

LUND BARNACLE



The Lund Barnacle

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CONDOS

BIRD BRAINS and

ROOMERS IN LUND

If you had read the Barnacle, you too would be as well informed as I am. We get a lot of leads.

Hasten, deploy!

(Psst. You going dancing with the Suspects?)



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BARNACLE
EXTRA
LUND SOLD
ON CROSS-
BORDER SHOP
FUTURE
BRIGHT IN
LUND

Don't forget the dance!
April 4, at the Hall
Friends of the Lost Flamingoes
with **SUSPECTS**

While you're
waiting for
Spring...



and the little
book room,
Please save
your unwanted
books and
wooden tables
and chairs.

To the Editor

The Barnacle,
and B.C. Report

Dear Sir

I am responding to your article of January 27, 1992 concerning mutant plants and dead birds in Powell River being attributable to pulp mill emissions. I am surprised at the furor generated by Mr. Hume's column.

The facts are:

Fact #1: birds did drop out of trees here last spring, eyewitnesses other than myself can confirm.

Fact #2: Plants started dying and growing with twisted and deformed leaves and stems coincidentally with MacMillan Bloedel's switch to NP-1 for antisapstain purposes.

Fact #3: The testing MacMillan Bloedel conducted on samples I provided did not test for any of the likely culprits (NP-1, Vision, and/or inerts in these compounds). They did establish nutrient deficiencies were not responsible.

Fact #4 Contrary to the opinion expressed by Dr. Ormrod (Ag-Fish), Vision does cause leaf and stem deformities in sublethal doses (D 91-01 Glyphosate Discussion Document Ag-Can, 1991).

In light of these facts, there is an outside possibility that mill air emissions are not responsible for these plant defects. If anyone has proof that forestry spraying by MB, or the BCFS is responsible, please let me know.

However the issue is larger than that: There is an uncanny resemblance between Kip Slater's (DFO) response to reports of dead clams and starfish in the Powell River area, and Dr. Ormrod's response to the issue of dead plants, and that is that "in order to establish the cause of death we have to catch them in the act of dying." I wonder if they attended the same school. I wonder if the same thing applies to people.

Anyway...the plants are still growing strangely, the air quality is still appalling. Perhaps some of you think, "I'm all right Jack pull up on the ladder." Perhaps you would like to jam your heads back in the sand along with Mr. Gerry Gray and Mr. Don Lockstead (who states in the local paper not that it is not happening, but that we wouldn't like to give anyone the impression it was) but, as Gerry would say in his inimitable alliterative style, There's a mutant in Millville. More than one...

Yours Truly,
Grant Keays

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THE LUND BARNACLE

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The Barnacle has a tradition to uphold -- as a forum for the Lund community. Editorial policy is to print what people give, in their own words. We reserve the right to **not print unsigned material**. If you want your name withheld, ask. If you have a problem with something in the paper, speak up, speak out, write it down and we'll present your views in the following issue. Editorial policy being considered at this time is setting a one-article limit per person, especially for those with surnames beginning with K.

WORKING ON THE BARNACLE

Seven gnomes, two elves, five sprites, thirteen correspondents and a good fairy, assisted by: Gordon Ellison, Christine Hjørleifson, Lyn Jacob, Slobhan James, John Keays, Patricia Keays, Margaret Leitner, Keith Matheson, Connie Thurber. Volunteers for the **Lund School Page** will rejoin us next issue. Why don't you join us, too? Barnacles do best in bunches and colonies. Special thanks to Margaret Leitner for coordinating production of the Barnacle, to Keith Matheson for the great graphics, and to all contributors.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Hark, hark, the lark! the robin! the loon! Best 'o' primavera from the Barnacle to its tens of thousands of readers.

LUND HOTEL REPORT 3 Lund Community Club

by Siobhan James

As everyone is mostly likely aware by now, as of March 1 (1992) a new group of shareholders has bought into the hotel, and they're very busy planning some major renovations and innovations. For those of you who have not yet met the new members of Lund's business community, they are: Russ and Joyce Monjar, Tim and Bobbi Christensen (who have a young son, Kris), and Dave Stephens, whose children Dale, Diana, and Rachel will join him from Washington State when school lets out for summer.

An extensive make-over will begin almost immediately, with the painting of the hotel exterior and landscaping of the grounds. Also planned before high summer: refurnishing of the "new" hotel rooms, redecoration of the coffee shop and the Bayside Dining Room, and menu revision. Then - in the fullness of time - the two top stories will be converted to luxury suites with breathtaking views. The new owners have many other ideas for renovation and change, but stress that they welcome any and all suggestions and ideas from the community at large as to the general improvements of the resort. They also wish it to be known that the old Lund Community Hall remains available for public use.

So after twelve years as owners and managers of the Lund Breakwater Inn, Terry and Ewald Werner begin a new care-free period in their lives; Lund will remain their home, so they won't be strangers - just customers! I'm sure we all wish them a blissful and healthy retirement.

So changes are on the way - some things are going to look very different, and perhaps some aspects of day-to-day life may change; but let's all give a hearty Lund welcome to our new community members, and join with them in helping to make Lund the most popular coastal resort in beautiful British Columbia.

ARE WE PREPARED FOR A DISASTER?

Contacts: see end of article

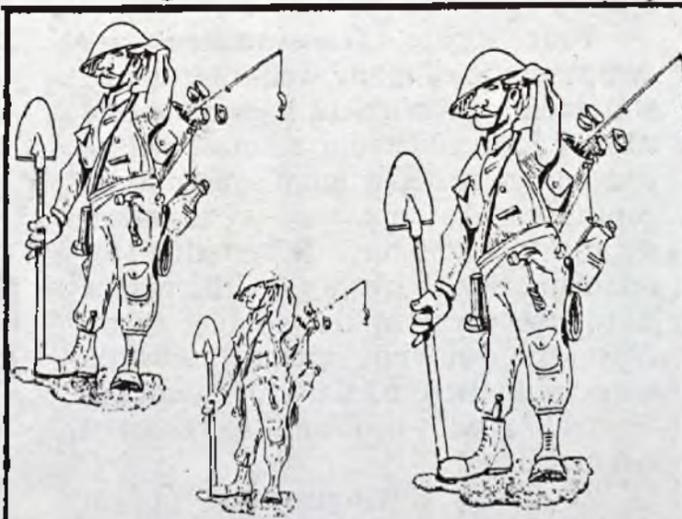
Four people from Lund recently attended a three day workshop on emergency preparedness. Emergency Social Services in Powell River has an Emergency Response Plan and the workshop addressed the essential components and strategies of the plan.

There is a need within the Lund community to establish a disaster plan, complete with a central Reception Center. Lund School has been designated as the site of a Reception Center which serves as a place where evacuees are received during a disaster, and for the delivery of emergency social services. It is meant to provide access to basic survival needs such as food, clothing,

by Adrian Redford

I awoke one morning and discovered that I was co-chairman (person) of the Community Club. Did we hold that meeting in the bar too? Do I hear someone saying, "There but for the grace of God go I?" At these crucial election (should I say appointment?) nights, it is always with some reluctance that any of us agree to taking on these positions. I believe this year some of the members wanted to see the club fold, with the hope that a resurgence of new energy would manifest itself somewhere down the road. I'm not sure that that may not have been the best route to take.

However, here we are, putting our best feet forward, and trying to keep them out of our mouths, we will carry on. And who knows, with the wonderful support of all the regulars like Marg, Rosie, Steve and Jo, Gordie, and Siobhan, we might win the battle of ennui and worry about the war on weariness tomorrow. I've often asked myself why it's so difficult to become "involved". Once you get there, I think most folks agree that it's kind of fun. Even in cleaning up (as long as you're not stuck doing it all by yourself). There's a kind of camaraderie that sometimes even chokes me up. You get to visit with your neighbours and find out how really great they are. With so many stew pots boiling and toiling in Lund all at the same time



lodging or financial support. How the services are provided depends on the situation, the available resources in the community and the severity of the disaster.

The municipality recognizes the importance of the plan in Powell River and supports the program one hundred per cent. Both the coordinator of ESS and citizens of Lund have asked the Regional Board for financial assistance by purchasing a Reception Center kit prepared by the provincial government. This kit contains operational forms, and materials to enable volunteers to man a Center, to provide information, and to answer inquiries as quickly as possible. We are now waiting for a response from the Regional Board.

In order to establish an effective emergency plan for Lund, there is a

(sewer, forestry station, and harbours, all with their own committees), you know that the Community Club can't be all things to all people and that everyone is busy just trying to survive in this cold, cruel world.

None the less, you always meet up with a few people with the same goal in mind, trying to make this a better community.

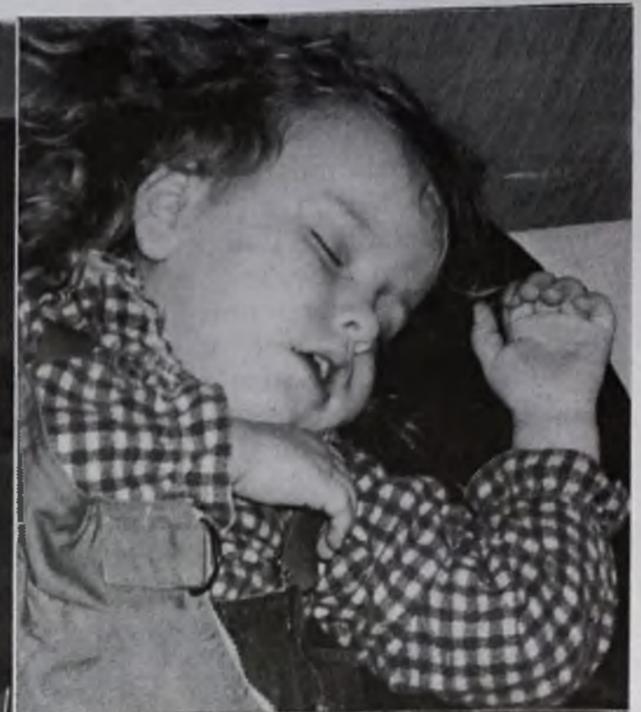
I think I am doomed always to be away from home when the annual Pot Luck supper happens, and this year is no exception. Marg is busy planning this year's event, which will be over by publication time. She asked the students at Lund School to do the posters for it and they are wonderful. **Maybe next year we should have a poster contest??** Everyone who has attended the Pot Luck/Talent Show has raved about how much fun it was; I can hardly wait to hear the "too bad you missed it" news again. Contrary to most community functions which are put on for fun and profit, this one is just for fun. (Editor's note: but we understand it also made a profit!)

Having to write for the *Barnacle* came as a surprise to this non-writer. I suppose I should tell you all the things we have planned. Or should I surprise you and say that we don't have any plans? We're waiting for someone to come out of the woodwork and say "Let me entertain you". Our meetings are still on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m., mostly in the Club Room of the hall, but sometimes in the bar. Julie or Terry might verify that we drink coffee! We would love to see you there.

In closing, I wonder if I can pretend I'm Carol Burnett, and say hello to my mom. She celebrated her 80th birthday on February 17th, and to help her celebrate, Helen Anderson came out from town, and my sister, Linda Henderson and her friend Edna Clarkson flew in from Nelson. Helen will be celebrating her 90th birthday in April, and Charlie Ortloff, a long time Lund resident who is now at Olive Devaud, will celebrate his centennial in March. I believe a tea will be held there in his honour, to which all of his friends are invited.

Hasta luego - see you after herring season.

need for volunteers with a willingness to attend a minimum number of meetings to discuss emergency procedures. It is reasonable to assume that when a disaster does occur, a large number of volunteers are always on hand, but familiarity with a simple plan would improve the effectiveness of our ability to respond. If you are interested in becoming part of an emergency planning committee, or would be willing to respond during a call-out situation, please call Anne Gustafson at 483-9690 or Ruth Longacre at 483-9249.



Talent Show, 1992

MORE LETTERS

The Honourable Bill Barlee
Minister of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Barlee,

Thank you for your prompt reply to my February 21 letter about the health problems in the Fraser Valley. I would appreciate knowing what reason you have to believe that your government has the remotest chance of determining "if a certain chemical or combination of chemicals" can be found to be causing any specific health problem(s). If you know, how will you take the offenders "out" once they are in the air, the soil, the plants, and us?

1) I understand that 80% by weight of some 60,000 chemicals (US National Academy of Sciences) used in Canada and the US **have never been tested for any long term effects because it is not a requirement of the registry to test inerts/formulants, or products as formulated for use.** Is this true?

These so called "inerts" are not known outside of the manufacturing industry - they are trade secrets. Also classed as 'trade secrets' are the methods for finding these substances in the environment. Is this correct? The permit issued to the Municipality of Powell River for disposal of incinerator ash is for "inert" ash. And this means what?

I realize that some of the "inerts" may be harmless substances like water - but what about benzene and Chicago sludge? I understand that

these, amongst others, are allowed to be present in pesticide formulations which are known to have harmful effects on both people and the environment. There are some 1200 other chemicals known as "List 3 inerts".

Your polite reassurances are symptomatic of many well-intentioned statements government has made and while I appreciate your efforts I believe you and your department are guilty of continuing to opt for a chemical approach. You have NO method for removing these chemicals - the choice is to use them or not to use them. Why are you not moving towards major reduction in all use of chemicals for dealing with problems in resource management?

2) The Environmental Appeal Board is the only avenue for the public to register opposition to use of these chemicals. I understand that it does not have the power to address inadequacies in the Federal Registration process. Also, it cannot respond to (include as evidence) public opposition in the form of a petition, for example. Can you please expand the EAB functions to include these?

As an example of what I consider evil, B.C. Hydro has made application to spray "Vision" (Glyphosate) on all Hydro lines north of Vancouver. Vision causes leaf and stem deformities in non-target species at sub-lethal doses (see D-91-01 Glyphosate discussion paper, Agriculture Canada). What does it do to people? If a citizen were to take this to EAB he/she would lose automatically because of the narrowness of the Board mandate, no

matter how many members of the public are demonstrably opposed. I urge you to refuse the application and to encourage employment by manual treatment of Hydro lines.

Reassuring pats on aging heads are not enough to deal with the chemical addiction of our agriculture-forestry-industry complex no matter how prompt or gracious those replies, but I look forward to your answers to my questions. Sincerely

Effie Keays

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Compliance?

addition to Effie Keays letter

If our permits are only as good as the degree of compliance, we don't seem to be doing too well locally. Recent provincial government information on non-compliance - who is doing what they have been asked not to do in issued permits - includes the following:

#33) MB, Powell River. Exceeded permit levels for average particulate matter from the recovery boiler during July to September based on permittee data. Company has scheduled maintenance of pollution control works in November 1991, in order to achieve permit compliance. **Fourth time on list.**

#37) Powell River, Municipal refuse. Unauthorized burning at landfill causing air pollution problems. Solid Waste Management Plan has been under study for some time; a new local referendum is planned for this November. Regional District has previously received funding from the Ministry for the Waste Management Plan. **Third time on list.**

Lund Choir

by Thelma Mutas

Our Lund Choir would like to share with your readers this amusing little song written by Henry VIII. One of our members, Bertie Coomans, has written two additional verses which we would especially like to share with *Barnacle* readers. We hope wherever Henry is these days he will look kindly on our taking "poetic license" with his song. (We don't want any more heads to roll).

We continue to look for new members especially male voices. Alto section is also a bit sparse. To those who worry for fear they may be asked to audition, set your mind at ease - no auditions, no requirements except a reasonable singing voice and a commitment to attend practice. Children are welcome to join.

I've been reading, and highly recommend, a book called *Book of Nonsense*, by Paul Jennings.

We look forward to the next edition. *The Barnacle* gets better with each issue. Keep up the good work!

Lund Anthem by Bertie Coomans

Liv' in Lund or thereabouts,
I love and shall unto I die,
End of highway seems just right
So we are pleased so stay will I.
For our pastance
Play sing and dance
No great surprise
To us all here,
We hold Lund dear,
Lund is paradise.

Singing with good company
I love and shall unto I die,
Warbling none will us deny
So we are pleased so sing will I.
We sing so free
Fa sol la ti
We do aspire
To give great voice.
Let's all rejoice,
Our own Lund choir.

Critic Needs Transport

by Slobhan James

I haven't had time to go to movies recently, because apart from having a JOB now (!!!), I've become involved with the Far Off Broadway amateur theatre company who are staging the drama *The Visit* at the Evergreen Theatre in the Complex from Wednesday, April 8 through Saturday, April 11. I'm only an understudy/scene filler, but it's great to be around theatre (a life-long dream) and several of the company thought I was 21 to 26, so it's not hard to like these people, if you know what I mean!

Anyway, I hope a lot of you will come to see the play, which is all about a woman's revenge (do I identify or what?!), but in the meantime, I still want to see movies, so if anyone doesn't mind an extra passenger when they go, please give me a call at 483-9876. Thanks.

Craig Park

by Dymph VanderMaeden

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Here we are again. I've heard it's March and when I look at the calendar it confirms that indeed it is so. The garden, grass, and birds have called me outside almost every day for the past month. I have missed spring cleaning somewhere, maybe this year it will be summer cleaning. I expect the geese to be flying north any day now and find myself gazing skyward every day.

We can look forward to some good baseball at Craig Park again this year. The Flamingals are having their home games at the Park again, which makes everyone happy. The town fields are a little hard on the knees and ankles. The Flamingoes will be having all their games at the Park.

Congratulations to Jim and Tracy for the new future Flamingal.

See you all at the ball games.

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MARCH 23 - APRIL 12:
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Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

* located behind Super Valu

Survey Deadline is March 25

Want to see a bus service linking Lund and Powell River? Are local health services adequate? Have you wanted counselling and not been able to find it or afford it?

A survey of women's needs is in progress -- and that includes the needs of rural women. (Indeed, several Lund women have been involved in formulating the questionnaire.)

Transportation, health (spiritual and physical), employment (un- and under-employment, too), education, and personal safety are the specific topics included in the survey.

Although statistics will be gathered, comments about these or any concern are valued and encouraged. The survey aims for qualitative as well as quantitative information.

Agencies that provide services to women will also be surveyed. The results will be made public by early summer.

The goal of the project is to improve the lives of women. Women of all ages are asked to participate.

The deadline for returning the questionnaire is March 25. You can pick up a survey at the **Lund Store** and mail it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

For more information, call Pat at 485-6006 or 487-9043.

Music Festival Awards

Thanks to all those who participated in the Powell River Music Festival, with **special congratulations** to Damae Jongkind (3 trophies) and the Densmore\Inkster\Erikson trio, for the highest mark awarded in the concert.

Small Craft Harbours

by Bill Mackee

Small Craft Harbour representatives were in Lund recently to outline the Government's latest policy for its small craft harbours on this coast.

Each harbour is to set up its own Harbour Authority, elected from a cross section of the user groups. The Authority is set up as a "Corporation without share capital", making it a legal entity. The users of the Finn Bay floats were approached earlier and have set up an Authority with five members. It was suggested that Lund Harbour have seven to nine members on its board. In the condition of membership for Finn Bay the term of office for the board of directors is two years, after which another board is elected.

The members of the Finn Bay Authority recently voted to propose joining with the Lund Harbour to form a single Authority, feeling it would avoid any possible future conflict the close proximity the two might cause.

This is another community responsibility that will need attention in order to continue operating toward Lund's best interests.

LATE flash

FINN BAY FORESTRY BUILDING MEETING held too late for details BUT: straw vote held, majority against, attitude problem appears significant, good ideas shot down by the "I'm alright, Jack, pull up the ladder" mentality. Whatever it is, we're against it.

WOMENS SURVEY NEEDS YOU



**A LOCAL PROJECT LOOKING AT
WOMEN'S NEEDS AND SERVICES**

NEWCOMERS CORNER 6

by Arlene Carsten,
Chief Financial Officer
A.J.CARSTEN COMPANY, LTD.

Our personal thanks to John Keays and Margaret Leitner for making space available in *The Barnacle* so that we can introduce ourselves and our company to our neighbours in Lund.

Al and I have been seasonal residents since we fell in love with Okeover Arm at first sight back in 1988. It may seem strange to some that Southern Californians would leave the land of bougainvillea and palm trees and trade them for stands of spruce, alder and bramble. But to us, the beauty and serenity of nature which abounds here was irresistible. Our first year here we planted 16 dogwood trees, 6 birch trees and a large number of pine trees in addition to creating a meadow of wild flowers in front of our cabins. Our first year the meadow was covered with, of all things, California poppies! The second year, shasta daisies dazzled us with their display.

Although both of us grew up in the Eastern U.S., we have lived in California for over 32 years. Seasonal changes there are so subtle that they invoked one writer to describe life in southern California, as "one long summer afternoon". The seasonal changes here have been an exciting rediscovery of the wonderful tempo of nature. We hadn't realized all that we had missed until we came up here at different times; once, watching our lilacs burst into bloom in spring and then another time finding ourselves snowbound.

To Zone or Not to Zone

special to the Barnacle

Zoning: Do we need it? Do we want it? What is it?

Residents concerned about a new industry locating on Malaspina Road are asking these questions again. If enough public interest were demonstrated, the Regional District would be prepared to hold a public information meeting to answer these questions, according to Regional District Planner Don Turner.

Zoning, building codes and noise by-laws are 3 distinct and separate regulations. You can have 1 without the others, explained Mr. Turner. Zoning regulates density and land use -- residential, industrial, commercial. It can be flexible and tailored to suit the community or specific areas in the community. Building codes regulate the structural integrity and safety (not necessarily design) of buildings. Noise constitutes a nuisance and is difficult to prove and enforce a by-law.

Mr. Turner said the owners of the new industry made a presentation to the Planning Committee and the Committee is satisfied it is a "clean"

Al is a Ceramic Engineer and a graduate of Alfred University in NY which has one of the most highly acclaimed schools of Ceramics in the world. More than twenty years ago he founded the A.J. Carsten Company, Inc. in San Diego. The company manufactures industrial equipment for the technical ceramics industry. High temperature conveyerized kilns and ovens as well as tape casting machines are some of our principal products. These are not built for the hobbyist, but rather for the capacitor and semiconductor industries as well as for the newly emerging fuel cell technology industry. Our customers are in many countries all over the world so we are not dependent on so called "walk in" business. Instead, requests for quotations will come by fax from such companies as E.I. Dupont DeNemours and Energy Research Corporation in the States; Samsung and Lucky Goldstar in South Korea; MBB in Germany, and ISKRA Ltd. in Yugoslavia. Our equipment is currently operating in 15 different countries ranging from the P.R.C. to Portugal.

Our operation, for those who have worried about pollution, is a clean operation. We weld steel frames, put high temperature bricks in kilns, and install electronic components and wiring to make the machines operate and perform their sophisticated functions. We produce about 10 machines each year. These are painted with polyurethane in a large paint spray booth which filters the air and our spray gun is cleaned with solvent which is reclaimed in our own solvent still for reuse. In all we may use 50 gallons of paint in a year.

operation. He said the annual waste from this industry, paint residue, will be equivalent to the amount of paint residue left from painting a house. This waste will be sent to the incinerator.

Mr. Turner said he couldn't "comment on the level of toxicity. The toxic waste should probably be shipped out [to a toxic waste facility] but the incinerator is the best method in our region at the present time."

Noting that many people live in the rural areas because of freedom from regulations, Mr. Turner said "it's up to the community what regulations to have." He called the community "lucky" because so far the industries in the Lund area have been "environmentally friendly."

"The community has no control now," he continued. "It may continue to be lucky but it is possible a 'dirty' industry may locate."

AND IF IT'S TRUE, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

What does it tell us, that Claude Richmond, our last Sacred Cut-and-Run Minister of Forests, is now working for Share?

Solid paint residue left after distillation of solvents is burned in the incinerator at Powell River.

We are still in process of building a 6,000 square foot facility on Malaspina Road next door to the Cedar Lodge. Of this space, 4800 square feet will be devoted to manufacturing and the balance to engineering, design and office space. Our machinery is custom built to customer specifications and we work with the customers to meet their varied and special needs. We have taken special care to be sensitive to the environment in the planning for the building and will be doing extensive landscaping as well as hydroseeding with fescue and wildflowers in areas we were forced to clear for hydro, septic field and street access. Our plant will operate at regular business hours during the week. To date, we have hired two local residents and as business demands, will be hiring a few more production employees.

Both my husband and I work full time in the business as does our son, Jonathan, who we hope will be joining us here after he and his wife sell their home in San Diego. Jon has given us one lovely granddaughter named Jessica and he and Denise, his wife, will be presenting us with another grandchild scheduled to make an appearance in late July. We also have another son who lives in the Loire Valley in France.

We hope to be good neighbours and offer a positive contribution to the community and the local economy. Thanks again for the opportunity to tell you all about ourselves!

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REGIONAL REPORT

by Jill Goudriaan

March, 1992

Roger Summit
Palo Alto, California

Dear Roger,

Thank you again for searching your data bases, twice, for alternative sewage treatment systems that might work in Lund. I am afraid I have been very remiss in letting you know how we are making out. This, as you will recall from last summer's *BARNACLE*, is a difficult project. **Taxation** complications result from a very unconventional financing decision made years ago which has proved most unfortunate. A project proposal was defeated by a couple of votes, largely I feel, because community members anticipated cost overruns in the construction of the central collection system.

On Dec. 17 several Lund business men initiated talks which led to a public meeting on the sewer being held in early Feb. The meeting was an excellent example of how a public forum can be used to work on issues that concern the community. Small groups examined the advantages and disadvantages of several systems and reported back to the large group.

Board Sec/Treasurer, Frances Ladret, pointed out that the most expensive element in all but the refurbishing-the-old-system option, would be the central collection system. It was decided that Frances would research cost comparisons of the options and report back to a public forum of service area residents.

Great meeting! Participants stayed focused on the issue, worked hard, asked insightful questions and were finished with the tightly scheduled agenda by 10:30.

In a package of info on new ways of treating sewage which Delia Becker had collected, I came across the work of Billy Charles Wolverton, Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering, who is the winner of many prestigious scientific awards including the Exceptional Scientific Service Medal from NASA. He has been working for many years on marsh treatment of sewage and has, in community use, a non-centralized system which involves individual 3 by 7 trenches, lined and filled with rocks and plants. These mini-marshes provide a septic field for use with a septic tank in areas where conventional septic fields aren't available. Bacteria on the rocks act with bacteria on the plants to treat bacteria in the sewage and provide the same purifying action as a septic field does.

On March 2, at the Board office, we placed a call to Louisiana and Harold Lennox talked sewage to the Wolverton himself. Yes, the system

would work in cooler climates, he said and yes, he would send us information. So that's what we're waiting for now, Roger. Of course, the conservative BC Dept. of Health would probably require a pilot project with testing. Of course, we already have the damn money borrowed and eating interest. But, at this point, it looks as if the savings from avoiding a centralized collection system would be VERY significant.

And of course individual property owners would be responsible for their own systems where current service isn't already provided. Can Lundites handle their shit as well as government can? **NO PROBLEM** I say. **MUCH BETTER** I say. See you in the summer Roger! Jill

Heaps of Leaps

Roslyn Kunin, the economist who prepares the monthly *BC Economic Review* that comes to the Link office, summed up the whole enchilada for me when she wrote: *For the first hundred years we Canadians lived on our resources, for the next twenty years we lived on our credit and now, we must live on our wits.* Moving from an economy where jobs come from resources into one where jobs come from wits will require a major leap of faith and like lots of those leaps this one won't likely be leapt lightly. We hang on to what was. Classic denial.

Here on the political front, always a hot spot for manufactured reality, denial is very big right now. Groups and agencies oblivious of mill shutdowns, pending mill shutdowns, reduced personal income and the reduced tax base that these imply, are encouraging the Directors get more dollars from rural landowners on their behalf. Fine people, some who devote countless volunteer hours to a worthy cause, are seeking help to parlay their devotion into impressive hunks of real estate. Green lawns sweeping up architecturally delightful structures guaranteed to have a useful life of twenty years. Guaranteed to come in under a million. Guaranteed to **MEET THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS.** Denial.

Others are tax-paid workers who want to "catch up," with among-the-highest-in-the-province wages of municipal workers. Catch up?. **Look** back here, guys. Most of us taxpayers are **behind** you. According to the *LABOUR FORCE PROFILE FOR 1988*, hot off the BC Government data base at the Chamber Of Commerce, the median total income levels (excluding taxfilers reporting no income) are as follows:

Powell River Men: \$31,110

Powell River Women: \$9,600

Lund Men: \$14,800

Lund Women: \$11,200

The average for both sexes in Gilles Bay is \$12,300; in Vananda, \$14,600.

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Finn Bay

The land is free, the buildings are built to last and, thanks to the committee's efforts, may be a very good deal. The final costs are not nailed shut; current estimates are it would cost area A home owners approx twenty bucks a year. Naturally, community members won't be making any decisions until operating expenses and capital costs are firm and public. My thoughts on this right now are: if we have less access to the consumer economy, the community will get more active and Finn Bay could be a good focal point, not only for us but for our kids and residents for decades to come. I see **multi-use**. Any schools or daycares or whatever, who may become tenants to offset expenses, can pack their stuff into a large locker when we need the place for a big party, a small dance, the community shop, night classes, club meetings, church, poker night, workshops, choir practice, fund raising teas, or solstice rituals. **Multi-use.**

Of course there is controversy. That's healthy. And, maybe we just don't want this gorgeous piece of waterfront. Fine. But I'd hate to think we would pass it up because of disagreement over a dock and parking. I KNOW that everyone who cares can meet and work those things out. WE'RE SMART ENOUGH! We have to be. First Finn Bay and the damn sewer - then the economy and global warming, then.....

by Anne Cameron

Ron Arnold, Executive Director of the Centre for the Defence of Free Enterprise gives seminars which teach what are euphemistically called "multiple use" strategies. The big companies, including MacMillan Bloedel, Fletcher Challenge, and others, have sent people to these expensive seminars to learn organizational tactics to combat the growing environmental pressure against the continued wasteful methods used in the forest industry and the unforgivably filthy and polluting methods used in the pulp industry.

Almost every pulp mill town in B.C. now has a couple of people who attended the Ron Arnold seminars; many of these people are not identifiably part of the "management" at the mill, but they do beat the management drum and play the management tune on their flutes. They're particularly good at letters to the editor and at calling "talk back" shows.

Ron Arnold is a registered agent of the American Freedom Coalition, and a member of the speaker's bureau of the Confederation of Associations for the Unification of the Societies of the Americas, an umbrella organization established with funding from the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon.

The Unification "church" is often now referred to as the Unification "movement". There are possibly only

five thousand members left in the "church" but the "movement" is incredibly large. Moon's organizations include just about anything you'd care to mention, everything from newspapers to horse race tracks to hotels to fishboats, canneries, and one of the largest arms and ammunition manufacturing plants on the face of the earth.

One of the staunchest supporters of Moon has been, for years, a multi millionaire Japanese businessman Ryoichi Sasakawa who in 1931 formed the ultra-nationalist right wing organization "Patriotic People's Mass Party". This organization eventually included a private air force and a private army dressed in black shirts. Ryoichi Sasakawa's idol at the time was Benito Mussolini.

After World War Two Sasakawa was jailed in Sugamo Prison as a suspected Class A war criminal. After his release he, with two other convicted war criminals from Sugamo Prison, established close ties with the American occupation powers as well as with the gangster movement.

Kishi, who had been in prison with Sasakawa, entered politics and became Prime Minister of Japan in 1957. He had built his career laundering money and helped engineer the american-japanese anti-communist national policies.

The Moon organization is an octopus which has two important functions. One is to preserve the strategic relationship between the USA and Japan, a relationship which has been partially responsible for Japan's

economic growth. The other is to extend the success and influence of Japanese transnational corporations who, though the organization is designed to hide the identity of the ultimate backers of Sun Myung Moon, are, in fact, the source of the main financial support of the Unification Organization.

What does any of that have to do with us? MacMillan Bloedel sends its hired guns off to study with Ron Arnold who is linked to Moon who is linked to both U.S. and Japanese political and economic interests and we're losing jobs by shipping raw logs to Japan. The converts to Free Enterprise come back and flood us with Share propaganda; share the stumps, share the clearcuts, share the mess, but don't expect to share the wealth. Our coast gets poisoned, our province is shaved, the resources are ripped away and sent off to Japan and the U.S. gets whatever clean water we might manage to save.



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Is Adam the Zim really a Moonie? Bill the Zalm? Who is the Main Moon?

Does Patrick Watson's friendship with the Bronfman clan affect the news coverage we get about pulp, paper, power and the Moonies?

Is Hees International threatening to sue to prevent release of a book because it uncovers the Moon? Who is the moon behind Hees Intl.? Or is it the yakusa, that gangster element from Japan now taking over North American golf courses too?. No? Oh, prove it.

Why won't CBC Television show *The Faceless Ones*, Terry Jacks' video about those making bucks on and off us. Moonfaceless? Who knowsless.

If you have any information leading to the conviction or release of any of these rumours, beam it to the *Barnacle*.

— IS IT TRUE? — ? — ? —

That NO provisions or protections exist to ensure that logged lands leave a green belt between public access routes and use sites, and clearcuts? It is true -- although the Union of B.C. Municipalities is trying to get legislation passed to give some controls over logging on private lands. It is true that to get more information, you can go to the next Forest Advisory Council meeting. It is also true that with 90% of the land in B.C. owned by "the public" and managed on our behalf in relation to forests by the province, what happens on private lands has less of an impact than what happens with the Ministry of Forests.

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SUNSHINE COAST TRAIL - GREENWAY PROGRESS

the Sunshine Coast Trail Committee

Up 'til now, the Committee has been making contacts within the community and the bureaucracies. After one year, everything is in place to take on a pilot project, which will benefit the largest number of people, is the most practical, and is relatively low-cost.

The over-all vision is for a thorough-fare type of trail that serves workers, students, and the general public for recreation and transportation, extending from Lund to Saltery Bay, by the year 2000. The proposed pilot project trail will dissect Powell River and district, practically a straight line between regional districts A and B, going directly through the main retail areas.

A majority of people on the Sunshine Coast Trail Committee are from Regional District A, and are particularly interested in getting a section of the Greenway established north of town. **If enough people want to be involved, maybe a Greenway section near Lund, or Craig Road could be worked on at the same time as the proposed Townsite pilot project.** The whole concept is community-driven, and there already is a rough network of trails in the area that can be expanded and consolidated.

Our MLA, Gordon Wilson, has been contacted and supports the concept and is helping to get a pilot project off the ground. Harold Long supported the idea when he was MLA, and the Committee hopes he'll continue to actively support it at the

Municipal level, along with other Council members. The Area A representative on the Regional District has been behind the Greenway from the beginning, as hopefully the other Directors are too. The owner of the Shingle Mill Restaurant and Marina thinks the pilot project is a great idea, and says that people are doing exactly that now -- riding their bikes from Westview to Powell Lake as a destination. Making this safe is one of our major goals. Use of highway edges for walking, running, cycling, pushing baby buggies is increasing all the time, and there has to be a safe alternative to cars and trucks. (Count the numbers of highway-shoulder users the next time you go to town!)

The Greenway concept fits in well with a recreation and tourism focus to developments around Lund and in the District. Establishing an inter-connecting network of trails and destination sites, within walking and hiking distance of Lund, will give even more reason for boat traffic to be drawn here, and to stay for a little longer.

The Committee's interest, first and foremost, though, is in meeting the needs of those of us who live here. A Lund-and-Highway-101-North portion of the Greenway can provide safe transportation alternatives for kids and adults in the area, as well as recreational opportunities.

Doing it ourselves, we can preserve the unique features by protecting and managing access and use. With a "cottage country" expansion "boom" being talked of, and this area being described as the recreational backyard of the Lower Mainland, the sooner we establish the infrastructure we want (i.e. focused on walking and cycling), the better.

Ministry of Highways has been contacted, and has suggested we don't expect too much cash in these times, but they are not closed to the idea. A meeting on the Greenway route is scheduled for mid-March with an interested Highways administrator. Hydro and Forestry have encouraged the Committee since the beginning. Forestry has provided mapping facilities, information and expertise, and remains a mainstay in the core Greenway Committee. The Committee has prepared a job development application, through which a coordinator for the pilot project will hopefully be hired. The John Howard Society is interested in work placements, and a representative will be coming to the next meeting.

If you support the Greenway, or would be interested in working on a pilot project or a loop trail (yourself or as part of a community group), come to the next meeting -- 3:30 on the third Wednesday of each month at the Career Link office on Marine. For more information, contact Effie Keays or Gordon Ellison, who are sharing the Committee coordination, at 483-4543.

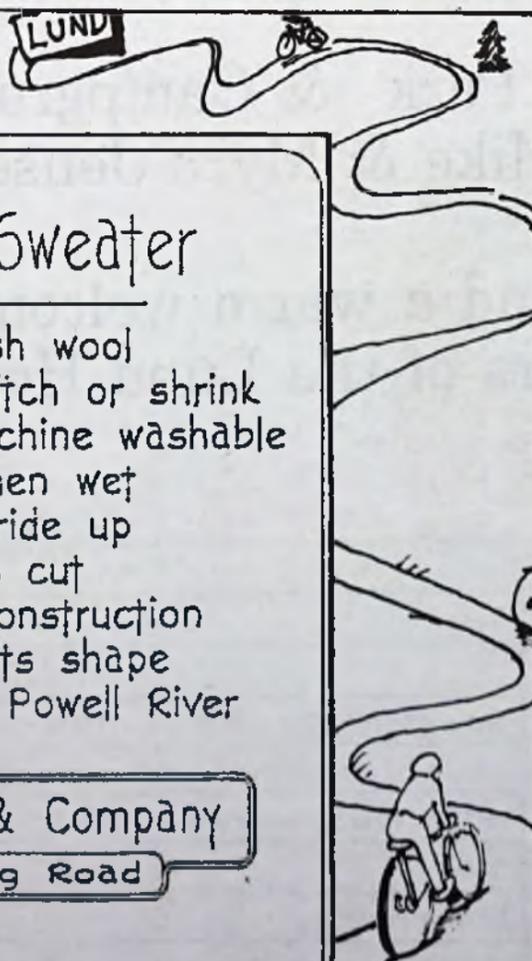
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CANADA, NUMBER ONE

by Patricia Keays and Lyn Jacob

Well, Canada got a medal or two in the Ohlimptricks -- amateur sport my eye. But on the real world stage, we're shining slick. At least one *Barnacle* volunteer wants nothing on the environment because she's sick of it. Even people who aren't sick of it are more worried about jobs and our moribund economy, right? **All this negativity has to stop.** We need to be positive, no matter what. Let's concentrate on what makes us unique, on achievements, on where we shine.

CANADIANS ARE NUMBER ONE!

NUMBER ONE in the amount of garbage we produce per person. Yes, folks, number one in the world. See that smile on the face of Mr. Glad? He's looking right at you, you happy little target market you.

NUMBER ONE in the electrical energy we consume. Right from B.C. Hydro stats (see graphs) - we use the most and it costs us the least. Do we need a rocket scientist to make some connections? Use it up, now, baby. We can always move on (only-sort-of-shelved) Site C dam.

NUMBER ONE in great rhetoric and feeble underfunding on environmental policies, such as the official *Green Plan*, called by some a non-plan. Greening the language doesn't count as progress.

UP THERE WITH THE BIG BOYS on our military budget - still one of the TOP TEN on "defense" spending, including in this peace decade - 25 cents on each federal tax dollar. Stand tall! This is a pride-building exercise! Ten-hut! So what if 27 cents of that same dollar is going to

pay interest on crippling debt? So what if environment only gets 4 cents?

FOOL NUMBER ONE

We Canadians are right up there, too, with the best fools in the world - fooling ourselves into believing that things are in the hands of responsible, capable, honest people who can be trusted to make good decisions; that no dangerous practices or materials are irreversibly and negatively affecting the environment; that it has nothing to do with us; or that we've heard enough about it and we're tired of the environment and want to think about something else now.

Drawing a parallel with addiction, which is not unreasonable given how addicted this society is to consuming, we are into serious denial here. Still fighting about how to grind the sick machine to a halt, we can forget about cleanup, restoration, wellness, balance, diversity, and harmony.

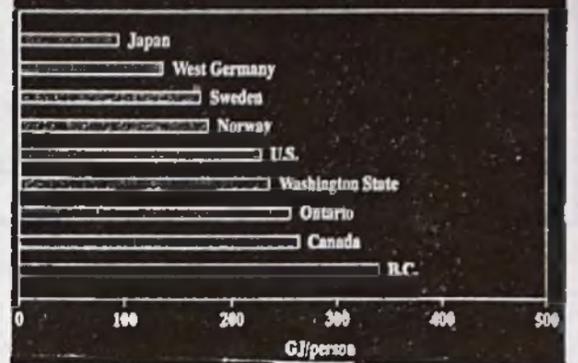
If we totally stopped using CFCs TODAY, it would take to 2060 or 2070 for the ozone layer to stop being eaten by what's already been released. S-t-r-e-t-c-h-i-n-g our timelines from next week to the next century is a big, and necessary, challenge, as the ecological bottom line comes up clearly through the sludge and propaganda. **Change** is the bottom line. Constant change, in how we live, and in our expectations. These changes go so far beyond what the ordinary person on the street or in the bush considered possible, much less probable, even five or ten years ago (except the dreamers), it's no wonder people are scared. Radiation warnings along with weather reports? Hundred-year timelines for halting and repairing damage to the ozone layer?

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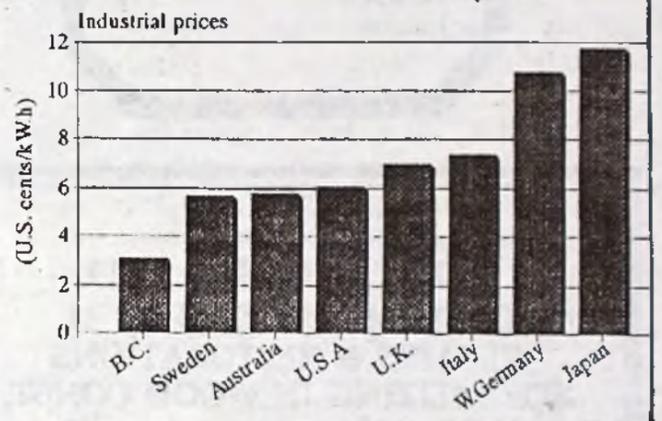
Could we even agree that JOB NUMBER ONE is learning to think differently about economy and environment, and our relationships to these? Maybe.



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People don't even know how to think about complex change. Canadians or anyone else, it seems - especially not complex change happening in the economy and with the environment.

Almost everything that counts **positively** in an ecological sense is gauged as a **negative** in our measures of gross national product and economic health.

We glue ourselves to the radio or TV or newspaper and treat bad news about another plant closed, housing starts down, interest rates holding steady, as if it meant something -- when to most of us, just having a life takes all the time and energy we have.

We don't have to talk about the environment, but we probably do have to learn to think another way about economic and environmental matters.

A dangerous skew in perspective starts with the labelling "production" (in human terms) what is actually "consumption" (of ecological capital).

The skew in perspective continues throughout accounting and legal / regulatory systems that permit the costs of "externalities" -- pollution clean-up, or long-term reduction in air quality -- to be assigned outside an industrial or accounting operation.

We're not paying anything close to "real costs", in money terms, for the "goods" we enjoy in consumer heaven. The structure of our commercial transactions is part of what allows real costs to be buried and hidden. And the status quo is determined to defend that structure to the probably bitter end, in at least five main ways.

First line of defense - the environment itself. Flush it, bury it, out-of-sight-out-of-mind, the solution to pollution is dispersal and dilution (... at least for a while ...). For an increasingly urban-based population, kidding itself up to 6 billion, denial of a relationship with nature is easy, especially one in which humans aren't top hog.

Second line of defense - the public. This line of defense has two main thrusts, brainwashing and chronic confusion. Control the airwaves, the media, public policy debates, and the seats of power. Now that "the norm" in social values is saturated in marketers' and promoters' propaganda, it is very difficult for people to delink, to begin to construct another social reality.

Part of this second line of defense, the public, is to download cleanup costs onto the public and into the future as far as possible (hear them, all of them, kicking and screaming about minimal changes required for a clean environment, when they're not whinging and whining about how tough global competition is).

Taxpayers directly subsidize corporate rights to generate profits, which on its own is fine, but not when

it's at the direct expense of the common good and sustainability of both our economy and our environment, such as now. What's good for General Motors is not necessarily good for Canada at all. What's good for MacMillan Bloedel is not necessarily good for the Sunshine Coast. But do you think this point can be presented so people don't take it personally? Not so far.

All citizens have the right to the protection of indivisible benefits, such as clean air, clean water, clean soil, as a condition for corporate, industrial access to resources and divisible benefits, such as profits. Sustainable development means the right to these things now, and the protection of these rights into the future.

The need to rethink exists just as much in relation to our government as it does to our corporate employers and resource giants. Right now, not a single level of jurisdiction that is supposed to be responsible for protecting our rights to clean air, clean water, clean soil, a healthy environment, is doing an adequate job -- not the federal, not the provincial, not the regional district, and not the municipality. The slippage between jurisdictions is even more of a black joke. "This job is nobody's, and nobody is doing it."

Third line of defense - good public relations, for example funded to the tune of \$2 million dollars for MacMillan Bloedel (\$1 million salary for the executive in charge of the PR department, and a \$1 million budget for him to use -- according to B.C. and Canadian business magazines). Forestry in B.C. these days is not about good management practices or resource harvesting -- it's about corporate public relations and media control.

A current version of this third line of defense is spirited aggression, to anticipate and take the place of any possible need for a defense, such as with the current Hees International (Bronfman empire, including Noranda and MacMillan Bloedel) "libel chill" that shut up Kimberley Noble's publishers. *Scrutinize your pension funds carefully! Don't you wonder who's controlling them, behind the faceless companies?*

Fourth line of defense - pack up and move somewhere where the regulations are laxer and labour is cheaper. It is so fine that these two happy conditions go together! Of the top 100 economies in the world, more than 40 are corporations. Those 40 corporations have annual budgets larger than budgets of the countries in which they operate and, increasingly, propose to operate. When manufacturing plans aren't going South, the waste products and garbage that can't be disposed of at home are.

Fifth line of defense - fuel, fuel, fuel the scared mentality that keeps a docile labour pool from analyzing its own situation; feed, feed, feed the paranoia that keeps workers dangling and communities lurching; threaten job loss and worse things coming; reassure anyone who asks any questions that everything is being looked after; constantly monitor and report on sagging black holes in the economy and declines in resource stocks; issue regular dire warnings about everything; give money and support to groups with vested interests in "Sharing the Status Quo"; ensure that alternative view points get no coverage in mainstream media channels, public or private, and if they do get coverage, make sure they are ridiculed or their credibility otherwise undermined; pour resources into fighting the "enemy within"; provide unrelenting coverage of non-news, the farther away the better and as much as possible concentrating on Israel and the Middle East (not, for example, on Central America or parts closer to home where similar carnage has been going on and supported by the same regimes for years.)

Individual people have to use their brains, analyze their situations, and get together to construct a community-based reality to rise from the ashes of this carcass. Things have already changed, for ever if not for good. Building our own economic future seems to be the only meaningful option.

Self-sufficiency and autonomy in a globally inter-dependent world isn't impossible -- you have to have the vision, first. The Greenway is part of that. So is creating and supporting local and regional businesses -- three cheers to all the people who do. So is looking for resource-based enterprises that protect and enhance the environment, rather than waiting for someone, somewhere else to monitor declines, issue permits and announce closures (and letting them get away with it under the name of management).

So is holding elected politicians and civil servants accountable for their decisions and actions on our behalf. So is taking an active part in decision-making about important things - and so is reclaiming the democratic rights to be involved actively in debating and deciding important issues. Our children have to be involved in gaining those skills with us, given the limited role models around. Community empowerment isn't something that can be done to or for us: together, slowly, we have to do it ourselves, fractious and divided as "the community" may be.

In this, as in most things where "we have seen the enemy, and s/he is us", you're either working on being part of the solution, or you're still a big part of the problem, including the resistance to change. Which are you?

Fish

by John Keays

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I undertook to write an article on fisheries, aimed in part at the government. There aren't enough fish left to write about and the ones that are left probably have cancer and I don't feel like writing about that aspect of government when there are more immediate reflections of the same problem.

I looked into the question of whether a community sewer for Lund could be paid for by the people, if any, who develop land and profit from the presence of such a system. It doesn't seem fair to me that people who in many cases don't want growth pay for 20 years and get it. The answer is apparently no. I doubt if a community system is wise or affordable.

So long as chemicals like bleach are used, I doubt if a secondary treatment plant will work biologically and it seems like a lot of money to not solve a problem. Nature can probably handle the biological waste of 500 people best when it is spread out - just like it is now. It can't handle even one bottle of bleach very well, health regulations insist that the community water is bleached, I suspect the input from mobile homes will be strongly treated, and I think someone should demonstrate that the secondary treatment will work rather than just believing it will because the

manufacturer says it will. It may, but otherwise it isn't wise.

The big cost is going to be, of course, the connector lines - the community lives on a rock. With probably more than 1/2 a million for the main system, with many users then faced with an additional cost to get to this system, with additional costs to maintain and operate the system and get rid of the sludge periodically which I've not seen, with nowhere to put the sludge anyway unless more money is thrown at this aspect of 'the problem', and with 12,000 people putting in raw sewage 1/2 the time 10 km. upstream ... a million dollars at least to not solve what isn't the problem. No one I've spoken to suggests that it will be possible to stop the introduction of chemicals, but few appear to think it bears on the argument of whether a secondary system is wise. The end result of whatever treatment plant is opted for will have to be bleached, according to environmental regulations, so the whole thing doesn't make much sense to me. At some point we'd be wiser to stop the bleach and permit our immune systems a chance to develop rather than throwing money at more medicine and hospitals and sewage treatment plants.

Maybe the Regional Board has a responsibility to the community because of the 88% vote in favour of a community system, but few knew then

what they know now. Now, perhaps, it would be best for the Regional Board to fix and maintain the system that is there now, but to then let each person look after their own waste. (Put it in a bucket and put it on the garden as a 'last' resort that happens to have worked for a few hundred thousand years. If the plants don't grow, maybe there are too many chemicals, and if they do I'd have them tested for toxic waste if you use the average chemistry set, and have copper pipes in the house. No one has demonstrated to my satisfaction that the problem, if there is a problem, is the organic waste.)

The debenture was a mistake, and a refusal to admit the mistake is in danger of becoming a hidden argument for going ahead. There seems to be no way for the Regional Board to admit to such a mistake - no place for the buck to stop. Why not charge the users of the present system fairly (ie. talk to them), spread the part of the debt that isn't covered by these users over as wide an area as possible (at least electoral area A) as a one-shot deal that admits of a mistake, and avoid any future involvement. Some things government can't solve, and the sewage of a small community widely spread out on a rock just might be one of them. At present, a tax revolt is deservedly in the making; at the very least, life is going to be more difficult for people

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A few days later I was shopping at Safeway when I met a friend I hadn't seen for some time. As we stood there chatting, I noticed in her shopping cart TWO 4 litre containers of ice-cream. "For her kid", she said, but she admitted the cookies were for her. This past week-end we spent in Sechelt visiting relatives so had occasion to eat lunch in a local restaurant. I had a sea-food salad sandwich and George a sea-food clubhouse. Both of these sandwiches contained artificial crab-meat (that's washed, de-programmed pollock flavoured with crab juice, restructured and tinted with food color). This was not stated on the menu. It seems that what I suspected would happen has now come to pass, that is, a product that started out to be a substitute for the real thing and is marked as such gradually becomes the real thing, as restaurants and super markets become careless with the truth and the public forgets the taste of real crab and accepts the imitation as the real product.

All this preamble leads up to a couple of cook books I own. One is called *White Trash Cooking* and the other, a sequel to the first, is called *Sinking Spells, Hot Flashes, Fits and Cravin's*. Both are from the southern United States. Donna did a brief review on W.T.C. some time ago but what I want to say about these books is that they are probably the only totally honest cook books in my collection. You know the average cook book, either healthy as hell, yoghurt on the baked potatoes, bean sprouts all over everything else, or the other kind they call French peasant, take a truffle or two, grate all over everything

and souse with cognac! Well W.T.C. doesn't fool you like that...Here are some excerpts...

A Kiss Me Not Sandwich - Spread mustard on two pieces of bread then slice an onion on to one and cover with the other. How about an Anti-stick Peanut Butter Sandwich? Spread a slice of bread with peanut butter. Spread the other slice very generously with mayonnaise. Put them together and eat (will not stick to the roof of your mouth).

The trend of a lot of North American recipe books seems to be toward using cans of this and packages of that to create a new recipe. I have an old Pillsbury bake-off book and a new one. The first mostly makes things from scratch and the second uses a lot of pre-prepared things such as canned frosting, etc. W.T.C. is no exception. How about Freda's 5 can Casserole - 1 small can of boneless chicken, 1 can of cream of mushroom soup, 1 can Chinese noodles, 1 can chicken with rice soup, 1 small can evaporated milk, 1 small onion, minced, 1/2 cup diced celery, and 1/2 cup sliced almonds. Mix all ingredients together, place in buttered casserole, bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Even salad gets the canned treatment. Here's Fannies 5 cup Salad: 1 cup small white marshmallows, 1 cup Angel Flake coconut, 1 cup canned Mandarin oranges, drained, 1 cup Libbys fruit cocktail, drained, 1 cup sour cream. Combine all ingredients and chill over night. Nuts and canned cherries can be added. The comment at the end of this is "It'll dress up any occasion. It's so fancy."

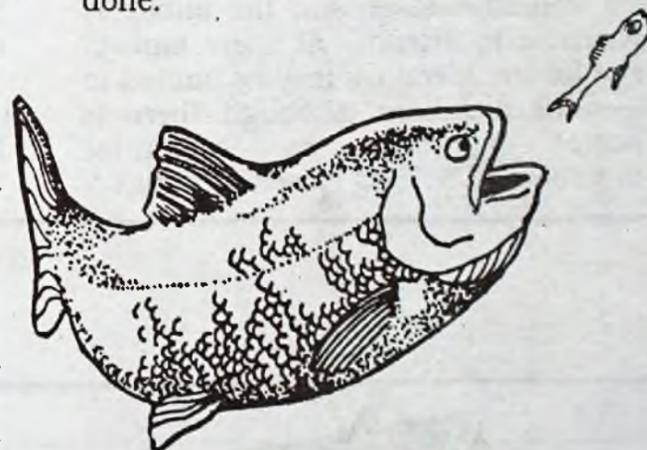
A recipe for what we usually call Scotch Eggs (deep-fried sausage covered hard-boiled eggs) is simply called Peggy's Pig Eggs, and one for fudge, the quick kind I gave the recipe for in a past column, is called Momma's Gone Fudge. That got a laugh from me because that's exactly what my sisters and I would make when our mother went out, one of us keeping watch to make sure she actually went down the road.

These recipes are nothing if not creative and unique. Here is Grand Canyon Cake. Make Whisky Sauce and set aside. 2 cups sugar, 1/2 pound butter, 1 tsp vanilla, 1 cup of Jack Daniels Black Label and a pinch of salt. Blend sugar, butter and vanilla, add whisky bit by bit mixing to a loose creamy sauce. The sugar is supposed to be grainy. Keep 1 cup for your cake. You can use the rest on something else. Now on to the cake. You need 2 boxes of plain white cake mix, 2 cans chocolate icing and food colors. Mix cake mix like they tell you on the box and divide into 4 bowls. Color each mix a different color i.e. red, blue, yellow and green. Bake each bowl full in a single layer 8" cake pan as per box directions.

Cool and ice layers with chocolate icing. "You should have enough to cover it generously, if not, run to the store and buy another can." After it's covered, take 2 big forks and stick them in the middle of the top of the cake and force on it until it cracks open and you can see all four colored layers. Pour the whisky sauce into the crack until the cake absorbs it. Let stand 3-4 hours. Quote from the book, "This is a wonderful treat for someone that's going to, or just got back from vacationing at the Grand Canyon. It's also very educational for children."

Now how about a High Calorie Pick-Me Up? Pour a small bag of peanuts into a cold Pepsi. Turn it up and eat and drink at the same time. "This is so trashy no one will own up to it".

I haven't even gotten to the other cook book, *Sinking Spells, Hot Flashes, Fits and Cravin's*, but I must include my very favourite recipe, one I haven't had the nerve to try but perhaps someone will. It's called Preachers' Chicken Ketcha Cola. 1 Frying chicken, 1 bottle of ketchup, 1 bottle of coca-cola. Cut up chicken, salt and pepper it a lot. Put it into a skillet, cover with ketchup (the size they have in cafes) then pour over the bottle of coca-cola. Bake at 350 degrees until done.



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who had no part in the original decisions that led to this mess.

We could argue that to promote growth in any way is a wrong way - that the planet can no longer support us in the style to which we have become accustomed. Or we can carry on business as usual, with the help of a government which can only permit us to continue to indulge ourselves in the belief that they can solve problems in the inevitable attitude that "the people elected us to make decisions" (part of the hidden argument). Until there aren't any fish worth talking about while each of us takes as much as we can get and wants more, and enough of us get it to keep the others believing they can get it too, and we all blame the government.

Or perhaps I oversimplify...it may be that a community sewer and the growth it will bring can justify the cost in some far off place where such things can be claimed to be known...where the flash in the pan isn't fish.

Speak Now, Or Kiss Your Forest Good-bye

by Jan Lovewell and David Molyneaux

Discussions are under way which will help determine the future of the forests in our area, and right now local residents have an opportunity to voice our concerns. Barry Mountain, District Manager of the Sunshine Coast Forest District, has initiated the establishment of the **Sunshine Coast Forest Resources Council** and its **local Upper Coast Sub-Committee**.

The stated purpose of the Council is to provide direction and advice to the District Manager as to values and issues related to the forests, and to review planning initiatives for specific areas. Forest "values" include fishing, recreation, wildlife, preservation, water for domestic and industrial use, logging (clear-cutting, selective, etc.), tourism and other uses. An example of a "planning initiative" is the Haslam Lake Watershed, for which choices are to be made regarding the values just mentioned. The Council will also report to the **B.C. Council on Resources and Environment**, headed by Stephen Owen.

The Sunshine Coast Council has already met twice on the Sechelt Peninsula and the Sub-Committee has also met twice. The Council is still in its formative stage and the public is welcome to attend. At some time in the future, meetings may be limited to 8 - 12 members, although there is some opposition by committee members to holding closed meetings.

The first Sub-Committee meeting was held on January 30, with representatives from Ministry of Forests, the Regional District, Sliammon Band Council, MacMillan Bloedel, Garnet Lake Logging, the IWA, the Labour Council, Texada Earth Stewardship Society, and several individuals. A wide range of topics was discussed.

It was learned that the most recent inventory of local old growth forests was completed 20 years ago, and it is feared by some that this has been the basis for decisions about use of the forests since that time. Mr. Mountain stated that a new inventory would be available in a month and agreed to also prepare a map.

David Molyneaux was among those present at the March 3 Sub-Committee meeting. A public review draft of the report *Towards an Old Growth Strategy* was distributed. This report was initiated by the Department of Forests and is the product of two years of research and debate by 90 people representing a wide range of viewpoints. An introductory letter states that it "proposes a three year plan of action to initiate a thorough program of old-growth research, conservation and management with extensive interagency cooperation and public involvement." Unfortunately, public hearings for our area have already passed. Copies may be obtained from the Forestry office.

Several Texada residents were present at the March 3 meeting, to discuss the inventory and map of old

growth forest on the Island. Their calculations based on the Forestry map revealed that only .07% of old growth forest remains. No one at the meeting disputed their findings. The Texada residents proposed a moratorium on logging of Island old growth until the Old Growth Strategy Project has completed its plan of action. The required consensus was not forthcoming, pending a public meeting to be held at Texada Island to determine whether there is community support for a moratorium. This is to be arranged by the Regional Board Representative, Bob Hagman.

The Forestry representatives have said they will present the old growth inventory and map for our area at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee, to be held **April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Union Hall in the Townsite**. If you care about your local forest, we urge you to attend. With the old growth forest in our area reduced to such an extent, and clear cutting going on with haste all around us, this is a crucial opportunity to enter into discussions on forest management in our area.

Act too

by George

John Keays' alias is George - Editor

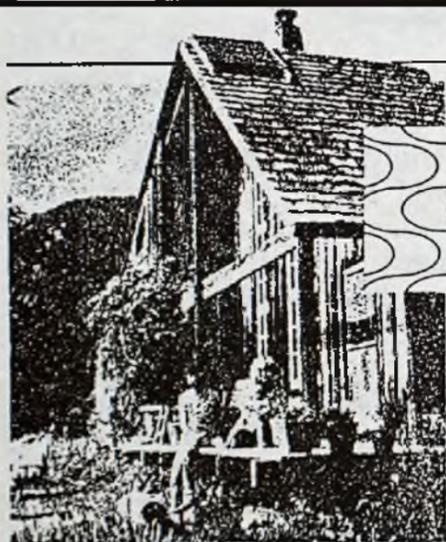
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A few years ago Jay and Bob looked into applying for the land next to Jay's place for wood-lot management (the land that is now clear-cut). They were told that all of the land allocated for this use had been given out, and as interestingly if they were to get a permit they

- 1) would be expected to cut 1/2 the wood in the first year and
- 2) would not be permitted to own a sawmill.

Shortly after the cutting began, Jay pointed out to one (at least) of the head honchos at Forestry that he had a right to some protection against wind, a right that he thought was 600 feet. Willing to compromise, he told said honcho(s) that he would not insist if they would agree to leave about 100 feet uncut - from a logging road that ran parallel to his boundary. The honcho(s) agreed. A few weeks later Jay looked up from his lunch to see them falling the trees on his boundary. He went and asked the faller why he was doing it. Said honcho(s) had not informed him of the agreement, said logger. When asked, honcho agreed that the logger had not been told.

We should ask that the remaining forest from Wildwood to the end of the Malaspina Peninsula be turned over to a local board to be managed on a sustainable basis. We could have created much more employment, and better end products, than the present system is capable of producing even if it was capable of the truth. The first step would be to go to the next meeting of the forestry advisory group now established and demand the right to the land. Anyone interested?



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An informal meeting on forest issues was held March 1, hosted by Ron Robb. Some Lund residents expressed their concerns and guests Martin Rossander and Carl Rising-Moore spoke about the Forest Resources Council and forestry in general. What follows is an account of some of the information and opinions from the meeting, as well as a quotation from "Secrets of the Old Growth Forest," by David Kelly and Gary Braasch. (This book is highly recommended: lots of photographs, fascinating text, and available at the Westview Library.)

Carl said that Germany conducted the first experiments in clear cut logging. The first time the forest was replanted, the growth was phenomenal; there was a lot of humus left in the soil. The second rotation produced a third less growth; the third rotation produced a third of the original growth; and by the fourth generation, growth was negligible. The soil had been depleted. Here in the Northwest, the risk of soil loss is greater because the terrain is steeper. Without the intervention of logging, trees will live 500-1200 years, and when they fall, their nutrients are slowly released through a long cycle of decomposition. Weak and diseased forests were controlled by forest fires, followed by cycles of regeneration.

"Although the great forest (of the Pacific Northwest) easily attained a biomass [weight of plants per acre] up to twice that of a mature tropical rainforest, it grew on some of the worst soil on earth: loose, steep basaltic schists poor in nearly every nutrient a plant needs, and even that was heading downhill and away, leached by the annual runoff...Yet here flourished not one, but many races of giants. Here grew plants so immense that the base lived in one set of climatic conditions, the stem in another, and the crown in a third. Here were microecologies so complex that 1,500 invertebrate species might be counted on a single tree. Here was the essential home of over a hundred mammals and more resident birds than are found in any other ecosystem north of Mexico." (Kelly and Braasch) This forest is the product of 10,000 years of evolution, since the last glacier.

One reason to preserve the old growth forests is to retain genetic diversity. Forest species have developed over time in response to their local terrain, climate, altitude, light, etc. The genetic material has applications for forestry, medicine, and a host of unexplored uses. For example, the Powell River News reported on Jan. 29 that 35 unique white pine trees have been found on a 12-hectare site on Texada Island. The trees are resistant to blister rust, a

fungus that has wiped out the white pine as a commercial species in British Columbia. Work is now being done to reproduce these trees for replanting elsewhere in the province.

Equally as important as preserving unique species is having entire untouched forests for the study of their many interrelated cycles which are not now and may never be fully understood. This understanding is required for the future of a sustainable logging industry and the preservation of all the benefits of a healthy forest (water, climate, oxygen, etc.).

At a Forestry Council Meeting, Carl told us, the representative for MacBlo's Stillwater Division reported that about 3/4 of their logging is of old growth. It requires less site preparation, and having grown slowly for a long time has tighter and more uniform growth rings. This also makes it a far superior wood for building than the replanted, relatively fast growing species. Pressure is on the old growth forest now, while the provincial Old Growth Strategy Project is in progress and no moratorium or slowdown of cutting old growth has been implemented by the Ministry of Forests.

The Philippines learned the value of preserving old growth the hard way. They allowed it to be clear cut, which provided a temporary annual increase of GNP of 14% until the forest was gone. Now their economy is deeply troubled. Here in Powell River the point has been raised that human livelihood is more important than forest preservation. This is not the whole issue. The conflict is between our immediate economic gratification in a way that suits corporate production methods - and the future economic well being of our children.

Clear cut logging of large tracts of land works insofar as providing masses of cheap fibre for large corporate mills. When the trees are gone, large industries can close Canadian plants and move elsewhere. Then where will we be? The Keg River Valley, north of Peace River, once supported 55 employees doing horse logging on a 5 year rotation. That is, the loggers could return to the same area every five years for another harvest, as the trees grew to a usable size. (As one forestry officer complained, "It could take forever to cut it all down at that rate!")

Now the same area is being clear cut by five Canfor employees on an 80 year rotation. What has happened to the other 50 workers? Will the tax and stumpage fees collected from Canfor and the workers be sufficient to support the unemployed 50? Not likely. Carl reported that during the last term of the Social Credit government, stumpage fees fell short of paying for logging roads, replanting and related government expenses by some \$500,000,000.

Many points were raised at the meeting. We are faced with a 35% overcapacity in newsprint production, and face the opening next March of the world's largest pulp mill on the Athabaska River in Alberta. In the event of MacBlo no longer being able to provide significant employment, it was felt that its tree farm licenses should revert to the crown, and not be saleable to private businesses, especially foreign ones.

Many times people stated that they were not opposed to cutting down trees; it's the destruction of whole forest systems that must be prevented. More permits for small woodlot management by local residents would be a step in the right direction. At present, the limit is 3 15-year permits in the area. If you're interested, you'll have to wait 15 years before another permit will be issued. Regulations for logging of private lands were also called for.

This may be a long article, but it's a fragment of the lively discussion that continued for 3 hours on a Sunday afternoon. If not handled with integrity, skill and best good will, the forestry debate could tear our community apart.

There is so much at stake - people's dependence on the current ways of making a living in a forest, competing with deeply held values about the necessity for preserving a portion of what we have, for long term economic, human and environmental needs - and dare I say it? respect for the sacredness of life. Without a doubt, it is entirely possible to have both economic well-being and long-term survival of the forests if we replace massive clear-cutting with selective, sustainable forestry management and preservation. Now is the time to begin.

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Trying to Make Sense of Ocean Dumping

From *Keeping the Ocean Clean*, Ocean Dumping Control Act, 1987/88 Annual Report, published by Environment Canada

with excerpts and comments for the *Barnacle* by Lyn Jacob and Patricia Keays

The Ocean Dumping program takes and has taken effective measures to prevent marine pollution. It does so by controlling what types of substances are dumped into the ocean, where in the oceans they are dumped, and by using a comprehensive waste management approach for the review of disposal options. The mechanisms to implement these measures include a permit-granting system, an inspection system, and a research program.

Permit-granting system? Yes, although permit non-compliance in general seems to be a problem with the local mill.

Inspection system? Based on State of the Strait conference reports by the officers responsible for ocean dumping, there is not enough staff and there are not enough resources to inspect a fraction of the permitted ocean dumping operations. What tests are being used to assess long-term impacts?

Research program? With adequate funding, maybe -- and with local people involved in meaningful research (such as involving school kids and teachers in beach studies that could be done every year, to track changes in an environment over time).

Ocean dumping controls have proven effective in limiting dumping operations to substances and locations where adverse effects on marine environmental quality are minimized.

Minimized? minimized? We already have closures, severe decline in stocks of some resources and

questionable management of others. "Minimized", being a relative term, is not reassuring in an area that has skull-and-crossbones CLOSED and DANGER signs on beaches.

Approximately 90% of the dredged material dumped at sea is considered relatively innocuous and the primary environmental concern is the direct physical impact of dumping. ...

But just how dangerous is the other 10%? See scary points about "inerts" in the OPINION: section of this issue.

Dredged material taken from industrialized areas is usually contaminated with heavy metals, synthetic organics, and oil and grease. Open ocean disposal of these materials carried the possibility of acute or chronic toxic effects on marine organizations, and potential contamination of human food sources. Contaminated dredged material will predominantly be disposed of in containment facilities. ...

And when the contaminated materials aren't in containment facilities, they are exposed to the open ocean and its weathering actions?

Ocean dumping of solid waste is permitted if wastes that cannot be avoided, recycled or reused at a reasonable cost can be safely disposed of at sea."

"At a reasonable cost" to who? Do these costs take into account long-term environmental costs, lost opportunity costs, human health costs or risks?

Making sense of ocean dumping doesn't seem possible at this time, possibly because ocean dumping under present circumstances doesn't make sense.

PR SUMMER SEA FESTIVAL

This SPECTACULAR and ONGOING show is ESPECIALLY for tourists not lucky enough to live near a world-class pulp mill.

And FLASH - UPDATE -- since the PR Sea Festival was originally planned, MacMillan Bloedel has been named the worst organochlorine producer in the world! - so this really will be a world class event!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Toxic ocean dumping event, sponsored free by MacMillan Bloedel with permits from the Feds (Don't worry! No compliance necessary!) Display in Malaspina Strait, Powell River: 49 degrees N, 124.27.0

For further information regarding this and other dumping operations, please contact Andrew H. Kilback, MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., phone 483-2520, or Environment Canada, Vancouver, phone 666 - (for sick sick sick) 5881.

Photo Opportunities!

Local tour operators will conduct toxic dumping tours and close-up photo opportunities of waste coming **!directly!** from the pulp mill.

Nostalgia Fishing!

Shellfish and fish that may be found along the tours are not safe to eat -- the tour traces the ten-mile closure limit around the pulp mill -- but nostalgia fishing is encouraged, just so our kids don't lose the feel of that old rod and reel!

Awards for the Best Mutant Lifeform!

For this year, on a demonstration sport basis only, we're joining our marine festival with the land-based BEST MUTANT PLANT Awards for 1992.

We hope to see lots of travellers make Powell River one of their stops this summer.

Taataa! See you then!! and Welcome to the Sunset Coast!

LUND SCHOOL NEWS

Watch for a special retrospective of the school year, planned for the next *Barnacle*.

The space theme has been a big success. So has basketball, which started this last term on Thursdays at James Thompson (Grade 4's and up).

Spring break is here!

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NEWS UPDATE!

We are particularly pleased to let you know of an upcoming visit to the Gallery by B.C. artist Ron Parker. Ron is looking forward to coming over from the Island and meeting everyone on the 25th of APRIL. The Gallery has the pleasure of his company for the whole day and we are arranging a slide show by Ron and a "meet the artist" time on that date. Collectors of Ron's prints will be pleased to know we will have available for sale at issue price many of his sold-out editions. A list of these prints will be posted at the Gallery soon. Ron has published two new editions recently, and a limited number will be available. Don't miss this chance to meet this accomplished artist.

and

Gallery staff are preparing for

our 11th Annual Spring Show in May, and we are all excited about having recent works by April White, John Vincent and newcomer Michael O'Toole, all accomplished watercolourists, all with their own special viewpoint of the vistas which make British Columbia a special place to live. Watch for your invitation and more information.

WHAT RACISM LOOKS LIKE AT HOME

by Patricia Keays

Through contacts with Sliammon people over the last years and months especially, I have learned that racism that has been socially shunned if not illegal in Canada for decades goes on every day in Powell River -- in stores and classrooms, on soccer fields and probably any place you name. Some of it is hidden; much of it is not, as the following statements tell.

RACISM IS ...

- ugly. I have a personal memory, of during OKA, a man in a grocery lineup saying as he looked at a newspaper - "All Indians are stupid, drunk, welfare bums. They don't know what they want with their lives." It's not right.

- in soccer, they cut natives down. It happens in restaurants - people stare. They just ignore us. They look at us like we can't afford (anything).

- something that happens everywhere. It's hard to deal with.

- judging people. An eighteen-year old, in school, is judged by skin colour. I don't think these judgements are fair. We all belong in the same class. Everybody is equal.

- in Grade 6 and 5, I had my first experience with racism; a girl was called down for being Indian.

- it happens all over. A majority of the white people in Powell River are racist, and don't hide it - they come right out and show it.

- it's not just white people who are racist; it's all kinds. People are labelled too much.

- racism is a lack of respect.
- a person who only sees the colour of skin, who believes only something they hear and see and now the anger and hurt that isn't seen. It affects the younger generation.

- why I turned nervous, and shy. I didn't realize (anyone) looked at us

as natives, in an all-white school. The teacher pointed it out. I was treated differently after. I would like to help my kids deal with racism in a positive way - deal with it better.

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- my picture of racism is of a native person's face, the sun, looking MAD to people who are prejudiced, saying "If you don't watch it, you can only go so far; you'll get burnt. The sun is hot." It doesn't matter if you're black, white, yellow -- all human beings on the world have different ways of living. It's sad to know there are a few bad people out there who just can't deal with it.

- a putdown of culture. It makes a person feel inadequate and not worth much. It has to stop -- we are equal. It can stop; educating the public.

- in sports, name-calling, cutting you down. It gets you going, you end up cutting them down, get into fights.

- racism is people's way of showing low self-esteem. Both sides can be racist.

- RACISM makes me feel sad, hurt, angry. I'm happy for my son, who is oblivious to what racism is. He has lots of friends at school, multicultural.

- NOT being racist is the ability to accept ways of thinking, beliefs, and way of life ... to bring people together as a whole; to live together, and accept each other. I'm proud of being native, lucky to have a father there to show me through his outlook what it means to be native.

- means lots of different things to me. Labels are very confusing. not only in our people, it's in white society, too -- in men, in our own people, community, because individuals don't like to see another person move forward.

The stories go on. Some raise questions about the basic respect for other human beings that is our social standard. Some raise questions about us as a community, more than about individual people. What each of us can do in those tense moments when

racism surfaces is a discussion for another time. Because this is a community newspaper, the subject of racism is being mainly considered from a community point of view.

Racism is a community problem. What are we going to do about it? Deny it? Tut-tut? Defend it? Nothing? Becoming more aware and informed about the reality of racism seems a first necessary step in ending denial. As a community -- employers, employees, colleagues, peers, parents, friends, children -- perhaps we can agree to shun racists, until they deal with their/our problem. By "shunning" I mean shutting out a person from community life, not speaking with him or her, not involving oneself in activities with that person, until s/he shapes up. Who has that fearful courage? In face-to-face situations with racists, probably not many of us, alone. But together, perhaps, we could build it. And if not this way, how?



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How to Win

by Sandy Dunlop

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Response to previous articles in the Barnacle about win/win conflict resolution has been supportive and curious to know "How exactly does it work?" It is easy enough to pick a conflict from our not-particularly-conflict-ridden community to expose and dissect in the interests of giving a concrete example. However, public examination of personal and private struggles may not be the best way to illustrate a point. It could be viewed as just some "outsider" with a fancy idea giving advice, resulting in increased hostility or perhaps hurt, and not conflict resolution. Given that specific examples have been requested and that using specific Lund/Powell river examples may be counter-productive, perhaps general human issues will serve the intended purpose.

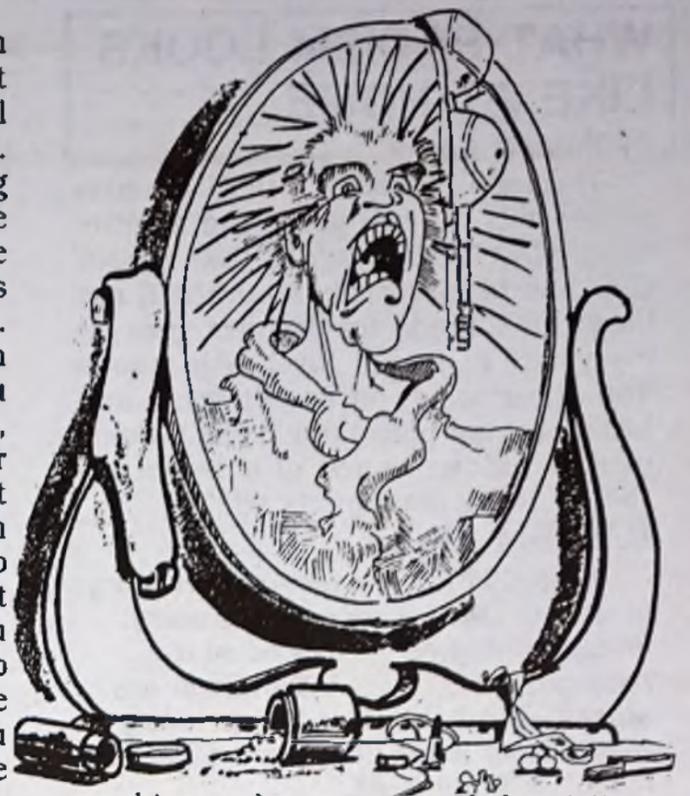
Consider this situation. Your sister comes for a three-week visit. You are happy to see her and are trying to have a good visit, even though you have a part-time job, two children and a night-school course. Now you find she leaves the bathroom a mess, clothes and belongings all over the house, and hasn't offered to cook a meal or clean up the dishes once in the week and a half she's been there. You are becoming resentful.

Now, be the sister and look at that side of the story. You are totally exhausted from the tree-planting job you have just completed. You told your sister this when you asked to come visit and she seemed thrilled to have you. Now you get the feeling she is mad at you about something, probably to do with cleaning up or

meals since this has often been an issue between you. You have bought your own food and you find her level of tidiness unreasonable and irritating.

Rarely do you start out knowing both sides of the story. One of the first win/win techniques is to assume the other person's point of view is as valid through their eyes as your own. They likely have good reasons which support their position, as do you. You will work toward trying to understand, as they do, what supports their position and let them know what supports yours. Your focus will be on understanding, not on winning. To do this, you need to first get clear about what you are experiencing. Then you plan how you are going to tell them so that they will hear what you are saying and not just react to it. You speak assertively and you take responsibility for your feelings by saying "I feel this" and "I'm concerned about that", instead of "you did this" and "you make me feel that". Next, they undoubtedly see things differently from you. If you want to influence them, you will need to truly understand how things are from their point of view. You'll need to listen without judging and reacting. A conversation occurs in which you both begin to see the whole thing differently because you will each be in the other's shoes and walk around for a while. You become focused on solving a problem with them rather than on them being the problem.

Let's say the above example turns out like this. Each sister gets to see how life is for the other. That alone increases their bond and builds compassion. The sister whose house they are in may acknowledge the food money as a contribution in lieu of



cooking and cleaning, and the visit as a much needed rest for her sister. The other sister may offer to keep her belongings in one room or in one corner, carry her dishes to the sink, and look after her niece and nephew.

That's one solution. Another is that neither will say anything and their anger and hurt feelings will increase. The one sister will leave and not come visit again for a long time, and they will both speak badly of the other to anyone who will listen. Which solution would you rather be part of?

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There are Barnacle readers, I'm sure, who have read the short story, "The Thirty-Ninth Day". I remember reading it while involved with a government energy conservation program, under the tutelage of Finn Bay's Laurie Chambers, nearly fifteen years ago. I do not have the story in hand and I'm not sure of the author, but here is a brief version as I remember the story:

The Thirty-Ninth Day

One summer, a biologist was studying the life in a small pond that was lush with algae. One day, she noticed for the first time, in one of her daily samples of the pond water, a miniscule organism that was voraciously devouring the algae. Familiar with this particular predator, and its life cycle, she decided to label the day of her first noticing this organism as Day One.

Her samples the following days confirmed what she had suspected, the population density of this little gobbler was doubling every day. Through her microscope, she knew the drama being played out just below the surface of her pond.

There were no signs of the higher predators that often thrive in these small ponds, carnivores such as insect larvae and tadpoles. So this little organism, happily consuming the vast source of food in the soup of its sea, having no natural predators of itself, continued to double its population every day.

From her samples, the biologist calculated, starting back at Day One, if this little predator continued to double every day it would run out of

food on the fortieth day. The food would abruptly vanish and the predator soon after, as it languished in poisons from its disintegrating fellows.

Thinking on this, she discovered something rather interesting. In terms of the pond's carrying capacity for this organism, she realized on what day, of the forty days, the pond was only half full.

If her calculations were right, can you, the reader, determine on what day the organism reached half of its theoretical maximum population?

For those a little fuzzy with math, the answer is in the title of the story. Consider this in relation to humans on the planet.

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In this decade of the 1990's, whether the Planet Earth is at half its carrying capacity for the human species certainly is up for debate. Half full doesn't sound too scary, does it? Things do still look pretty good from this hilltop. So, can we reverse the detrimental effects we've accumulated, in whatever time we have left?

When presented with the hypothesis that the world is overpopulated already, or near so, some opponents to this speculation immediately pop up with the suggestion that any problems we have with the number of people on this planet are more a result of food distribution.

The question of human overpopulation is connected only indirectly to the question of how many people can this planet feed. The true significance of over-population is how it relates to the environment and the quality of life for all living things. Each of us has a significant impact on our environment. We are irrevocably

bound to the cause and effect of any alterations to it.

Certainly, as individuals in this country, we all can easily reduce our impact on the environment. However, few people are making full-spectrum cutbacks in their bad habits; and I'm not one of them.

If you're really serious about the environment, you are taking strong action against the consequences of human behaviour. We need to have a determined assault against this insanity in how we have treated our planet, but we probably won't. You know why? Because, in terms of environmental action, we're wimps.

Environmental protection should be a worldwide concern but it is not enough to care about the people who suffer and starve, the devastated wildlands, the poisoned waters and soils without dealing with the society which creates these conditions, and the way of thinking which allows them to continue. For the most part our lives revolve around daily things; families, jobs, cars, homes, possessions; a consumer life.

Consume: Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary ---

1. to do away with completely: DESTROY.
- 2 a. to spend wastefully: SQUANDER
b. to use up.
3. to waste or burn away: PERISH

Sounds familiar, eh? However, we might as well believe in ourselves, we have a dilemma to deliver ourselves through. We'll need that belief.



contributed by Russ Morrison

"Wherever we stand, in the Gila Wilderness or in Times Square, we stand at the intersection of nature and culture. We belong to both worlds at once, or we belong to neither. As long as we deny our dual citizenship our actual relationship with the rest of the creation will remain obscured, making it all but impossible for us to come to grips with the current environmental dilemma." "As you listen, consider this: we can surely live without those creatures, without the special places that sustain their existence, and, increasingly, we do. But is that what we want? The question is in large measure a cultural one, to be sure, as are questions pertaining to wetland restoration, urban development and tree pruning. But make no mistake, once the coyote's lament and the elk's rutting call are silent, human culture, despite its power and pervasiveness, will be unable to bring them back."

From *Cultivating Nature*, by Edwin Dobb, from *The Sciences*, Jan.-Feb. 1992

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PAP SMEARS AND HIABS

by Christine Hjordleifson

Imagine ten years from now and you are on your way home from a beautiful day on Savary. You have enjoyed a great game of volleyball, a swim, some beer and good food. Suddenly, your outboard breaks down. A friend comes by and tows you home. The next day you take your outboard

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They can't fix it because no one there understands the newer models.

So, what do community colleges have to do with you anyway? Lots. Graduates of community college programs do a thousand things that make your life easier. They learn to fix outboards. If you buy a new washer, who might install it? And return five years later to replace the fan belt? Someone who has taken a community college course.

What do community colleges have to do with you anyway? Lots.

And maybe, like most of us, you've been too busy to notice that community colleges in B.C. have changed. Until you need your HIAB replaced or your Husqvarna (sewing machine or chainsaw) serviced.

Right now, in B.C., the time and money, the care and encouragement is focused on university. For example, you may have heard that we are about to open a university in Prince George. Many community colleges, to survive, are catering to university transfer students because - well, that is where the bucks are. It is part of a 1989 plan called *Access For All*.

But, it isn't *Access For All*. It is access for those who want to do arts and sciences at university. What about the cooking program? Or outboard mechanics?

Now, let me show you my bias. I am a university graduate and, growing up, I never considered anything else. I also loved university. Still, I'd be the first to say: "University isn't everybody's idea of a good time or a life goal." (do I hear some cheers?) Why are we such higher education snobs?

To be a well-rounded country, we need all kinds - all ages, every race, colour and creed, every religion and all kinds of education. We need technical and vocational training, updates on each of these, and, of course, university arts and sciences. Now, enough of this apple pie and Canadian flag stuff. Let's be selfish. If I go to my doctor's for a pap smear, she sends it to the Cancer Control Agency lab. A well-trained technician checks it for cancer. I sleep better because I can say "well-trained". I want to be able to sleep well next year, and ten years from now.

Our community colleges need our loud support that their money isn't only for university transfer purposes. Just like you and me, money is part of how they decide what to offer.

For example, you may have heard of the plans (and it is only a plan, right now) for an eco-marine course in Powell River. It sounds like a lot of fun and it will bring students and instructors to our area. Will it help us (Lund, that is) be better eco-types? Will it help us solve our shit problem? Teach us how to use our oceans and streams and trees wisely?

Or are we talking kayaking and "identify a Merganser using binos?" Or what?

A friend teaches in the golf management program at Selkirk Community College in Nelson. Okay, I agree, we need golf courses. My brother is a changed man since he took up golf - he is more relaxed and easier to talk to. And, although a golf course is the ultimate clearcut, it looks a lot better. And I agree with a golf management program as long as we cover the other bases, too - like industrial first aid and sewer maintenance.

Where are the community colleges in all this? I don't hear any screams or whines. Are they going along with the university transfer stuff or what? Do they need our help? Do they want our help?

We need people to service our Husqvarnas and help maintain our (fingers crossed) sewers. Our community college is a terrific resource to do this very thing - the very reason it was put here. What is our COMMUNITY college doing to help us be a wiser and up-to-date community?



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Lund-2001

by Bill Smith

Just the other day Hal reminded me that in the last issue of the *Barnacle* invitations were let for our thoughts of Lund's future. Our first argument (Hal and I) was for **Subjective Realism** (Hal) or a more **left-wing-green earth, nineteen-ninety style idealism** (Me). We finally agreed to write something on both of these sides of the issue.

While Hal continually tried to keep my emotion out of the debate we took a first look at population growth, I may add here that Hal was, is, and probably always will be, programmed for "development". We are not sure how this came to be, possibly thru an audio-visual Bombardment, or maybe he was deprived of small natural wonders, and large spiritual ones.

The long term realism of global population growth, as well as the recent history of the local area, points us to believe that every square inch of property, not just along the waterfront, will be privately owned, and "crowded". The seemingly disturbing problems of over population can always be overcome, such as water supplies?? - well we'll just Buy it!! ship it, right in here, why not? Sewage systems, Hal we have the biggest system in the world right at our front door, which won't be good for anything else shortly, so what the _____

(Sorry, Hal says I'm getting wound up again).

The opposite side to this debate (I pointed out), is two fold - first, and still luckily for us, the human population (with small but growing exception) seems bent on living in the most densely populated areas, while totally ignoring the rest, this will at least, buy us a little breathing room, (very little).

The second is the physical attributes of the area, oh, sure it's pretty and all that, but you can't live on pretty, or at least most of us can't, so where will the people who live here find jobs? Not an easy question, we know beyond a doubt that the resource bases of fishing and logging are rapidly shrinking.

The idea that service industry jobs will develop due to the rise of tourism is to me absurd, once the ease of catching (and canning) salmon or the ability to dig up a few clams or pick an oyster, once these attractions have disappeared, the tourist draw to this area is gone.

Sure, sure, if we tried hard enough, maybe bring in a mini-Disney-land, or some such idea, there would be jobs, and we could always "develop" with the best of them.

Retirement will certainly bring a few, but our twelve month weather scenario doesn't exactly make this Baja of the North.

So what will really happen in Lund? - I sadly predict that we will struggle along much as we are now, with no real solid planning, and very little cohesive community feeling. That's the negative, some would call it realistic, outlook, but many of us (if not all of us) in the Lund area have our individual dreams of what could be.

Here are just a few of mine. First, a brand new hall, as hard for some to imagine as it is easy for others, a hall that is built for all of us and will serve as a centre for that great 'COMMUNITY' feeling that survives, and, second, grows bigger and stronger. Third, an ecologically planned, beautiful and cared for "Downtown area" of Lund. I've had a chance to see what was supposed to, and still should, happen to the waterfront in regards to the new

parking area, etc. These plans included landscaping and waterfront walkways. Fourth, now stretch a little further, add some more small, friendly, "people" type businesses such as the Craft Store, Carver's and Bunwiches, suddenly we have not just some jobs, but some good opportunities to interrelate with each other exchanging ideas, along with recipes, and help with the Barn.

Fifth, evenings are filled with live entertainment and mostly with the entire family in mind.

Sixth, The Lund store or at least "a" Lund store becomes an actual "marketplace", with meats in brown wrapping, thank you very much, and a bakery which delivers wonderful smells to the whole area along with the fresh breads and pies and home grown garden produce, from local people, with smiling people who know you helping you purchase all your household needs and save gas by not having to drive all the way to town!

Hal laughs at me now because it is beginning to sound like development, but, let me assure him and everyone else that, if ideas are implemented with the local population in mind first, everyone welcome, but with "locals" having a special place in our hearts and minds, we would surely have a life that exists because of what it is, not how close to some other city or country or trading partner, it is.

That's definitely long-winded enough, so here's to coffee-time philosophy, bartering, and living in Lund (I already love it, you know!).

PS - Thanks to all for the great newspaper - one item we don't have to just wish for! or should I say "The Future is Now!!"

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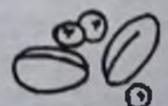
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Aquarius. Jan.20-Feb 18.

Your fear of dark basements and bears accidentally locked in the trunk of a Ford taurus may not be totally unfounded. The conjunction of Uranus and Neptune (hereafter U\-/N) that has been approaching your 12th house is finally culminating and will last through most of 1993. Stay out of Italian restaurants as people will have an urge to fling pasta on you. Have faith, use industrial strength under-arm deodorant. Defrost your fridge.

Pisces. Feb. 19-March 20.

Your compass does not point north; fear not, it is a temporary condition. Beware of ill-fitting microwave oven door gaskets. "So what else is new?" you may well ask, but surprise! Over the next 18 months the current U\-/N conjunction may propel you to a second place finish in the final of the "Briar" bonspiel in Saskatoon. Check the thickness of your brake drums. Seek help.

Aries. March 21-April 19.

You will become filthy rich &/or experience a ruptured garden hose whilst washing the winter's grime from your vinyl siding. The U\-/N conjunction could get you tossed out of the produce department for drawing happy faces on the cantaloupes. There's no way to tell with these 2 planets. The effects are not really sudden and they hardly come as a surprise. Buy a station wagon. Remind both your friends how important they are to you.

Taurus. April 20-May 20.

You're a fairly insensitive person. Sure, you've had pets as a child, some of which became close to you even without the aid of their leg-hold traps. Some might call your opinions positively stupid, but as you yourself so often say, "So?". Over the next year and a half your philosophy of life will explode in all sorts of new directions and you will seek a career as a provincial politician. Seek out moss-covered roofs and resist the desire to purchase a "mint" '73 Plymouth.

Gemini. May 21-June 21.

Throw all caution to the wind and purchase those long-awaited aluminum awnings for your mobile home. The big news is the U\-/N Conjunction in your 8th house, which for you means exploring your sexuality. Shave your legs, slither into sandal-toe panty-hose and check out that 'queer bar', or stuff your hair under a baseball cap, affix a pretend mustache to your upper lip, sidle up to the local sports bar, swill beer, guffaw and break wind with your 'buds'. In your efforts to push beyond the limits of your usual sensual behaviour, remember the sheep that gave of their intestines so that you may play safe.

Horoscope

by Keith Matheson

22**Scorpio. Oct. 24 - Nov. 21.**

From now until about Sept/93, the U\-/N conjunction will demand a response from you in the following areas. 1) Health: that chronic pain in your ass may be a result of a) watching politicians insist that they care, b) your spouse. (2) Eyesight: never watch a welder's arc. (3) Communication: your normally sensible style will be subject to blurring, go ahead and put a stupid message on your telephone answering machine. (4) Transportation: fixed wing or lighter-than-air craft should be shunned in favour of a light blue piston driven automobile of Swedish origin.

Sagittarius. Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Here's your life for the next year and a half with the U\-/N conjunction in your second house. You'll jump out of bed and immediately find yourself standing toe-deep in dog-doo, you find an old keg of gold coins while digging a hole in your back yard to bury the dog in. On the way to the bank with your booty you are struck down by a drug-crazed bicycle courier, which spews your treasure in the direct path of the approaching street cleaner. While searching the streets looking for the Moby Dickish sweeper you are approached by a filthy rich masochistic punk fashion designer who is attracted to you because of the bicycle spokes protruding from your body at rakish and jaunty angles and immediately offers you a job at an astronomical salary. Get the picture?

Capricorn. Dec. 22-Jan. 19.

You have been accused of being a real bitch by your co-workers mainly because of your filthy stunt with the napalm. The U\-/N conjunction of 1992-93 should blow away all your anger, and wash away all your fear that is propelling your popularity at your work place all the way up to that of a jerk. Rejoice. Never use sharp objects to dislodge ice whilst defrosting your fridge. Apply liberal amounts of chromium polish to your hub-caps. Seek a life.

Cancer. June 22-July 22.

Within a year you've been hit with 2 eclipses (in July and January), which means you'll have to repack the wheel-bearings on your boat trailer or become a television evangelist - only you can decide for yourself which has the greater redeeming social value.

You can always go on looking people in the eye, then skulk back to the bus depot and stuff potatoes in the exhaust pipes of the greyhounds. Give your mind some down time before it overloads or you could find yourself in an ill-heated warehouse in Alberta packaging plasticine for shipment to some Pacific Rim country.

Leo. July 23 - August 22.

Until the fall of 1993, the U\-/N conjunction should certainly put your focus on health and work. The growth of your body hair will become pronounced and that lump on your knee may be a migrating silicone breast implant. At work you'll think you've got it cased, then whammol! You're on a first name basis with the guy at the unemployment office. It could be a blessing in disguise, set your sights high! Don't rule out politics. Buy a gun. Install a scrambler on your cell-phone. Get a quote for continuous eavestroughs for your house - you may be surprised.

Virgo. Aug. 23-Sept. 22.

The U\-/N conjunction in your 5th house signifies a moment when an uncanny likeness to a long dead relative may appear on your kitty litter, always a source of great amusement for Virgos. It could also inspire you to create ingenious devices, have fascinating relationships with large fur-bearing mammals, and become involved in a strip mine.

Stepping out of your usual role, you're no longer the left brain logical thinker your friends have come to know you as. Now the other hemisphere is kicking in and you could end up behaving like the leader of the Liberal Party.

Libra. Sept 23- Oct. 23.

When you were a kid one of your pet peeves had to have been a family member who would tie knots in the pull cord of your Chatty Cathy. Many Libras try to escape by leaping into marriage, where more often than not they only repeat the same process. DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU. The U\-/N conjunction in your 4th house is YOUR chance to turn the tables - poke holes in his toothpaste tube, replace the light in his bed-side lamp with an SOS pad, staple his slippers to the floor. Remember, you too can be funny. The time has come for you to check the direction of rotation of your bathroom exhaust fan.

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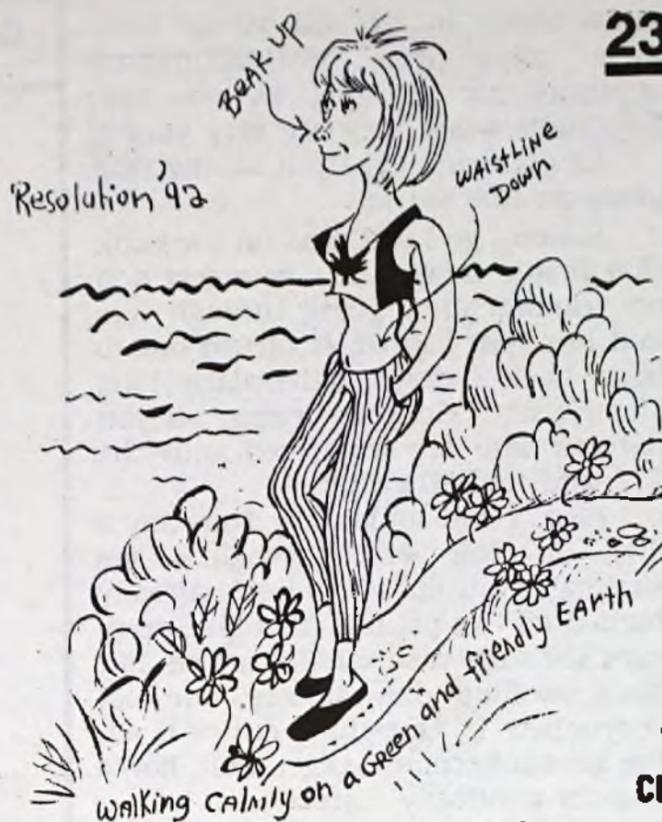
by Donna Huber

Well at last February comes to a close...I can quit feeling envious of my south-flying friends and start my yearly drool over the seed catalogue. Haven't read a book worth mentioning in about four months...mostly because the library leaves me cold these days with its computerized detective system. All meaningful chipper chat with the girls behind the counter has vanished in the wake of its dreadful information puking video-face...and instead of cheery-Oh I get the cold stare and where are the books you were supposed to have back by now, and I'll take the money from you pronto. Not that I am a huge offender...just that we have four library cards, and you know, books here and there but always back to the library at some point, and I paid a fine now and then when I had the money rattling around in the bottom of my purse. They knew me, those ladies behind the counter and hassled me not. So I watch T.V. now, and read rapidly in bookstores for my informational needs.

No one has recommended a book lately, either, except Thelma who says there's a good one about Canada called, I believe, *Take Back the Nation*, which I will get around to in a less depressing time of the year. More of that stuff they are doing to us in the name of Free Trade I do not need. I told Bill when Brian first showed his political face, mark my words that will be the man who goes down as the worst Prime Minister in the history of Canada...what a prophet I turned out to be.

Now that we get Knowledge Network out here, actually, T.V. has perked up and I saw such a good show on there I want to write about it.

It was about a man called Goldsmith, somebody Goldsmith, who was reared up in a rich European family and somewhere along the line got concerned about the way we live on the earth, and eventually started the Green Party, I believe. Now he is an old man with a wise and wizened face, and he very calmly laid out what he thinks we need to do from now on if we want to be here at all, in any meaningful way. Nothing so earth-shattering that we have not heard it before, he just says we need to get back to small towns, back in touch with Mama planet and all the ferned and feathered and furred and fishy things. Sometimes this message gets over-stated, the message about how screwed up things are and how to fix them, and we know all we need to know now to fix things up, it's just that somehow we get bored with the idea of it all, and fall back into the old, totally destructive ways. It is so very hard to keep your pecker up. I mean, I went to the Overweightee Meat counter twice in the last month,



by Donna Huber

knowing full well they A) are not unionized (I have an I.W.A. husband) and B) they pack the meat in styro trays. Bill ordered himself a pair of gorgeous shirts from the mail-order in the states. (The funny part is they didn't have the ones he wanted so we cancelled the order, which was right because he really felt like a traitor doing it).

And worse yet, I bought a box of bleachized powdered laundry soap, mainly because it was on sale and yes, the idea of whiter whites got to me for a stupid moment.

Anyway, this old Goldsmith very calmly brought my mind back around, talking about what small towns with small businesses, slower mindsets, clean rivers, community support systems, and all that good David Suzuki stuff we so need to keep going back to.

It really does seem hopeless at times. Take the blue boxes (Please?). Useless. Ozone looking ten times as bad as we thought (hoped).

Are we really changing at all? I think you have a good case either way. Sometimes I feel very positive about we Lund folk, for example. In some ways it seems like we are sitting here, in our fairly environmentally alert, homesteading sort of way, waiting with all things ready to get to it, get to a proper way of living on the earth. I feel that it is a healthy little village, and getting more and more 'awake' all the time. In the next little while, the next ten years, we will really have to get going, get more down to the really really deep reasons we all have chosen this rather remote, earthy, private, quiet lifestyle. We are going to have to build on our tenderly budding community spirit, build up our gardens, and slow down our trips and towny things. The money for things is certainly drying up. The crunch is sort of here, don't you think?

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Changing our minds is a slow business. It may take ten or twenty years, some of which I think we in Lund have already spent. We have come quite a distance, with many more miles left yet.

The only other thing on my mind this February is the Homeschooling I began in Sept. I keep thinking I should write something about it, but it is really like saying anything about the environment, you are either boring someone who doesn't care about it the way you do, or you are preaching to the converted. Still, I do think every two cents someone throws in eventually adds up to big bucks...and I for some reason do need to hear more about things I already realize. Every angle is slightly different.

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When I ponder on the "Ideal School System", I come up with something that is a sort of mixture of traditional and radical. Simply put, I would intensify the curriculum so that there were tests and spelling bees and books of solid print to read, with old and challenging ideas in them...math would be a matter of laying down the basics so solidly that by grade six or seven no kid would need a calculator to do the times tables. Teachers would have a set of fairly rigid things they would be hired to teach to each grade, each grade would have to be completed before the child went on to the next, because nothing else makes sense. I think of the first aid course Bill recently completed; two days of intense study, tests, pass or fail, period. Companies and Governments can not afford less than that sort of efficiency, and that is the sort of training and retraining students in the future will be faced with. There really is not the time or the money to fiddle about doing things at every students' own pace. What a load of nonsense that idea is! Yet we hear it.

Then I would cut about two months off the time the kids are actually in the classroom. Keeping kids all day, sitting in a room, is torture, and is a blatant attempt by our governments to train people to sit and do mundane things for hours and hours. It is not the governments' job to raise our children for us; if we

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think about it, we will surely keep them away from institutionalized anything for as long as we can. Especially when they are very young.

Of course, I am open to anyone's ideas on this subject...

Before I go I will pass on the book that finally hooked our youngest son on reading; after going through lots and lots that I loved, it turned out to be a book I didn't particularly like, *The Hobbit*. So keep trying, all you parents who are frustrated with the T.V.-addicted 90's child.

Also, I will announce: I am on a diet, so you won't recognize me slinking around, as I have already battled off five pounds (though Sherry says she's down seven, pee me off, but she's swilling diet shakes, the old short-cutter). One thing out of it all, I've almost become a vegetarian, how's that for politically correct?

PS. Just had a late (for this issue) book recommended from Effie: *Three Men and a Forester*, which I don't have time to read for this *Barnacle*. She tells me it comes to her via Wolf and Jill...should be interesting. Next time. Chow.

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A children's story written by Anne Cameron and illustrated by June Huber is due to be published this spring.

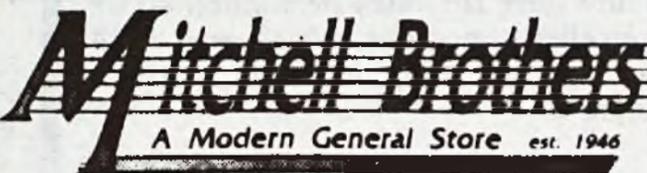
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This is the first book that June has illustrated. There are 29 pen-and-ink drawings (one every other page) and 40 pencil drawings along the sides of each page. The cover is also a pen-and-ink.

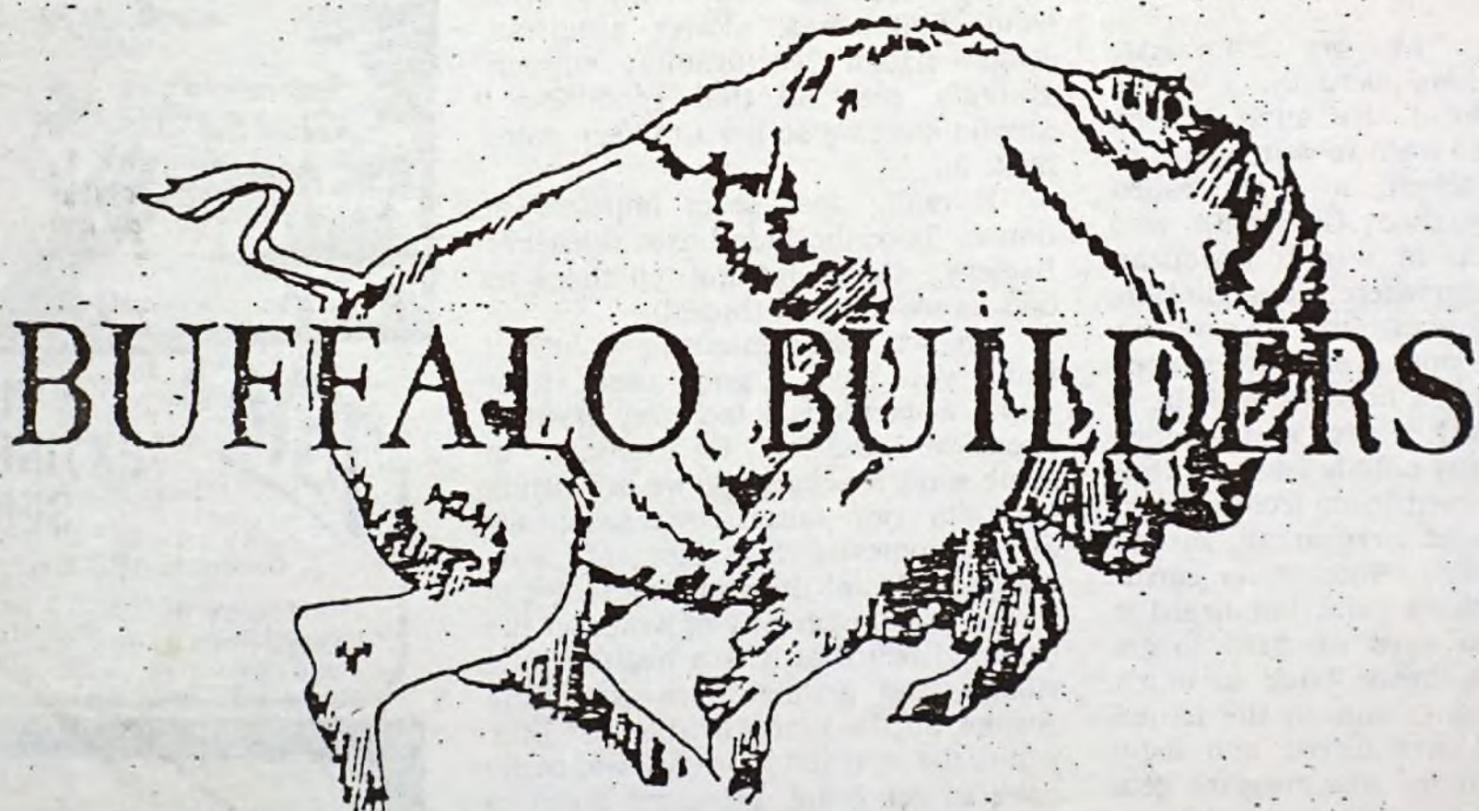
June says that she doesn't usually do commercial work or pen-and-ink drawings. "I got better as I went along", she admits. She's become somewhat of an expert on drawing geese. She took dozens of photos of geese and also used reference books for accuracy.

But geese are not the only drawings. The book cover shows the eggs wrapped carefully in a sweater in a lunchbucket on the hood of a car. The first page shows the hulks, the last page, the geese safe in Cam's yard.

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The Ship's Cat

by Janice Johnson

It was one bloody hell of a night. Black. Silent. The cliché'd calm before the storm. First a ripple, then a gust, then a full blown fury. A standard pattern. You had time to prepare body and soul. Time to ask yourself what the hell you were doing in this position again? Playing odds with Mother Nature was an old habit and a common end. "It's not nice to piss-off Mother Nature."

Why do we keep pretending, keep believing, there is only one god? People of the sea have three ... God, Mother Nature, and their Anchor. That is the real holy trinity and sorry be to any water-rat that forgets it. Lose sight of one, take care of none, your ass is done. Not so much fun but, a cute pun, when you're the only one about to loosen your ass. You're done.

It's hard to leave your mark upon the sea. You can piss in it but it's not like on a tree. You can try and carve your initials. Many try. All fail. And burial at sea leaves no mourners. Those left on shore do not believe in nor use the 'jesus boots' required for memorial flowers on your grave.

"What the hell am I doing here again?"

She was alone, the skipper of this ship. All boats are ships to those left alone to navigate them. They are huge beyond belief, until the storm hits. Then they become ever-shrinking islands. Many a wheel-house sports the clawmarks that the ship's cat was blamed for making. Everyone nods and laughs with the serious spark of the knowledge that many ships have no cat. But every one, according to legend, used to.

She was alone when the storm hit, as usual.

The fury outside had a way of organizing and regulating her thoughts. Most people would believe that in such situations you'd be

confused. But you aren't. You know exactly where you are and how you got there. Right from conception. The memories are clear. You can see your life beginning in your parents' bed and you can see your life ending in the sea bed. And you know everything in-between was not enough. "Oh, but I meant to ..." headlines every thought. You'd love to kick your ass around the wheel-house for being such a dummy ... but you can't. It's rooted to the chair and won't let go. You'd slap yourself to confirm this reality, if only you could uncurl your fingers from the wheel. They too have a mind of their own.

PAN? PAN, PAN, comes across the radio. But your ears refuse to listen. They don't want to hear that scary shit. They've decided to play Beethoven's Fifth instead.

She was alone, the skipper. She and her best friend ... an old six cylinder 'Jimmy' that had never skipped a beat ... yet. One waits for the rhythm to break. One concentrates on every revolution. It all melds perfectly with the music in your head.

The minutes turn to hours. Your eyes fix on the faint glow of the running lights reflected on the bulwarks. Isn't that a lovely red. Isn't that a soft green. Against the black.

Spray hits the windows and momentarily relieves the eyes of their fixed point just beyond the bow somewhere. Somewhere in the middle of the next wave.

It's always black out, even when it's stormy. It's always so big and black out. Even if it's noon.

Then you see the harbour. At least you see the marker. Something skips a beat! It's not the engine, it's just your heart.

You can taste the safety. You can taste the beer. It's so near ... please dear God and all the others ... let me take it. I haven't even had a cup of

coffee for 8 hours. Damn shit black night and weather! Just help me to the harbour one more time and I'll, and I'll never do this again ... I promise!

Please, engine. Just a few thousand more turns. Please boat ... I'll do your bottom ... I'll polish your wheel ... I'll kiss your ass in drydock ... if you'll just get me through to an ice cold beer and solid ground! I promise ... I promise ... I promise..!

You hit the dock. Your ass lets go of the chair. Your fingers let go of the wheel.

You very casually tie up and shut the engine down.

A few acquaintances walk down the dock to meet you. How was it? ... they say.

Oh,...not so bad. Few good gusts. Nothing serious.

They nod. Of course ... they knew that.

Then someone sticks his head in the wheel-house and exclaims ... Hey? When did you have a cat?

The only answer is ... First round's on me, guys! And everyone heads to the pub.

(from: *Just Another Hairy Herring*)

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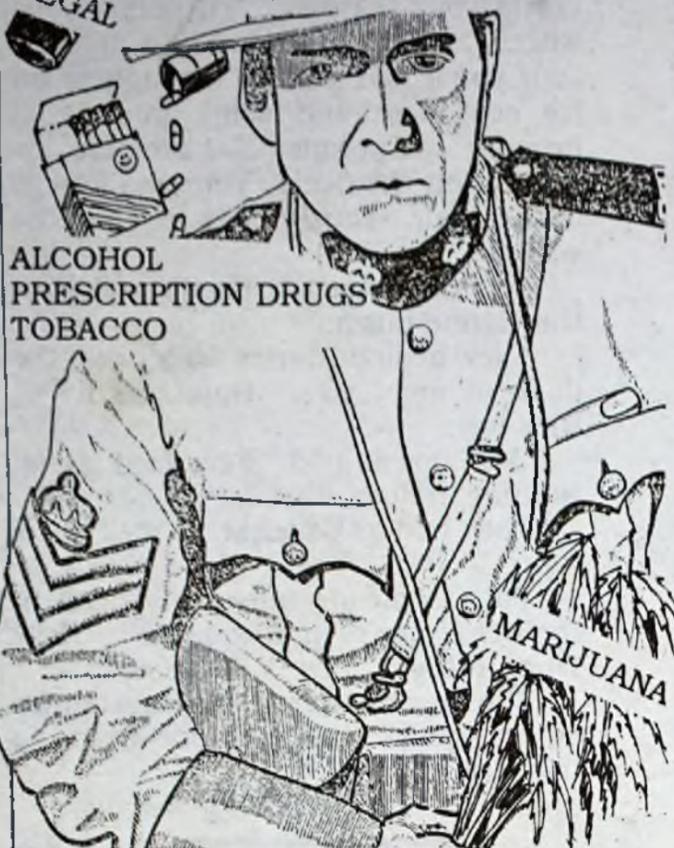
by Steve Ives

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DEATHS, ADDICTIONS
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HIGH TAXES



ALCOHOL
PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
TOBACCO



NO DEATHS THAT I KNOW OF
LESS OF A HEALTH PROBLEM
NO TAXES

ILLEGAL

Isn't it about time the government gave the Canadian people something for nothing, especially something that health-wise is far safer than what they offer you, at great cost, and of course lots of revenue. It's about time it stopped being a political issue and started being looked at on a health level. I don't know anyone dying from marijuana, wish I could say the same for what the government gives us and calls it legal - now that's **CRIMINAL**. Don't let me forget to mention the drug companies are now making synthetic THC, more money in taxes. High is a state of mind with help from your friendly government.

In the fifties I got high on life
(Freebee)
In the sixties I got high on tobacco
(High Taxes, High Health Risk)
In the seventies I got high on
Dr. Prescribed Drugs
(High Taxes, High Health Risk)
In the eighties I got high on alcohol
(High Taxes, High Health Risk)
In the nineties I get high on
marijuana
(Low Health Risk, Freebee)

Because of the government inadequacy to do its job properly, getting high on life seems to be a thing of the past. High taxes and no jobs have created social unrest. At every corner the government is taking something for nothing, usually a good percentage of your hard earned money. Well Gimme, Gimme, Never Gets, at least not from this individual. I also don't plan to wait until my next life to smoke marijuana (which takes away all my aggression and anxiety) just because the government has not found it convenient at this time to legalize it. That must certainly be the case when there are major tobacco companies growing acres of marijuana (in countries where it is legal) and burning it at the end of every year. And what about the tobacco company that has had the packaging rights for marijuana for the past twenty-five years? Or when over 50% of the doctors polled said they would give patients marijuana over legal drugs (if it was legal)? These make me realize that the government is more concerned about making money than the health and welfare of the Canadian people.



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Movie Reviews

by Siobhan James

Billy Bathgate

When I saw Bruce Willis's name come up in the credits, I had a horrible sinking feeling in my gut - which, as the movie continued, became boredom, nausea, and finally rage, as I realized that I could have spent my \$3.00 admission to buy two bottles of cider and watched Tom Hanks in *Big* at home on TV. This is only the third time I've ever wanted to walk out of a movie theatre - and if I had had my own car, I'd have been outta there.

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Cape Fear Movie Review by Slobhan James

Oscar Night isn't quite as exciting when you haven't actually seen all the nominated movies, but of the three performances that I have seen, DeNiro is far and away the clear winner for Best Actor. His range and ability are nothing short of astounding; whether a pathetic palsied patient in *Awakenings*, or a brilliant vengeful psychotic in this remake of the old Mitchum/Peck movie. He is incredibly and totally convincing.

DeNiro plays a man who, released from prison after 14 years, seeks out the defense lawyer who failed to acquit him and launches a systematic harassment of his family. As they're a messed-up trio anyhow (parents played by Nick Nolte and Jessica Lange), he easily widens the rift between them and their daughter and reduces all three to so much mental jello.

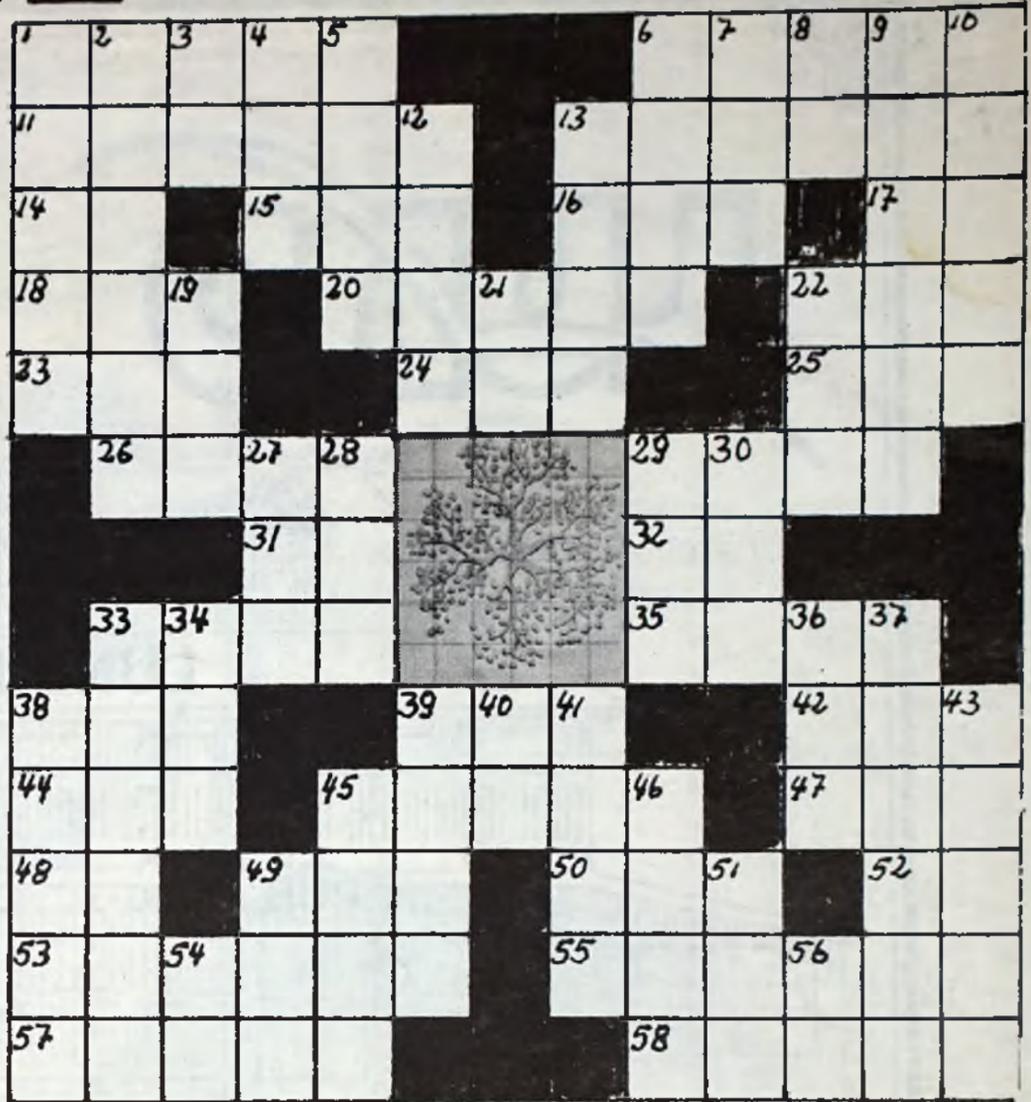
For the most part, this is a brilliantly-directed effort, keeping the viewer on the edge of the seat as the terror and suspense escalate, with DeNiro always one step ahead, anticipating his victims' actions with terrifying accuracy. (Susan and I were told to quiet down, we screamed so loudly!)

Unfortunately, most of the effect was ruined by bad editing in the final violent confrontation scenes -- it was just TOO incredible that this guy kept coming back for more after being burned, shot, stabbed, thrown into a raging river, etc. If the movie were ten or fifteen minutes shorter, it would be flawless - on the other hand, I'd never have gotten to sleep that night at all!

A neat twist in the film is that the two actors from the original version play cameo roles: Robert Mitchum (who was pretty scary himself) is a police officer and Gregory Peck another lawyer.

So I'm rooting for DeNiro on March 30th (Oscar Night) - but I think it will be a toss-up between him and Anthony Hopkins who also played a murdering nutcase. May the worst guy win!

FIFTH WHEEL by Jean MacKenzie and Rick Giesing



ACROSS

- 1 accumulate
- 6 wild dog
- 11 fine parchment
- 13 lining tools
- 14 in space and time, "where you're ___"
- 15 expression of assent
- 16 How many King's horses?
- 17 three-toed sloth
- 18 zero
- 20 snappy
- 22 imitate
- 23 revolutionary tax
- 24 singer Sandra
- 25 for each
- 26 old Spanish coin
- 29 fine
- 31 Guido's third note
- 32 Egyptian sun god
- 33 theatrical failure
- 35 dirt
- 38 to and ___
- 39 Russian village
- 42 prairie house material
- 44 turncoat
- 45 confusion
- 47 Aussie big bird
- 48 a current (abbrev.)
- 49 reedy swamp
- 50 ___ carte
- 52 year of our Lord (abbrev.)
- 53 ___ Bovary
- 55 make a gift
- 57 lively wit
- 58 beginners

DOWN

- 1 before (Fr.)
- 2 line of work
- 3 Kitimat product (abbrev.)
- 4 tricky
- 5 1956 crisis
- 6 properly
- 7 ailing
- 8 wind direction
- 9 fabulist's fox food
- 10 basket willow
- 12 hotel employee
- 13 canola
- 19 Chou en-___
- 21 school subject (abbrev.)
- 22 fitting
- 27 Latin, I love
- 28 impudent talk
- 29 ___ longa, vita brevis
- 30 pump type
- 33 brawl
- 34 building site
- 36 exploit
- 37 love-apple
- 38 concoct a false charge
- 39 Impressionist Edouard
- 40 tubal feeding (abbrev.)
- 41 Kerouac was on it
- 43 ranch guests
- 45 half prefix
- 46 coagulate
- 49 remote
- 51 no matter which
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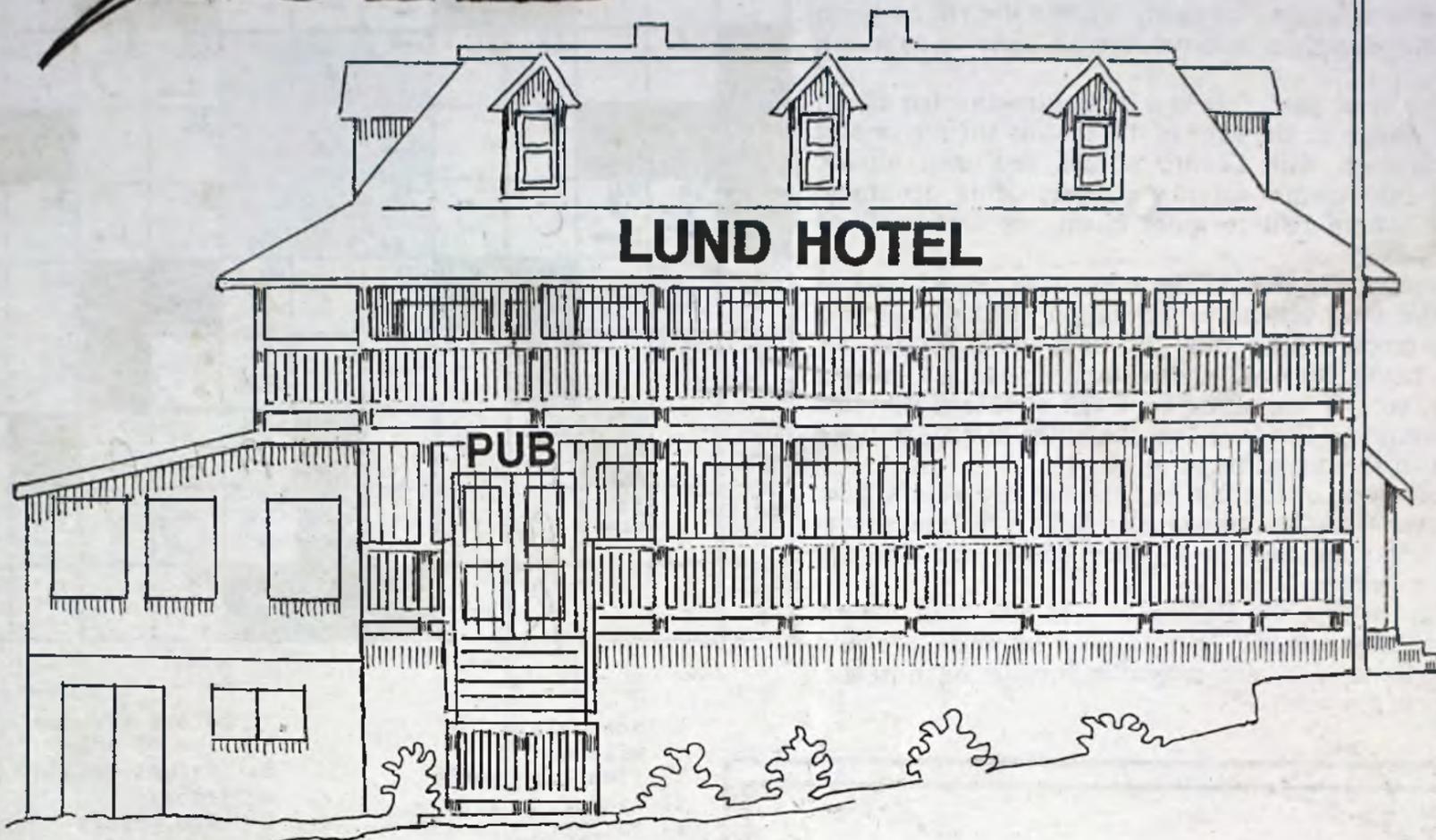
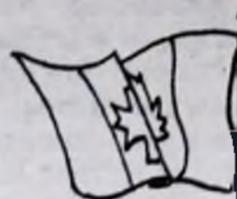
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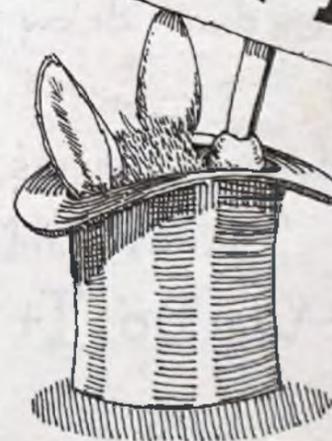
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