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IN BRIEF

Kids face big trip target

French Immersion students at Kildala elementary school have begun a major fund raising program to come up with the more than \$50,000 needed to cover a one week trip to Quebec in April of 2005.

"We're starting well ahead of our trip because we have to raise about \$2,000 per pupil for an estimated 27 students," explained trip co-ordinator Nathalie Frederickson.

That work started at the Northern BC Winter Games with running a concession.

For the future, "We'll be looking at a wide range of fund raising activities - cookie days, bottle drives, hamburger and hot dog sales," Frederickson said.

They are also working on a raffle and are currently seeking donations of prizes from local businesses.

The planned trip already has a tentative schedule of educational visits to Montreal and Quebec City to see museums, art galleries and other heritage sites, including a Huron native pageant.

Lining up to take the trip are grade 4-7 students from the school's French Immersion program.

"We'll also make a video of the trip and bring it back for others at the school to see," Frederickson said.

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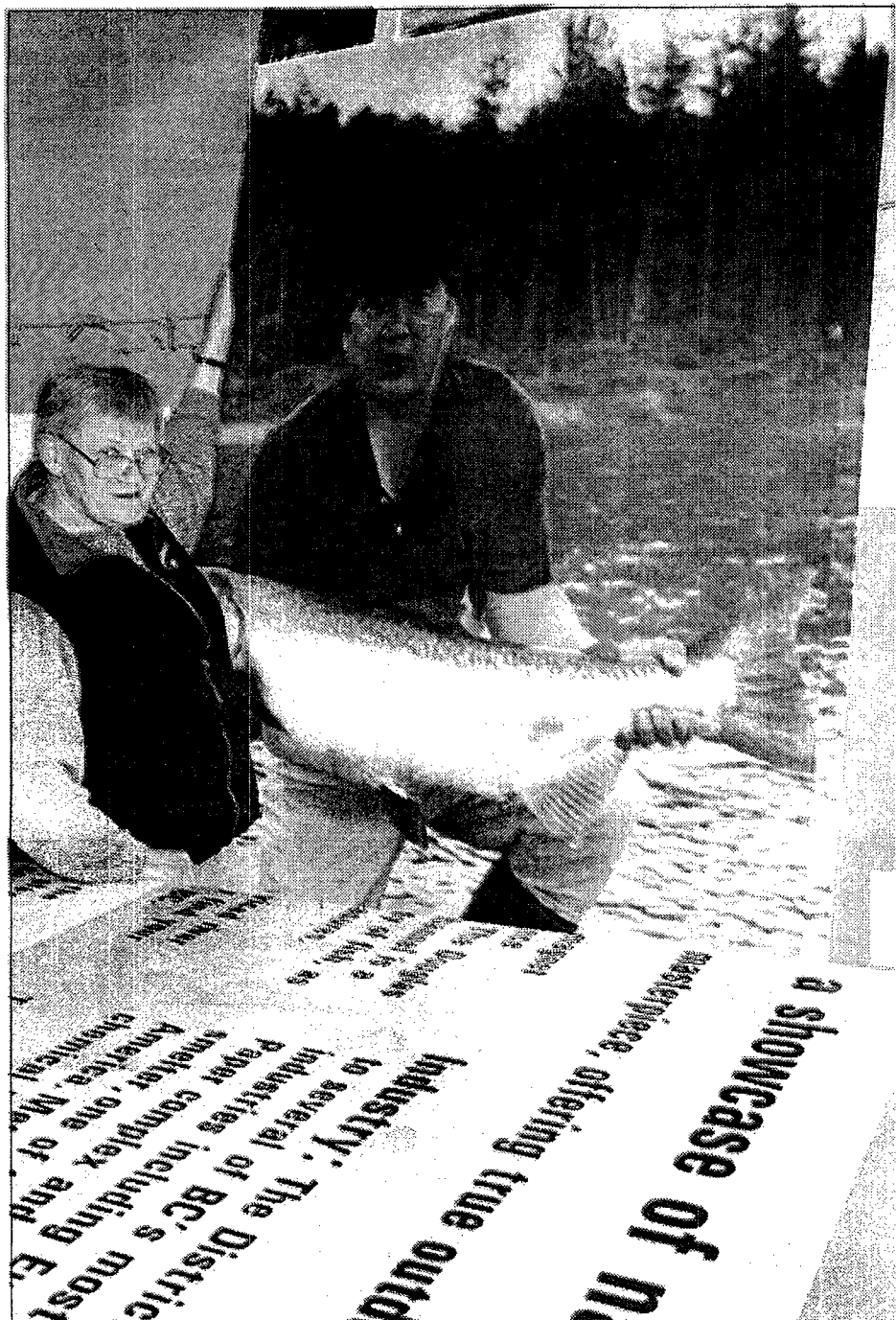
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FISHING FOR VISITORS: Heidi Born is putting the finishing touches on a new sign extolling the attractions of our community.

Sign woos tourists

ALLAN HEWITSON
Sentinel staff

The Chamber of Commerce is erecting a new sign on Hwy 16 East in Thornhill that is sure to grab the attention of passing tourists.

And the colourful 20ft. x 8ft. sign is certainly an eye-catcher, featuring as it does a huge photograph of local guide and businessman Ron Wakita holding a prime example of the Kitimat fishing experience - a 30lb. plus spring salmon.

There's also a large map of the upper end of the Douglas Channel and the Kitimat Arm illustrating the boating and sailing potential here.

The sign's text naturally proclaims Kitimat as a magnet for freshwater anglers as well as a saltwater fishing and boating paradise.

It also highlights our camping, Douglas Channel boating, marinas and other scenic attraction such as the Giant Spruce, Moore Creek Falls, the many challenging hiking trails, canoeing, four wheeling and other back-country adventures.

And it points out that the presence of three major industries makes the Kitimat Valley a "marvel of nature and industry."

Production of the sign was part of the legacy of the city's 50th Anniversary year of celebrations - the 50th anniversary logo is included.

The new sign, budgeted by the Chamber at \$5,000, is being given its finishing touches by Heidi Born and is expected to replace its aged predecessor in the next few days.

Contracting out is out says NHA

The Northern Health Authority will not be contracting out non-medical services at its hospitals and care facilities.

The NHA has dumped the on-again, off-again proposal because it found contracting out wasn't going to save it as much money as first thought.

And it has reached an agreement with the Facilities Sub-Sector unions to find ways to cut costs without it.

"There are discussions ongoing and we have reached an important milestone," said NHA CEO Malcolm Maxwell of the deal.

Maxwell said the authority is confident it can find ways to save money by using its existing workers who are responsible for cooking and cleaning and other services.

The agreement is the fourth attempt the NHA has made in the last year to cut non-medical labour costs in an effort to reduce its deficit.

Two others, which featured wage and benefit reductions, were rejected by union members.

A third attempt to get those reductions was accepted by workers at only eight facilities - Kitimat General Hospital was not one of them.

When the majority of workers rejected that third attempt, the NHA sought proposals from private companies to take over services such as food, janitorial and laundry.

The authority had until Feb. 27 to look at those proposals and compare them to whatever came

from discussions with its unions.

Friday, following meetings between NHA management and union officials, the NHA announced it had cancelled the contracting out request for proposals process.

Although specific details have not been released, the authority said some of the cost savings would be achieved through:

- establishing hubs in some support services that would serve a number of facilities;
- buying new technology and equipment to help staff work as efficiently as possible; and
- eliminating duplication.

The NHA expects to save at least \$1 million as a result of these moves.

And although it forecasts about 25 full-time equivalent positions will be eliminated - out of a total of 400 - the NHA said it will "make every effort" to relocate those affected to other available positions.

Mike Old of the Hospital Employees' Union (HEU) said the agreement with the NHA could be a model for the rest of the province.

"The real message is using long term and experienced workers to find ways for efficiencies and to keep them working," he said.

Old said the HEU, other unions and the health authority kept in touch late last year and into January to see if there was a way to avoid contracting out.

"I think what we've established here is a good process."

POLICE BEAT

Booze B and E

Sometime during the night of Feb. 19-20 thieves broke into a business in the 400 block of Enterprise and stole five 24 packs of beer.

Sgt. Bob Perry said it appeared a wooden garage door was forced and asked anyone with information on the B and E to contact the detachment at 632-7111 or Kitimat Crimestoppers at 632-8477.

Suspensions issued

Three drivers picked up 24-hour licence suspensions and one was ticketed for not wearing a seat belt in the latest RCMP checkstop.

Sgt. Perry said several hundred vehicles were stopped between 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 and 3 a.m. the following morning.

During the week ended Feb. 23 RCMP answered 82 calls, issued a fourth suspension and charged one local resident with impaired driving.

January brrrrrta!l

With the sun beaming down on soon-to-open crocus, it's hard to believe that just a month ago we were being hit by another deep freeze.

Jan. 29 saw the temperature plummet to minus 24, one degree colder than the Jan. 5 and 6 minimums.

The freeze ups at each end of the month brought a total of 111.5 cm of snow,

Missing medal

The list of karate medal winners in the Northern BC Winter Games should have included Corey Skender's bronze in Boys 12/13 Advanced Kata.

33 cm of which fell between 8 p.m. Jan. 28 and 8 a.m. Jan 29.

In between we also received 183.9 mm of rain, 49.5 mm of that on Jan. 14.

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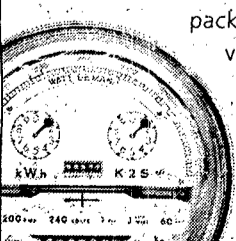
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Fisheries director explains hatchery situation

ALLAN HEWITSON
Sentinel staff

John Lubar, area director, BC North Coast for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, has assured city council the transfer of responsibility for an important facility like the Kitimat River Hatchery could not take place without significant local consultation.

However, he acknowledged FOC had entered into discussions with the Haisla on their proposal to take over operation of the facility.

"Based on DFO's budgetary shortfall, the department has to consider alternative delivery methods for its programs," Lubar told council Monday night.

Lubar said he was unable to answer detailed questions about the Haisla proposal because discussions to date had been preliminary only and FOC was itself awaiting a more detailed proposal.

In his opening presentation, Lubar noted "the offer by the Haisla First Nation to take over

the hatchery has occasioned a lot of controversy.

And while staff and managers at the regional level in Vancouver have had preliminary discussions with Haisla leaders and their partners, he emphasized several complex budgetary and policy issues would have to be resolved before any decisions.

It would also require a

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thorough analysis of any proposal and discussion with a number of parties.

Lubar provided some background on the Kitimat hatchery. Noting it started with a pilot project in 1977, he said the existing facility was built in 1983 "to do proportional enhancement of several rivers and streams in the Kitimat River system and also three rivers flowing into the Kitimat Arm (of the Douglas Channel)."

The original idea for production at Kitimat

River hatchery had been to enhance seven different Chinook stocks with three-million eggs a year.

"At present we are doing two Chinook stocks with 1.7-million eggs.

While nine stocks of chum (11 million eggs) were also part of the original plan, that was now two stocks with five million eggs.

Equivalent figures for other species were:

□ coho - four stocks (600,000) down to one stock (550,000);

□ steelhead - one stock (55,000) to one stock (50,000); and

□ cutthroat trout - one stock (50,000) to one stock (7,500).

Lubar said the reductions had been made "mainly for logistical and budgetary reasons".

"Out of all of this, Kitimat River Chinook stocks are considered as the highest priority stocks for enhancement because

they contribute to higher-value marine and freshwater fisheries," he added.

Lubar said the hatchery had employed a maximum of nine full-time staff - plus seasonal staff - prior to 1999. Today there were eight full-timers staff and up to six casuals.

The operating budget had reached as high as \$900,000 in 2000-01 but for this fiscal year was down to \$719,000.

Lubar said the Salmonid Enhancement Program under which the hatchery falls is still under review by the department.

The purpose of that review was to "re-focus and renew the SEP" and bring it into line with "current priorities, policies and financial resources".

Lubar pointed out SEP's costs are currently higher than the funding allocated to it and that is at the expense of other FOC programs.

In 1996 the program was cut by \$3.5 million, "but the politicians kept the program going by taking money from wherever they could get it.

That's the situation today,"

However, he warned, the \$3.5-4 million deficit would need to be tackled in the long term.


"That was the context in which the Haisla made their offer," Lubar said. "Given the chronic budgetary shortfall, (FOC) must consider a range of options and different ways to deliver the enhancement program."

And that meant if "partners" - whether First

Nations or community groups - came forward with ideas for doing things differently or bringing in new resources, FOC would seriously consider them.

"But new initiatives arrangements and partnerships can only succeed with a broad base of support from the wider community. That's the message I'm bringing you and the message we have

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TAX TIME SAVERS

What if my employer gives me a gift? ...

The tax department (CCRA) has issued a statement allowing an employee to attend an employer provided party that is generally available to all employees as long as the cost is reasonable (up to \$100 per person) without having to report a taxable benefit for Canadian income tax purposes.

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That's easy to see when you look at the rules for the different divisions.

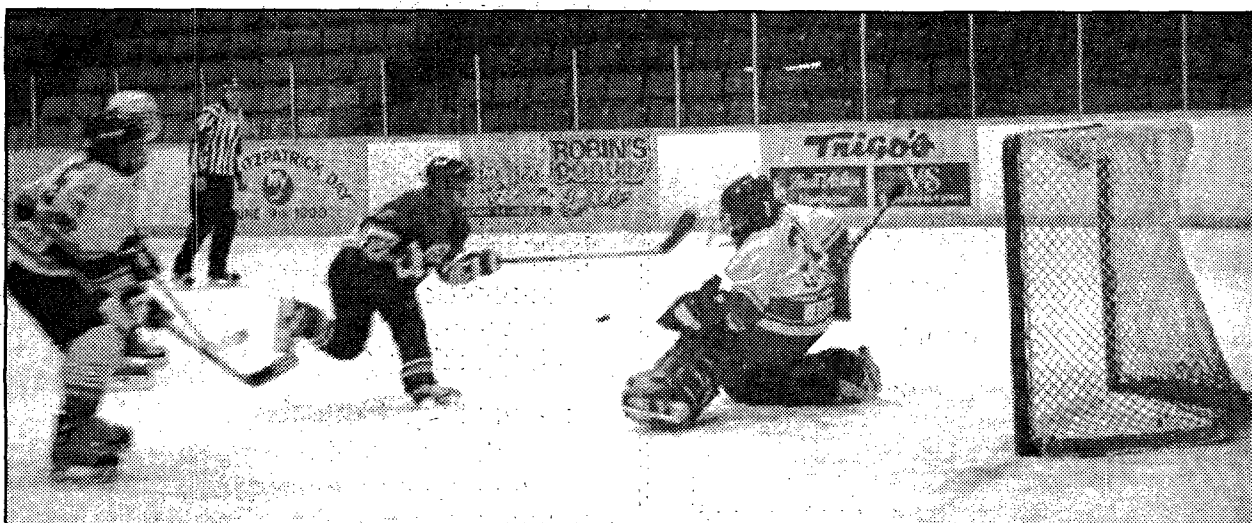
While the A division teams are allowed to have two Ice Demons or Junior A/B players on their team, that drops to just one in the B division.

The C division is intended for shop teams and entry into the D division is restricted to 50-plus, female and beginner-league teams only.

The tournament rules are also designed to minimize the chance of someone getting hurt.

For example, body checking is not allowed, nor are slapshots - the stick cannot be brought higher than the back of the shooter's knee.

And the message is underlined by the rules



governing penalties.

Spearing, slew footing, cross-checking from behind, cross-checking to the head, slashing and punching - with or without gloves on - all draw major penalties, as does verbal abuse of the referee.

If a stick is brought above the player's shoulders it's an automatic minor, a major if the stick even accidentally makes contact with another player's head.

All majors draw seven-minute penalties and ejection from the game.

However, if the referee feels the infraction was done on purpose, the player is out of the tournament.

"This is a fun hockey tournament and everyone wants to report to work the next day," says Doug Linton.

So the message to players is, "Have fun and respect your opponent."

And there will be fun off the ice as well - a dance at Riverlodge

featuring local band Semi-Chronic. That takes place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, the final day of the tourney.

Team entry forms (\$350 per team of 13 skaters and a goalie) and dance tickets (\$10) can be picked up at the Tamitik front desk or by calling Linton at (H) 632-7797 or (W) 639-8490 or Brad Riley (632-4506).

Tournament action begins Saturday, March 27 so come on out, cheer on your favourite team and help celebrate 50 years of Kitimat Works.

New contract gives West Fraser gas cost break

Pacific Northern Gas and West Fraser Timber have reached a deal that will see the cost of delivering natural gas to the Eurocan Pulp and Paper mill tumble. PNG announced it had negotiated a new, 10-year contract under which the utility will continue to deliver gas to Eurocan and that, under the terms of the agreement, it has reduced the amount it charges West Fraser to deliver the gas to the mill - the firm

transportation toll - by 30 per cent over the term of the agreement. PNG had also agreed to backdate the effective date of the contract to this past Jan. 1 - it will run until Dec. 31, 2013. The deal replaces the current supply contract with West Fraser that was set to expire before the end of this year.

"While this represents a significant reduction in the toll to West Fraser, all of our customers will be better served with the certainty and security of this new long-term contract," said Roy Dyce, president and CEO of PNG, said in the release. The deal still has to go to the BC Utilities Commission for approval, but that would appear to be little more than a formality.

Hatchery

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to bring to the Haisla," he emphasized.

"Working together is the best way to maintain a future for a facility like the Kitimat River hatchery."

Noting there had been a long controversy about the cutbacks and the future of the hatchery, councillor Graham Anderson added, "That concern will remain if we think it is going to be threatened in any way."

He also couldn't understand why the federal government didn't have enough money for this kind of project and others.

Lubar pointed out that the Fisheries budget has in fact remained relatively stable and what people were seeing was certain programs for which extra money had been found being wound down.

Asked by councillor Mario Feldhoff if the Kitimat hatchery had been a success, Lubar responded, "It has certainly been a success in producing a lot of fish and producing fish in various streams and the Kitimat River where there was a perceived need - yes."

Pointing out the federal government intended to spend \$65 million to investigate establishing new national parks and marine conservation areas, Feldhoff said, "There's lots of money for that and there isn't \$200,000 a year to maintain the hatchery that we have. This is the part that frustrates the heck out of me."

Lubar replied, "Yes, I said the DFO budget had remained stable over the last couple of years, but the program reviews in the 1990s saw the budget go down then. There are a lot of priorities to be considered."

Feldhoff then asked if the Haisla proposal for "ocean ranching" was a problem for FOC.

Lubar said that if, by ocean ranching, Feldhoff meant producing fish in a hatchery and then allowing the hatchery to catch them and sell them, then that did raise policy issues.

"It's an area in which the department is feeling its way in developing policy," Lubar said. "It has to do with making people aware and sensing where the appetite for change is, and the fairness and the economics of it."

Therefore, he suggested more discussion of the concept "around the province and maybe across the nation" was the approach to adopt.

As for species specific questions on the Haisla proposal, Lubar told council it would have to talk to the them.

"We don't have much detail on it about what stocks they want to maintain and which they don't." And if council had any question about which stocks were being enhanced now, he said Martin Forbes at the hatchery could answer those questions.

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The weird world of politics

For years Paul Martin had coveted the job of prime minister and finally it was his - a time for celebration.

And going to the country to get voters to confirm what the Liberal faithful had already decided was going to be a slam dunk.

And then along comes Auditor General Sheila Fraser's report detailing scandalous actions - and inactions - with regard to the federal Sponsorship Program.

Everything goes in the dumper.

The Libs plummet in the polls and the idea of a spring election begins to look foolhardy, to say the least, if PM PM wants to be returned with a majority government.

In the blink of an eye, coronation becomes crisis.

And Martin learns the truth of something British prime minister Harold Wilson said more than three decades ago: in politics, a week is a long time.

But what must be baffling Martin is that this report should have set off such a firestorm.

After all, the Natural Governing Party has seen more than its fair share of scandals in recent years.

And profligate waste of taxpayers' money could hardly be better exemplified than by the expensive lunacy of the gun control legislation.

But, according to past polls, nobody seemed to give a tinker's cuss - or at least not enough voters to give the Liberals any cause for concern.

The amount we're talking about is paltry compared to the gun control money pit.

Favours to Quebec? So what else is new?

So why has this scandal struck such a nerve with so many voters?

I confess, I have no idea. Perhaps this was just the straw that broke the taxpaying camel's back.

Meanwhile, a note to the Auditor General: while Ipsos-Reid was finding that even in Ontario support for the Liberals had dropped by 10 per cent, in the Maritimes there was virtually no change.

It therefore might be an idea to take a look at federal programs in those jurisdictions.

Malcolm Baxter.



THE LATEST POLL NUMBERS EXPLAINED:

Northwest MLAs on borrowed time

VICTORIA - Liberal MLAs across the so-called Heartlands are going to be dropping like flies in next May's election unless things change in the next 14 months.

The latest poll results are encouraging for the NDP on a bunch of levels. The New Democrats and Liberals were in a dead heat in the Mustel Group poll. Each has a 40 per-cent share of decided voters.

That's a remarkable recovery from the NDP's richly deserved defeat in 2001. The party has never had this much support in the 13 years Mustel has been releasing poll results.

The closest they came was in 1996, when the party hit 39 per cent - and won a majority of seats in the election.

The poll was taken just before the balanced budget was introduced, after a particularly rough patch for the Liberals marked by Gordon Hogg's resignation as children and families minister and police raids on the legislature offices of top Liberal aides.

But the poll isn't a blip. It continues a steady erosion of Liberal support.

The news is especially grim for MLAs from outside the Lower Mainland.

In Greater Vancouver, the Liberals still have a lead, with their support at 44 per cent and the NDP at 37 per cent.

But move outside the big city and voters are deserting the Liberals. In the rest of the province the NDP stands at 43 per cent and the Liberals are at 35 per cent. That means some 30 Liberal MLAs are looking at getting turfed by the voters.

The late and unlamented Heartlands strategy was supposed to improve things. It didn't work.

Publicly, the Liberals are downplaying the significance of the poll.

They note - rightly - that mid-term governments tend to be unpopular, and that they have made many tough decisions.

Except this isn't a mid-term government. The election is barely a year away, and it's going to be another tough year. Government cuts are still working through the system; health care faces a major crisis this summer; and more schools are slated to be closed.

Some Liberals are also hoping that NDP support will fade once voters start thinking more seriously about the election and the party's platform becomes more specific. They hope that Carole James' inexperience will also be a factor.

But it would be more useful for the Liberals to look at why so many people have decided that they can no longer support them.

Just before the election, a Mustel poll found 87 per-cent support for the Liberals in the northwest and Interior. Since then six out of every 10 people who supported the party have changed their minds.

When that many of your fellow citizens are disappointed in your government, it's time to pay attention, and act.

Campbell thinks the government is doing a good job and people are just wrong. (As he thinks - he's right and the public is wrong on whether the BC Rail sale is a broken promise.)

But next May it's the people who will decide who gets to represent them in the legislature. And, based on voter attitudes today, many of those Liberal MLAs elected in 2001 won't be around for a second term.

The lack of support isn't hard to explain. BC's regions have been hit hardest by service cuts, and seen the fewest economic benefits. They see big money - including some Ottawa says was supposed to go to rural infrastructure - being spent on the Lower Mainland and the Olympics.

And the government - despite efforts by some MLAs - has a strongly urban face. Vancouver is well-represented in the power positions at the cabinet table - Campbell, Colin Hansen, Geoff Plant, Christy Clark, Rich Coleman, Gary Collins.

But it's harder to pick one or two cabinet ministers, with clout, who come to voters' minds quickly as the champions of the rest of the province.

A lot can change. But right now, the Liberals are in big trouble beyond the Lower Mainland.

Footnote: The wild cards in the election are the other parties. In 1996, a strong Reform vote hurt the Liberals. In 2001, Green support cost the NDP seats.

According to the latest poll, the Greens have slumped to eight per-cent support; the various fringe parties on the right have the support of 10 per cent of voters. Bad news for the Liberals.

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Barberis and Pritchett making their mark on country scene

Stephano Barberis, 33, a former Mount Elizabeth Secondary grad, is currently riding high as a music video director with Triton Films in Vancouver.

He recently won his fifth award from the B.C. Country Music Association, this time for Director of the Year for a country music video produced and directed for Aaron Pritchett, another former Kitimat boy who has been hitting the music charts in the Lower Mainland and elsewhere in Canada and the U.S.

"It's been a big year for me with five national top ten videos in 2003, all of which have seen heavy rotation on MuchMusic, CMT and MTV Canada," said Barberis.

Since 1997 he has directed more than 35 music videos and won a collection of awards and nominations for awards in his field - including video of the year in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

He was also nominated for Director of the Year by the Canadian Country Music association, has won awards from the Alberta Recording Industries Association and was a double nominee for video of the year at the Much Music Video Awards.

Barberis has directed two videos that were extremely successful for Pritchett in the past two years, including "You Can't Say I Didn't Love You", an award winner that showed well in Canada and the United States.

The list of Canadian performers whose videos have been directed by

Barberis is lengthy, but he says he owes a lot of his success to the popularity of Canadian country singer Rick Tippe, with whom he has worked for six years.

But the names of other prominent performers and award winners like Doc Walker, Dean Tuftin, Two Marlow, Brad Johner and John Mann dot Barberis' videography list.

Born in Kitimat in April, 1970, Barberis attended Kildala

the maps - all before I was 14 years old.

However, having always been fascinated by music and video production, he is not disappointed by his change in career.

Although Barberis and Pritchett grew up together in Kitimat and attended the same elementary school, the two didn't know each other well.

But they've become fast friends since Barberis began directing music videos for the singer. "He's a great guy and a good friend," said Barberis. "We're about to do a third new video for him that will be the biggest in scope so far."

Their last collaboration, "New Frontier" was riding high on CMT's top twenty countdown in November and December.

Pritchett is a 'veteran' of the BC country music field who came to prominence in 2001 when he won the Project Discovery Talent contest at the Canadian Country Music



Aaron Pritchett

Elementary and MESS before he left for Simon Fraser University and BCIT to pursue a career as an urban planner.

He used to attend council meetings as a teenager and was very interested in urban planning and the economic future of the community. "I really love Kitimat - it was a great place to grow up."

And he still has enormous government maps of the area on which he used to draw streets. "My maps showed Kitimat growing well into the valley and up the hillsides. I used to add businesses and industries to

Awards.

His prize included recording of a single and a music video as part of the \$85,000 award.

"Consider This" was released in 2002 and later the same year Pritchett's video, "You Can't Say I Didn't Love You" debuted in the charts at #30, reaching #3 in the spring of 2003.

That's considered a remarkable achievement for an independent artist.

Pritchett was also the winner of the BC Country Music Association's Horizon Award in 2001.

READERS WRITE

Stand up and fight

Dear sir,

I cannot believe a fiscally responsible organization (Northern Health Authority/government) would turn down a donation just because it has to be left in Kitimat (Sentinel, Feb. 18).

The Max Lange Foundation and doctors spent a lot of time researching the microbiology equipment and finally ordered and got one at a good price with the training and setting up included.

The brilliant NHA, in their wisdom, wish to turn it down so they can spend approximately a quarter of a million dollars to put one in Terrace and one in Prince Rupert in the coming year.

My understanding is those two hospitals do not even have the computers or their computers do not have the capability to operate the equipment, plus the training and the setting up is not included.

So then more monies will be wasted.

The road is the same distance both ways so what is the problem. Many of us have to go to Terrace for some tests that cannot be done here.

What is wrong with Terrace residents having to make the same trip now and again?

Please tell me where Kitimat fits in the great scheme of things? It appears all NHA is concerned about is Terrace and of course Prince George. Kitimat is not even represented on the Northern Health Board.

Kitimat, I think we have to let our government know that we are not happy with the NHA's response. The only way to do that is to write letters to our MLA Roger Harris, newspapers, premier Campbell and any other government department we can think of.

We, as a community, have to do something: we cannot let the bureaucracy keep walking all over us.

No Telus office, no BC hydro office, no unemployment office and many others, where, oh where have they gone? Terrace.

What did we do? Nothing.

It is time we stood up for our community together.

Marilyn Taylor.

MLA dubbed failure

Dear sir,

Anyone who reads, listens to or watches the news knows of the giant political scandal going on back east.

Unfortunately, for us here in the northwest - and especially Kitimat - we don't need to look back east to see the level of greed and incompetence so prevalent in today's world of politics and big business.

It's happening right here in our own backyard with the relationship between Alcan, Gordon Campbell and our MLA Roger Harris.

For the past year and a half, after becoming educated on the Alcan power sales issue, I have wondered why Harris has chosen to completely ignore the vast majority of voters (more than 70 per cent), business people and mayor and council of Kitimat on this issue.

Does Mr. Harris think he is smarter than everyone else and only he knows what is best for us?

I think not.

Well, last month, when Harris was promoted to cabinet, it was like the missing piece of a puzzle.

Most of us already know about the level of influence Alcan has over Gordon Campbell because of their Olympic support (and who knows what else).

I would bet that at some time in the past - behind closed doors, of course - Harris was promised a future political advancement by Campbell if he toed the party line on the Alcan issue.

In doing so, the taxpayers and general public got screwed by government.

I believe that Harris has put his own future political dreams in front of his job as MLA.

Mr. Harris is probably a good family man and has a lot

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Fundraising Chair

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READERS WRITE

Budget rhetoric doesn't match money facts

Dear sir,

The Balanced Budget 2004 announcement on education funding serves to widen the credibility gap between government rhetoric and the reality in public schools in our communities.

"An additional \$313 million dollars for Kindergarten to Grade 12 education": only \$50 million will go into classrooms next year and \$170 million is promised for 2006-2007, after an election the current government may not win.

The actual per-pupil funding is \$5,326.00 for next year, \$165.00 less than in 2001.

Declining enrolment has been the scapegoat used by

government in recent years to justify not providing adequate funding to school districts in order to divert attention from the eroding public education to a point of disrepair and the promotion of private schools.

Government is downloading costs on our communities and forcing school boards to rip services and supports from classrooms.

What is next? More school closures?
Another 4-day week?
Less services to students?

Francis Boucher,
KDTA President,
CMTF Co-President.

Harris told it's time to keep promises

An open letter to Roger Brendan Harris, MLA

Dear sir,

In the last election, your party promised to put people's needs at the centre of health care.

I am writing today to ask your government to live up to that promise.

You said you would make BC a place where people have the care they need, when they need it, and where they live.

You said BC would be a place where health care professionals and caregivers know they are valued.

That hasn't happened.

Your focus on cutting services has been at a cost to patient care. Local health authorities are being forced to

make decisions that jeopardize our health.

The hospital services British Columbians depend on, including services essential to our health like lab tests, X-rays, rehabilitation and counselling, are being cut.

The critical clinical, diagnostic and rehabilitation services we count on for our good health are suffering.

You said you valued the professionals who deliver the care. But health care professionals are being forced to work harder with fewer resources in more stressful conditions to deliver quality care.

You promised.
It's time to live up to that promise.

Sincerely,
Amanda Slanina.

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MLA

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of friends. But as our MLA he is a total failure.

Knowing that we of the north are so far down on Victoria's list of importance - as BC is down Ottawa's list - we cannot afford this type of representation from our federal and provincial government.

Do I know who we should elect and what political party they represent? Sorry. But I do know that what we have at present is completely unacceptable and anybody else could only be an improvement.

Philip Germuth.

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BALANCED BUDGET 2004

BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The 2004-05 provincial budget is forecast to be balanced. This is a result of the Province's three-year plan, announced in February 2002, to restore sound fiscal management.

And the Province's plan is working. Budget 2004 delivers on the commitment to eliminate the deficit by this year, and forecasts a \$100-million surplus. For the year just ending, the provincial debt is forecast to be \$3.6 billion less than expected.

As the economy grows and spending is kept under control, British Columbians can look forward to future budget surpluses to support the critical public services they depend upon. By 2006-07, the provincial budget is forecast to have a \$300-million surplus.

Economy on the Rise

B.C. is now leading the country in key economic indicators:

B.C. is #1 in job growth.

B.C. is #1 in new housing growth.

B.C. is #1 in small-business confidence.

B.C. is the #1 destination for investor immigrants.

Health and Education Funding Is Up

An important part of the Province's fiscal plan is a commitment to protect health care and education funding. For the third year in a row, it's delivering on that commitment.

- By 2006-07, the Ministry of Health budget will have risen to \$11.3 billion, a \$3-billion increase – or 36 per cent – since 2000-01.
- Spending on K-12 education is also up, by \$313 million over the next three years. Combined with declining enrolment, this will result in record funding of \$6,748 per student next year, an increase of \$532 since 2000-01.

- By 2006-07, post-secondary funding will increase by \$105 million and help to create 25,000 more post-secondary spaces by 2010.
- The Province will launch a new initiative to foster literacy by enhancing reading, writing, numeracy, computer literacy and proficiency in English for British Columbians.
- The budget also outlines over \$30 million in initiatives to bring out the best in sport, music, arts, culture, literacy and volunteerism.

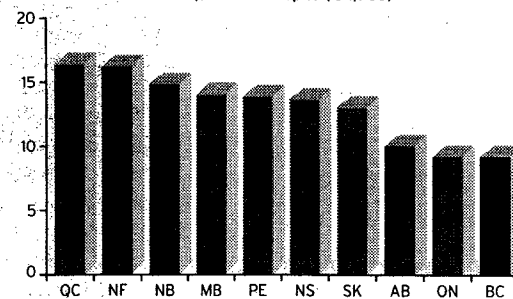
Income Taxes Are Down

The Province's plan includes making it more affordable to live and do business in B.C. To date, 31 tax-relief measures have been introduced for individuals and businesses.

Personal income tax rates are now 25 per cent lower than just four years ago. B.C. now has the lowest base personal income tax rate and the second-lowest top marginal rate in Canada.

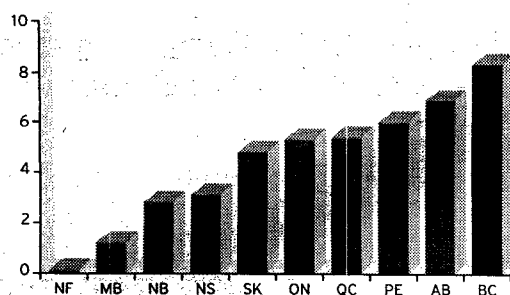
2004 Personal Income Tax Rates

(B.C. income up to \$64,900)



#1 in Job Growth – 2001 to 2003

(Per cent change in employment; Dec. 2001 to Dec. 2003)



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Lower income taxes mean British Columbians now have more money to invest in our economy and to create new jobs.

Since December 2001, B.C. has created 158,900 new jobs. That's an 8.3 per cent increase in employment – the strongest gain of all provinces and well ahead of the 5.5 per cent national gain.

And that's just the beginning. Between now and 2010, half a million new jobs are expected to be created in B.C. In addition, the 2010 Winter Olympics will generate 132,000 person-years of employment.

B.C.'s budget plan is working today to ensure a brighter tomorrow.

For more information visit: www.gov.bc.ca



Dancers Dancing offers unique extra

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Kitimat Concert Association

One of the brightest lights of the active Vancouver dance scene - "Dancers Dancing" - will be bringing a unique selection of modern contemporary dance to Mount Elizabeth Theatre on Friday, March 5 at 8 P.M.

The hallmarks of any "Dancers Dancing" show are lyricism, athleticism and technical excellence. A light-hearted blend of fantasy and realism brought together in a rich mix of choreographic styles, with music ranging from Willie Nelson to electronic.

This form of dance encompasses many types of movement and dance; classical ballet, jazz, hip hop, and even martial arts moves. Contemporary modern dance could never be labeled boring.

From solos and duets, to the full company of five, the evening performance will include five very distinct pieces.

We are pleased to announce the BC premiere of an excerpt of 4 Winds, Judith Garay's portion of a multi-choreographer work celebrating the multicultural richness and diversity of British Columbia and Canada through the inspiration of winter themes.

The two solos, danced by company members Christopher Duban and Desirée Dunbar, are inspired by myths and legends. These elemental beings, one of the earth and one of ice, make their magic.

The evening will conclude with a 15-minute Talk Back session where audience members can listen to and question artistic director/choreographer Judith Garay and the dancers.

This is a unique opportunity to learn what inspires a choreographer and how a dancer uses their body to translate the choreographer's vision to the audience.

Garay was a Principal Dancer with the Martha

Panama focus of this year's Day of Prayer

Christians around the world will be focusing on the country of Panama during the annual World Day of Prayer service.

Kitimatians are invited to join in this worldwide event by attending a service at 7 p.m., Friday, March 5 at the First United Church.

This year's World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of Panama, reflects on the theme "In Faith, Women Shape the Future".

The Panamanian women greet all those participating in this service by saying, "Buenos Dias" and "Koboninio" - which means "Good Day".

Panama is one of the most ethnically diverse countries in the world and its fertile, tropical climate supports an abundance of plants and bird life.

It is also one of the most unequal countries in the world in terms of the disparity between rich and poor. Much of the economy and wealth is concentrated in the services sector that supports the Panama Canal while much of the extreme poverty is found in isolated areas of the country and in indigenous communities.

Participants attending the World Day of Prayer will not only be learning more about this beautiful country and its unique culture and heritage, but also be joining Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada in gathering together to pray and take action in solidarity with the people of Panama.

The World day of Prayer has its roots in an ecumenical day of prayer organized by women in Canada and the United States in 1920.

This event became the international World Day of Prayer in 1922 and Christians around the world began celebrating this event on the first Friday in march.

In Canada the World Day of Prayer is co-ordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Here the co-ordinating group has representatives from churches in the community.

For more information on the service, please contact Fay Ellen McFarlane at 632-2929.

Graham Dance Company. She has studied and performed in London, Paris and in New York, but has retired from performing to teach, choreograph and direct "Dancers Dancing".

Her aesthetic has been shaped by living, dancing and choreographing in Halifax, Toronto, Paris, London, New York and, since 1992, Vancouver.

Garay's interpretation of the music and the emotions it elicits is enthralling. The costuming is colourful and sensual and contributes perfectly to the performances.

The dancers are dynamic, energetic, supple and incredibly talented.

The Kitimat Concert Association has sponsored a "Dancers Dancing" school show for high school students, and a dance workshop for the community's budding young dance community, at no cost to the students participating.

Our thanks to the Coast Mountains School District for

their part in providing these special events to students.

Come experience for yourself the pleasures of contemporary modern dance on Friday, March 5 at 8 pm sharp at the MET.

Tickets are available from Book Masters or at the door evening of the performance: adult \$23; senior \$21; student \$15. All tickets are \$2 more at the door.

For more information please call either Michael at 632-4008, Linda at 632-6349 or Heather at 632-4542. Or visit www.kitimatconcerts.com for full details and sound clips.

Important reminder: The concert association will be having a collection for the Kitimat Food Bank the night of the Juggernaut Jug Band concert - this Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 pm sharp at Mount Elizabeth Theatre. For this performance the audience is encouraged to bring non-perishable foods and/or items of personal care as donations to the Food Bank.

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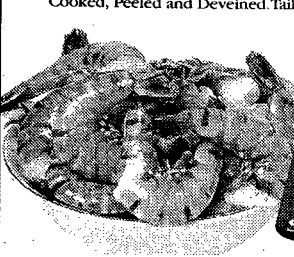


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CALENDAR

WEEKEND HOCKEY LEAGUE

Thursday, Feb. 26
9:00 p.m. - Pereira's Construction v Kitimat Hotel (Tam)

10:30 p.m. - Jose's Mud Diggers v Pound Hounds (Tam)

Saturday, Feb. 28
7:00 p.m. - WIC Outlaws v Hitman's DJ Service (KIR)

8:30 p.m. - B Shift Blizzards v Hotel (KIR)
10:00 p.m. - Pereira's Construction v Jose's Mud Diggers (KIR)

Sunday, Feb. 29
4:30 p.m. - B Shift Blizzards v Pereira's Construction (KIR)
8:30 p.m. - WIC Outlaws v Kitimat Hotel (Tam)

Monday, March 1
10:15 p.m. - Kitimat Hotel v Pound Hounds (Tam)

RUNNING

Saturday, March 6
Community Fun Run starts at Riverlodge 9:30 a.m. Distances 1km, 3km, 5km. Everyone welcome to run or walk. Free refreshments after the run.

Kitimat Valley Running Club meets Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at MESS and Sunday at 9:15 a.m. at Robin's Donuts. For more information, contact Michelle at 639-9092.

SNOWMOBILING

The Kitimat Snowmobile Club meets first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Blue Room at the North Star Inn. New members welcome. Contact Dwayne Adams (632-7954), Fred's Equipment (632-7833) or the Ol' Keg (632-6920) for trail passes.

To get your event on the Calendar or result on the Scoreboard, fax 639-9373 or email newsroom@northernsentinel.com by 10 a.m. Monday.

Lions play better late than never game

The Kitimat Bantam Lions left it late, but came crashing back from a 3-1 deficit in the third period to tie the game with only minutes remaining to take the Bantam Northwest Zone final against Smithers into overtime.

The Lions, who had mauled Smithers 4-1 the night before, allowed only one shot on Thomas Kolodinski in their own net in the overtime period, before winning it on a Derek DeLisser blast down the middle which beat the goaltender cleanly.

With the win, the Lions took their successful season to the next step - the provincial championships in Castlegar during school break week in March.

But they did it the hard way, after stumbling out of the gate in the first period, allowing Smithers to take a three goal lead on scores by Randal Groot, Cody Gringan and Jason Allesio.

The third goal was a particularly irritating one



THE BANTAM LIONS wave the banners as they came from behind to win the Northwest Region zone championship in overtime.

as the defenseman and goalie lost sight of the puck which squirted round the net to the goaltender's feet, allowing Allesio an unassisted tap in.

Ben Rumley got the Lions back on track after he deflected a drive by Nick Smeader off the stick of a Smithers defenseman and into the net. Geoff Morgan also got an assist.

Down 3-1 going into the third, the coaches warned the Lions to get their act in

gear - and they did, putting goals by Andrew Wakita and Joe Morgan into the net to tie the game with only four minutes remaining. Joe Morgan had a chance to win the game with 30 seconds left on a one on one with the Smithers goaltender, who made a great save.

In overtime however, the Lions kept up the relentless attack and as Smithers wilted, Wade Masch and Ben Rumley

carried the puck over the blue line and dropped it for DeLisser's great winning shot with four minutes left in O/T.

Earlier in the round robin playoffs, Kitimat beat Terrace 10-5 and outscored Smithers by 4-1. Smithers made it into the final by defeating Terrace 7-5, after spotting Terrace a 3-0 lead.

While the rest of the Lions take a rest, the seven

players selected for Team North in the B.C. Winter Games, will take three practices in Houston today and Thursday before flying to Port Alberni.

Their first game is Friday. The Lions contributed goalies Thomas Kolodinski and Kodie McCarthy, defensemen Geoff Morgan and forwards Wade Masch, Nick Smeader, Ben Rumley and Joe Morgan to Team North.

Sun and snow makes for great day

For cross-country skiers, it didn't get better than this.

A beautiful sunny day Saturday with excellent snow conditions made for perfect conditions for the 24th annual Snow Valley-Alcan Marathon

And the out-of-towners who made the trip to be part of the event went away hugely impressed with the Onion Lake Ski Trails.

In all 71 skiers hit the trails. Some settled for a 1 kilometre ski and finished happy with their accomplishment. More skiers stretched out over 5km and crossed the line equally satisfied

with their effort.

In the Boys and Girls mixed 10 km race, Ethan Moulard, Daniel Dahler and Catherine Miller finished 1, 2, 3.

In the medal races, Haley Kuppers crossed for gold in the Junior Girls 15km with Katherine Mueller taking the runner up spot and Kendra Moulard and Michelle Dahler tied for 3rd.

In the Junior Boys 15km it was Stefan Mueller taking top spot ahead of Ben Thorne and Guillaume Bauret.

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Visiting skiers dominated the Women's 50 km. in a Smithers sweep by Teresa White, Tenley Dahlie and Kathleen Yates.

It was another out-of-town sweep in the Men's 50km but this time it was a

Burns Lake trio grabbing the gongs: Chris Paulson, Gunter Hochner and Wren Gilgan.

The Snow Valley-Alcan Marathon was the first leg in the Hat Trick 50 series which is debuting this year.

The challenge is to ski the 50 km distance in the Snow Valley, Burns Lake and Smithers Marathons.

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Oleniuk wins in extra end thriller

It may have been called B event, but it scored an 'A' in drama at this weekend's Mixed bonspiel.

Not that it started out that way, Doug Oleniuk's rink appearing to have Karina Dzuiba's number with single in each of the first three ends in the all-Kitimat showdown.

But the tide turned in the fourth when Dzuiba's quartet got the pressure on early and was looking at four until Oleniuk pulled off a nice double with his first.

Ultimately Dzuiba made the free draw for three with the hammer and tied it at 3.

Which set off a roller coaster ride that saw the game go to an extra end.

After Oleniuk's crew regrouped to take two in the next, Dzuiba took advantage of a string of misses to strike for three again and take a 6-5 lead.

The momentum switched again in the seventh, Oleniuk converting on the work of his team mates to put four on the board and pull 9-6 clear.

But in the eighth Dzuiba pulled off a nice double to lie two, Oleniuk drew to the four foot but in the open, and Dzuiba made no mistake with the take out to tie it at 9.

Oleniuk was in the driving seat in the ninth until third Pete Dzuiba perfectly executed a take out, shooting the gap to tie one.

But Oleniuk replied with a smooth tap back with his first which forced Karina to try to draw the full four foot and get behind at least partial cover at the same time.

She came up light leaving Oleniuk with an open draw for the deuce. His hammer hung and he settled for the single to go into the supposed final end 10-9 up.

After a "friendly fire" incident removed Dzuiba's second shot at the back, Oleniuk settled down to defend his counter. He was still lying shot when he threw his first, but an attempt to bump

back didn't have the legs to make it two.

At which point the fates decided to smile on Dzuiba. Also going for a bump back, she overthrew but got a huge break when it turned into a cross house tap that left her counting behind cover.

After Oleniuk had missed his attempt at a cross house raise of his own, Dzuiba overthrew again but without any plan B saver this time - one only and on to the extra end.

Where Oleniuk's crew lowered the boom, Barb Opheim taking advantage of a Pete Dzuiba wreck that opened up the blue counter to hit and stick for four.

By the time Karina came to throw her last, she had to make a double just to make Oleniuk throw the hammer.

But she nicked a rock out front which meant the hit removed one but didn't quite roll the second far enough.

Victory to Oleniuk, third Opheim, second Jim Yakichuk and lead Gerry Boguski 11-10.

There was a similar start in the all-Kitimat C event final where the McDonald rink appeared to be on a runaway taking two in the first and stealing singles in the next two.

But that was all she wrote. Jeff Birkett's rink of third Laura Westcott, second Mark Westcott and lead Anita Vahanikkila went on a rampage, scoring 2, 6 and 3 in the next three ends to put it away 11-4 in just six ends.

A event, an all-Terrace affair, also turned into a six-end demolition job.

Up 2-1 after two, Andrew Simpson, third Katherine Simpson, second Jeff Nelson and lead Gail Ellis hit for four in the third, then notched consecutive steals of 1, 2 and 1 to open up a 10-1 lead that persuaded the Joseph rink to shake hands.

The Mixed was the last open bonspiel of the season at the Hirsch Creek Golf and Winter club, but Kitimat rinks will be heading for Terrace Easter weekend to try and steal some of the hardware at the Men's Loggers.



PHEW: It took 11 ends, but (l-r) Gerry Boguski, Jim Yakichuk, Barb Opheim and Doug Oleniuk got the job done in B Event.

Hart broken Ice Demons bow out again

Kitimat Ice Demons ran into the same hot goaltender, Wes Hart, in the Burns Lake Braves net in the second game of their best-of-three, first round Central Interior Hockey League playoff on Saturday.

They again dominated the game, outshooting the Braves 38-20, but still dropped a 4-3 decision to exit the playoffs early for the second season in a row.

After winning the League title by four points over Williams Lake, the Demons lost 4-2 in the opening game of the first round of the playoff and needed to win Saturday to force a third and deciding game Sunday.

It just wasn't to be as the Braves made the best of the very few chances they had in the game and took a 2-1 lead into the first intermission after being outshot 22-4 by the fired-up Demons.

Jamie Moran, playing his first game of the post-season, was not to blame for the two

goals, after the defense coughed up the puck allowing a two on one. Lorne Hallgren put the puck in the net off a neat pass by Steve Long.

That led to the Demons onslaught that resulted in the tying goal two minutes later when Craig Hewitson, tapped a rebound home off a Rob Lafferty point shot.

It looked as if the Demons had the monkey off their back, but some erratic shooting and some acrobatic saves by Hart kept them off the score sheet for the rest of the period.

But Braves' big winger, Dave Wilejto, got a power play goal when he got a backhand on the rebound, off a good shot by captain Jarrett Anderson and slid it past Moran along the ice, with five minutes left in the first.

In the second period, despite great momentum from the Demons, Wilejto scored against the run of the play, once more off a Jarrett Anderson cross with

7:58 left in the frame.

Doug Wilson got that one back for the Demons very quickly when he scored only 30 seconds later to keep the home side close. Assists went to David Venman and Chris Vilness.

The Ice Demons attacked furiously, but seemed to be panicking a bit as the clock ticked away in the third. They were hurrying shots and missing the net too frequently.

Hewitson rang one great opportunity for the tie off a crossbar and Troy Butler and Blaine Markwart both missed the net with Hart down and out.

With 9:08 left in the period the Demons finally got the game tied on a Troy Butler goal, assisted by Rob Lafferty, and the fans showed their appreciation.

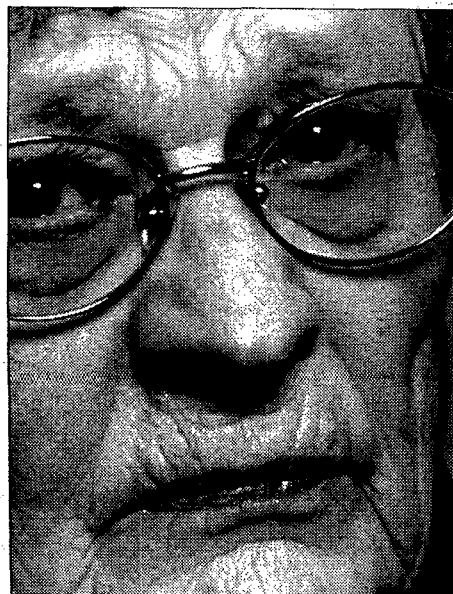
The Demons went after the winner and peppered the net, but Hart and the Braves' defense worked hard.

Burns Lake's defense just chipped the puck out time and time again, frustrating the Demons in the late stages.

As the Demons pressed deeply in the Burns Lake zone, another giveaway allowed a three-on-one at the other end with 4:34 left on the clock, and Chris Harder eventually chipped the puck past Moran for the Braves' fourth goal.

The crowd was into "the wave" as the Demons sent wave on wave of attackers in, but the Braves could smell the victory and hung on tight for the win, even after Moran was pulled for an extra attacker with 1:09 left in the period.

"It was a tough way to lose," said Demons coach Mark Zielinski. "We dominated the game, but we gave up goals against the flow of play. Our shooters were having a tough time finding the range and when they did Hart was in place."



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BCTV-Global	5	336	258	WSBK	24	654	321
NBC-KING	6	379	330	Movie Central	27	621	600
CBC-CFTK	7	308	255	TSN	29	400	400
CBS-KIRO	8	381	332	CTV-BC	30	321	261
PBS-KCTS	9	383	450	FOX-KAYU	31	373	333
Knowledge	12	354	452	History	44	506	441
CBC-CBUFT	13	700	101	Space	47	528	463
Discovery	15	505	440	Showcase	50	522	462
A&E	16	520	459	Prime	51	525	458
Family	18	541	483	WTV	55	468	462
WTBS	20	529	323	Bravo!	56	523	460

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	9 am	9:30	10 am	10:30	11 am	11:30	12 pm	12:30	1 pm	1:30
ABC	Regis and Kelly	The View	News	All My Children	One Life to Live					
BCTV	100 Huntley Street	World Vision	Crossing	MoneyWz	News					
NBC	Today	Martha Stewart Living	Ellen Show	News	Days of Our Lives					
CBC	Nanalan' Clifford	Rolie Polie Zoboo	Dressup	Arthur	CBC News	Red Green	This Hour	Made		
CBS	Montel Williams	The Price Is Right	Young-Restless	News	Bold & B.	As the World Turns				
PBS	Caillou	Barney	Sesame Street	Reading	Mr Rogers	Lions	Ciao Italia	Family	Joy of	
KNOW	Little Bear	Bear	Wumpa	The Hoobs	Varied Programs					
CBC	Movie		Ricardo	À l'heure du midi	Place publique					
DISC	Daily Planet	Varied Programs								
A&E	City Confidential	American Justice	Movie	Murder, She Wrote						
FAM	Franklin	Pooh	JoJo	Henry's	Chip-Dale	Art Attack	Fillmore	Goof T'p	Teamo	Dalmatian
TBS	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	Cosby	Cosby	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Harvey	Harvey	Drew	
KTLA	Maury	Jerry Springer	Jerry Springer	Maury					Osbourne Show	
WSBK	Crossing	Justice	Judge Mathis	The People's Court	Brown	Brown	Frasier	Becker		
MC	Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs						
TSN	Off-Record	Varied Programs								
CTVBC	Regis and Kelly	The View	Balance	Daily	Balance	Bold & B.	Vicki G.	Vicki G.		
FOX	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Starting Over	Montel Williams	Perry Mason	Justice	Justice			
HST	JAG	Movie	Varied Programs	Yesterday	Streets					
SPACE	Pal Factor: Chronicles	Farscape	Reid Hunter	Star Trek	Next Gener.					
SHOW	La Femme Nikita	Largo Winch	Cold Squad	Counterstrike						
PRIME	Home	Renovator	Anything	Varied	Cross Canada Review	3's Co.	Bewitched	All-Family	All-Family	
WTV	These Arms of Mine	House Dr	Decorating	House	Varied	W Live-Davis	In Attic	Homes		
BRAVO	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The West Wing	The West Wing	Columbo			

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	2 pm	2:30	3 pm	3:30	4 pm	4:30	5 pm	5:30	6 pm	6:30
ABC	General Hospital	Northwest Afternoon	Millionaire	Pyramid	News	ABC News	News			
BCTV	Passions	Oprah Winfrey	News	Global	News					
NBC	Passions	Dr. Phil	Oprah Winfrey	News	NBC News	News				
CBC	Arthur	Coronah	Emmrdale	Ellen Show	Simpsons	Raymond	News	Varied		
CBS	Guilding Light	Brown	Justice	Judy	News	CBS News	News			
PBS	Garden	Teletubbies	Boohbah	Clifford	Arthur	Cyberchase	Zoom	Business	News-Lehrer	
KNOW	Varied Programs	Sagwa	Critters	George S.	Babar	Jakks	Art Attack	Varied Programs		
CBC	Varied Programs	Tweenies	Art Attack	Kat	Watatatow	Ricardo	Union	Nouvelles	Varied	
DISC	Varied Programs	Daily Planet	Varied Programs							
A&E	Murder, She Wrote	City Confidential	American Justice	Biography	Varied Programs					
FAM	Hoze	Hoze	Timon	Lilo Stitch	Weekend	Recess	Proud	Lizzie	All That	So Raven
TBS	Drew	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Friends	Movie	Varied Programs		
KTLA	Griffith	Varied	Jackie	Static	Pokemon	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sabrina	Fresh Pr.	Raymond	Will-Grace
WSBK	Fortune	Jeopardy!	King	'70s Show	King	'70s Show	Varied Programs			
MC	Movie	Varied	Movie	Movie	Varied Programs					
TSN	Varied	Interrupt	Off-Record	Sports	Varied Programs					
CTVBC	General Hospital	Dr. Phil	Friends	Friends	News					
FOX	Hughleys	Dharma	Montel Williams	On Air Ryan	Simpsons	King-Hill	Simpsons	'70s Show		
HST	Turning Points	Growing Up Canadian	JAG	Varied Programs						
SPACE	Star Trek: Voyager	Pal Factor: Chronicles	Buffy Vampire	Stargate SG-1	Varied Programs					
SHOW	Movie	Water Rats	Kung Fu: Legend	White Collar Blue	This Hour	Made				
PRIME	Roseanne	Cosby	Hillbillies	Jeanie	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	The A-Team	Body	Varied	
WTV	Savoir	Right Fit	E-Love	Varied	These Arms of Mine	Shopping	House	Divine	House Dr	
BRAVO	Columbo	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs						

Thursday Evening <http://www.zap2it.com> **February 26, 2004**

	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30
ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	The Bachelor	Exotic Bachelor (N)	Super Millionaire (N)	News (CC)	Nightline			
BCTV	Entertain	Friends	Survivor: All-Stars (N)	The Apprentice (N)	Without a Trace (N)	News (CC)				
NBC	Evening	Hollywood	Friends	Will-Grace	The Apprentice (N)	ER (N)	(CC)	News	Tonight	
CBC	Opening Night (N)	Canadian Experience (N)	The National (CC)	News	Extra (N)					
PBS	NOTS Connects	Golden Apple Awards	Frontline	The Invasion of Iraq (CC)	Red Dwarf	News				
KNOW	Wine	Italian	Bryn Terfel	Gold and Silver Gala	Jose Cura	Children First				
CBC	Virginie	L'Épicerie	Qui l'aût cru (N) (SC)	... ce soir on joue (N)	TéléJ./Point	Nouvelles	Découvert			
DISC	Beyond Invention (CC)	Daily Planet (CC)	Ultimate Ten (CC)	Ultimate Guide	Human Endur.					
A&E	With Malice (N) (CC)	Third Watch (N) (CC)	Cold Case Files	A tool mark solves a murder.	With Malice (CC)					
FAM	Even	Radio	Boy World	Heartbeat	** The Ernest Green Story (1993)	Boy World	Leonard	Smart Guy		
TBS	*** Jerry Maguire	*** It Could Happen to You (1994) (CC)	*** Jerry Maguire (1996)	Tom Cruise. (CC)						
KTLA	Friends	Raymond	Big Time	Andersons	The Surreal Life (CC)	News (N) (CC)	Friends	Will-Grace		
WSBK	News	Blind Date	5th Wheel	Frasier	Spin City	Paid Prog.	Harvey	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
MC	*** Spider (2002)	Ralph Fiennes.	** Suddenly Naked (2001)	Wendy Crewson.	*** Solaris (2002) (N) (CC)					
TSN	Curling Scott	Tournament of Hearts -- Draw 17 (Live)	PGA Golf: Chrysler Clsc.	SportsCentre (CC)						
CTVBC	eTalk	Hollywood	Comedy	CSI: Crime Scn	ER (N) (N) (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)			
FOX	Will-Grace	'70s Show	** Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001) (CC)	News	Will-Grace	Becker (N)	Just Shoot			
HST	Turning Points (CC)	JAG "Ghost Ship" (N)	Growing Up Canadian	Nazi Gold (N)	Line of Fire (N) (CC)					
SPACE	The Invisible Man (CC)	The Outer Limits (CC)	Angel (N) (CC)	** Attack of the 60 Foot Centerfold (1995) (N)						
SHOW	Poltergeist-Leg.	Cold Squad	Twitch	Trailer	*** Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994) (N)					
PRIME	The Price Is Right (N)	Unsolved Mysteries	Cosby	Golden	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Taste	MoneyWs		
WTV	Decorating Challenge	House	Divine	Decorating Challenge	Design	My House	Dharma	Caroline		
BRAVO	The West Wing (CC)	** Happy, Texas (1999)	Jeremy Northam.	Queer Eye-Guy	The West Wing (CC)					

Friday Evening <http://www.zap2it.com> **February 27, 2004**

	7 pm	7:30	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm	11:30
ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Lopez	Married	Hope	Bonnie	Super Millionaire (N)	News (CC)	Nightline	
BCTV	Entertain	Train 48	Zoe Busiek: Wild Card	In a Common Cause			The Outer Limits (CC)	News (CC)		
NBC	Evening	Hollywood	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)				Third Watch (N) (CC)	News	Tonight	
CBC	On Road	XPM (N)	Air Force	This Hour	Red Green	Just-Gags	The National (CC)	News	Extra (N)	
CBS	Entertain	Hollywood	Joan of Arcadia (N)		JAG (N) (N) (CC) (DVS)	CSI: Miami (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)	Late Show	
PBS	Europe	Wall	Serious	Wash Wk	Now With Bill Moyers	** Gaslight (1940), Diana Wynyard	News			
KNOW	Gaslight	Flavors	** Young Winston (1972, Biography)	Simon Ward, Robert Shaw.			Wycliffe "Charades"			
CBC	Infoman	Palmarès	La Fureur (N) (SC)	Zone libre (N) (SC)	TéléJ./Point	Nouvelles	Charette			
DISC	The FBI Files (CC)	Daily Planet (CC)	Sex Files	Sex Files	Forensic Evidence	Exhibit A	Exhibit A			
A&E	Airline	Airline	Third Watch (N) (CC)	**** Platoon (1986)	Tom Berenger. (CC)	Airline	Airline			
FAM	TeenAngl	** Spaceballs (1987)	Mel Brooks.	** The Addams Family (1991) (N)	*** FX (1986)	Bryan Brown.				
TBS	** Ghosts of Mars (2001)	PA Ice Cube. (CC)	** Deep Rising (1998)	PA Treat Williams. (CC)	** Ghosts of Mars (PA)					
KTLA	Friends	Raymond	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Grounded for Life (N)	News (N) (CC)	Friends	Will-Grace		
WSBK	News	Blind Date	5th Wheel	Frasier	Spin City	Paid Prog.	Harvey	Show at Apollo		
MC	** The Hunted (2003)	Premiere.	** Iron Jawed Angels (2004)	Hilary Swank.	*** Gangs of New York (2002) (N)					
TSN	Curling Scott	Tournament of Hearts -- Playoff (Live)	PGA Golf: Chrysler Clsc.	SportsCentre (CC)						
CTVBC	eTalk	Hollywood	Joan of Arcadia (N)	Charmed (N) (CC)	Third Watch (N) (CC)	News (CC)	News (CC)			
FOX	Will-Grace	'70s Show	The Great American Celebrity Spelling Bee	News	Will-Grace	Becker (N)	Just Shoot			
HST	Blue and the Gray	JAG (N) (CC)	Growing Up Canadian	The Blue and the Gray (N) (Part 4 of 4) (CC)						
SPACE	** Raising Cain (1992)	John Lithgow.	** The Doorway (2000)	Roy Scheider. (CC)	Decoys	Crypt				
SHOW	Poltergeist-Leg.	Cold Squad	Bliss (CC)	Kink (CC)	Oz (N) (CC)	Red Shoe Diaries (CC)				
PRIME	The Price Is Right (N)	Unsolved Mysteries	Cosby	Golden	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Homes	MoneyWs		
WTV	Gardening Gamble	*** Roxanne (1987, Comedy)	Steve Martin.	2nd Time	E-Love	Sun-Sex Show				
BRAVO	Actors Studio	Queer Eye-Guy	*** The Player (1992)	Tim Robbins, Greta Scacchi.	Boys					

Saturday Morning <http://www.zap2it.com> **February 28, 2004**

	9 am	9:30	10 am	10:30	11 am	11:30	12 pm	1 pm	1:30	
ABC	Lilo Stitch	Recess	Fillmore	Proud	Lizzie	So Raven	PGA Golf: WGC Match Play Champ.			
BCTV	News (CC)	Pet Guys	Strange	Strange	World Vsn	News (CC)	Teens	Sacred		
NBC	News (CC)	Sport Blitz	Gardening	Olympic	Olympic	Snowboarding	Gymnastics			
CBC	POV Sport	Athletes	Bowling	Bobsledding	Snowboarding	Bobsledding				
CBS	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	College Basketball Texas Tech at Texas (CC)	College Basketball				
PBS	Arthur	Dragonfly	Sewing	Quilting	One	For Your	Garden	Garden	Sandwiches Lk	
KNOW	Zoboo	Madeline	Little Bear	Bear	Sew Fun	Quilting	Thimbles	Planet	Health	Designer
CBC	Kim	Historia!	Ayoyel	Ayoyel	Galidor	Oniva	Heure du	Justice (N)	Caméra témoin (N)	
DISC	Daily Planet (CC)	More Extremes	Exhibit A	Exhibit A	The FBI Files (CC)	American Chopper				
A&E	Makeover	Makeover	Love, Hollywood Style (CC)	With Malice (CC)	**** Platoon (1986)					
FAM	All That	Even	So Raven	Boy World	TeenAngl	You Wish	** The Cheetah Girls (2003)	Theo Rex		
TBS	** Soapdish (1991)	*** Baby Boom (1987)	Diane Keaton, Sam Shepard. (CC)	** Home Alone 3 (1997) (PA) (CC)						
KTLA	Pokemon	Pokemon	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Mucha	The Littles	Wild Am.	Soul Train (N)	BeastMaster (N) (CC)		
WSBK	** Undercover Blues (1993)	Kathleen Turner.	*** Beverly Hills Cop (1984)	Eddie Murphy.	*** The Terminator					
MC	*** Moulin Rouge (2001)	Nicole Kidman. (N)	*** The Good Girl (2002)	Jennifer Aniston. (N)	Bowling for Columbine					
TSN	PGA Golf: WGC Match Play -- Quarterfinals	Golf	PGA Golf: WGC Match Play Champ.							
CTVBC	Good Morning Canada	Daily Planet (N) (CC)	Nikon	Tracks	Discover the World (N)	Eagle	First Story			
FOX	Sonic X	Turtles	Ultimates</							

Marlins and medals went together at Games

Head coach Reg Shaw and assistant coaches Nesia Bare and Amber Peterson were justifiably proud of the enormous performance of Marlins Swim Club members in the recent Northern BC Winter Games, where the club collected an astounding total of 48 medals in race finals.

"This is the kind of special mid-season break that comes along to energize and re-focus the efforts of our young and up and coming swimmers," said Shaw.

"Our more elite swimmers don't usually get to participate in the BC Northern Winter Games, which are more geared for the average and developing participant," he explained.

"The Games at home in Kitimat only come along once-in-a-while and our swimmers were well aware of that and seized the opportunity to perform well in their home pool."

Shaw unfortunately missed the Games because he was in Richmond with a group of the club's top competitive swimmers taking part in a provincial swim meet.

"I had seven swimmers at the AAA short-course provincial championships. We didn't medal there, but saw some significant increases in the percentage of best times up against that tougher competition," Shaw said, noting there were 515 swimmers in the Richmond meet in Richmond and a huge crowd of spectators, "which can also be a bit intimidating."



Bare and Peterson handled the coaching duties for the Games. "The energy level and enthusiasm was contagious," said Bare. And not just for our regular swimmers, but also for the 20 Special Olympic participants who she said had a great time, showed their competitive spirit and were just pumped throughout the meet.

"What we saw, almost across the board,

golds, two silvers and two bronze medals.

"He clanked when he walked when we took our pictures after the Games medal presentations were over," said Bare.

So too did 15-year-old Katie McConnell, who evened out her performance at six medals, two each of gold, silver and bronze.

Sam Minaker, aged 15, was another with a heavy load, two gold, four silver and two

Silver medals also went to Marlins' teams in the women's 15-19, the men's 15-19 and the men's 13-14 medley relays.

Getting on to the Games team was made special, Shaw added. "We laid out a selection process and everybody on the Marlins team earned a spot. As I said, the winter games are always a great motivator for the young swimmers and this year was no exception."

Shaw said the 2003-04 season has been a good one for the Marlins.

"We are probably down a few swimmers from our heyday of a few years ago, but the competitive trend is good."

He has coached here since 1990, and before that spent six years in Kelowna and two years in Prince George. Shaw also spent 10 years as a competitive swimmer.

"I've taken kids all the way to Olympic trials and that's a great feeling," he said.

Are there any 2010 Olympic potentials in Kitimat? "I wouldn't be surprised," Shaw responded. "That's still six years away."

New on the agenda for the Marlins Club will be a triathlon club to help competitors get ready for this summer's Envision Junior triathlon.

Not that the Marlins season is over by any means. There's the Eurocan Invitational March 27-28 as well as meets in Prince George, Terrace and Smithers.

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was near best personal performances from the swimmers - and that's what we as coaches are really looking for, effort and improvement," Bare said.

The club members racked up around 70 per cent personal bests at the Games. In all 22 Marlins club swimmers competed.

The coaches said three of the young swimmers in particular came into their own in the winter Games.

Paul Dufresne-Laroch, 12, medaled in all nine of the events he swam, winning five

bronze medals.

Other medal winners included Heather Forbes (silver and bronze), Mark Gabel (one gold, two silver), Patrick Duff (four silver), Rebecca Minaker (silver and bronze), Zak Canuel (one each gold, silver and bronze), Camille Christiansen (silver), and Allison Whicher (one gold, three bronze).

And Marlins relay teams also cleaned up with the women 15-19, the men 15-19 and the men 13-14 all taking gold in freestyle.



GAMES QUARTET:

Four Kitimat Karate club members qualified for the Zone 7 team at the BC Winter Games. From left to right, Denay Amaral, Chelsey Hanson, Corey Skender and Stephen Gutfreund are on their way to Port Alberni where the Games begin tomorrow. Their coach will be Ozzy Amaral.

SCOREBOARD

WHL STANDINGS (to Feb. 21)

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts.
Pereira's Construction	35	24	6	5	179	127	53
WIC-Outlaws	36	20	12	4	137	111	44
B Shift Blizzards	35	20	14	1	154	125	41
Pound Hounds	35	19	13	3	145	134	41
Hitman's DJ Service	35	15	18	2	136	143	32
Kitimat Hotel	35	8	25	2	113	175	18
Jose's Mud Diggers	35	7	25	3	114	176	17

(Pereira's Construction have clinched first place and advance to semi-final.)

Feb 15

B Shift Blizzards 3, Pereira's Construction 4
WIC Outlaws 5, Kitimat Hotel 3

Feb 16

Kitimat Hotel 2, Pound Hounds 9

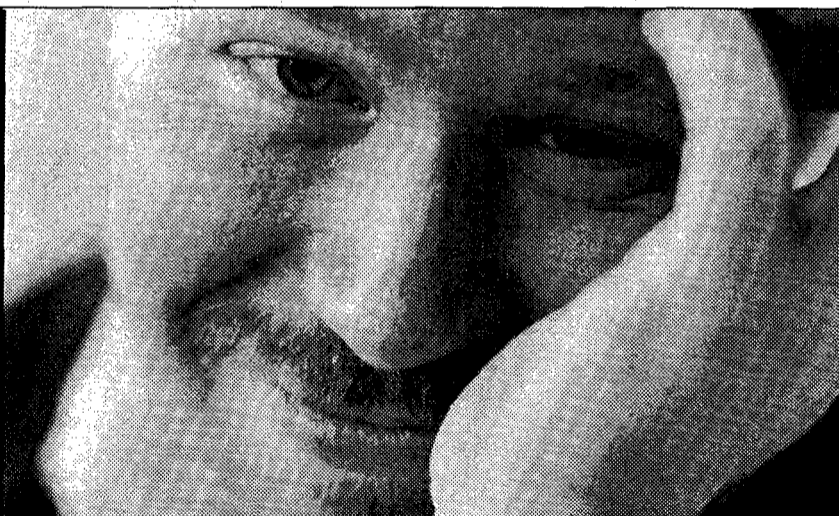
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Blizzards 6, Hitman's DJ Service 2
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BEAMING BOWLERS: With good reason, Dan Seminuk (l-r) Leo Sabourin, Mary Kozak and Greg Simmons were all smiles after winning the silver in carpet bowling at the recent Northern BC Winter Games.

Oldtimers to converge on Kitimat

The Kitimat 2004 Oldtimers Hockey Tournament will start next Thursday night, March 5, at Kitimat Ice Rink with a total of 22 teams participating.

Kitimat will have five teams: Kitimat Kentron, Kitimat Orca, Kitimat LaPointe's Eagles, Kitimat Lizzards and the Kitimat North Stars.

Terrace will have five teams, Terrace CFNR, Terrace Associates, Terrace Okies, Terrace SRB

Blues and the Terrace Evergreen Pub.

They will be joined by the Smithers Shiners, Smithers "C", Houston, a combined Hazelton-Stewart team, the Prince Rupert Puckaneers and the Queen Charlotte Iceless Islanders.

For the first time there will be six teams competing in the 50-Plus Division - Kitimat, Terrace, Stewart, Vanderhoof, Smithers and Prince Rupert.

"This will be the first time we have been able to

hoist a full division of 50-Plus teams," says organizer, Barry Boudreault.

"It's a testimony to the longevity of our hockey players in the northwest."

The tournament will wind up at about 5.30 Sunday, March 7.

"It won't be all just fun on the ice," Boudreault pointed out. "There's lots of fun off the ice too."

That will include a banquet to be held on Saturday, March 6, at Riverlodge which he pre-

dicts will be jammed. Local band Semi-Chronic will provide the music.

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The following are the weather stats provided by the Kitimat fire department weather station:

	H	L	Rain (mm)	Snow (cm)
Feb. 17	4	0	9	-
Feb. 18	5	1	1	-
Feb. 19	5	1	-	-
Feb. 20	6	2.5	3.6	-
Feb. 21	8	2	0.8	-
Feb. 22	7	2	-	-
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Proposed Transfer of Municipal Land
Kitimat Kiwanis Senior's Housing Society
Supportive Housing Project

Kitimat Council believes it is in the community interest for local government to make a significant contribution towards construction of Kitimat's first non-profit assisted living facility. Council intends to transfer land at 701 Mountainview Square valued at \$227,000 to the Kitimat Kiwanis Senior's Housing Society to provide an appropriate building site for construction of 15 to 20 units of affordable supportive housing. Transfer would be completed once proposal funding is confirmed and project is ready to proceed.

For more information, or to provide comment before 8 March 2004, please visit or write the District of Kitimat at 270 City Centre V8C 2H7, fax 632-4995, send an e-mail message to districtofkitimat@city.kitimat.bc.ca, or phone Community Planning and Development at 632-8910. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - noon, and 1 to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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More centres beating oil drum

WHERE WILL THE CENTRE of oil and gas exploration be if the moratorium on offshore drilling is lifted? While Prince Rupert already has a good head start, Kitimat seems to be plugging away quietly.

But so far, I don't see this community gaining any of the provincial government dollars being handed out to promote drilling activity.

The BC government recently handed out about a quarter of a million dollars to two groups, both of which are promoting a running start to offshore exploration. The Pacific Offshore Energy Group, based in Nanaimo, has received \$133,000 and the similarly-named Pacific Offshore Oil and Gas Association, based in Prince Rupert, has been granted \$129,000.

As I said, Prince Rupert has a head start as a possible centre of offshore drilling activity, but the move to Vancouver Island is a new signal from the provincial government that it's encouraged by the federal indicators on lifting the moratorium.

Former Port Hardy mayor Russ Hellberg has replaced Brian Peckford as chairman of the Pacific Coast Offshore Energy Association and no doubt he'll be promoting the location of Port Hardy when we start to see some real activity.

Hellberg is reported talking about the impacts of slumping logging, fishing and mining efforts of the economy of north Vancouver Island. Hellberg has suggested in the *Globe and Mail* recently that Prince Rupert's deep sea harbour facility won't be a needed in the exploration phase of oil and gas activity, making Port Hardy an ideal kickoff spot for exploration of the vast Queen Charlotte Basin area.

Already I'm becoming confused at the proliferation of organizations with similar names. And time is ticking by. Campbell River, Port Alberni, Victoria and Powell River are lining up with Kitimat, Port Hardy and Prince Rupert in making noises about benefiting from offshore activity.

The recent Royal Society of Canada report outlining provisions for lifting the moratorium on offshore drilling seems likely to triggered a new "oil rush" on the west coast.

The report wasn't an endorsement of full speed ahead, but it pointed out some information gaps that need to be filled before BC can start even thinking about drill rigs on the high seas.

Environment minister David Anderson has backed off a little in his dedicated opposition of offshore drilling on the West Coast, but he continues to make it clear he doesn't support it.

Other environmental groups are wide awake and taking pot shots at any and all activity as this sleeping giant stirs. Kitimat needs to keep a close eye on developments in the next year or so and be ready with its sales pitch.

The money is flowing now, federally and provincially. The BC budget suggests an additional \$29 million will go into support of the BC Liberals' oil and gas strategy over the next three years.

NOT MANY THINGS HAVE REMAINED the same since WW11. One that has, or should I say had, was the Morse code.

There has now been a new addition to the code, one designed to bring it into the 21st Century – the introduction of a new character to represent the e-mail address symbol "@."

It seems to be a big deal to make a change to the international "language" of ham radio operators. It has been around since it was invented in the 1830s by Samuel Morse, who also invented the telegraph.

It's one of my great memories of the 40s and 50s, in western movies featuring the telegraph operator sending messages across the country to the sheriff.

The famous SOS, the international distress signal, was known to every schoolboy - three dots, three dashes and three more dots. Ah, it brings back some fond memories of the Hardy Boys and international spies, Nazi prison camp escape stories and sunken WW11 submarines.

Adding the new symbol, to be known as the "commat," consisting of the signals for A (dot-dash) and C (dash-dot-dash-dot) required an international vote by the International Telecommunications Union.

The significance of the code was that it was truly the start of the electronic communications age – using two audible electric signals, short dots and slightly longer dashes, to form letters, numbers and punctuation.

When Samuel Morse died in 1872 there were some 650,000 miles of telegraph wires circling the globe. By the time the early 20th Century was under way, Morse signals were being sent wirelessly by radio.

For many, Morse has been replaced largely by digital communications technologies. Today its major users are ham radio operators – there are more than a million of them in North America. Many exchange their e-mail addresses using Morse code, which is frequently used by hams to initiate internet conversations. And there's an International Morse Preservation Society!

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Chess Closed Champion, Mon., Mar. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. for those who know the basics but wish to improve their game. Please register at the library for this free event. (F28)

APPLICATION FORMS for the Spring Crafts and Home Business Fair to be held at Riverlodge on Sat., Apr. 17 are now available at Tamitik and Riverlodge in Kitimat. Deadline to apply is Mar. 5. For more info, or to request an application form please call Barb 250-632-5012 or Riverlodge 250-632-8970. (F28)

HOME SCHOOLERS INVESTIGATE VOLCANOES! The Kitimat Public Library invites children ages 5 to 12 to a fun afternoon of books, games and crafts about volcanoes on

Mon., Mar. 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. for 5 to 7 year olds, and 2 to 3 p.m. for 8 to 12 year olds. Please visit or call the library at 632-8985 to sign up for this free programme. (F28)

THE KITIMAT SENIOR CITIZENS OF BRANCH 129 will hold their monthly membership meeting on March 4, in the Activity Centre at 2 p.m. (M3)

KITIMAT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY – Last Sunday of the Month recital, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome to come and listen to local music/ speech art students and help us raise money for their scholarships. Donation at the door. For more info call Shari at 632-7364 or Bill at 632-

Part 5 in a series

It's a tough job but someone's got to do it

DON'T GET ME WRONG – I love my job. When people used to ask me what I did for a living I would reply that I am a sommelier, and nine times out of ten they would look at me sideways and say, "What? You're from Somalia?" I got tired of the confused looks and delivering my long winded explanation of food and wine pairing and cellar management, so I'd sum up my chosen profession in a nutshell and say, "I go shopping

with other people's money and drink wine all day". That was a career choice they could understand. In fact they liked the sounds of it so much that and all of a sudden everyone wanted my job.

Tasting wine for a living isn't really as glamorous as it sounds, you have to have a well-trained palate- which comes with lots of practice. But first you have to learn the basics:

Wine tasting is an organoleptic experience-meaning that all of your senses are involved in the process. First you hear the popping of the cork and watch as it is poured into your glass. Next you pick up the glass and have a look at the clarity and colour of the wine. Then, swirl, have a smell and finally taste. Sounds pretty easy, right? It is- that's pretty much it. The challenging part is training your senses to identify the components of the wine.

Wine
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Dani Greene
WINE COLUMNIST

We'll start with the appearance of the wine. So, pick up your glass and tilt it about 45 degrees over a white background (a piece of paper, or table cloth works well). Look at the wine- what do you see? Is there anything floating in it? Can you see right through it or is it opaque? Now take a look at the rim of the wine. What colour is it in comparison to the core? The rim is an important age indicator of the wine. In red wines a pink or purple rim means that it is young, whereas a salmon or terracotta colour suggests the wine has had some time to age. Wines with a brown rim may be over the hill. In white wines there is not such a dramatic difference in the rim verses core but you can still tell a lot about white wines by their colour. A deeper, more golden hue may suggest a wine fermented on the skins or perhaps aged in oak. Secondly, smell the wine: this is called "the nose":

It is important that you hold your glass by the base or stem, not only because we don't want grubby finger prints on our glass but also we don't want the odors on our hands (i.e. garlic, smoke, hand soap, gasoline etc) confusing the real smell of the wine. Hold the glass just below your nose and have a little sniff, then do the infamous swirl and smell. This should make the smell of the wine much more intense for you as you have just increased the surface area of the wine inside your glass. What do you smell?

Now it's time to taste: Here is the part that everyone likes. Take a sip and then swallow. Pay no attention to the wine, you are just cleansing your mouth and getting your palate ready for the true taste of the wine. Now take a small sip and suck in some air almost like whistling backwards. It is important to tip your head forward slightly (so that the wine doesn't come out your nose). This weird little process is very handy as it allows you to both smell and taste the wine at the same time. We actually have more taste receptors in our nasal passages than we do in our palate. And I always like to note that women have more taste buds than men. After all that, what do you taste? It may take a few sips to figure it out. Everyone's palate is slightly different so you may taste something very different than your tasting partner. No need to cause a kaffuffle, you're both right. The nice thing about wine is it is like art, everyone has their own impression!

In conclusion, ask yourself a few questions. First and most importantly, did you like this wine? Were all of the components of the wine in harmony (acid, alcohol, tannin, fruit, etc.)? How did the wine work with the food you paired it with? Or did you enjoy it on its own? Do you think that the pricing was appropriate for the quality of the wine? Would you drink the wine again?

That wasn't too tough was it? You can call it your weekend homework. Remember practice makes perfect and that there is a difference between tasting and drinking. Drink wine in moderation often with good food and great friends.

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PARISH MISSION: Christ the King Parish is pleased to invite everyone to its Lenten Parish Mission, Sun., Mar. 7 and Mon., Mar. 8 at 7 p.m. We are pleased to welcome the gifted and inspiring John Connelly back. John is no stranger to the community

and he will share with us his music (he has a new CD out), his journey of faith and his love of Jesus. Each morning will begin with praise and worship, followed by his mission talk and then refreshments and socializing. If you have any questions please call 632-

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COMING EVENTS

THE ART CLUB OF KITIMAT meets 7 p.m., Room 124 at MESS – Thurs., Feb. 26 - Watercolour Paint Along. Bring your supplies. For more info on the program phone Donna at 632-3055 or Sharon at 632-5142. For club info call Joyce at 632-2251.

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33 Obituaries

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33 Obituaries



Jennifer Mary Smith
Passed away suddenly in hospital at Kelowna, BC on Sunday, February 15, 2004 at the age of 58 years.

The funeral service was held from the chapel of Bowers Funeral Home, Salmon Arm on Friday afternoon, February 20, at 1 p.m. with Rev. Will Sparks officiating. Family and friends shared tributes.

A reception followed in the Mountainside room at Bowers, giving an opportunity to continued memories with the family.

Born in Rigside, Lanarkshire, Scotland on August 2, 1945, Jennifer came to Canada at the age of 6. She resided at Kimberly before moving to Kitimat where she lived for 32 years prior to her move to Salmon Arm in November 1999. She is well remembered for her love of family and friends, having an opportunity to make many visits to her children over the years.

Predeceased by a sister, Angela Kallenberger and granddaughter Desirhea.

Jennifer is survived by her loving family, husband, Bill of Salmon Arm; daughters, Jamie (Larry) Mikalishen of Las Vegas, Samantha (Bernard) Sullivan of Wales, Kyla (Nick) Yarmie of Prince George; six grandchildren, Skylar, Memphis, Cerys, Morgan, Gareth and Ryerson; brothers and sisters, twin brother John Lyon of Kimberly, Marlyn Marshall, Winkie Lyon and Christie Rossi of Kimberly and Debbie Farraday of Penticton; several nieces and nephews including Janna Hoel and Kerri Kallenberger of Kimberly; and a host of other family members.

E-mail condolences may be sent to sympathy@bowers-funeralservice.com

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270 Help Wanted

WARM AND inviting lodge in Queen Charlotte Islands seeking full-time Chef, chambermaid and kitchen assistant. Must have great attitude and experience. Call: 1-888-815-2892 or Email: salmonsafaris@msn.com

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FULL TIME engine and accessory salesperson required immediately by Anchorage Marina, Nanaimo, BC. Marine experience preferred. Fax resume to: (250) 754-7144 or e-mail: rispin@shaw.ca

EXPERIENCED PAVING, Crushing Personnel, Asphalt Plant Operators and Heavy Duty Mechanics required. Rakers, Screedmen, and Paving & Crushing Operators. All company benefits available. Relocation allowance may be available. Mail or Fax resumes to: Peter's Bros. Construction Ltd., 716 Okanagan Ave. East, Penticton, BC V2A 3K6 Fax: (250)493-4464.

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NATIONAL HOTEL chain seeking couples for full time managers position. Send qualifications to PO Box 935, Smithers BC., V0J 2N0 or fax 250-847-3709.M3.

ONE STEP Ahead Enriched Learning Day Care Centre is looking for a caring, understanding, responsible adult preferably an Early Childhood Educator with some experience working with school aged children to be the co-ordinator of our Stepping Stones out of school care program. Please forward your resume, criminal record check, and first aid certificate to PO Box 134, Kitimat, BC V8C 2G6. M10.

SMALL COMPANY seeking full time mechanic. Successful applicant will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of 8 pieces of machinery. Weekend work will be required. Fax resumes to (250) 845-3392.

TICKETED MACHINIST required immediately for machine/welding shop in Slave Lake, Alberta. Fax resume to (780) 849-6962 or mail to Box 1066, Slave Lake, AB, T0G 2A0. F25.

EXHAUST INSTALLER Wanted. Welding and cutting experience, some automotive knowledge an asset. Basic computer skills are required. Wage D.O.E. Fax resume (250) 426-3003 or mail to: 1609 Cranbrook St. N., Cranbrook, BC V1C 3S7

LOG HAULING Company looking for supervisor to manage 18-25 trucks. Must have driving and maintenance experience. Computer knowledge an asset. Must be motivated, self starter. Reply to File #A186, c/o Pictorial News Leader, #2-5380 Trans Canada Highway, Duncan, BC, V9L 6W4

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CLASS ONE Super Train Driver required for scheduled bulk run Vancouver-Calgary. Call 250-377-0956.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT Associates - Kamloops. Requirements: Ability to solve customer complaints with regard to their cable broadband access to the internet. Rotating shifts. Grade 12 or equivalent. \$11.00/hr. Email: kamloops.jobs@convergys.com Fax: (250)571-5870.

TIMBER TURF & Trail Equipment, located in Lumby, BC is looking to hire a fully qualified small engine mechanic immediately. Must have experience with chainsaws, ATV's and Honda Power Equipment. Fax resumes to: (250) 547-2030.

APARTMENT MANAGER required: rental & cleaning only. Best building Fort McMurray. Small suite. Fax resume (604)520-3014.

GRAYMONT WESTERN Canada Inc. has an opening for a millwright at our quicklime manufacturing plant and quarry near Cache Creek. The successful applicant will have a Journeyman ticket at least 5 years experience with all aspects of maintenance industrial equipment such as conveyors, pumps, hydraulics, large bearing & gear boxes etc. Welding experience would be an asset. Work on a rotating shift basis as well as occasional weekends & night work may be required. Graymont offers a competitive wage & benefit package for this unionized position. Those interested should send resumes to Al Lucas, Plant Manager at Graymont Western Canada Inc., P.O. Box 187, Cache Creek, BC, V0K 1H0, email: a.lucas@graymont-bc.com

Vernon area **LUMBER REMANUFACTURING PLANT** requires a **PRODUCTION MANAGER** responsible for plant safety, product quality and maximizing production. Minimum 3 years experience in production scheduling, 10-50 employees 2-3 shifts, sales, inventory control, shipping and receiving. Knowledge of lumber grading and kiln drying required. C/O The Morning Star, Box 25, 4407-25th Avenue, Vernon, BC V1T 1P5

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AUTO, BRAKE installer required. Minimum 3 yrs. experience or apprentice. Basic computer skills and parts catalogue required. Wage D.O.E. fax resume to (250) 426-3003 or mail to: 1609 Cranbrook St. N., Cranbrook, BC V1C 3S7

DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT director/sports director, waterfront director, female/male counselors. Send resume by Mar. 31, 2004 to: Box 688, Houston BC, V0J 1Z0. Only short list will be contacted. Wages discussed at Interview, criminal record check required in hired. A7.

MUSEUM ASSISTANT/ PROGRAMMER required by Bulkley Valley museum and historical society, Smithers to assist with museum operations and public programming. Must possess a degree in Education, Anthropology, Cultural resource management or related discipline, or a combination of training and experience. This is a position of trust and requires a criminal record check. A complete job description is available or send resume to Bulkley Valley Museum, Box 2615, Smithers, V0J 2N0, fax 250-847-5363 or e-mail: bvmuseum@bulkley.net

278 Skilled Trades

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR South Okanagan Lumber Remanufacturer has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Supervisor. This individual will report to the Plant Superintendent and will directly supervise a staff of 5. **Qualifications:** Journeyman Trade qualifications or graduate from a technical/engineering training program or equivalent. Proven experience in leadership, supervision, & PM programs. Computer skills - maintenance systems, MS Office Suite. Proven work experience with 5 to 8 years industrial experience. Reply to: Box 9, Attn: VP-Operations. Penticton, B.C., V2A 6J9 **SIGNING BONUS!** Required immediately for project in Kelowna, journeyman & apprentice plumbers. Send resume to 604-853-4772.

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NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE EASTERN REGION

INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN

Northwest Community College, Eastern Region, invites applications for a continuing full-time Information Systems Technician commencing as soon as possible. Our Eastern region encompasses Hazelton, Smithers and Houston, with this position based in Smithers. Salary will be in accordance with the Collective Agreement between Northwest Community College and the BCGEU Support Staff Scale, Level 11.

Under the supervision of the Co-ordinator, Information Systems, the incumbent will be responsible for the following:

- Provide Help Desk and direct support for clients in a modern, networked environment.
- Maintain and support network labs.
- Provide desktop support for an array of office and instructional software applications.
- Assist in the support and maintenance of network servers.
- Assist in the development, implementation, and support of both LAN and WAN environments.

Qualifications/Skills: Candidates must have a diploma in Information Technologies or related field plus 2 years work experience. Certification such as Microsoft A+, MCSE or CNA/CNE will be a definite asset. An equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered. Proven skills and experience with combination of the following must be demonstrated:

- Strong skills in supporting Windows 95/98/2000 operating systems.
- Strong skills with MS Office products, Email and Internet applications.
- Strong skills in supporting the above applications and operating systems in a Novell network environment.
- Strong trouble shooting skills.
- Knowledge of TCP/IP, IPX/SPX, NetBEUI networking protocols.
- Knowledge and experience with networking peripherals such as NIC's, repeaters, hubs and switches.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills combined with strong time management skills.
- Must have own vehicle and be willing to travel on a regularly scheduled basis.

The ability to work independently as well as in a distributed team environment in an effective and efficient manner is essential. Candidates must be able to take direction from a multitude of sources while maintaining strong communication within the colleges decentralized model.

Respond in confidence by submitting a current resume and quoting competition # 03.167B to: Human Resources Department, NORTHWEST COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 5331 McConnell Avenue, Terrace, BC, V8G 4X2, FAX: 250.638.5475, Email: soates@nwcc.bc.ca.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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420 Commercial

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CLEAN, QUIET, adult oriented 1 bedroom condo in Woodgreen condominiums. Terrace. Natural gas fireplace, oak kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile and carpeting. Appliances included. Laundry facilities and covered patio, \$575/mo. No dogs. Call 632-6726. (TFN)

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524 Commercial Property

PRIME MAIN Street 6000 sq. ft. building for sale. Excellent condition, recent upgrades. Would suit Commercial/Retail/Professional business. Includes paved parking lot. Call Paul Parry 250-847-3197, 1137 Main Street, Smithers, BC.

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WARM AND Cozy 1500 sq. foot 3 bedroom plus den rancher with garage. Renovated kitchen and bath, new flooring throughout, New windows, siding, roof and fenced yard. Includes satellite with 2 receivers. A must see @ 57 Oriole. Call 632-3260. M3.

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642 Pets

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1993 FORD Explorer XLT 4x4 for sale. V-6, 4 door, 6 passenger, Loaded, sunroof, roof rack, hitch, visor, good rubber and very clean. In exc condition. \$5800. Please call 250-632-3151. F25

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786 Trucks

1990 FORD F150. 4x4, ext cab, long box with many new parts. Asking \$5900. Please call 639-9670. M1.

1991 FORD XLT Lariat for sale. 4x4 Club Cab with canopy. 170,000 kms. Asking \$4500. Please call 632-4616. M15.

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1998 CHEV Silverado. 350 5.7 litre with ext cab, 4x4, 70,000 kms, command start, camper package, dual batteries, full length aluminum checker plate running boards and mud flaps, new Yokohama Geolander tires, never smoked in and extra clean throughout. Must be seen. \$28,500. Call 632-2963. M15.

792 Vans/Buses

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792 Vans/Buses

1990 PLYMOUTH Voyager in good running condition. Seats 7 passengers. Needs minor repairs. \$1500. Call Pauline daytime: 632-2433 or evening 632-2876. M15.

815 Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

Notice is hereby given that creditors and others, having claims against the estate of Christopher Lee Gelinas, formerly of 28 Braun Street, Kitimat, British Columbia, deceased, who died on January 17, 2004, are hereby required to send the particulars thereof to the undersigned Administrator, c/o Geoffrey Gelinas, 1826 Summerfield Blvd., Airdrie, AB T4B 1V3, on or before March 18, 2004, after which date the estate's assets will be distributed, having regard only to the claims that have been received.

Geoffrey Gelinas, Administrator

LAND ACT NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND

Take notice that the respected eco-tour operator **Maple Leaf Adventures Corp.** of Victoria, intends to make application to the Land and Water British Columbia Inc. (LWBC) **Smithers Field Office** for a Licence of Occupation for Commercial Recreation purposes, covering various sites on Provincial Crown aquatic land located in the North and Central Coast, as follows:

Queen Charlotte Islands-vicinity: Cumshhewa Inlet and Selwyn Inlet.

North Coast-vicinity: Princess Royal Isl., Gil Isl., Hawkesbury Isl., Graham Reach, Mathieson Channel, Europa Reach and Kitlope River.

Central Coast-vicinity: Laredo Inlet, Kynoch Inlet, Roscoe Inlet, Oscar Passage, Goose Isl., and Safety Cove.

The proposed aquatic land is required for safe anchorages, low impact, non-extractive, nature appreciation and wildlife viewing. The LWBC File Number that has been established for this application is 6407512.

Written comments concerning this application should be directed to Brent Barclay, Commercial Recreation Manager, Land and Water BC, Smithers Field Office, Box 5000, Smithers, BC V0J 2N0. Comments may be received by LWBC until **March 26, 2004**. LWBC may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For more information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor at the LWBC Smithers Field Office.



Land and Water British Columbia Inc.
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830 Tenders

College Opportunities

Northwest Community College regularly posts opportunity notices and requests for proposals online on BC Bid for the supply and delivery of equipment, goods and services.

Current postings include:

- Photocopier and Related Equipment
- Library Security System
- Cafeteria Equipment

Future opportunities include:

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Local suppliers are encouraged to review opportunities frequently at www.bcbid.ca and register to be advised of new postings.



For more information call 1 877 277-2288 today.

**COMING
EVENTS**

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FACES OF CHINA - Photographs by Dwight Magee, Feb. 20 to Mar. 20, Kitimat Centennial Museum. While in China working for Alcan Primary Metal, BC, Dwight Magee began a series of photographs capturing the faces of friends he met, people he worked with and their families. Some of the many photographs he took comprise the exhibit "Faces of China" now on display at the Kitimat Centennial Museum. (M10)

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Council backs community services plea

City council has agreed to support a resolution from the B.C. Government and Services Employees' Union urging the provincial government to put on hold further cuts to community social service funding and to restore program funding to the pre-2001 level.

Dorothy Barstoff, chairman of BCGEU Local 0312 appeared before council Monday night to plead with them to support the resolution which is being presented to municipalities across the province.

Barstoff reminded council that the Campbell government ran on a platform in May, 2001, that made a firm commitment that "government has an obligation to properly protect and provide for those most vulnerable in our society."

However, since taking power the Liberals had cut community social services funding by \$100 million and was planning to cut another \$70 million before the end of next month.

She said the purpose of her presentation was to emphasize the devastating effect the cuts had on the most vulnerable British Columbians - women, children and people with disabilities - and to raise awareness of the union's post card campaign to protect community social services.

Dates for kids to note

City council has approved West Coast Amusements setting up its fairground in the lower City Centre Mall parking lot May 2 and 3.

The fair has been a fixture in the parking lot since the early 1980s. In recommending the application to set up the fair, municipal manager Trafford Hall noted Westcoast Amusements had over the years "built an ongoing relationship with the community, downtown merchants and the community as a whole."

He added it was careful to set up compactly and purchase supplies locally.

As in past years, the local Elks will sponsor the fair's visit

In addition to adopting the resolution, she asked council to send letters to premier Gordon Campbell, Finance minister Gary Collins and Children and Family Development minister Christy Clark calling on them to stop further cuts.

Barstoff said her local represents 245 community social services workers in seven agencies, many servicing

Terrace and Kitimat.

She pointed out all of these agencies had had at least 15 per cent cuts to their budgets, with the strong possibility of more cuts to be announced.

Barstoff said these agencies assist people with physical or developmental disabilities, such as Down's syndrome or autism, to live with dignity, respect and independence in their

own communities.

They also provide counselling support and parental guidance for teens, children and parents; assist immigrant families to adjust to a different life; staff crisis centers and carry out suicide prevention; help women and their children fleeing abusive relationships by providing temporary accommodation at transition houses; and provide sexual assault

response, counselling and advocacy.

"Community social services workers make it possible for thousands of British Columbians to receive the critical services they need in their own communities," she said, adding, "Without them, many people would have nowhere to turn."

She also noted many of their clients in Kitimat work and volunteered their

time in the community.

Barstoff asked council to support the BCGEU's message: "stop attacking our most vulnerable citizens by cutting vital programs and services."

She added individuals could help by signing a postcard or going on-line at www.cssinfo.ca and sending a message by e-mail, or by contacting their MLA and letting him know how the feel.

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