving, refusing to provide a breath sample, theft over \$5,000 and possession of stolen property.

He began removing his clothing once in the drunk tank, which was a concern because he could harm himself or plug the toilet. Guards then took all his clothing except for his underwear, the inquest heard.

At 9:48 p.m. the detachment's matron – a guard – found Allen naked hanging from the cell bars by his underwear. Two officers brought him to the floor and began CPR. Ambulance attendants arrived minutes later and brought

Allen to Mills Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The inquest heard a closed circuit camera outside the cell was at an angle that made it impossible to see the corner of the cell where Allen hung himself. The tape of the time period when Allen is said to have hung himself shows nothing for nearly 20 minutes – something that concerns his family.

"I can't see my brother's location in that cell," said Allen's sister Grace Allen, adding she viewed the tape numerous times. "Why doesn't it show him walking to that area? Why doesn't it show him taking his underwear off?"

The jury called the closed circuit monitoring system inadequate and outdated, but acknowledged it was upgraded soon after Allen's death.

## Deal aims for Sept. 15 mill start

IWA members set to vote

By JEFF NAGEL

A DEAL struck between New Skeena Forest Products and the IWA is expected to put 160 workers back on the job at the Terrace sawmill by Sept. 15.

If that doesn't happen, each worker will get a \$1,250 "poison pill" payment, union president Darrel Wong said.

"The company is hoping to restart operation prior to that date but they're not committing prior to that date," he explained.

Wong said an earlier restart depends in large part on other factors affecting profitability – lumber prices, the rising Canadian dollar, and the details of any deal with the U.S. on softwood lumber.

The tentative agreement was struck in the early morning hours of May 10 after two days of marathon talks.

Members here were briefed on the agreement Saturday and are to vote on it this week.

"I don't think there's any better alternative right now," Wong said. "This is the best agreement we're going to get under the circumstances."

The agreement includes a 20 per cent pay cut in exchange for profit sharing. The union gave up its demand for seven weeks vacation and agreed to the company's offer of five.

And there are provisions for flexible shift scheduling that are expected to allow the company to move from five eight-hour

days per week to four 10-hour days.

The agreement would expire Sept. 15, 2008.

Other-key elements:  
■ Workers get \$1,250 each upon ratification, plus three additional \$1,250 payments at one-month intervals through the summer.

■ A doubling of the duration of seniority rights in event of future shut-downs. That means union workers would be shielded from the threat of loss of seniority rights for three years if the mill shuts down, rather than the present 18 months. All seniority rights are reinstated under the deal although they elapsed earlier this spring.

■ Benefits provisions are protected and any coast-wide improvements negotiated also extend to New Skeena workers.

■ Wages and vacation provisions return to coast-wide negotiated levels in 2008 if there is no new agreement then.

"Now it's time to see whether the profit-sharing system works and hopefully to get back to work very soon and start putting some money in our members' pockets as well as help stabilize the community of Terrace," Wong said.

The agreement follows negotiations that came close to a deal before collapsing in December.

"I thought we were going to get a deal back in December," Wong said.

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BAND TEACHER Michael Wen directs music students at Thornhill Jr. Secondary. JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

## School band needs miracle

By JENNIFER LANG

THE AWARD-WINNING band program at Thornhill Junior Secondary School can be saved, says one of the school district's top officials.

Declining enrolment in Grade 8 and a switch to the semester system has created a timetable conflict, Rob Greenwood, the district's director of instruction Rob Greenwood said last week.

So far, Thornhill Junior has

been unable to schedule its band classes for the coming school year.

"It's complicated by numbers and it's complicated by timetables," he said.

Just 54 students are expected to enrol in Grade 8 at Thornhill Junior this September. That's well below the 80 to 90 new Grade 8s the school usually welcomes each year.

Just 12 to 15 are expected to sign up for Grade 8 band. That's

not enough students to meet class size requirements.

Greenwood said he is working with band instructors at Terrace's three high schools to see if a solution can be found.

"I wouldn't say that it's dead in the water," he said. "There are serious problems."

Part of the problem is Thornhill Junior Secondary is a small school.

The answer may be to combine band students in Grades 8,

9 and 10.

The school district intends to stick to a secondary school class size ratio of 27 students to every one teacher for the coming year.

"We're trying to work this all out," Greenwood added. "We'll find a way. We're finding ways for French immersion. Band shouldn't be that much of a problem."

Vice principal Scott Corp is

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### Timber time

SKEENA MLA Roger Harris and mayor Jack Talstra play with remote control boom boats at the Forestry Revitalization Exhibit May 14. The exhibit was at the Skeena Mall as part of a provincial tour to educate people about the importance of the industry. JESSIE GIES PHOTO

## Water vote can wait: councillor

THE CITY'S referendum on water fluoridation should be held back two and a half years until council elections in 2005, says a city councillor.

Although he favours elimination of the additive, David Hull said there's no immediate rush. "It's not good for you but it's not going to do you in in the next day or two," he said.

Hull said a single-issue referendum might not get the attention it deserves.

City officials have said a runway borrowing question could be added to a referendum on fluoridation.

The airport society wants to use the city's low-interest borrowing power to tap the up to \$2.5 million it needs to extend the runway from the present 6,000 feet to 7,500 feet to accommodate larger jets.

But Hull said a referendum is unnecessary there. "On small borrowing

counterpetition more than serves the public interest," he said. Under counterpetition a measure passes unless five per cent of voters sign a petition opposing it.

Hull also said the airport society intends to have the runway built this summer. He said it's possible the society will decide to borrow the money through other channels and proceed to construction without further city involvement.

Karen Birkedal, president of the Terrace Concert Society and a local parent, is livid because she doesn't think trustees are doing enough to save programs.

## From front Schools being 'cleansed' of music classes

confident a solution can be found.

"I'm sure there will be a Grade 8, 9, and 10 band program," he said.

The Coast Mountains School District had faced a \$5 million budget shortfall for the coming school year. In addition to bigger classes, the district will also move to a four-day week to cut costs.

Trustees have also made it clear the district's educational programs must pay for themselves because there's no extra money.

Karen Birkedal, president of the Terrace Concert Society and a local parent, is livid because she doesn't think trustees are doing enough to save programs.

"I've been calling it 'music cleansing'. We're not killing band. We're just doing to do nothing to facilitate it."

She said without a strong junior high school program, band programs at all three high schools in

Terrace will eventually die out.

She points to the now-defunct band programs in Hazelton and Kitimat.

"Kitimat has nothing. Hazelton has nothing. Now they're trying to do the same thing in Terrace."

She and other proponents of Terrace's high school band program are also dismayed by the possibility that local band teachers won't be sharing their expertise - music.

She said the district should consider closing Thornhill Junior and moving all junior high students to the new Skeena - ensuring the junior band program's survival.

She also had strong words for the education ministry.

"It takes years to build a program," she said. "I just don't know why the ministry in all its God damn wisdom doesn't say there's targeted funding for the arts. English teachers don't have to fight to keep their programs alive."

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## From front IWA, mill cut deal

"Then the company hardened up on positions I had understood they were prepared to move on, which put us in a bit of a tail spin and threw off negotiations."

The speedy deal after just two days of talks came after a series of exploratory meetings between Wong and New Skeena president Dan Veniez.

"We determined we had the basis to get on with it and hash it out," Veniez said.

He said it's a major step forward for the company, bolstering its efforts to raise financing as it continues to work toward a restart of the operations.

"It's a very positive signal," Veniez said.

The agreement cuts the sawmill's costs and improves its ability to be profitable despite difficult market conditions.

And it also aids the pulp mill, providing what will be the company's lowest-cost source of chips, he said.

"It will take our overall costs down, sending a strong signal to investors," Veniez said.



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# Cemetery upgrade hits snag

By JESSIE GIES

PLANS to restore the city's historic pioneer cemetery have hit a road block.

City councillor Lynne Christiansen says local efforts to spruce up the deteriorating Kitsumgallum Cemetery are being held back by rules that govern historic sites.

"There has to be some practical common sense applied," she said. "It's our history and heritage. It's more than just a graveyard there."

The city declared the old cemetery on Kalum Lake Drive a heritage site in 1996, triggering provincial regulations that restrict what can be done.

The graveyard, built in the early 1900s, has not been altered since. Many of the graves are sunken and monuments are crumbling into the ground.

"When you have headstones falling over, common sense has to prevail," Christiansen said. "There must be a way around the restrictions."

City council has asked city staff to look into the problem, but the process of getting permission to alter the heritage site has not been rapid.

"We're investigating right now," said Wade Loukes, the city parks and facilities manager.

Loukes said grass-cutting and other general maintenance is being kept up, but the graves themselves pose a problem.

"Being designated a heritage site, you're restricted on what you can do," he said. "Some sites have been damaged and we can't do anything to them without taking the proper steps."

City officials admit they have more questions than answers so far, but they plan to take the matter up with the provincial registrar



YVONNE MOEN and Aileen Frank want the old Kitsumgallum Cemetery restored in time for Riverboat Days and the other 75th anniversary events that will draw visitors this year. JESSIE GIES PHOTO

of cemeteries.

Yvonne Moen and other volunteers are pushing for restoration.

They say they want to clean up the site, put in some benches, flowering shrubs and pathways — so

**"When you have headstones falling over, common sense has to prevail."**

visitors are more comfortable about where they can walk.

They also want to post a plaque listing the names of those buried as well as a map showing where plots lay.

The cemetery doesn't even have a sign at its entrance right now.

Moen says the improvements would help living relatives who visit the cemetery as well as tourists interested in the area's history.

She and others on a restoration committee say they hope to have the site ready for visitors by Riverboat Days this August.

City council isn't sure that is possible.

"We'd like to see it done in the 75th year," Christiansen said. "But now we're looking to the end



Christiansen

of the summer."

Aileen Frank, a 70-year Terrace resident who used to live on the adjacent property, hopes something can be done. The cemetery is the resting place of her late husband, Floyd Frank, who died two years ago — as well as his mother, father, brothers and sisters.

"I'm concerned about the cemetery," Frank said, but added she's optimistic planned repairs will reverse the historic cemetery's decline.

"I think it's going to be good," she said.

# Summer-only stat shopping backed

By JEFF NAGEL

THE LATEST survey of local businesses has found a majority in favour of at least allowing statutory shopping on the three big summer holidays.

Chamber of commerce president Sheila Love said she's convinced there's merchant support for holiday shopping on Canada Day, B.C. Day and Labour Day.

"The majority of our members are okay with shopping on the two or three stats in the summer," she

said.

The chamber's latest poll of its members — the third it has conducted in recent months on stat shopping — found 49 per cent of retailers in favour of allowing stores to open on all statutory holidays. A further 15 per cent backed openings on just the three summer holidays.

Put together, Love said, that means 64 per cent support for stat shopping at least during the summer. The remaining 36 per cent

surveyed opposed any holiday openings.

She said the summer holiday openings make sense.

"We're trying to get the cruise business and more tourism business here," Love said. "If you're closed on the stats, that's when you get most of the tourists."

The new results contradict the chamber's two previous surveys on the issue, which found majorities of local businesses opposed to holiday shopping.

A change in provincial regulations will leave holiday shopping unregulated in Terrace unless city council passes its own regulations.

Love said it wasn't the chamber's idea to conduct another survey on the issue. "The city asked us to do this poll for them so they can do up the new bylaw," she said.

Love said the chamber won't make any recommendation to the city, but merely provide it with the survey results.

## News In Brief

### Forest fire risk eases

RECENT rain has helped areas in the northwest green-up which means fire risks have gone down as well.

"Things were really dry with all that sunny weather we had for two weeks, but it's gone back to a low hazard with all the rain we've had," says Rich Forget, a forest protection assistant at the Northwest Fire Centre's Terrace base.

Four zone managers and six initial attack crew members are posted here as part of the provincial forest ministry's fire protection services.

"We're pretty much online, there's still a little bit of training still going on and we're ready and waiting for summer to come this way," Forget said last week.

The Northwest Fire Centre covers Burns Lake, Houston, Kitimat, Prince Rupert, the Queen Charlotte Islands, Smithers and Terrace.

Trever Krisher, a fire control officer based out of Smithers, says about 70 per cent of the region has greened-up, meaning grass is growing, buds are appearing on trees and vegetation is starting sprouting.

The places in the region that still have to green-up are mostly in the north and at high elevations.

Krisher said fire crews here will soon go on stand-by in case crews in Alberta need help.

Spring comes later in Alberta than here, usually toward the end of May, he said.

### Wal-Mart hit for violation

WAL-MART violated the rights of workers at its Quesnel store, the B.C. Labour Relations Board ruled May 8.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW) accused Wal-Mart of interfering with the employees' right to join a union guaranteed under the Labour Code.

UFCW president Brooke Sundin called Wal-Mart's behaviour "typical," saying this is not the first complaint from workers against the big box retailer.

The union will visit Quesnel to speak to Wal-Mart workers about the benefits of joining a union. Wal-Mart must post the labour board's decision on their bulletin boards.

### Thief pillages yard

TERRACE Crimestoppers is asking for help in solving a theft from a yard and shed on Balsam Ave. May 9.

Some tools and a portable skill saw were stolen from the shed and a bicycle, some clothing and kitchen dishes went missing from the yard. Police say the bicycle has since been recovered.

The thief or thieves apparently got into the yard by damaging a wooden fence. A window to the shed was then broken and the door was opened from the inside, said police.

Anyone with any information about this theft is asked to contact Terrace Crimestoppers at 635-8477.

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## Electrifying

MAKE IT go away. That, in a nutshell, has been the response of Terrace to the Alcan power crisis.

Leaders here are deeply troubled by the damage they fear could be unleashed by Kitimat's campaign for action by the province.

The conflict tears at this town's desire to be friends with both Kitimat and Alcan. And keep making money from both.

The business community is particularly keen to not rock the boat, although Terrace city councillors increasingly show some sympathy for Kitimat's persuasive case against power sales.

The time has come to get past our discomfort and deal with reality.

It's now a near certainty that Kitimat will file a lawsuit within the next two weeks to try to invoke contract terms that electricity generated at Kemano be used for industry not power sales.

To business leaders, a lawsuit is akin to dropping an atomic bomb on the northwest economy and spreading a thick layer of investor repellent over the entire region. It's the type of bad-for-business disaster they associate with the NDP.

While that's perhaps understandable, the situation is unavoidable.

Kitimat must put its legal oar in the water to maintain its bargaining position by an early June deadline. Unless it wants to submit completely and place total trust in Alcan and Victoria to look out for Kitimat's interests.

With up to 1,000 jobs hanging in the balance – or maybe even all the smelter's jobs on the line – Kitimatians won't be placated with promises or be herded into some eleventh hour backroom deal that isn't bullet-proof.

So what is needed is a careful negotiation that ends in a just deal, not a judge's ruling.

As with aboriginal land claims, the stakes are too high for both sides to risk an all-or-nothing win-lose decision by the courts.

## Treaty fruit

SPEAKING OF treaty-making, one fruit of the two-year-old Nisga'a treaty is the new Kincolith road. It officially opened Saturday and brings major benefits to the once-isolated village, the Nisga'a and the region as a whole.

Already Kincolith residents have come here to shop and tourists are heading there to take in the breathtaking vistas.

It's also worth recalling that, as with Alcan power sales today, Terrace city council straddled the fence until the treaty was essentially signed and had almost ceased to be controversial.

We should start to realize that our support of our friends and neighbours is more important to them when they are in crisis, not just after their battle is won – and they have money to spend.



## Budget cuts threaten children's safety

VICTORIA - While a lot of British Columbians are getting tied up in knots over the privatization of the Coquihalla Highway, they are ignoring a far more dangerous privatization play.

Gordon Hogg, the Minister for Children and Family Development, is in the process of privatizing the services to look after children now in care of the government.

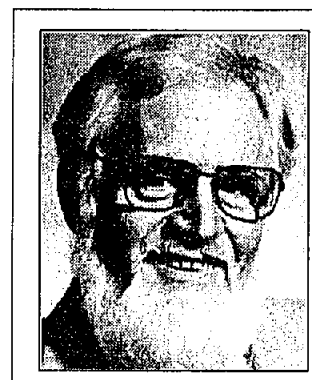
To that effect, the plan is to set up five aboriginal and five non-aboriginal regional authorities and one community living authority to contract out to the private sector child protection and related services.

Part of the plan looks logical, but only on the surface. Hogg has argued that community-based organizations would be better equipped to deal with children now looked after by the government for a variety of reasons.

That argument is usually based on the assumption that the people now working in the child protection system are bureaucrats, ill-equipped to deal with the multitude of problems of children in government care.

This line of thinking is not only wrong but an insult to the people now involved in the system.

The ones I have met are dedicated and well-trained child care workers who do an admirable job under difficult circumstances, with budget



FROM THE CAPITAL  
HUBERT BEYER

cuts being the greatest culprit. And I'll bet that the ones I haven't met are similarly dedicated to their task.

Privatization, whatever sector it is applied in, has only one goal: to save money. Hogg's lofty arguments about local folks knowing better what's good for kids notwithstanding, the whole plan is powered by the Liberal government's unrelenting spending cuts.

To date, I have complained very little about the measures implemented by Premier Gordon Campbell's government to bring spending under control, even though with all the cutting, they're achieving record deficits.

Privatize the Coquihalla? Ask me if I care. I'll take the Trans-Canada or Number 3 Highway.

Mind you, the truckers associations and companies

moving goods from the vast Interior of British Columbia to the coast may not take as kindly as I to the toll hike. But that's between the government and some of its most ardent supporters.

But children aren't highways. Their best interests are not to be auctioned off to the lowest bidder. Alas, it appears the plan is already in serious trouble, financial trouble, that is.

So far, Hogg's ministry has spent \$25 million on transition funding for the new authorities, not a surprising sum, considering that the scheme involves the transfer of more than 3,000 public servants into the various regions.

Opposition Leader Joy MacPhail says that money comes directly out of services for children. Hogg's own admissions would support that statement.

In the legislature last week, the minister acknowledged that the anticipated reduction in the number of children in government care has not materialized.

He also admitted that there was a "significant risk" that his ministry's budget target would not be met. Time to take a 10 per cent salary cut, I suppose.

The minister's budgetary problems are currently being reviewed by the Treasury Board.

The outcome of that review

may tell us whether the government is more interested in the bottom line or the welfare of children in its care.

It is difficult to understand how kids got into the government's fiscal squeeze in the first place. It would be even more difficult to comprehend a government decision to stick to its privatization scheme for services to children.

Where children are concerned, money should not enter any budget equation. The plight of kids who end up in government care is not usually under public scrutiny.

We only hear about it when something goes horribly wrong and a child dies.

Who can forget the violent and tragic death of five-year-old Matthew Vaudreuil at the hands of his own mother in 1995, a horror story that shocked the nation?

Seven years down the road, the government is planning to privatize child protection. Hard to believe.

Do what you will with highways, and other sectors, premier, but don't make the children for whom you and your government are responsible pawns in the let's-save-money game.

It will come back to haunt you, I guarantee it.

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## Big books a pain in the back

IF WE don't lighten the loads our kids carry they could face a future of back pain. One afternoon our two granddaughters returned from school stooped like soldiers marching under a full field pack. Both complained about the weight of their backpacks; one glance measured their burden as unreasonable and unhealthy.

I marched them on to the bathroom scale. These grade five and six girls weigh roughly 70 pounds each. The 10-year-old was packing 11 pounds. Her 12-year-old sister was hauling 10 pounds. Put another way, each carried the equivalent of 15 per cent of her body weight.

By that measure, I should accessorize my duds with a 22 pound purse! Right off, that weight would rip the straps right off my handbag.

My handbag, then, would be similar to a 20 pound bag of flour. Climbing the three porch steps with a bag of flour under my arm bothers



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my arthritic hip joints. What will a 10 pound book bag, carried morning and afternoon for 12 years, do to a child's spine? Hips? Neck? Consider the loss of balance and agility needed to enter or leave a school bus.

Good Housekeeping and other women's magazines have run articles warning women against carrying overweight handbags. Experts advise paring purse contents of non-essentials that women toss into their

handbags – cosmetics, hair spray and notebooks – until they visit a doctor complaining of back and neck pain. A growing child's skeleton is far more vulnerable to scoliosis or strained muscles.

I've also read articles cautioning parents to limit a student's bookbag to five pounds, or one tenth of the child's body weight.

Realistically, how many textbooks can an elementary student study in one evening? The 10-year-old's bookbag held two massive Socials textbooks, in preparation for next day's test, even though she felt her handwritten notes would see her through. When she left our house, she faced a five block walk home, loaded like a burro.

One culprit is the jumbo size of today's textbooks. Some texts are almost as big as a volume of the Canadian Encyclopedia. Print is oversized – to save eyesight? Every page is illustrated with a huge drawing or graph. As

a result, kids cart blank paper to deliver the same message.

Sure, the kids' bookbags are made with wide padded shoulder straps to prevent the weight from cutting grooves into their slight shoulders. And some kids know enough to pack the heaviest books closest to their bodies. But the weight and stress on their bones, especially their back and feet, remain the same.

At first heft of the kids' bookbags I wondered if they had joined a bowling team and were the proud possessors of their very own bowling balls. But their packs proved to be only textbooks, notebooks, and lunch pouches.

Today's textbooks are at least one third larger than mine were. Whether this is to provide more attractive books to encourage studying, to sell more paper, or to add to a shipper's income is hard to say. But I can see one reason the 12-year-old is keen to get her driver's permit and keys to a car.

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CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

## The Mail Bag

## Board's damage control rag dodges questions

Dear Sir:

Parents of the 6,100 students in Coast Mountains School District recently received complimentary copies of *Board News* - a fluffy little blurb extolling the Good Works being visited upon our children by the trustees (and not, I'm sure, a self-serving waste of scarce educational funds).

The April edition treats us to a full page of flummery entitled "You Asked Us...", which doesn't so much answer questions directed to the board as present an exercise in damage control against recent public criticism of board decision-making.

In response to published complaints that the move to a four-day compressed work week for our young people has been arbitrary and ill-considered, the *News* refers critics to the parents of students in the five schools the board axed last year: "Ask them if they were given a choice of school closure or four-day week last year what they would have taken."

Well, my two daughters were affected by the closures last year. And you know what? Parents weren't given the choice between a closure or a four-day week despite our considerable efforts to bring alternatives to the board's attention.

The decision -- made by the board behind closed doors -- offered little possibility for public input or oversight. Parents were pre-emptively advised that closure was really the only tenable option. Not a peep then about a compressed week (or any other options).

This year, we're being told that the compressed week is the only way to go.

Wonder what the "one true way" will be next year, when the cuts are forecast to be even deeper? Twenty-four hour operations to maximize plant utilization, perhaps?

In response to calls for a "needs budget", the *News* is similarly single- and/or simple-minded.

"This is a budget to Victoria saying that we 'need' this much to run this school district."

What's wrong with that? What's wrong with figuring out what our kids need - has the board actually undertaken that little exercise - then working their collective butts off to try to secure the requisite resources, as some other boards in the province are doing?

Well, says the *News*, if we submit a "needs" budget, "in all likelihood the government would dissolve the current board and appoint a single administrator to balance the budget at all costs". Isn't that the noble educational exercise that our Board is currently obsessed with?

But wait! There's more: "If the board were dissolved, parents would no longer have a voice in decisions concerning the direction of their child's education." I'm sorry to have to inform the board that many parents - rightly or wrongly - already feel marginalized in the restructuring of "our" public education system.

When you feel that your kids' educational opportunities are being attacked by a bunch of New Era schoolyard bullies, it really doesn't matter whether the abusers are home-grown or imported.

What matters is weeding them out and eliminating their abusive behaviour.

How much would it cost to work up a "needs" budget? Probably no more than another rendition of the *Board News*. Which would serve our children's needs better? I can't wait 'til the board answers that one for us!

John How  
Lakelse Lake

## Does it really help kids?

Dear Sir:

The four day school day is here and there are problems that have yet to be addressed.

Have you ever gone to the Skeena Mall on a Friday night? This is one place I avoid at this time since it has become a hang out.

This will be a lot worse with the four-day school week.

There are just not enough babysitters, day cares or other supervised activities for children. There are a lot of families, whose income can not make room for this expense, if it was available.

These children are going to be left to their own devices that could lead to vagrancy, vandalism and other crimes that will be their entertainment.

The school board has not looked at the impact on the community.

This will tax not only the lower income and single parent groups but the police force, local merchant security and the home owner who happens to live in the down town core.

The students who live farther out of town are now at a disadvantage since they, most likely, will be left alone for the day.

Has the School Board contacted Nechako North Coast to see if snow plows can open roads earlier to accommodate parents and school buses?

Has the mechanical staff that cares for buses been asked to start earlier and stay later or do they have to hire more staff?

Does the school board really live in the 'perfect world bubble'?

The support staffs at the schools and others who have an income based on school services have been asked to take a 20 to 30 per cent pay cut and all seem to be union staff.

Is the school board taking the same pay reduction or cut back their staff? I do not think so. The numbers that represent the 'savings' are incorrect since all that is saved is about two hours, when you add the extended hours proposed to the equation.

The present support staff will lose the best people and the quality of service will be diminished.

Increasing class size interferes with quality of education and this was reported in Ontario in 1998. Has the School Board researched this?

The proposed time table does not allow for second jobs since it does not have the same days off each week. It is confusing at best for both students and parents.

No wonder the school board had 'closed door' meetings. They had to convince themselves they were really acting in student's best interests.

Karen Focker  
Terrace, B.C.

THE POWER lines running into the Kitimat aluminum smelter carry electricity generated at Kemano using the water of the Nechako watershed. Some say the agreement that gave Alcan the use of that public resource is being perverted. MATTHEW PETERSON PHOTO

## Power theory

Kitimat says Quebec's power subsidies turn into a double-your-voltage bonanza for Alcan when coupled with an ability to sell electricity in B.C.

Stories by Jeff Nagel

THE CASE against Alcan power sales is taking a new twist.

Now Kitimat officials argue Alcan can use any power sales here to fuel its investment in smelters in Quebec, further undermining Kitimat Works.

Kitimat municipal manager Trafford Hall laid out the town's latest analysis of the power sales issue before a town hall meeting in Terrace May 6.

Since last summer Hall and Kitimat mayor Rick Wozney have been trying to convince northwesterners that electricity sales by the aluminum giant will come at the expense of smelter jobs.

They essentially argue the northwest faces a slippery slope - take a stand now to stop power sales or else Alcan will eventually cut as many jobs as it wants and sell as much power as it wants rather than using all Kemano-generated power to produce aluminum.

And Hall says the fight is just beginning.

"The company isn't going to walk away from this debate," he predicted. "You're going to see a lot more of this."

The argument rests on the contention that power sales by Alcan are far more lucrative than aluminum production.

Hall calculates Alcan's profits from aluminum smelting at \$180 million per year from the Kitimat smelter, and projects Alcan could make \$280 million a year profit instead if it shuts the smelter sells all the power at market prices.

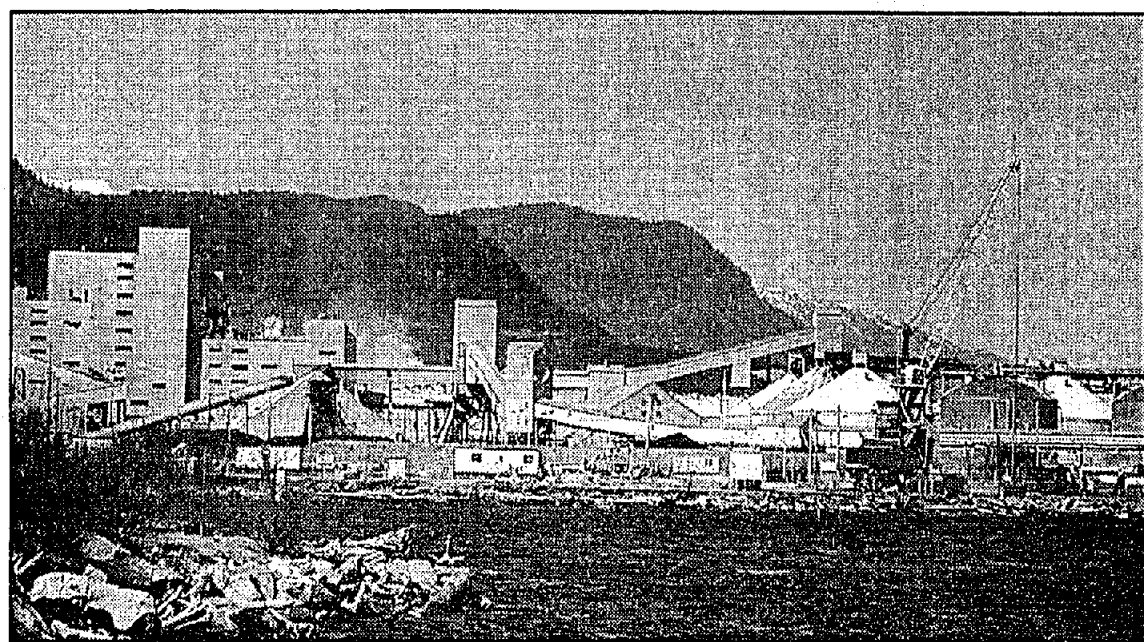
Here are their key points:

■ A shakeup of the company and a new policy of "asset optimization" has led it to pursue power sales as a strategy in B.C.

■ Evidence of that includes the creation of an Alcan subsidiary in the U.S. to sell power there.

■ Alcan has also split its B.C. operations into a smelting division and a power products division.

■ That has enabled the power products division to charge the smelting division market price for power. Kitimat officials say that's around \$50 per megawatt, rather



ALUMINUM is why the smelter and Kitimat was built. But critics say Alcan is now positioning itself to use less power for smelting and more for lucrative power sales. JENNIFER LANG PHOTO

than the \$5 per megawatt Kemano power actually costs Alcan to produce.

■ That bookkeeping change eliminates the advantage of cheap power in Kitimat and puts the smelter into what Alcan claim is a money-losing position. The sense of crisis is intended to scare the region into accepting whatever solution Alcan offers.

■ Quebec provides subsidized power for Alcan smelters there in return for guaranteed job levels. The latest smelter announced there was to be built based on power provided at \$27 per megawatt.

■ If Alcan can sell power at high market prices in B.C., it can take the profits and buy back subsidized power in Quebec, where it continues to expand or build new smelters. That power shift from one province to another nearly doubles the electricity Alcan has to smelt aluminum. One megawatt sold in B.C. for \$50 buys nearly two \$27 megawatts of subsidized power in Quebec - where it's tied to jobs for Quebecers.

■ Unless B.C. firmly enforces the terms of the 1950 agreement that restricts power sales to the local area, Alcan will continue to pursue the power sales strategy.

■ Kitimat describes Alcan's tactics as "creeping incremental-

ism." That means pushing the boundaries of what the contract allows to sell more and more power.

■ Power sales to B.C. Hydro, which were also lucrative for the province, first began in the 1990s.

■ That gave Alcan a taste for power sales. It was able to demonstrate in the past two years it can shut down aluminum smelting capacity to meet its contracts to deliver power to B.C. Hydro. That happened because Alcan said it had low water levels in its reservoir and couldn't both smelt aluminum and sell the power. It chose to shut down half the smelter's production rather than purchase power elsewhere to fulfill its required delivery.

■ The next step, Kitimat says, is to demonstrate Alcan can sell power any time it chooses, when there is no water crisis.

■ Total power sales would mean permanently closing the Kitimat smelter. While technically

possible it would be politically difficult. Kitimat officials believe Alcan will instead propose to rebuild the same size smelter - rather than a larger one to make use of all Kemano power. The same size smelter but new and more efficient would free up much of Kemano power for sales, while at the same time using several hundred fewer workers than today.

Hall says there's nothing wrong with Alcan's strategy - it's simply meeting its duty to maximize money for its shareholders.

It's likewise up to the B.C. government, he says, to maximize the value in jobs from a public resource.

"Alcan is doing what they should be doing. The question is where is our government? No one is minding the store."

There's little expertise in government in monitoring Alcan, one of B.C.'s biggest manufacturers, he said, adding cuts to the public service and the parade of premiers have all weakened the province's ability to withstand Alcan.

He says the company seized on that weakness after the B.C. Liberals came to power.

"Within a month of the government being elected, Alcan had shut down half the smelter and was selling power to the Americans."



Trafford Hall

## Study Quebec's tactics, Baker urges

KITIMAT's analysis of the potential for Alcan to sell more power - at the cost of hundreds of northwestern jobs - is sound, says Terrace's economic development officer.

Brian Baker, executive director of the Terrace Economic Development Authority, says he can find no flaws in the case made by Kitimat officials.

"What they say about power sales is legitimate," he said. "You do lose your competitive edge. Our competitive edge is cheap power."

"I totally agree with their argu-

ment."

But Baker said he has greater difficulty with the tactics being contemplated in Kitimat, particularly any court challenge.

"Are we going to have an alienated multinational that has a very extensive legal team?" he asked. "I'd like to think leveller heads will prevail."

Alcan has pulled out of other locations in the world, he said.

"I don't think it's likely. But it's not beyond the realm of possibility."

He also agrees the Quebec government has crafted much

more effective deals to ensure Alcan creates and maintains jobs there.

"Quebec did their homework better," Baker said. "They have a better deal."

Baker says the provincial government, in concert with the affected northwest towns, should carry out a detailed analysis of how Quebec deals with Alcan or even mount a fact-finding mission to that province.

Power subsidies there are linked to jobs at Alcan plants.

"Quebec seems to have exactly what we want," he said.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE TERRACE STANDARD

# The Mail Bag

## Board must postpone four-day week plan

**Dear Sir:**  
I'm writing as a Kiti K'Shian parent who has serious concerns about the erosion of our school system leading to the imposition of the four-day school week. Based on information I've been able to gather there are three recurring themes:

1. Yes, the four-day week is a means of reducing costs - but there is little evidence demonstrating any academic benefits to this form of educational delivery.
2. In order to offset drawbacks associated with this schedule, savings gained from the four-day week must be reinvested back into education, especially for those students who are at risk (and who are typically the big losers under the plan). Apparently, however, in our district's case, this is not an option because all savings will barely meet the district's basic operating costs.
3. Meaningful stakeholder involvement is essential to the successful implementation of structural school changes that have far-reaching implications such as the four-day week. Unfortunately, the process followed here has had little regard for anyone's perspective except the board's own.

Neither the four-day week's educational benefits, nor its impacts to families and communities, are known. In some jurisdictions school boards have supported the four-day week while others abandoned it as a costly failure. I realize the trustees' intent was to make the best of a bad situation. They are between a rock and a hard place. Even though I am critical of the way the board has made the decision to proceed with the four-day week, I think that the responsibility for our educational di-

lemma does not rest with the board alone. Clearly, as a result of the provincial government's new education funding policies, our school district is in crisis. Declining enrolment, combined with provincial fiscal restraints, has compromised the school board's ability to meet fundamental educational objectives and fiscal responsibilities. In order to reverse a bad situation we have an obligation to let our concerns be known. I recommend parents and concerned community members to:

1. Convincingly urge the province to fund our school system adequately. Our regional circumstances are unique and inadequately addressed by the current funding formula - our children have a right to a decent education, equal to that of other parts of the B.C. Only when we speak up will the message be heard.
2. Encourage the school board to postpone their decision to implement the four-day week by one year - even if this requires some deficit financing. This would allow the district to meaningfully include stakeholders, properly evaluate the full range of options and areas of potential savings, appeal to the province for more money, and build the community support and buy-in required to successfully implement appropriate options.

If our community allows the standard of education to continue to slip - and under the current conditions it will - it is not only our children's educations that will suffer, but our society as a whole. Strong education is an investment expressing confidence in our children's futures. The choice is ours.

Lars Reese-Hansen  
Terrace B.C.

## Take lead on Alcan

An open letter to ministers Rick Thorpe, Geoff Plant and Richard Neufeld:  
Prior to your May 28 meeting with the District of Kitimat, the Terrace and District Chamber of Commerce want to express its concern for the future of Alcan in the northwest. The matter being brought to you on the subject of Alcan has impacted on the whole of the northwest as well as the District of Kitimat. The subject is complex, requiring, we believe, your immediate attention in order that a resolution can be negotiated that ensures Alcan's continuing commitment to the northwest. If we are to compete for Alcan's future capital investments, we believe there is a role to be played by government as well as the labour unions and the community. Together we have to create an investment climate that makes BC their location of choice. But the government of British Columbia has to take a lead in this initiative. In spite of all the natural attributes we enjoy - timber, minerals, hydro, two ports, a rail line and an educated work force - northwest B.C. is languishing. Certainly as a result of global circumstances but also other factors. We believe there is need for a well-crafted industrial development and retention policy by your government to ensure similar situations do not occur and provide a climate of security for future major industrial investment. Alcan is the main economic fundamental for the northwest. For their future, our future and the future of B.C. we ask that you work to ensure that their investments continue to flow to this region. We hope this meeting with the District of Kitimat creates a framework for the future dialogue on the sustainability of Alcan and other investment in the northwest.

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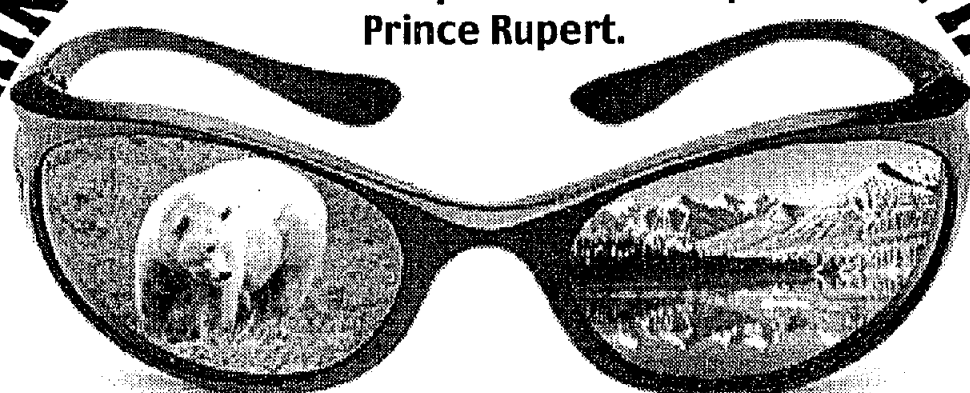
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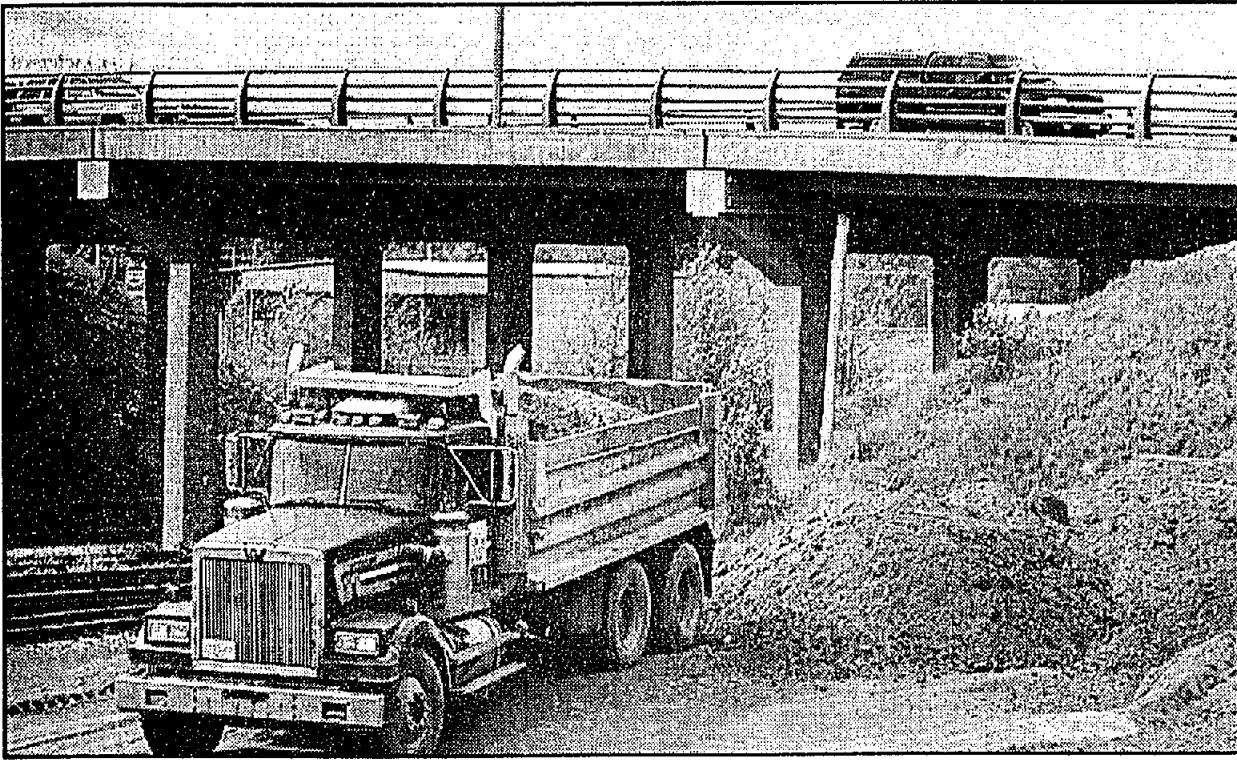
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## Kitselas gets set to vote

FOUR PEOPLE are running for chief councillor at Kitselas in band council elections slated for June 12.

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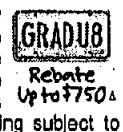
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# Dollar juggling could still save late French immersion

**By JENNIFER LANG**  
LOCAL STUDENTS will be able to register for a new French immersion program, but there's still no assurance the proposal will go ahead.

Coast Mountains school trustees agreed last week to open up registration for an immersion program starting in Grade 5 after learning more federal money may be on its way.

The district's secretary-treasurer Marcel Georges warned the recent funding announcement is a promise - not a guarantee of specific dollar amounts to districts.

"It would be nice for us to have something more solid so I can assure my board it's not a problem, we can do it," he said.

Terrace trustee Diana Penner cautioned the district may not be able to offer late French immersion due to budget constraints.

The board approved a four-day school week, boosted average secondary class sizes and other cost-cutting measures in March to solve a projected \$5 million budget deficit.

"This board is desperately trying to maintain our programs," Penner said.

Canadian Parents for French wants to introduce a second entry point so students have a second chance to join the program when they're older.

Students in the late stream would join the early immersion students in

high school, bolstering the existing K-12 program at the senior level, which is currently under threat due to minimum class size requirements.

The proposal will go ahead only if enough students sign up - and if the program can be offered at no additional cost to the cash-strapped school district.

Trustees have also agreed to write letters of support for the group's lobbying efforts to obtain more money for French immersion programs.

According to Adrian Dix, executive director of the B.C. chapter of Canadian Parents for French, more federal funding for French immersion programs is on its way - a lot more.

Dix told trustees at the board meeting in Kitimat May 7 the federal government stands to increase spending on French immersion programs by as much as 80 per cent.

The Coast Mountains School District already offers K-12 French immersion in Terrace, Kitimat and Hazelton.

The program brought in about

\$77,000 in grant money to the district this year, plus a one-time \$14,000 grant.

Dix said his group is hoping to persuade the provincial government to increase this school district's share of federal funding. "This is a political fight," he told trustees.

The group also aims to change the funding formula for French immersion to reflect other factors.

"We believe for the purpose of the funding the Coast Mountains School District should be treated as more than just one district," Dix said. For example, this district does not qualify for a \$10,000 learning assistance grant for programs with less than 250 students, because the number of students enrolled in Terrace, Kitimat and Hazelton are added together under the formula.

Dix also urged the board to preserve the existing program for students in Grades 8-12.

Dix noted the district has one of the lowest attrition rates in the province, meaning it keeps more students enrolled than in larger urban programs - despite the sagging local economy and declining enrolment.

"What you're doing in this school district is a triumph for public education in British Columbia," Dix said, adding the district's program has received national recognition. "This is the time to maintain the program."



**Adrian Dix**

# Forest rec sites get no new offers

THE PROVINCE got no new takers in its latest attempt to offload forest service recreation sites in this area to volunteer groups.

A first attempt in December to save money by finding new groups to maintain rec sites and trails got minimal response because Victoria insisted new operators take on liability insurance to shield

the province from claims.

A second call for proposals went out early this year, this time with no insurance requirement. The deadline closed March 21 with no new proposals for sites in the Kalum district, said regional recreation officer Lloyd Davies.

The Kitsumkalum band had previously expressed interest in taking over Red

Sand Lake, and those discussions continue.

The new call did the best in the southern interior, where proposals came in to take over about 50 per cent of rec sites. But in the north just 40 sites - or about 15 per cent of the total - attracted proposals.

Recreation sites that don't have a user group to maintain them will be

treated as "user-maintained", Davies said.

He conceded that means they may deteriorate over time.

"We will continue to inspect sites and trails for risk," Davies said. "If they become a public safety or environmental risk we might have to look at decommissioning or closing those sites."

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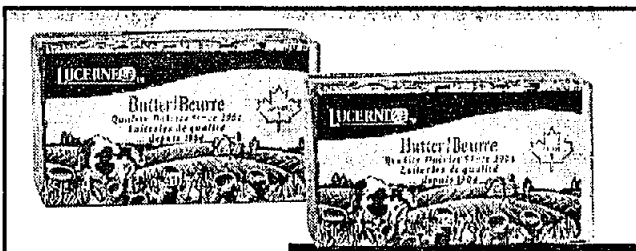
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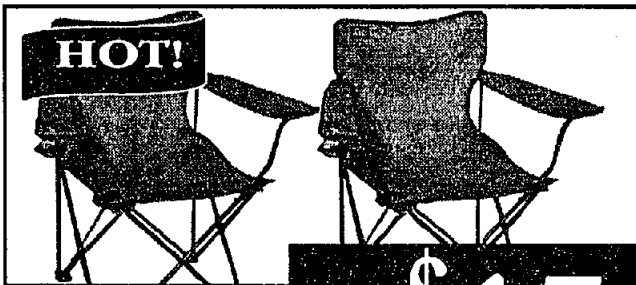
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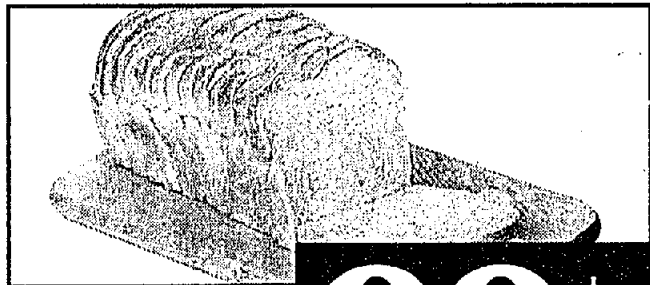
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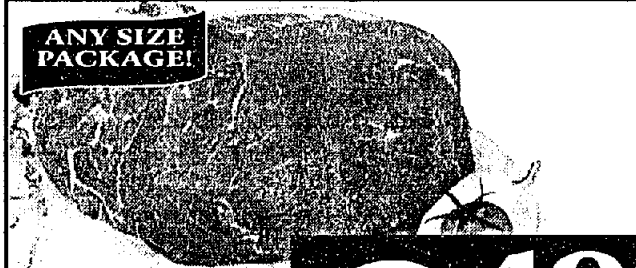
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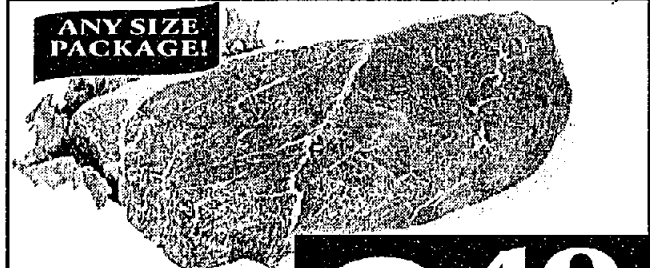
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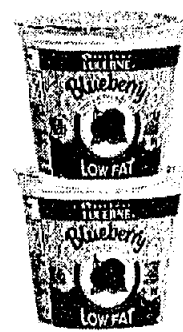
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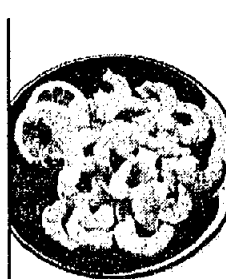
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# BUSINESS REVIEW

## Centre opens to connect students with local jobs

By JESSIE GIES  
STUDENTS will get a chance to find summer jobs through a program organized by the Terrace Human Resource Centre for Students.

Tamara Sweet, summer employment officer for the HRC-S, is organizing the Hire-A-Student program and expects this year to be good for students seeking employment.

"I think the economy in Terrace is finally looking up," she said.

Sweet said she has received 15 applicants in the program's first week of operation. So far, businesses have posted 10 jobs of full-time, part-time and casual basis.

"We usually have more students than employees," Sweet said.

Sweet said last year there were 111 postings filled and over 200 applicants for positions.

She added that things are going better than last year and is hoping for at least 150 postings.

Sweet added that Wal-Mart could offer some job postings for students in Terrace.

And, if the weather is nice this summer season, more casual yard maintenance jobs could be available.

This year is the 35th anniversary for Hire-A-Student. There will be a salmon barbecue for \$5 a plate in June to promote youth opportunities.

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HIRE A STUDENT coordinator Tamara Sweet hopes to have 150 jobs available for local students this summer. JESSIE GIES PHOTO

## Work together for offshore oil strategy, former premier urges

By JEFF NAGEL  
COASTAL TOWNS must unite and work together as offshore oil and gas exploration moves forward, says the head of a Nanaimo-based group.

Brian Peckford, former premier of Newfoundland and now chair of the Pacific Offshore Energy Association, says his group is the logical umbrella organization to deal with local concerns up and down the coast.

He says the group's goal is to promote responsible development of offshore oil, while simultaneously pressing to maximize the local benefits so local workers and companies aren't left out.

Peckford was here to drum up support - and to counter arguments from the Prince Rupert-based B.C. Offshore Oil and Gas Association that they are trying to hijack the future offshore industry so it can be based in Nanaimo instead.

He said that's not the case, adding everyone could lose out if they confuse the industry by operating as

separate factions. "There's more of a chance to be divided and conquered and there's more of a chance of being ignored," he said.

Peckford's goal is to convince the governments to concentrate not just on selling rights to the Queen Charlotte Basin but also to a number of other basins expected to contain oil and gas around Vancouver Island.

Focusing just on Hecate Strait, he said, is akin to putting all the eggs in one basket.

Peckford's group plans a series of seminars up and down the coast to enhance understanding of the issues and what needs to be done to make

the most of the opportunities. Apparently divergent paths taken by federal, provincial and aboriginal leaders on the offshore issue have sown confusion, Peckford added.

He said the province has proceeded with measures and studies to move forward, while Ottawa has embarked on separate studies, and Haida leaders have meanwhile filed a court claim for aboriginal title to the seabed.

All three need to get together and work from the same page if the offshore industry is to take root.

Peckford estimated it will be three to five years before the various jurisdictions agree to an accord on how the offshore would be developed and how revenues will be shared.

While that time lag dismays some, Peckford said it's crucial window for coastal towns to get their priorities straight and get their businesses and workers prepared.

"We need all that time to get ready," he said.



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# New venture fund is not what MLA had in mind

SKEENA LIBERAL MLA Roger Harris isn't thrilled with a new venture capital fund being promoted by his government.

Although it involves up to \$4 million in personal income tax credits with expectations of raising up to \$27 million a year in venture capital, Harris was looking for something targeted to regional development.

He and other MLAs have tagged a lack of regional venture capital as something holding back development outside of the lower mainland and southern Vancouver Island.

They want investment vehicles modelled after the existing, provincially-sponsored Working Opportunity Fund which provides a 30 per cent tax credit and can be held within an RRSP.

The new fund would be the third such one created under provincial legislation.

"Our feeling is that it's fine and dandy, but if it doesn't have a money manager in 250, it doesn't achieve our goals," said Harris in referring to the area code used outside of the lower mainland.

He and other regional MLAs hoped for regionally specific funds as part of the new provincial budget.

The problem is that money managers like to look at where their fund money is going and if they are in the lower mainland, something in the regions isn't attractive, said Harris.

"It depends upon where these guys live," said Harris. "Generally they and the banks have jaunted to something outside their area."

"Our feeling is that this plan is too broad-based," said Harris of the third venture capital fund.

At the very least, he and other MLAs want the new fund to invest a fixed percentage in regions.

Harris himself would feel better if Prince George was the home for money managers interested in northern projects.

The existing Working Opportunities Fund, and a companion one, has concentrated the majority of its investments in hi-tech and similar industries in the lower mainland.

To date, the two funds are authorized to raise up to \$80 million in capital annually. Individuals buying shares in these funds receive 15 per cent tax credits from each of the provincial and federal governments.

## From front City still neutral on Alcan question

have a position you box yourself in."

"The onus should be on the government to settle it," said councillor Lynne Christiansen. "I don't see why we should be trapped in the middle of it."

Christiansen and some other councillors indicated some support for Kitimat's position.

"They have some legitimate concerns," she said. "I have some sympathies there."

Christiansen and councillor Stew Christensen both voted in favour of Kitimat's resolution against power sales that passed at the North Central Municipal Association convention.

Talstra also noted Kitimat's pressure tactics appear to be getting results.

"Already they have \$100,000 for a study, already they have a task force, already they have a number of ministers meeting with them."

"If you shout more you might get more," he observed. "But when you're a friend of the government you're at the back end of the bus."

Chamber president Sheila Love told council local businesses fear Alcan could shut down or decide not to modernize its smelter. "They may just scrap the whole idea and not modernize," she said.

That would be a devastating black eye for the region and the province for future investment, chamber reps said. "If Alcan couldn't make it with the reputation they have who else would want to come in here?" Love asked.

She said a survey of chamber members found a majority support power sales by Alcan so long as it doesn't eliminate aluminum production.

Love also noted the highly paid workforce in Kitimat and Alcan's historic generosity.

"The people there have never had to deal with hardship," Love said. "Their hand's been out so long they don't know when to say enough is enough."

Before the chamber meeting, city council met behind closed doors with Alcan officials, who turned over a cheque for \$4,000



Love

toward the city's 75th anniversary celebrations.

"We explained to Alcan the District of Kitimat is our friend," Talstra said. "We're going to live together in this valley for a long, long time in the future. And we explained we also consider that company our friend."

"So we said 'What's the problem? And what can we do to assist.'"



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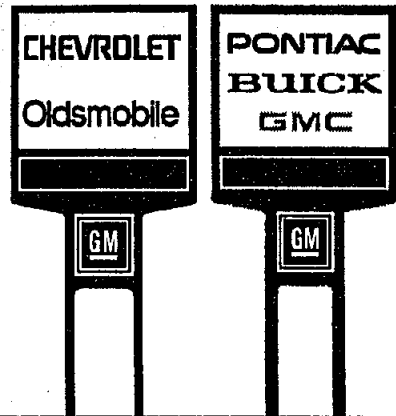


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# Private schools hit with bus fees

## \$500 charge to help recoup district costs

By JENNIFER LANG  
IT'S GOING to be impossible for parents to afford an expensive new fee for private school students who ride the school bus, the vice principal of Centennial Christian School says.

Next year, private school students and children who live close enough to walk to school must pay \$500 each to ride a Coast Mountains school bus.

Nearly one-third of the school's 250 students take the bus on a semi-regular basis. Since annual tuition fees already cost \$4,100 per family, the new fee will put Centennial out of reach for many, says Curtis Tuininga, the school's vice principal. "I don't think we can afford to do our own bussing on a regular basis," he said.

His school purchased two 16-seat buses for band, drama and sports trips this year, but the \$52,000 vehicles are far too small to transport as many as 80 students to school each day.

"The buses were never intended to be used for regular bussing," he said.

The school is reluctant to hike tuition fees to cover added transportation expenses.

Even raising tuition by \$10 per month will be too expensive for some of the school's parents, he added. Parents are invited to

the school society's next meeting May 26 to discuss the bussing problem.

"I think people will look at car pooling," Tuininga said.

Back in September, the district warned it would crack down on "courtesy riders" - students who have been welcomed onto school buses for many years, even though technically ineligible.

School trustees approved the fee May 7 in an effort to recoup costs - and cut down on freeloaders.

The district gets to pocket any money it saves on transportation costs for three years.

The district also plans to streamline routes to cut costs. Some - like a route between Meziadin and Stewart - have been eliminated altogether.

The bussing costs work out to \$900 per student.

That news prompted some trustees to argue for charging the full amount.

"Our schools are struggling," Stewart Donna Caruso said, adding she doesn't think the district should subsidize private schools.

"What happens to the family who has two or three kids?" wondered Kitimat trustee Barry Pankhurst.

Terrace trustee Diana Penner tried to convince the board to consider a lower fee of \$200 instead.

She worries about a lack of an alternative in communities where there is no public transportation. "We have a responsibility to students," she said.

Terrace trustee Hal Stedham defended the decision to introduce a \$500 fee, saying it's a reasonable amount to charge - and it will benefit the district. "We're looking at making some money out of this," he said.

The school bus passenger count revealed some other surprises.

The district was bussing one student from the



Hal Stedham

Chindemash Creek area east of Terrace to a downtown private school.

"That probably cost us at the district an additional \$10,000," maintenance superintendent Robert Gilfillan said, drawing gasps of disbelief from members of the audience.

"That was clearly an error," Stedham said later. "It's been corrected."

Even with a \$500 fee, there's still no guarantee ineligible students will be allowed onto the school bus. Eligible district students will get preference. "We have to bus our own students, first," Gilfillan said.

The \$500 fee won't go into effect until September.

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Missing from the yard of the home was a bicycle, miscellaneous clothing and some kitchen dishes. The bicycle has since been recovered.

Missing from the shed are miscellaneous tools and a portable Skill Saw.

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## Around Town

### Flatlander alert

THE TERRACE Standard is pleased to welcome summer student Jessie Gies to its newsroom.

Gies, a self-proclaimed flatlander, hails from Leader, a small farming community of 900 people in southern Saskatchewan.

She's just finished her second year of a four-year Bachelor of Journalism program at Calgary's Mount Royal College.

Gies began her four-month work term with the Terrace Standard May 7.

She may already be a familiar face to many people in the community.

She'll be taking photos and writing stories for all sections of the newspaper.



Jessie Gies



SKEENA JUNIOR Grade 9 students Larissa Coburn, Nadia Hadikin and Jay Ross helped out at STARS.

### One starry night

THE TEACHERS at Skeena Junior don't have to gaze into the heavens to see stars. They just have to look into the faces of their students.

The annual Skeena Teachers Appreciating and Recognizing Students (STARS) night is a time for students who have made a positive contribution to their school, says gym teacher Frank Marelli, who organized the May 8 event.

Every teacher puts forward the name of a noteworthy student he or she thinks deserves to be recognized for making positive contributions to the school throughout the year.

"They're the type of people who make our job more enjoyable," he said. "They deserve something."

Marelli said 39 students received awards May 8. Students and their guests were also treated to dinner - a potluck - and entertainment in addition to the awards.

Students Theresa Fenger and Sarah Smaha sang for the crowd. There were also performances by the school's improv group, Barking Cats and the Skeena Band.

### She'll sing to a big country crowd

A YOUNG SINGER from Terrace is getting a big break this July, when she'll perform at Canada's premier country music showcase.

Theresa Fenger, just shy of her 16th birthday, has been invited to perform three songs before a 100,000-strong festival crowd at the Merritt Mountain Music Festival July 19.

Fenger, who goes by the stage name Theresa Marie, released two CDs of original songs last year. *Me and You and Forever* has a country flavour, while *Dancing on Air* is a pop sound.

The 11th annual Merritt Mountain Music Festival, takes place July 14-20. This year's headliners again include some of the biggest names in contemporary country: Clint Black, LeAnn Rimes, JoDee Messina, Marty Stuart, Teri Clark, and the legendary Loretta Lynn and Dr. Hook.

The Skeena Junior Secondary student will have her moment in the spotlight on Saturday, July 19 at the main stage. She's confirmed to perform three songs between 6 and 6:30 p.m. slot as one of B.C.'s featured rising stars.

Terrace residents can catch the young singer Saturday evenings at the Best Western Terrace Inn in Beasley's Mix.



Theresa Fenger

## The Terrace Concert Society:

# 'We need more volunteers or the show won't go on, society says

By JENNIFER LANG

THE CURTAIN is about to fall on the Terrace Concert Society, the group responsible for bringing some of Canada's best performing artists to town over the past 28 years.

President Karen Birkedal says unless more volunteers come forward to sit on the board, the high calibre of entertainment local audiences have come to expect may no longer be possible.

The board has recently suffered a number of departures due to other commitments, burnout, and just plain bad luck.

Birkedal says the board has typically had one dozen or so members, each playing a vital role, ensuring the considerable workload is spread around.

But she's down to just a handful of members. "If we don't get any help, we will not be able to continue with another season of performances," Birkedal warns.

Unless new members come forward, next year's 2003-04 concert season may be the society's last.

Performers from every corner of the nation have wowed audiences at the R.E.M. Lee, where the society has presented everything from the country's brightest up-and-coming classical musicians to award winning folk bands and rock and roll performers.

This is the second time Birkedal has issued a plea to the community.

Two years ago, she launched an appeal for

Next season will still be a go - but only because the 2003-04 performers have already been lined up. "This is how far in advance we're working," Birkedal says. "These are not things that come together in six weeks."

Most tours must be booked 18 months ahead of time so performing artists can apply for Canada Council touring grants.

If the concert society folds, Terrace audiences won't be the only ones without national-level performances coming to town.

"This will impact on all tours slated for the northwest," Birkedal says, explaining groups on tour need at least three shows - typically Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert - confirmed in order to come to this corner of B.C.

"It impacts on all the communities. They are not going to come all this way for one show." School shows and master classes will also be out of the question.

If you'd like to find out more, you're welcome to attend the Terrace Concert Society's annual general meeting. It's tonight at 7 p.m. at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre. New members are welcome.

**'This will impact on all the tours slated for the northwest.'**

more members. It worked.

The society went on to present two full concert seasons, bringing nationally-touring acts like Sons of Maxwell and Ballet Jorgen to Terrace this year, and most recently, the Vancouver Opera Company's touring ensemble.

The 2002-03 lineup included Victoria's Puente Brothers, East Coast award winner and singer-songwriter Lennie Gallant, the manic Bill Hilly Band, and Whitehorse's ultra hip jazz ensemble the Peters Drury Trio.

## By the book

### Robert Stanley wants to share what he's learned with the next generation

By JESSIE GIES

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR Robert Stanley seems to have found a winning formula.

The artist and father of seven has just released two how-to drawing books on traditional northcoast art and design. The double edition, entitled *Northwest Native Arts: Creative Colours editions 1 and 2*, hit store shelves earlier this month. As with last summer's text book *Northwest Native Arts: Basic Forms*, his second effort, they quickly entered B.C.'s top 10 best seller list.

Stanley, an educator at the First Nations Education Centre, wrote and illustrated the newest collection as a tool for his students.

The books show how to draw wolves, eagles and killer whales and other subjects using traditional native design rules.

Stanley, a resident of Terrace for five years, grew up in the Nisga'a village of Kincolith. He and his 11 siblings share a distinctive creative background.

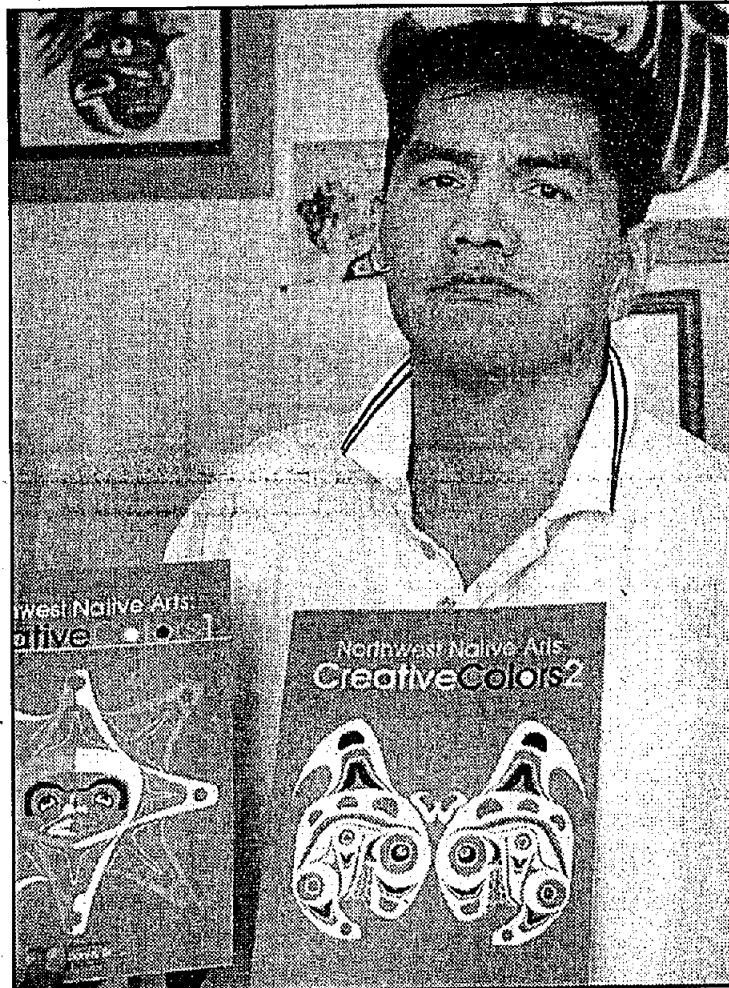
His father and two of his brothers played a large role in sparking his interest in design. "Our family has a heritage of being artists and carvers."

As a youth he learned from the master carvers of K'San Village near Old Hazelton, where his father worked. "They gave me a block of wood, the tools I needed, and showed me what I needed to know," he said. "I made a lot of mistakes on the first pieces. The guys watching showed me how to fix them."

Though Stanley makes a living with his art work - his carved rings start at \$90 and his prints begin at \$250 - natural talent can only go so far. You need to work hard, too. "Nothing comes easily."

He's grateful he had the opportunity to work other carvers. He wants to share that with students.

"I want to show them what I was taught, what I was shown," he said. "The books are really helpful when I teach. I use them to suit my needs and the needs of my students."



TERRACE'S Robert Stanley with one of his latest how-to books on native design. He's now published four textbooks used to teach young people. JESSIE GIES PHOTO

## Relay winds down with tears, hugs

### Terrace teams raise more than \$54,000 in fight against cancer

By SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN

BEHIND every walker at this year's Relay for Life there is a story about someone who has been affected by cancer.

"Every year there is a team that has had a recent loss or who knows a survivor," says David Hull, comptroller for the 12-hour walking relay for cancer on Mother's Day.

"Take the next 10 people you meet on the street and if it isn't a close family member it's a family friend - everybody seems to be affected by cancer."

The Terrace Northmen Rugby team walked in honour of Annie Dodd, who passed away from cancer Jan. 21, at the age of 60.

"Annie was the manager of the rugby team and our surrogate mother," says walker Leon Schulte.

"She was just a great lady. Everybody loved Annie - she was full of

life." She never missed a rugby game and was a constant source of support to the Northmen's members.

Team Terrace Totem Ford placed more than a dozen plastic yellow daffodils in the ground in front of their team's tent. Each flower bore the name of someone who had passed away from the disease.

"All of us at Terrace Totem Ford have been affected by cancer," says team captain Cathy Frenette, who also knew Annie Dodd.

Frenette raised \$1,120 towards her team's total of \$2,742.

In all, 409 people making up 35 teams gathered in George Little Memorial Park in gorgeous sunny weather for the May 11 fund raiser in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Teams of co-workers, families and friends raised



CATHY Frenette, Totem Ford team captain, is joined by Leon Schulte and his children Summer, 5, Spencer, 1, and Amber, 3. The Schultes joined team Terrace Rugby, dedicating their run to Annie Dodd, who passed away from cancer in January. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

\$54,216.61 at the walk in Terrace. Team Mission Possible raised \$3,479.25 - the most money.

Louise Radford, a Mission Possible team member, raised the most money of any individual participant, collecting \$2,010.

The second most money raised came from Richard Kriegl of Bert's Deli with \$1,341.

Team Four Leaf Clovers won the award for best decorated tent.

The walk capped off at 10 p.m. with a candle light ceremony in honour of sur-

vivors and those people who have passed away from cancer.

"With the luminary bags lit, it's quite a moving service," says Hull.

"It's a fitting way to close out the 12 hours of the walk - lots of tears, lots of hugging."

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PERFORMER Charlotte Diamond appears at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre May 30, presented by Canadian Parents for French.

Almarin Building, 3219 Eby St. Open May 19-24 from 6 to 10 p.m. The exhibit features works in a variety of media: acrylic, oil, printmaking, multimedia and photography. Opening Night is Monday May 19 at 6 p.m. **Life drawing sessions** (bring paper and pencil) Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

■ **Youth Art Exhibit 2003**, a display featuring student artwork from Terrace schools. Proudly presented by the Terrace Art Gallery. Running to May 9 to June 8. Opening public reception Saturday, May 10 from noon to 4 p.m.

■ **Seeking local First Nations artwork** for an upcoming exhibition in celebration of National Aboriginal Day. First Nations Celebration 2003 will run June 13 to July 13 at the Terrace Art Gallery. It's open to anyone. Entry deadline is June 9. Please call Aron at 638-8884 for details.

■ **Artists wanted!** The art gallery is organizing the 2003 Art Walk. We're looking for artists, shops and volunteers to help get this year's event off the ground. Call Aron for details at 638-8884.

■ **The Terrace Art Gallery** is located in the lower level of the Terrace Public Library. It's open Wednesdays to Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. The gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Friday.

## CONCERTS

■ **Charlotte Diamond** performs at the R.E.M. Lee Theatre Thursday, May 30. At 7 p.m. Presented by Canadian Parents for French. Tickets at Misty River Books and at the door.

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Monthly meeting for the Northwest B.C. Metis Association at the Kermode Friendship Centre. At 7 p.m. Call Frank at 849-5060 or Sid at 638-8589.

at 3411 Munroe St., Terrace, V8G 3C1.

School readiness workshop for parents. A fun way to prepare your child for kindergarten. Lunch provided. May 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. upstairs at the Kermode Friendship Society. Please call 635-4906 to register.

### MAY 21-25

Leg. Lindstrom Healing Ministries at Eagles Nest Church, at 7 p.m. Call Donna at 615-7279.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1

6th Annual Perennial Garden Tour, sponsored by Women and Development. Tour 10 of Terrace and Lakelse Lake's finest spring gardens. Tickets at Misty River Books, the Garden Shed and Sidewalkers. Proceeds support projects benefiting women and children in developing countries. English High Tea at the Kin Kamp. Call Brenda at 635-0040 for info.

### THURSDAY, MAY 22

Cancer Support Group for family and friends meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Stepping Stones Clubhouse, at 4450 Greig Ave. at 7 p.m. Call Craig at 635-0049 for more information.

### MAY 23-24

Free Health and Wellness workshop presented by the Registered Nurses Association Terrace Chapter and the Kermode Friendship Centre's alcohol and drug program. Friday May 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, May 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Featuring a roster of local medical and nursing staff. Nominations for best doctor and nurse to come from the community. Drop boxes at Cafenara, Kermode alcohol and drug program, and at the medical building foyer and fifth floor. For more info, call Benita at 635-7670.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free workshops at Youth Opportunities May 21 career directions - what do I really want to do? May 28, a career in tourism - you decide how far to go! Workshops start at 4 p.m. We're at 4639 Lazelle Ave. Call 635-3812.

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

Community Home Safety Fair at the Kit-sumkalum Health Services Building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Learn more about injury prevention in the home. Displays, activities, information. Call 635-6172 for further details.

Kermode Friendship Society's Youth Council holds a car wash and BBQ May 24 at the Kit-sumkalum Tempo Gas Station. The group is raising money to pay for travel expenses for the provincial aboriginal youth conference in September and to support program activities. Enter the draw for a silver bracelet carved by Shirley Stanley.

Terrace Peaks Gymnastics Club Armor All National Car Wash Day at the Northern Motor Inn Parking Lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Support our efforts to raise money for phase two of our building project. Call Darryl at 635-9150.

Metis Stone Soup Saturday. At campsite No. 41 on Ferry Island, starting at 3:30 p.m. All Metis families and friends are welcome. Bring a chair, bowl, spoon, coffee cup and something to add to the soup pot. Soup served at 4:30 p.m. Call Beverly at 635-6864 for details.

First Nations for All Nations Gospel Celebration Sat. May 24 at 7 p.m. at the Terrace Pentecostal Assembly with pastor Dan Starlund. Join us for an evening of blessing. For information call Irene at 635-5413.

### MONDAY, MAY 26

The Terrace Art Association will discuss the future of the Terrace art gallery. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. New members welcome. For info call Aron 638-8884.

### SATURDAY, MAY 31

Celebrate Skeena Junior's 50th birthday party. All ex-students, teachers and administrators are welcome. At Skeena Jr. from 2-4 p.m. Send your greetings to the Birthday Committee

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<b>Baby's Name:</b> Emma Louise <b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> April 16, 2003 at 3:43 p.m. <b>Weight:</b> 9 lbs. 12 oz. <b>Sex:</b> Female <b>Parents:</b> Siobhan & Chad Buhr <i>Little sister for Aedin</i>	<b>Baby's Name:</b> Leonard George Tyrone <b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> May 13, 2003 at 5:44 p.m. <b>Weight:</b> 7 lbs. 6 oz. <b>Sex:</b> Male <b>Parents:</b> Trina Mercer & John J. Wilson
<b>Baby's Name:</b> Timothy Cody <b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> April 30, 2003 at 7:41 a.m. <b>Weight:</b> 9 lbs. 10 oz. <b>Sex:</b> Male <b>Parents:</b> Tim & Kim <i>Little brother for Hailey</i>	<b>Baby's Name:</b> Sasha Brielle <b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> May 1, 2003 at 6:00 a.m. <b>Weight:</b> 7 lbs. 4.5 oz. <b>Sex:</b> Female <b>Parents:</b> Pam & Jason <i>Little sister for Keel &amp; Taya</i>
<b>Baby's Name:</b> Dakotah <b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> Jan. 18, 2003 at 5:12 p.m. <b>Weight:</b> 8 lbs. 11 oz. <b>Sex:</b> Male <b>Parents:</b> Terry Ruel & Claudia Moldenhauer	<b>Baby's Name:</b> Jewelina <b>Date &amp; Time of Birth:</b> May 1, 2003 at 7:43 a.m. <b>Weight:</b> 7 lbs. 4 oz. <b>Sex:</b> Female <b>Parents:</b> Tamara Quock & John Robinson <i>Little sister for Watson &amp; Denver</i>

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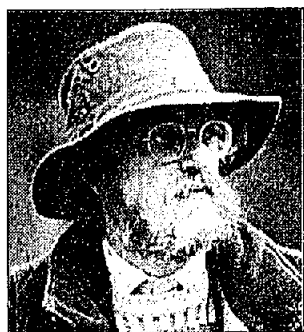
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Joan looked up from her magazine and glanced at Billy. He was gazing out the window, watching the baggage handlers scurry around the tarmac. There was dull thumping in the belly of the jet. The last of the passengers were taking their seats. A portly man plunked awkwardly into the seat next to her.

"Sorry," he said as his elbow hit hers. Joan pulled her arm away. "It's fine," she said, but it wasn't really. His upper arm was pressing into her shoulder. She wanted to pull away but couldn't. She squirmed, trying unsuccessfully to get comfortable, a feat she quickly realized was probably impossible given the irritatingly small seats.

As the flight attendant went through her pantomime, the portly gent continued to work at getting comfortable. Joan turned to give him a pointed look. Before she could he looked at her and smiled.

His smile was all mouth - yellowed teeth with overly long incisors slanting backwards from overuse, Joan guessed, and thin, papery lips the colour of onion peel. The eye twinkle that anemic smile desperately needed was absent. Instead there was a dull glint on the metal part of the marbled plastic and metal frames that Joan recalled from the time, 10 years ago, when she clerked in the optical department of a large drug store chain to pay rent and college tuition. The frames were out of style even then.

The man had half a head of straight gray hair combed severely back in a vain attempt to cover his tonsure.

He was wearing a rumpled gray suit the same vintage as his glasses and a florid Hawaiian shirt open at the neck to expose a gilt chain that barely girded his thick neck.

"Where you off to?" he asked. Joan smelled something that reminded her of burning rubber.

"Vancouver then Tokyo," replied Joan, immediately regretting having mentioned the Japanese capital, a likely conversation starter.

"Tokyo, eh. The little woman and I went there in '68, for the Olympics."

Joan noticed a silver crucifix in the man's lapel. The plane left the runway. Joan felt as if a firm but gentle hand was pushing her into the back of her seat.

"Too crowded for me. I'm a small town boy. What're ya goin' to Japan for?"

Trapped now, Joan smiled politely. "Uh...fishing."

The man cocked his head and raised his left eye.

"Well, we're not fishing in Japan. We're stopping over there briefly then going to Seoul."

"They have sport fishing in Korea?"

"No. We're only stopping there too. We're going to Mongolia."

Joan realized that this last statement had done nothing to relieve the man's puzzlement.

"Taimen - they have a salmon called Taimen in Mongolia - they're the biggest salmon in the world."

"We have wonderful salmon fishing where I come from," said the portly guy, seizing the opportunity to turn the conversation to familiar ground.

"Yep, some of the best in the world - well, at least, it used to be good back when I was mayor. But in the last few years it's gone downhill quite a bit."

Joan was tempted to ask why, but didn't, in hopes of terminating the conversation. It didn't matter, the man volunteered the information anyway.

"Some people say the fishermen who net the mouth of the river took too many for too many years. There were fish farms on the coast too. The Greens - the environmentalists - blamed them..."

"The farms?"

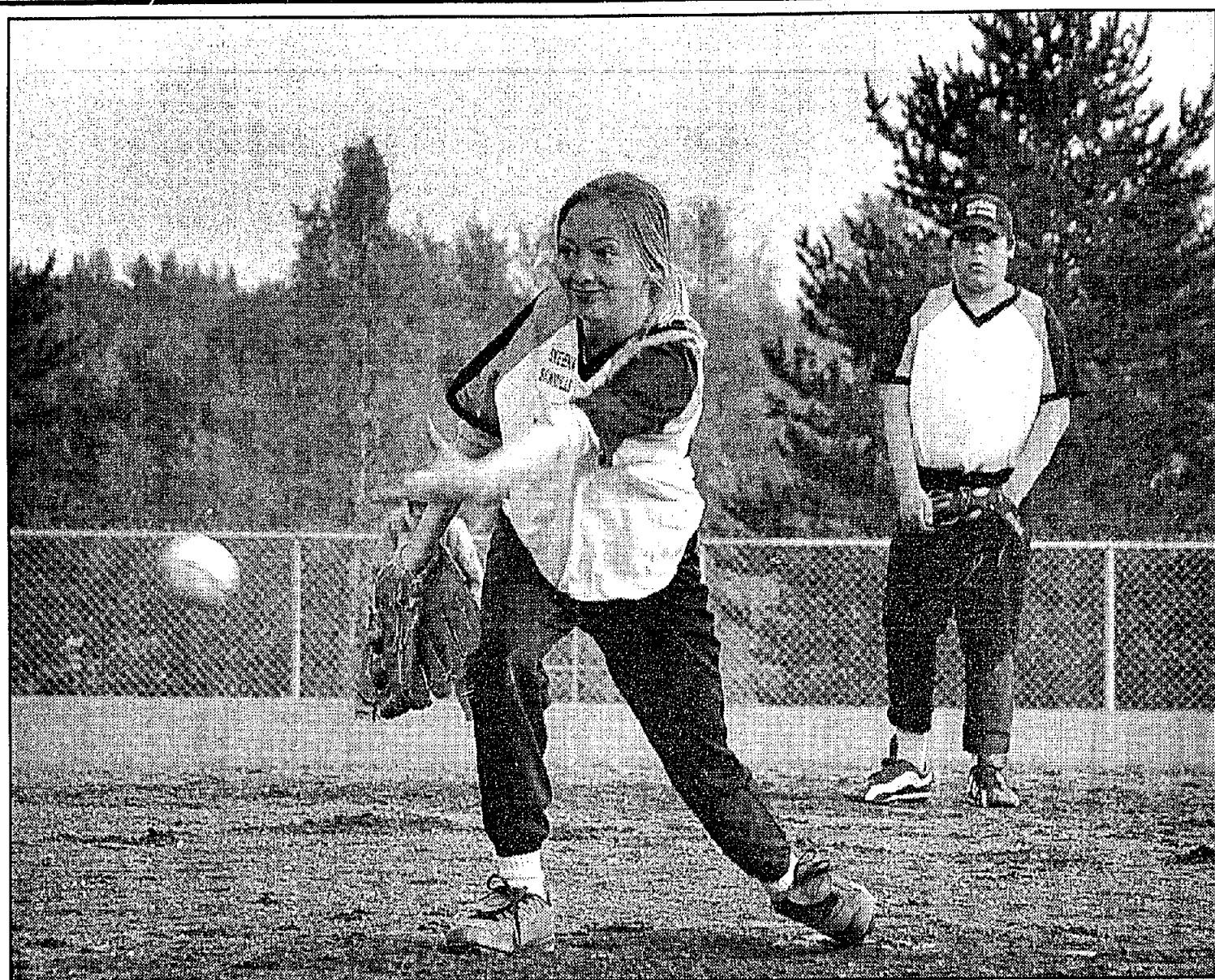
"And the loggers - blamed the loggers for cutting down too many trees - claimed they wrecked the little streams where the baby salmon grow up."

"Oh," said Joan, fearing the conversation was about to take a sharp and ignorant turn.

"If you ask me, though, it's them seals, more seals than ever before. They're eating all the salmon. But it don't matter much anymore anyway. We got oil deposits off the coast. All we gotta do is tap into them and we're all gonna get rich. The Lord is good. He believes in growth."

Before either Joan, or Billy, who was listening incredulously now too, could say anything, the lights went out and the aircraft plummeted toward earth.

To be continued...



## Let 'er rip

Stephanie Fletcher unleashes a pitch during a May 13 Terrace Sawmills. Team Canadian Tire won this one by a close score of 14-12. SARAH A. ZIMMERMAN PHOTO

## Northmen numbers need a boost

RUGBY ain't what it used to be - at least not in Terrace, says team organizers.

This year's rugby club has had a shortage of players due to declining interest, says Northmen spokesman David Hull.

"Rugby has waned in past years and we're hoping for some revitalization," he said.

So far, the Tuesday and Thursday practices have consisted of less than the minimum of 14 players required for a game.

"We hope to form three teams with a minimum of seven on each side," Hull

said. But this is an optimistic goal as even finding enough people for two teams of seven has been tough.

Players suggested the growing popularity of soccer may have stifled some interest.

But there is still time to join the team.

"The beauty of this program is it really opens it up for new players," Hull said.

Hull added that rugby is a good choice of sport for people who don't want to commit to travel.

Practises are from 6:30-

8:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Northwest Community College, with no out of town games scheduled.

"We're going to work on really balancing the teams," he said. A home and away game might be looked into with more support.

Experience isn't necessary to play the game.

"All you need is a pair of cleated shoes," Hull said.

Anyone 16 years or older is invited to come out. For details call David Hull at 638-1327.

## Ladies post speedy gymkhana times

THE LADIES dominated the Mother's Day gymkhana at the Thornhill Community Grounds posting the fastest times in all five events and also broke some best times set April 27, says Totem Saddle Club secretary Marty Cox.

Senior rider Amy Hayduk posted the fastest time in pole bending with 24.038 seconds, beating the previous time by almost a full second. She also nabbed top spot in ring spearing in just 9.448 sec.

Senior rider Lyn Lavoie continues to beat her own times in barrels posting a time of 16.638 seconds. She also claimed the fastest time in figure eight, with 19.498 seconds. Flag picking went to Amy Hayduk with a 9.616 second time.

"The masters group has grown to 11 riders but Dan Muller took all the first place ribbons," says Cox.

In Junior A Brittany Johnson nabbed four first place ribbons riding Buck - ring spearing in 17.725 and flag picking in just 13.318. In the figure eight her time was 22.170, and poles was 37.828.

Junior B rider Neoma Patterson on Chance, once again swept all five events with times of 14.294 in rings, 13.697 in flag, 21.518 in figure eight, 30.972 in poles and 18.390 in barrels. In Junior C Michalla Heighington took first in barrels, poles, and figure eight and Joey Muller on Nevada took first in rings in 18.405.

"Junior D was the competition of the Katrinas," says Cox.

Katrina Fisher took all five first place ribbons again, but her competition this time was Katrina Friesen who took four

second place finishes.

"Lead Line is becoming a heated group," Cox says, adding the young riders are keep encouraging leaders to go faster.

Jennifer Rempel and Amanda Stella took first in rings, Jennifer and Kalen Rempel took first in flag and in poles, new rider Desiree Roun and Kalen took first in figure eight, Kalen took first in barrels with Jennifer second and Amanda third.

"Some of these riders may start riding without being led so they can pick up some faster times," Cox adds.

Clear round days saw seven riders turn out with Nancy Hogue, Amy Hayduk, and Maureen completing all six rounds with no rails down. Greg Wilson only missed one rail in his six rounds. Kelsey Monaghan managed five clear rounds.

Fillers are now required under the jump rail which made the jumps a little different May 11.

"Some of the horses may have found them a little scary but they got used to them."

The club's newest event, percentage days, saw nine riders riding the tests ranging from Intro to F4. Nancy Hogue rode Juno in F4 receiving a percentage of 58.3. Kirsty Evans on Tegan did Training Test 1 and 2 and received 59 and 57.3 percent.

Lynne Eastman was back riding and rode the Intro test on Kaledun receiving 53.6 percent.

Natasha Candelora judged the event offering helpful hints to the riders by pointing out how to improve their tests.

## Scoreboard

## Biking

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May 4, 2003

**Peewee 1991-Over**

Kurt Gasser DNF Terrace

**Minime 1989-90**

Mattias Muller 1:01:53 Terrace

Stephen Chapman 1:02:15 Terrace

**Cadet 1987-88**

Skye Jones 42:35 Hazelton

Jeff Chapman 50:07 Terrace

Jesse Sheasby 51:42 Terrace

**Junior 1985-86**

Kristian Gough 47:27 Terrace

Tyler Sheasby 49:58 Terrace

Olivier Drouin 51:08 Terrace

**Senior 1964-84**

Craig Richey 41:20 Smithers

Peter Krause 42:05 Smithers

Jon Lambert 45:31 Terrace

**Veteran Men 1954-63**

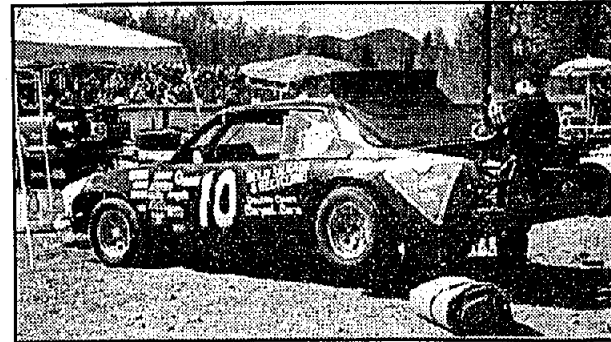
Willie Muller 50:47 Terrace

Ernie Hilder 1:06:04 Terrace

**Masters Men 1953 and before**

Rod Freeman 52:43 Terrace

Bruce Chapman 1:10:00 Terrace



JEFF BARNETT works on the rear axle of #10 hobby after it was broken during the B Hobby heat.

## Racing action wows crowd

HUNDREDS of fans packed the stands at the Terrace Speedway May 11 for the first side-by-side racing of the season.

Bobby Barnett won the B Hobby shootout in car #10 only to lose a rear tire in the heat race.

"He was coming out of corner number four when the axle broke and one of his rear tires took off down the track," says fellow driver Debby Reinhardt. "I was racing right behind Bobby and had to do some quick maneuvering to avoid hitting the rolling tire."

The next race day is this Saturday with the Street Challenge. See next week's issue for full race day results.



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And in this room my hat was hung,  
And words were written, and songs were sung.  
And I held my glass high,  
And I dared to reach for the sky,  
And I never would grow old,  
When I was the new boy.*

**Darlene MacPhail**  
April 2002  
**Sandra Smith**  
May 2001  
*A sister so special, so dear to each thought  
Whose courage was shown in the battle she fought  
Whose and gave the grief that all feels when love parts  
Rests on Sleeping Beauty, and lives in our hearts.*  
*Having you for a sister  
We shared laughter, tears and dreams.  
Now all of that is gone with you  
To share them with our Dad.  
I think of you every day  
And still shed many tears  
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To share them with us all.*  
**Sadly missed Don** **With Love always Sharon**

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Society Number: S-32863  
**TO THE MEMBERSHIP**  
Date: Friday, May 30, 2003  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Place: Kitsumkalum Community Hall  
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In accordance with the Society Act of British Columbia and the First Nations' Emergency Services Society (FNESS) of British Columbia's constitution and by-laws, the Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the purpose of electing a President and two (2) Directors for the three (3) year term from May 30, 2003 to the year 2006 AGM, reviewing the Society's audited financial statement for the 2002/2003 fiscal year, special resolution and conducting other business of the Society.  
**BC Region First Nations' Firefighter's Competition 2003**  
Date: Saturday, May 31, 2003  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
Place: Kitsumkalum Fire Hall  
Kitsumkalum Band, I.R. #1 (Highway 16 West)  
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**815 LEGAL NOTICES**  
**TENDER**  
**Walsh Avenue**  
**Reconstruction Contract**  
 Tender Documents for full roadway reconstruction, including drainage works and watermain replacement, along Walsh Avenue (Kenny Street to Munroe Street) are available from May 14th, 2003, at the Public Works Building, 5003 Graham Avenue, Terrace, weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., for a non-refundable fee of \$25.00.  
 A site meeting will be held on Thursday, May 22nd, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. at the intersection of Walsh Avenue and Munroe Street.  
 Tender to close at 2:00 p.m. on May 29th, 2003.

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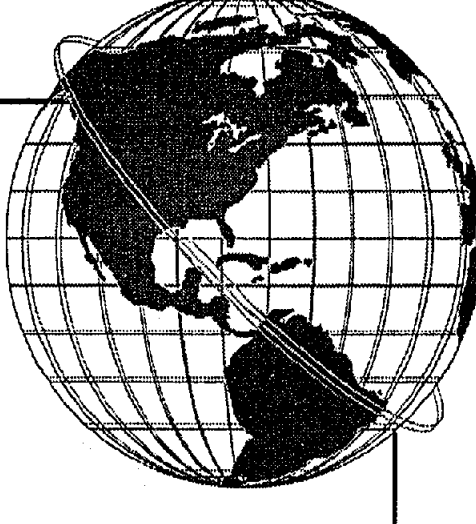
**815 Legal Notices**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** Ministry of Forests  
**Notice of Substantial Completion**  
 Project: Sewer Foremain Replacement of Furlong Bay Campground, Lakelse Lake Provincial Park  
 Contractor: Colongard Enterprises Ltd. RR #3, Site 2, Comp 29 Terrace, BC V8G 4R6  
 Take notice that Substantial Completion has been given as of May 6, 2003, for this project.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA** Ministry of Forests  
**NOTICE INVITING APPLICATION FOR TIMBER SALE LICENCE A59186**  
 Pursuant to Section 20 of the Forest Act a Timber Sale Licence is being offered for sale.  
 Closing Date: June 10, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. at the Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area  
 Geographic Location: Hietz  
 Volume: 21 322 cubic metres, more or less  
 Upset Stumpage Rate: \$25.08 per cubic metre  
 The upset stumpage rate was determined by the Market Pricing System, and is applicable only to coniferous green sawlog grades.  
 Species: Hemlock 38%, Balsam 56%, Spruce 5%, Pine 1%, more or less  
 Tenders will only be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a Small Business Forest Enterprise, Category One (1) and/or Two (2).  
 Logging System: Clear Cut with Reserves, Ground Based  
 This licence requires the building of approximately 2.3 kilometres of on-block roads. Applications will be accepted by the Timber Sales Manager, Terrace Timber Sales Office, Skeena Business Area, 200-5220 Keith Avenue, Terrace, British Columbia V8G 1L1 until 8:30 a.m. on June 10, 2003.  
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 • 2600 square foot addition consisting of concrete foundation, concrete walls, wood trussed roof, plumbing, electrical and related appearances.  
 • 1350 square foot renovation of existing building space consisting of gypsum wall board on steel stud walls, paint, t-bar ceiling, flooring, plumbing, electrical and related appearances.  
 Sealed tenders marked "Tender for Animal Shelter Addition and Renovation" will be received by McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd. up to 2:00 p.m. local time June 2, 2003 and will be opened immediately thereafter.  
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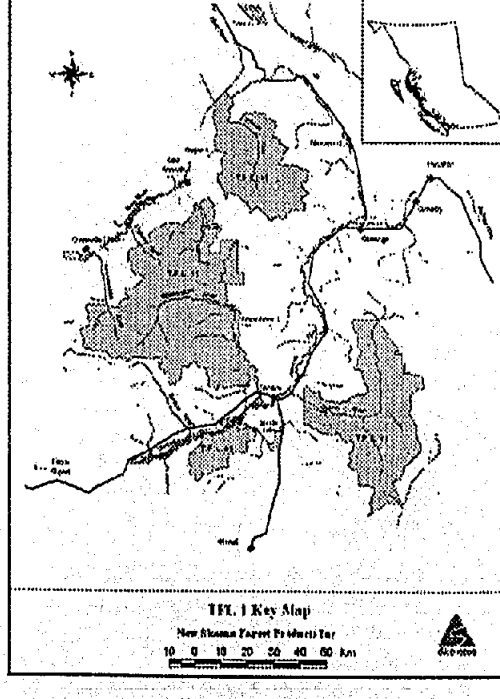
**INVITATION TO TENDER**  
 Sealed tenders will be received until 2:00 pm local time on June 12th, 2003, by Global Approach Services For Aviation at #100 - 1860 Dayton Street, Kelowna, BC, on behalf of the Terrace-Kitimat Airport Society, for the Rehabilitation of Taxiway A at the Northwest Regional Airport, BC.  
 The work generally consists of:  
 • 13,000 sq.m. cold milling of the existing taxiway surface  
 • Pavement crack repair  
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 • Pavement markings and cleanup  
 The owner reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders and the lowest Tender will not necessarily be accepted.  
 Financial Assistance has been provided for this project by the Federal Minister of Transport.  
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**Public Review and Input**  
**TFL 1 Draft Management Plan #10** Skeena

New Skeena Forest Products Inc. invites input on the Draft Management Plan 10 for Tree Farm Licence 1 (TFL 1).

The Management Plan describes strategic level objectives and strategies for management of the timber and non-timber resources within the TFL. The term of the Management Plan will be from 2004 to 2008.

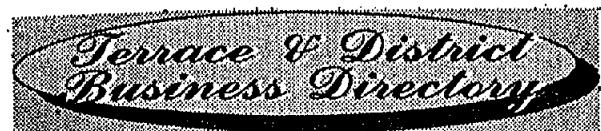
TFL 1 is an area-based forest tenure with a term of 25 years, and is renewable every five years. The TFL encompasses a total area of 518,297 hectares, including 229,379 hectares of productive forest land within the Skeena, Copper, Kitsumkalum, and Nass valleys.



The Draft Management Plan will be available for viewing **May 7, 2003 to July 7, 2003** during normal operating hours at the following locations:  
 • New Skeena Forest Products Woodlands office  
 • Terrace Public Library

Comments or questions on Draft Management Plan 10 can be directed to the attention of **Rick Brouwer, RPF** at the address below, or by fax to 250 638 5720, or by e-mail to [BrouwerR@Skeena.com](mailto:BrouwerR@Skeena.com)

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**May 23 and 25**  
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**May 24**  
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**May 29**  
 ■ Skeena Valley Ladies golf club plays regular nine holes; Bingo Bango Bongo (Bangs)

**June 1**  
 ■ Totem Saddle Club hosts gymkhana, clear rounds and percentage days at the Thornhill Community Grounds 10:30 a.m.

**June 5**  
 ■ Skeena Valley Ladies golf club plays nine holes; Beat the Champ Week

**June 7**  
 ■ TESSA track and field meet 10 a.m. at Caledonia Senior Secondary School.

**June 7**  
 ■ Skeena River Relay - Prince Rupert start. Teams of runners pound the pavement of Hwy 16. For info call Charlene at 627-7877.

**June 11**  
 ■ Terrace Track and Field Association hosts its corporate challenge track meet. Challenge other teams to battle it out to see who's the most fit and who can raise the most money towards an all-weather track. Call Dighton at 635-5082 or Bob at 635-2983.

**June 12**  
 ■ Skeena Valley Ladies golf club hosts scramble 5:30 shotgun, 2 ball best ball

**June 19**  
 ■ Skeena Valley Ladies golf club plays regular nine holes; Pin Round #4; Sign up for District Tourney

**June 22**  
 ■ Totem Saddle Club hosts gymkhana, clear rounds and percentage days at the Thornhill Community Grounds 10:30 a.m.

**June 26**  
 ■ Skeena Valley Ladies golf club plays regular nine holes; Guess your scores

**June 28-30**  
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Kitsumkalum Lake is a large, deep lake about 25 km north of Terrace. Also referred to as Kalum or Kitsumgallum Lake, it has good fishing for cutthroat trout and dolly varden.

Special regulations apply for salmon, and anglers should consult the BC Freshwater Salmon Supplement published by Fisheries and Oceans, as well as the provincial regulations, before going after salmon.

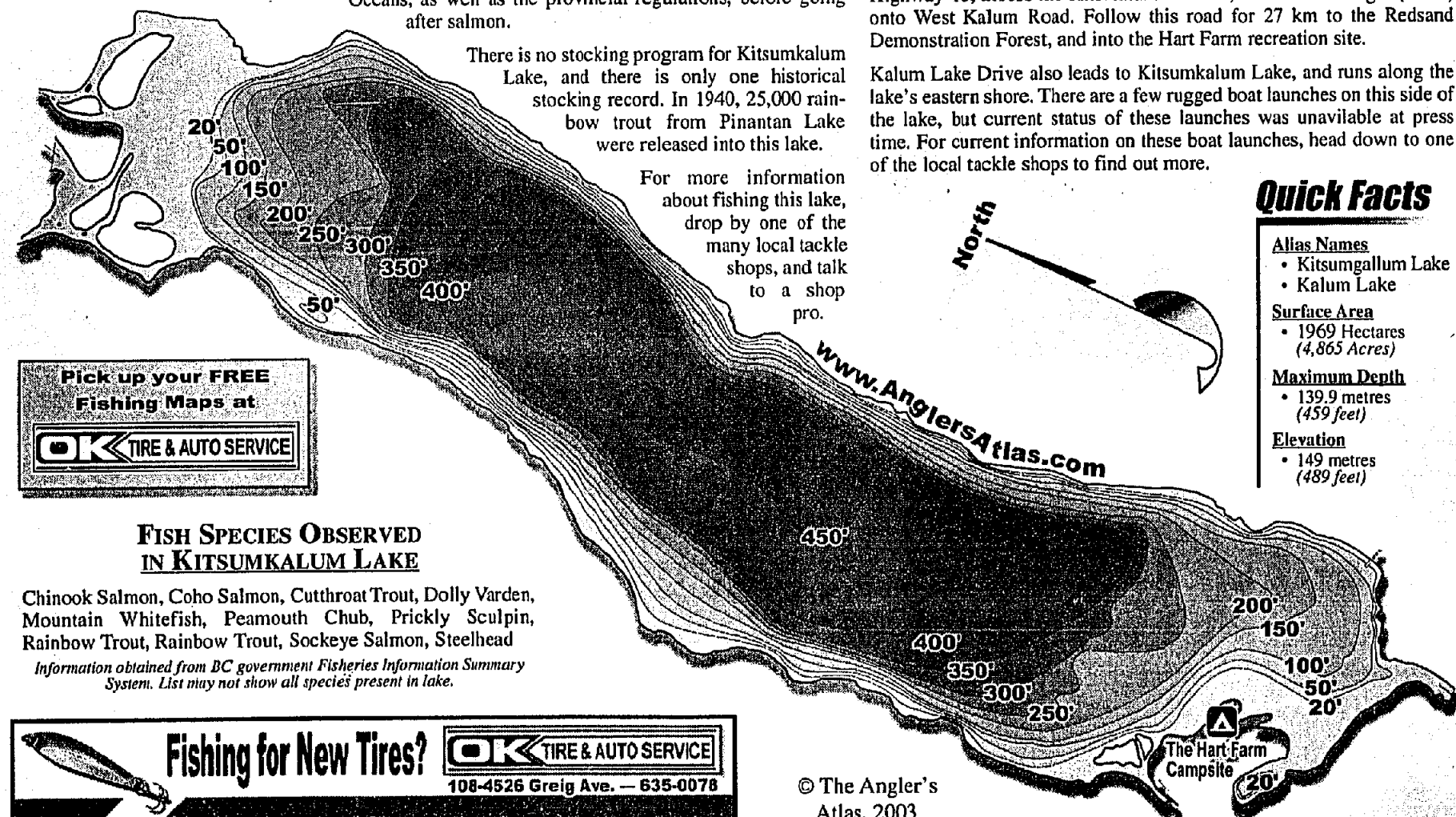
There is no stocking program for Kitsumkalum Lake, and there is only one historical stocking record. In 1940, 25,000 rainbow trout from Pinantan Lake were released into this lake.

For more information about fishing this lake, drop by one of the many local tackle shops, and talk to a shop pro.

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West Kalum Road leads to a forestry recreation site located on the south shore of Kitsumkalum Lake, called The Hart Farm. This is a medium size site in a semi-open area. From Terrace, head west on Highway 16, across the Kitsumkalum River, and then turn right (north) onto West Kalum Road. Follow this road for 27 km to the Redsand Demonstration Forest, and into the Hart Farm recreation site.

Kalum Lake Drive also leads to Kitsumkalum Lake, and runs along the lake's eastern shore. There are a few rugged boat launches on this side of the lake, but current status of these launches was unavailable at press time. For current information on these boat launches, head down to one of the local tackle shops to find out more.



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### FISH SPECIES OBSERVED IN KITSUMKALUM LAKE

Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Cutthroat Trout, Dolly Varden, Mountain Whitefish, Peamouth Chub, Prickly Sculpin, Rainbow Trout, Rainbow Trout, Sockeye Salmon, Steelhead

Information obtained from BC government Fisheries Information Summary System. List may not show all species present in lake.

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### Quick Facts

- Atlas Names**
  - Kitsumgallum Lake
  - Kalum Lake
- Surface Area**
  - 1969 Hectares (4,865 Acres)
- Maximum Depth**
  - 139.9 metres (459 feet)
- Elevation**
  - 149 metres (489 feet)

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Depth contours shown in feet.  
 Map survey conducted in July, 1972.

