Northern Insights

GST, a tax on distance

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per cent on the lower-priced American goods. If we shop at home, we pay 7 per cent on goods purchases from higher-priced northern stores.

Dennis Young, the President of the Canadian Association of Single-Industry Towns, predicted in 1987 that "in the absence of a coherent frontier development strategy, Canadians could all end up living in a densely-populated strip along the U.S. border." This Ernst & Young report seems to add more weight to that prediction. Those of us who want to stay in the north will have to pay more for the privilege. If we can't afford those extra costs, or if our jobs are moving south, will

Michael Wilson give us a larger GST rebate to convince us to stay?

Not likely. This GST is another national policy designed by our bond-trader Finance Minister, with no thought to what the policy's impact is on regional development. The Ministers of Northern Development will no doubt use the Ernst & Young report to bring this point home to Ottawa, but I have concluded, along with many others, that Ottawa stopped listening to rational arguments like this long ago. Besides, the Tories won only one seat in northern Ontario in the last federal election, so what have they got to lose by antagonizing us again?

All the World's aCircus

continued from page 5 premiums. But none of this bothers you because you finally found the woman of your dreams, a woman just like mom, a woman who asks nothing...well, almost nothing of you. Therein lies the problem. STAGE EIGHT - 65

and counting - GOING ALL THE WAY!

STAGE NINE: You're 86 years old and you've beat all the odds and triumphantly outlived all your enemies. The Golden Years - life is good, life is lousy, but above all, life is still with you. Problems, as in every other stage with you, abound. But the one that rags you the most; shame blame in Wrinkle City, degradation on the decline-you got it! STAGE NINE-86 and twitching-DON'T LET ANYBODY FIND OUT THAT YOU WET THE BED!

STAGE TEN: You're in a kind of cavity, it's warm and peaceful, you're safe and smiling and the only sound you hear is a faintly familiar voice of someone who has just walked past and reached out and touched the outside of your shell and said: "He just kicked!" STAGE TEN - HE JUST KICKED! That's how it ends.

"All my life's a circle, but I can't tell you why. The seasons spinning round again, the year goes rolling by." Harry Chapin. Dead at 38. Loved ya Harry.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TERRACE BAY

Are You Concerned About the **Future of the Terrace Bay Post** Office?

Plans are presently underway by Public Works Canada to sell the Government of Canada building in Terrrace Bay which is the location of the Terrace Bay Post Office. The sale means closure of the Terrace Bay Post Office is a distinct possibility. If the building is sold and Canada Post cannot negotiate a lease with the new owners, they would close the Post Office, install supermailboxes and open a small outlet in a retail store.

COUNCIL FEELS WE NEED OUR POST OFFICE

We are asking for your support

A petition has been drafted and is available for signature calling upon parliament to "stop the PROPOSED SALE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA BUILDING IN TER-RACE BAY, ONTARIO". If you agree that the Terrace Bay Post Office should remain operational at its present location, please sign the petition located at the Municipal Office.

If you wish to make a private appeal, please address your letters to:

The Honourable Elmer MacKay Minister of Public Works Government of Canada Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M2

with copies to:

Mr. Reginald Belair, M.P. Cochrane-Superior **House of Commons** Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

No Postage is required for either letter.

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR FIGHT TO SAVE OUR POST OFFICE.

Reeve and Councillors Township of Terrace Bay



Bryan Cassie, manager of the Terrace Bay CIBC receives the Horticultural Society's first plaque for best decorated business this Christmas from Ken Randall, president of the Terrace Bay Horticultural Society.

Stages in a Man's Life Horticultural Society's Christmas contest a success

Each year the Terrace Bay Horticultural Society tries to help get the community involved in the Christmas spirit by holding a Home Decorating Contest.

This year for the first time, the Society held a separate contest for non-residential structures. The judging for both these events took place during the week of December 17-21. The response for both contests was excellent.

The first prize winners for the Home Contest were Joyce and Barry Gilmore of 619 Strathcona Avenue, second prize winners were Debbie and Morgan McGrath of 24 Southridge Crescent, and and Lucien Bilodeau of 100 Hudson Drive.

The judges for the Home Contest were Jeff Mikus, one of last year's winners, Hyacinthe Landry, Past President of the Society, and Ken Randle, the new President of the Society.

The winner of the Horticultural Society plaque for the best decorated business structure was the Canadian Imperial Bank of Canada. Bryan Cassie, with the help of his employees and volunteer Ken Martinsen, helped to dress up Simcoe

The judges also wanted to recognize the North of Superior Separate School Board, the Recreation Centre, their terrific effort.

The judges for the non-

residential structures were Jim Ziegler, Reeve, Paul Paradis, President of the Aguasabon Chamber of Commerce, and Robert Cotton, Editor of The Terrace Bay News.

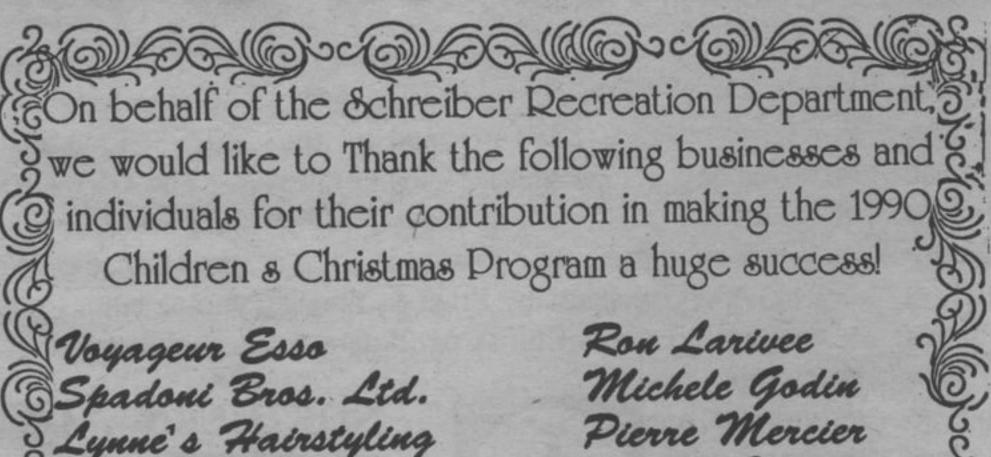
The Terrace Bay Horticultural Society, a group of volunteers, meets on a regular basis to discuss ways to beautify our town.

This dedicated group works with young gardeners and encourages local residents to get planting.

At Christmas, the Society poinsettias places Birchwood Terrace.

The Society would like to remind the community that spring will be here soon and it third prize winners were Fem and Hodder's Jewellers for is time to think about chasing away the winter blues by planning our summer gardens.

You can get things done in the Classifieds



Lynne's Hairstyling Schreiber Legion Branch 109

Edythe Cosgrove

And the staff at the Recreation Centre SHANNON LONG AND MARY COMMISSO . JA COME OF THE POST O

Janice and Brandi Ryan would like to thank Dr. Rohanni for his excellent care. To Shelly Long, Linda Stuart, the nurses and staff for the care they gave to us during our stay. Also to family and friends for the gifts and visits.

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