

LUND BARNACLE

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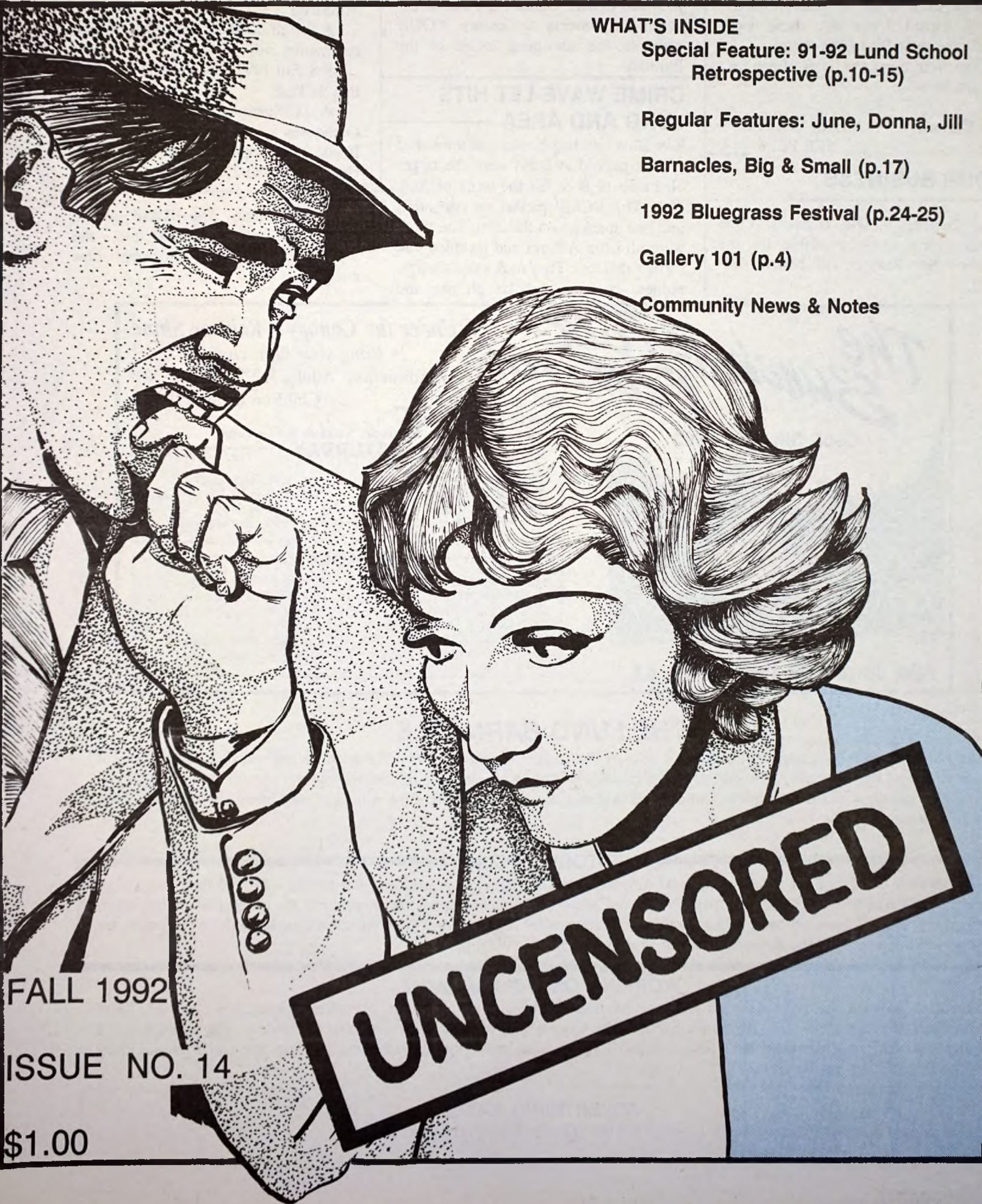
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LETTERS

To Whom It May Concern:

I was at the Bluegrass Concert that was held at the Craig Rd. Park. I enjoyed the music and singing very much.

I was amazed at all the dogs; there was no place for dogs to be in the park as there were a lot of small children playing around. I am sure these dogs would take their food from them.

Dogs were using the bales of hay for their business.

Aino Coffman

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YOUR BUSINESS

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HELP WANTED

Enthusiastic, energetic, community-minded persons to volunteer as writers, computer input-ers, organizers, proof readers, paste-up artists, advertising mogul, photographers, and distributors for future issues of the Barnacle. No experience necessary; on-the-job training provided FREE. Contact any one of the current volunteers to ensure YOUR place in the upcoming issues of the Barnacle.

CRIME WAVE-LET HITS LUND AND AREA

Five Bliss Landing homes and a number of cars parked in Lund were the target of a rash of B & E's the week of Aug. 26th. The RCMP picked up one adult and two juveniles on the 27th. The three were all from Alberta and included one former resident. They took loose change, money, cameras, cellular phones and

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MISSING

5 Fall 1989, Cover: Plan of new community hall

8 Fall 1990, Cover: Who Needs A Bicycle Path

11 Summer 1991, Cover: Two Outhouses

If you have copies you can spare, call Christine at 483-2028.

other small items. The RCMP said so many cars were broken into, the perpetrators couldn't remember how many.

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| 12:00 J. Sue Aimes | 2:15 Mad Pudding |
| 12:45 Straight From The Kitchen | 3:00 Bloor Station |
| 1:30 Gerry Barnum | 4:00 Juba |
| | 5:00 Ellen McIlwaine |

SUNDAY

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| 11:00 Gospel Jam | 2:30 Gerry Barnum |
| 12:00 Brent Nicol & The Acoustic Originals | 3:30 Bloor Station |
| 12:45 Straight From The Kitchen | 4:30 Second Nature |
| 1:30 Mad Pudding | 5:30 Juba |
| | 6:30 Ellen McIlwaine |
| | 7:30 Finale |

THE LUND BARNACLE

The Lund Barnacle is published four times a year by the Lund Community Club. Submissions are welcome in the form of articles, news items, letters to the editor, fillers, graphics and photographs. We reserve the right to edit for clarity and length. Leave submissions in The Barnacle box at Carvers Coffeehouse or give to one of the volunteer staff members (see list for this issue below).

EDITORIAL POLICY

The Barnacle is a forum for ideas in the Lund community. Editorial policy is to print what people submit in their own voices as much as possible, respecting the paper's purpose of providing a forum for the community on things that matter to its members. If you have a problem with something that appears in the paper or if you like something in or about the paper, we hope you'll say so -- to The Barnacle, not just to your neighbour. We'll print it.

WORKING ON THE BARNACLE

Volunteer staff for this issue: Gordon Ellison, Christine Hjordleifson, Myra Jensen, Margaret Leitner, Jan Lovewell, Keith Matheson, Siobhan McIlvenna, Bill Smith, Steve Suche, Connie Thurber and many thanks to the students and teachers at the Lund School. Myra Jensen gave much time, donated her computers, classroom space and endless help. She also produced many of the beautiful ads in this issue.

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LUND HOTEL NEWS

by Dave Stephens for the five owners of the Hotel

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It's been the season of learning at the hotel this year. We have all been somewhat overwhelmed at times working together to discover which switch turns what on and who to call when certain things break down. We have made our share of mistakes but hopefully have learned from them to provide the style of service and product that is needed.

For myself, the best lesson has been that you people are not just customers, but tremendous friends. I am truly overwhelmed by the talent, support and fantastic input which has been volunteered by the community, and would like to thank each and every one that has done so.

It's been wonderful to see the birth of Nancy's Bakery, Brenda's Seafood, and Barry's Solar. We have watched as they have transpired into thriving businesses. Now, watch out as Gallery 101 hits the map.

COMMUNITY CLUB CORNER

by Adrian Redford

As reported in another corner, the Prawn Feast is over, and by publication time Bill Smith and his crew should be sweating over Bluegrass Festival plans, or possibly they will be mopping their brows and counting their money, we hope. The Northside Fire Dept. will be very visible at this event, and hopefully people will seek them out if they have any questions about their need for money. With any luck they may even get some new recruits. That would be a bonus.

Has this been a summer, or what? Percy and I have been leaving on a road trip up the Alaska Highway since June 6th, and we haven't made it yet. It's really hard to leave paradise sometimes. We are definitely going this week though, because I hear that the midnight sun doesn't do it in winter!

I have a hard time thinking about too much Community Club stuff in the summer (unless it's fun stuff like Bluegrass Folkfests), but I do have something Oh-ficial to report. Remember you read it in the Barnacle. Here it is:

The Dept. of Crown Lands has announced their assessment values for the Finn Bay forestry property as follows - \$112,687.00 for the upland improvements (excluding the land), and

We have many great plans in the making and things are changing with the seasons. In the near future we have the Homemade Wine Tasting Competition, pool tournament and a weekly "jam" session coming up in the pub. Last but not least, we are in the process of planning Lund Days. It looks like it is leaning towards a slightly different format than years past, being planned for after the season with a more local family fun day with great food, music, games and most of all FUN. Let's all take part in the planning and sit back and enjoy ourselves.

We have an interesting national event coming in December as Share The Vision comes to Lund. This event, sponsored by the National Association of the Blind, is the final destination of a horseback ride across Canada by a blind girl who will finish at the end of Highway 101.

As the volume of summer people tapers off, it will again be time to begin painting and remodeling and upgrading. Please don't stop with your suggestions and please pardon our mess. Most of all, thanks for a great summer.

\$18,313.00 for the foreshore improvements. Lands Branch has set a deadline of October 5th for an answer from the community as to our wishes regarding that property. They have given us some rather generous terms for purchasing the property (a 30 year, no interest, lease/purchase agreement), with title being transferred for \$1.00 once the property was paid; but they are inflexible in their stand that we cannot have the land without purchasing the buildings. It would appear that the assessment of the floats is for the purpose of a private sale, because the Regional District could still lease the floats for \$1.00 per year, providing these were the wishes of the entire community. "Entire Community", in this case, means Electoral Area A, unless a specified area was determined as a tax base for this purpose. Lands Branch also requires an updated copy of the plan explaining the use to which we intend to put the buildings.

The Regional District monthly meeting is scheduled for September 24th, and I understand that a mail-out is forthcoming, and possibly another public meeting. It is entirely possible that you will hear from the Regional District prior to publication date, and then this will no longer be a scoop. My desire to become a scribe is waning already!

However tedious these issues become, I think we all have some serious brain-storming to do, either privately or

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ALL - WE JUST CHALKED UP ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL PRAWN FEAST!

We have just seen another successful Father's Day Prawn Feast. Many thanks are needed to all those people who helped to make it the success that it was. First we would like to publicly thank all those who donated seafood, (without which we would have no feast). They are Bob and Brenda, Percy, Fred and Anne, Hugh, Judy and Laurie. Then we offer our thanks to the Lund Hotel for once again loaning us their steam table, and for supplying us with free ice, and to Mike Thulin, who always faithfully comes out armed with a grill, on which he cooks the cod and oysters. Our thanks also to the Hotel and to Linda Morrison for providing us with the wonderful raffle prizes. I think at this point I will stop naming names, lest I forget someone. But there were signmakers, ticket sellers, salad makers, lettuce growers, dressing chefs, dessert bakers, bartenders, hostesses, dish washers, decorators, floor washers, telephoners, barbequers, and gophers. It is no small chore to put on this event. Is it worth the effort? We hope so. Every year we say this will be the last time, and every year we have so many people tell us how much they enjoyed it, and it's so much fun, we find ourselves making plans for next year. If financial rewards are the test, we will be issuing a cheque to the Northside Fire Dept. for \$2,000.00.

Our final thanks must go to all the people who came to the dinner, to support the cause, (and possibly to enjoy the food!). Many of those people had already donated a salad or dessert, and/or were working at the dinner or behind the scenes. But hey, that's the way we do things in Lund, and that's why we love it here.

Thanks again, from your Community Club.

with our friends and neighbours. These are the issues, as I see them:

1) We have property dedicated to us on Baggi Rd. for the purpose of building a new hall, towards which we have saved \$20,000.00. If we take on another building or set of buildings, do we have enough energy in this community to maintain both properties?

2) The new owners of the hotel have graciously continued the policy of

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GALLERY 101 OPENS IN LUND

by Jan Lovewell

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It's not often a person has the opportunity to be artist, gallery owner and art critic at the same time, but here I am to give you the news about opening Gallery 101.

The gallery opened August 23, upstairs in the Lund Hotel next to Barry Beer's Stellar Solar store. To our delight, an estimated 200 people came to the gallery warming. People in the community are only slightly more surprised than gallery members that we were able to open the gallery only 2 1/2 weeks after agreeing that the project is worthwhile.

Gallery 101 is being operated by a cooperative of six artists who wanted to create a place in Lund for local artists to show their work, and where we can determine the content and design of the exhibits. Having a space in our own community to show our work is a stimulus to all of us to create new and better work and to conceive of future exhibits.

We hope the gallery will be able to pay its own expenses, primarily through summer sales and a Christmas art market. However, we have agreed to volunteer our labour and share gallery expenses so that we may also sponsor shows of a non-commercial nature. These could be theme exhibits and events (such as a banner exhibit, or the craft, history and meaning of masks) or

community based shows (such as your vision of Lund in 2012 or the Faces of Lund: photographs and portraits by and about Lund residents). We plan to invite participation by guest artists from time to time as well. All work shown at the gallery will be juried, including members' work. Operating the gallery on a non-profit basis means that we can display work that is original, explorative and experimental; a challenge for us that should result in displays that are interesting for the community.

Speaking of shows, the first one is worth seeing, if you haven't already. All the member artists are represented: Neil Chaikel - slumped glass; Keith Matheson - black and white photography; David Molyneaux - plaster relief carvings; Ron Robb - hand-built ceramics, photographs and found objects; Steve Suche - black and white portraits (come see who they are); and me, Jan Lovewell - colored pencil drawings. I'm not fool enough to commit to writing my personal review of everyone's work except to say the show looks very good. We were stunned by it ourselves. So far, comments by people who have seen the exhibit have been overwhelmingly positive.

Gallery 101 has to give the community an excellent review also, for its support. To mention a few - Anne Steblyk founded "Patrons of Gallery 101" (for \$10.10 you can become a bona fide patron or matron of the arts); Ed Bereziak installed the carpet; Lund Hotel donated track lighting; Joseph Makrysta helped with the Gallery 101 sign design; Joanne Suche is our bookkeeping consultant; David Foot at the Lund

Restaurant outdid himself with hors d'oeuvres; "Nancy's" provided goodies for the opening; and, of course, thank you to our patrons.

It's hard to say just now where this venture will lead us, but for me it is almost beyond belief that I now have a venue to share my art with the local community. Being able to communicate my deepest experiences, thoughts, feelings through visual art is something that makes life worth living for me - so Gallery 101 is both a challenge and a wonderful opportunity. We see it as small in stature (12 1/2' x 9') but enormous in potential. With your support this week, we've had a very auspicious beginning.

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allowing us free access to the hall. For this, we pay only for the cost of electricity, furnace oil, water and insurance. I spoke to Dave Stephens who informed me that their only plans were to do some refurbishing of the hall, and that they have some tentative plans to use the hall occasionally for some seminars, but that will not affect the availability of the hall to the community, either for meetings or dances.

3) Our "intended use plan" for the forestry buildings included such things as choir practice, music lessons, church, poetry readings, library, Alcoholics Anonymous, theatre, and of course, Malaspina College. I don't know the status of Malaspina's intent now, but the other planned uses can or are already being accommodated at the hall. I see the library as being a problem no matter where it is situated, because of the heating requirements.

4) On the other side of the fence, it would be very nice to have a green space

to call our very own. We all seem to agree that it would be great if we could have a little waterfront park where the kids could go swimming. However, this property has been unoccupied for numerous years now, and the only kids that I ever see swimming there are those that live next door, and I'm sure they will continue to swim there no matter who owns the property. There is public access to the beach there, and the beach is really all the swimmers want.

I guess we have to weigh the benefits against the costs. I have tried to be objective, but it's very difficult not to let your own opinion show through. There is one very large issue that I haven't even touched on, and of course that is the issue of the foreshore. I feel that everyone already has such strong opinions on this very touchy subject, I doubt if there is anything that I can say, one way or the other, that is going to change anyone's mind now. Therefore, I

have tried to confine my comments to just the land and buildings, and my experience in that department is that lots of people have put in fairly long stints of trying to maintain our hall, mostly with very little help. I can't really imagine what it would be like to maintain two places.

If anyone out there is still with me, I want to tell you that I am tired of writing this drivel, but if it has put you to sleep, then possibly it has served some purpose after all. What I do want you to do is argue your point, if you have one. I'm not trying to tell you how you should think, just that you should.

Don't forget that the Community Club meetings are on the second Wednesday of each month, September to June, at 7:30 pm. We have always had them in the hall, but we are considering having them in each other's homes, on some rotation basis, because you get better coffee, and sometimes even goodies. See you in September.

INCIDENT IN OKEOVER

The peace and tranquility in Okeover Arm were interrupted recently when a man motored his sailboat aground and, in the nude, retrieved a shotgun from the cabin and cocked it. Several people, including children, who were on the beach, fled the scene immediately.

The RCMP and Coast Guard were contacted and the man was apprehended about 6 hours later near the site where the incident first started. The man, who is from the U.S., was to have appeared in Powell River Court last week.

GREENWAY UPDATE

The dream of a Saltery Bay-to-Lund Greenway is moving closer, albeit slowly, to reality. Three people were hired recently on job development grants to map out possible routes through and around Powell River. The workers are out in the field surveying as well as talking with land owners and government officials to acquire permission for access.

The formation of the Powell River Greenway Society is pending. A Society constitution and bylaws are being drafted. Watch for membership drive in Sept.-Oct. Support the Greenway!

SOLAR ENERGY ARRIVES ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

by Barry Beer

Solar energy enthusiasts are continuing to install independent power systems in the area of the Sunshine Coast. This availability of electricity is a convenience that can make remote homes, cottages and boats more enjoyable.

The sun, acting upon the individual cells in a solar module, produces electrical power which is stored in a battery. This storehouse of power can then be used day and night to power 12 volt appliances; lights, televisions, two-way radios, water pumps, small refrigerators, telephones and more.

Solar energy is becoming more and more common in our everyday lives. Almost all pocket calculators now have built in solar cells to recharge their batteries. There are also solar powered fans, radios, outdoor lights, flashlights and toys; all producing energy that doesn't have to be produced from other sources.

Solar energy can also be used to heat domestic water and to heat living spaces.

ANTHOLOGY OF LOCAL AUTHORS IN PRINT

By Gene Splerman

Open Season: New Writing From Seven Powell River Authors is a book you should buy. Not because four of the seven authors live in Lund. (South Lund, i.e., Craig Rd., Southview and Wilde Roads.) Not to support local culture. (Yaargh! Sounds like taking castor oil. Good for you, but unpleasant.) Not because it has a nice cover by Wendy Brown. Not even because we had the guts to just print it instead of whining and snivelling for a grant.

Nope. You should buy it because it's funny, interesting, entertaining and moving. The poems, novel excerpts and memoir use words the way they ought to be used: to give voice to what's otherwise left unsaid. The best thing I heard about the book was from Keith at Carvers. Open Season is for sale there and they also have a perusal copy. Keith said, "A lot of times somebody reads the store copy for a while when they're having coffee. Then they buy the book when they leave." It's a bargain at seven bucks.

The seven authors are myself, Margaret Behr, Eagle Walz, Constance Mortenson, Carla Mobley, Anne Cameron and Hilary Bruhn. In addition to Carvers, Open Season is for sale at Lundscapes, Cranberry Pottery, New Moon Gallery, Paperworks, Books and Stationery, Wildwood Motors, Westview Library and Small Planet. The opinions expressed here are not those of the other authors. I would have had somebody else write this article but Barnacle paste up is tomorrow.

This technology utilizes the direct heat of the sun in the form of a collector or through the orientation of the house for good southern exposure. These direct gain systems can reduce your heating bills considerably.

Solar energy technology has been around for decades but is now finally making its way into everyday life. Silicon crystal developments are taking on new forms to make it more cost effective so the technology can be used by more and more people. Maybe someday the shingles on every home will be made with silicon crystals, all connected together to supply the energy needs of the entire house. Who knows what other applications will become available in the future?

A variety of products using solar technology are available locally at Stellar Solar located in downtown Lund.

TO A FRIEND

Jay Rolland Rutherford was born on 13 November 1916 in Marathon, Iowa. His family soon moved to the State of Oregon, where he spent his boyhood on the family dairy farm in the N.W. part of the state, near Canby, Oregon. He completed high school there, and left to work in Alaska while still in his late teens.

He early established a pattern of work and travel which he maintained throughout his life. This was to work diligently at his business, which was usually a machine shop/manufacturing operation, until he saved enough money to sell out and go on the road for a series of adventures in various parts of the world. These trips took him to such destinations as the Amazon River, where he spent over 2 years in the interior, the Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and Central America, various parts of South America and other areas of interest. He owned several boats, on which he also made passages from time to time. He was a skilled outdoorsman who was happiest when in the country, and he loved camping, hunting and fishing.

He married in 1939, had a son and daughter, and was divorced in 1946. He never remarried, though he raised his 2 children himself. His private interests were highly varied, and he read a great deal until his eyesight began to fail. He died peacefully on the morning of 16 July 1992 at his home near Lund at the age of 75, a popular and colorful individual who will be long remembered by his many friends.

BIRTHS

Kaylee-Rae, born to Tracy Smith and Jim Nelson. On March 1st

Kyle Thomas, born to Colleen Rutledge and Tony Stich. On July 31st

Justin, born to Alicia Brown, grandson to Reino and Jim Brown. On April 8th

MARRIED

Doris Slind and Lauri Chambers on July 23rd

Sari Goudriaan and Anthony Glavin on August 22nd

ANNIVERSARY

June and George Huber celebrated 40 years together on August 29th

LETTERS

To: Coast Garibaldi Health Unit
4313B Alberta

To whom it may concern,
Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing you with regard to the water sample you took from the Wildwood water supply area in Powell Lake with regard to the AOX levels. I asked a Greenpeace biologist what the significance of the 10-14ppb level found would be in terms of bio-accumulation and his response was that anything in the lake would be inedible.

I am not really interested in an assurance from you that this is not the case. I am interested in having you go and get some fish and have them tested, possibly some of the Salmon Society's trout, and establish whether or not there is a hazard involved in consumption of fish from Powell Lake. Also, despite your assurances of safety at the levels encountered, given the persistence and potential for bio-accumulation of AOX compounds, you would be well advised to check the body burden levels of the residents of Wildwood for the presence of dioxins and dibenzofurans. I cannot say much for your department's latest response to my last letter as there was not one but I understand that the wheels of bureaucracy grind slowly if at all and I do look forward to your response. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

For the federal government to fob off a request for study into a perceived undermining of the health of a community to the provincial government when the provincial government has consistently weighed economics against human and environmental health and found the latter lacking is unacceptable and I am herein informing you that I am going back up the line to Health and Welfare Canada, and the Environmental Protection Service, and requesting that they step in and try and clean up the mess and establish blame. Incidentally, is it true that there are one hundred and thirty children from Powell River that have gone through Children's Hospital in Vancouver for cancer treatment? Is it true that the police in this community and in Port Alberni have reduced the tours of duty by half due to too many of them dying too quickly? From cancer?

The Greenpeace person I refer to above is Brian Killeen, based in Vancouver. In your next Coast Garibaldi Health report why don't you talk about live cancers instead of dead ones? How many people are undergoing treatment from cancer of various kinds from this

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GETTING INVOLVED

by Trish Keays

Two themes seem to run through issues of the Barnacle: 1) greater public involvement and more participatory democracy and 2) a subdued concern with unanswered questions, great expectations and huge amounts of work needed for community participation processes and mechanisms.

Organizing from the base or ground up seems to be an important alternative to having highly structured, and possibly manipulated "opportunities for consultation" happen within otherwise closed processes, such as in decision-making about parks, fisheries, or forestry.

We have to account for public involvement, building it into money budgets and accounts, and structure public involvement into the time budgets of people's daily weekly monthly routines. This is a comprehensive transformation all on its own.

For young people, this probably means through school and activity groups. For adults, through workplaces, training, special interest clubs and groups or organizations - like the Lund Community Club. In malls, in workplaces, in the local coffee cups, schools, government buildings, wherever people spend time anyway, there have to be ongoing opportunities for meaningful participation of the widest possible cross-section of the community.

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area? Not how many have died, delineated by address, not school district. That you continue to crank out your glossy poobah at public expense and ignore the worst pulp mill in the world's organochlorine discharges (amongst others) and their threat to man through our food webs makes me think your inaction is political in nature. Does your mandate even include industrial disease? There are a number of people who are convinced that the water from the Bunster Hills is contaminated with Vision. Why don't you test it and find out? Test it for P.O.E.A. and 1-4, dioxane (1988 medical journal the LANCET) and aminomethylphosphonic acid, not just glyphosate.

Yours Truly,
Grant Keays

Otherwise, the relatively tiny core of individuals who slog it out in the trenches of public consultation and involvement mechanisms will soon get burnt out or succumb to the more cynical views on such matters and go grow beans. The non-joiners, no matter how principled they are, are not useful in this discussion because by their non-joining they don't add weight, which is what we're after here -- numbers, weight, critical mass.

Another possible otherwise -- the always-just-below-the-surface tendencies of these discussions to polarize, become tribal, turn into 'us-and-them', or worse, us-against-them, surfaces, bubbles and boils.

In these latter cases, the cynicism around narrow windows of opportunity for the public to be involved in an advisory capacity (to which no-one has to listen), may prove to be justified - the concerned public wants involvement? let's involve 'em to death! The majority of people are

- a) apathetic, or scared
- b) unable to connect involvement in these issues with themselves personally or their families
- c) inexperienced in valuing their own opinions and capacity to be involved in such processes
- d) tired
- e) ordering from that catalogue
- f) working in the garden
- g) playing with the kids
- h) making the soup
- i) waiting at the dentist
- j) just getting by

SO we won't have to worry about much of a groundswell or reserve of energy, and everybody knows the hard-core are radical fringe anyway and the public ignores what those people say ...

Back to the drawing board, one more time, every time it doesn't work, **because what other option is there?** Only next time, hopefully, one more person will be with you, and the time after that, two more, and ...

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Regional Board Report

by Jill Goudriaan

Aug. 27, 1992 Ah politics! After almost two years of blistering from the reins of (theoretical if not actual) power, my hands are toughening into callouses. Regional government ain't perfect but it's better than what's happening in Sarajevo. The Powell River Regional Board doesn't have the wisdom of Solomon but we aren't fronting for a bunch of big city developers either. At least not this time round. At least not yet.

On the Board, a trusting heart and good intentions are no substitute for good notes and detailed reading of the minutes. Here, communication is often stylized and intrigues abound, yet people are working very hard to achieve what they think of as RIGHT. The diversity in what people think of as RIGHT, and the eagerness with which they characterize another point of view as WRONG is, at first, a bit surprising but this strategy has probably evolved to deal with the expectations of the public, who, with access to "headline information" and not the detail, appear to like issues served in a clearly polarized format. Decisions, it turns out, are rarely that simple, and making them presents opportunity for the best and the worst aspects of human nature to surface with dramatic regularity. The experience of serving as Director is powerfully engaging. It presents an opportunity for personal growth, and participation in a high stakes game where the rules have been developed over centuries and the outcomes are important.

Being part of Regional Government can be rewarding. For instance, right now, something I like is happening. At Board request, the staff have developed what looks to me like a very effective Waste Management Education Strategy. We have hired a Waste Management Education Coordinator; not a \$100/hour out-of-town-expert, but a local, who knows the community, has worked with the local media, and is on a first name basis with most of us sustainable development fans whose talent she will likely want to draw on.

The cornerstone of this 3 R's strategy is REDUCTION. That's right! What you have been saying all along, you living-lightly-on-the-earth-Area-A-idealists! Reduction. Reduction consciousness: life style, with a capital LIFE. That's what we have to make SEXY! To the Municipality of Powell River. To the Industrialized World.

"Enough! Enough! We all KNOW all that!," you are saying. "How can we

help?"

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This particular Reduction thrust is intended to assist with the transition from our community's current Poisonous-Pit-Burner-Garbage-Disposal to Waste Management by reduction, composting, landfilling non-compostable, non-toxics, and shipping out toxics. This will require lavish public education about source separation, reduction, what is toxic and so on. Naturally, we don't have a lavish budget. But we do have quite a few knowledgeable folks in the area with creative talent and a desire to leave their kids and grandkids more than a short life on a poison desert. We do have the services of a great coordinator, Wendy Young, for the next eight months and we do have a small budget. Here is our chance to influence by song, story and deed.

Our dump is a metaphor for our planet. Our trash is a metaphor for our trash.

Last September the Regional Parks Committee (which I am not on) voted to proceed with the acquisition of the Finn Bay Forestry Station and the dock in front of it. At subsequent public meetings it appeared that public opinion was strongly divided on several aspects of the proposal. As I spoke to community members in the following month, legitimate concerns were raised. This summer, the District finally received the total costs of the improvements from Lands and I attended the next Parks meeting to request that the Area A residents be polled in some way to determine their wishes.

My thanks to the staff who are now developing a SURVEY identifying options: A. acquire the site, maintain the land and buildings; B. Acquire the site, remove the buildings and so on. Because there was a clear consensus at the first public meeting that acquiring the property was a good idea, we have not included "Acquire nothing." as an option. However, if this is your wish, please include it under "Other. Please specify." There will also be a YES or NO question about keeping the float, and a space to indicate willingness to contribute volunteer energy to this project. There will also be a place for the name or names of survey respondents to ensure that one person only gets one opinion registered.. Arrangements will be made to have the surveys returned to the Board Office or to the Hotel. I will also ask individuals to collect them from each of the main roads but I can't guarantee this will happen everywhere so be prepared to get your survey in under your own steam. If we don't get a big

enough sample, we won't be able to use the results to direct our decision making. If we do get a good response, this experiment in public consultation will be successful and government from the bottom up will be seen as more than a trendy ideal.

As a result of my conversations in the community, I have acquired my own point of view vis a vis Finn Bay. A perspective that made a very deep impression on me was a comment by Wayne Watson who pointed out that not only residents of Sevilla would want to use the float. Boats from all over could find this an attractive spot to tie up and the resulting parking and traffic on Finn Bay Road could be crazy. Yikes!

I am excited about the possibility of Eco-Marine Tourism Training happening in Finn Bay rather than at a facility in Powell River or some other location outside Area A. The spinoffs from this activity will be significant, especially to local young people, and, during the three years or more that the course happens, the public can will use Finn Bay at no cost to the taxpayer because of the rent we will get. After that, properties will pay something less than ten bucks a year: capital costs, operating costs - total. Discussions with private sector folks indicate that parking does not need to be on the road or on the property. That's what I think. What do you think? Please watch for your survey in the householder mail or pick one up at the Board Office. Please discuss this issue and turn in the survey. Your response is very important.

Those of you uneasily noticing the migration of your school and hospital tax dollars from service areas to administration costs will enjoy reading the Hagquist report on Fairness in Compensation. Can Boards of ordinary folks effectively watch-dog the salaries of top administrators in the public sector? Sadly, expensively, the answer appears to be no (tho, so far, our Regional staff costs look good by comparison). Hagquist is a good read, naming names, describing juicy scams and providing pages of salaries that will bring tears to your eyes. He also makes intelligent recommendations that you might want to encourage our Provincial Government to heed. A call to the Ministry of Finance through ENQUIRY B.C.'s 800 number in the blue pages, will get you a free copy almost by return mail.

As many of you know, in just over a year I'll be passing the torch to someone else. The decisions of your Regional Representative will affect your taxes and your quality of life. It's time to start thinking about who this will be.

BOOKSHELF

by Donna Huber

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And so to print...at Last. Welcome back, Barnacle. First off, I must proudly launch into enthused sentences about a new children's book by local author Anne Cameron, called "The Gumboot Geese." It's about a nest of orphaned eggs which eventually hatch out and result in wild geese mingling with tame ones on a small farm owned by two women. You know, I love books that unabashedly describe the true surroundings the writer sees as the setting. Well, this book is about the hulks and about Anne's home farm and it really feels quite familiar and calm. It's also illustrated in quietly spooky black and white pen and ink drawings by me ol'Mom, June Huber. (Well, she'll be 60 next summer, you know!) A fine book, and you can get it autographed by the author and illustrator, just like you lived

in New York (and had a life). Kidding. Joanne has the book in her shop, along with another one I'd like to recommend. It's called "Living Things We Love To Hate" and it's by the 'mate' (are we swans now?) of Jo's sister, Sandi, a man you may've heard on CBC radio being interviewed by Lucy or Peter, Des Kennedy.

The book is actually really very good because it mixes a lot of potentially dead facts about dandelions, rats, fleas, slugs, etc., in with interesting little tales and it's all strung together by damned good writing. It also sports black and white illustrations and they are quite wonderful, by a talented young person named Sandy McKinnon.

Jo's sister and Des live on Denman Island and there's a photo of their funky house on the back of the book. (Some people really did make the 60's homesteading dream come true.) If you

look close you can see a sign "Caution: Slugs Crossing" posted at the entrance to the garden.

There's yet another book in Jo's shop... Hey, I have a summer job in Lund this year and never get to town anymore. I read what's available. (Summer job not in Jo's shop by the way. I plug for no ulterior motive.)

This is a slim volume called Sunny Sandy Savary Island by Ian Kennedy. (I'll slit my wrists if this is Des' brother; we're not that entwined out north of town.) Anyway, no great shakes, it is still an interesting flip through if you love to summer on Savary and have wondered from time to time about its history. It has a history, you know. Murder and money, hotels and young clerks traveling up by boat from Vancouver for a mini 'tropical' holiday back in the twenties.

And one more I did rip through as I rode along in my dad's new floating piano called "St. Maybe" by Anne Tyler.

I always find Anne Tyler characters as flat as last year's gingerbread boys and this book did little to spark my attention. Her theme seems to always be life in the suburbs; up and down the sidewalks her gingerbread boys walk, going in doors, sitting on beds and then, bash, a big car accident (you think for a moment you are back ten years ago reading "The World According To Garp") and the board people wind down and wind up, all the while eating cliché foods like coconut cake and nubbins of overdone roast beef. It's so predictable I could woof, but compelling in a way, I'll admit. You know like cheese whiz is sort of tasty on toasted wonderbread when there isn't any Nancy's wholegrain in sight, nor a greasy lump of Stilton to be found. Oh, it's grand to be back. Love to all.

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THOUGHTS ON FOOD

by June Huber

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Here we are at the end of another summer and I have, so far, no thoughts on food or anything else. These late August days are not conducive to thinking. I find it much pleasanter to sit on the deck at Carvers' sipping soda and watching the usual parade of tourists, inept boaters and other peculiar sights to be seen in downtown Lund, not to mention ourselves, we who live here, sifting around in the background, waiting for September.

Speaking of Carvers', they have been serving the usual high-quality baked goods we've come to expect. Who makes the best cinnamon buns in Lund? This is an endlessly arguable debate, Carvers' or Nancy's Bake Shop. I have my favourite but in the interests of peace, I think I will keep it to myself. On the subject of sandwiches or rather buns, I vote for Bunsters, hands down. Just the best ingredients and lots of them, never had a bad bun there! Believe it or not, I've only eaten ONE piece of Death by Toffee this year. Of course, now that I've said that, I can go over there and pig out. Who's to know? How many for you, Keith?

After commenting on the "old" eating places in Lund, it's now the turn of the new. First, Nancy's Bake Shop. It's located under and to the rear of the

Lund Hotel. This is an inspired addition to the Lund downtown scene. The baking is superb, how nice to have hot, fresh baguettes. I especially like the herb cheese variety to serve to dinner guests. Of course, her cinnamon rolls are wildly popular as are the fruit pizzas, brownies, huge cookies and whole wheat breads of various kinds. It's great to grab an assortment on your way out fishing or picnicing. "Mom" gets tired of all that baking herself and loves a break. They also sell ice cream.

Many kudos are due to the new Lund Hotel. The general clean-up and beautification of downtown Lund is much appreciated by all who come to Lund. The new owners have tackled a large project with much success and some failure. This being mainly a food column, I will only comment on food there. The food production is uneven, mostly good, sometimes excellent and quite a few not-so-hots, though to be fair, even the not-so-hots are farther apart than when they first opened, with perhaps a too exotic menu and not enough experience with the eating habits of the general public. Esoteric food may be served in small specialty restaurants in Vancouver but in places like Lund, well-prepared, fresh, local seafood and produce seems to be what is mostly sought by locals and tourists alike.

I've eaten there about once a week all summer and can recommend the fish and chips; tasty, thin, crisp beer batter, fresh fish and lots of chips. The tartar sauce is good too. But ... a week or so ago, in the dining room, I had a chicken almond sandwich with Roquefort dressing. The chicken almond part was delicious, the Roquefort dressing had

lumps of Roquefort the size of walnuts mixed in with it; That much cheese of that type is so powerful, it completely overwhelmed the delicate chicken. I was underwhelmed with the great slab of white bread and its dab of butter dying under the lettuce salad. A crispy, hot, buttery toasted slice or two of French bread would have looked better and tasted better, too.

The service was cheerful and friendly but dismally slow. One hour is too long to wait for any meal, in any restaurant but I'm sure as the kitchen and staff learn their jobs more thoroughly, this will also fade into the past. I haven't retried my favourite pub food, Chicken and Jo-Jos, since the first time when I got fried chicken and fried potatoes, well, I can do that at home and not blacken the edges either. When I eat in the pub, I want pressure-fried chicken, hot, crunchy and juicy with the Jo-Jos crisp on the outside and fluffy on the inside with lashings of ketchup! I don't give a damn if it isn't good for me but then, neither is the beer!

Last, but not least, is the Seafood Shop. This is a fine, clean, bright place to get live clams, oysters, crabs and prawns. They have a selection of fresh frozen fish also. When they first opened you could buy cooked prawns but some weird regulation from the Fisheries or Health Department says you can't do this. So, what you can do is cook your own right on the premises. One of these days I'll get up enough nerve to boil a live crab. How DO you pick the buggers up anyhow?

Well, I can't end without a goofy recipe from one of my favourite recipe books, "Sinking Spells, Hot Flashes, Fits and Cravin's." I dedicate this recipe to you, David Foot! It's called, "Rose Pinks' Baloney Roll-Ups."

- 1 package baloney
- 1 carton orange juice
- plain yellow mustard

While standing in front of the refrigerator, take one slice of baloney out of the package. Using the back of the package as your work area, tightly roll up the baloney slice. Eat it and relish the salty taste or dip into the mustard and relish the salty taste! Now grab the orange juice carton and take a big swig... yes, straight from the carton. It's better that way. Repeat procedure until you can wait until lunch but you haven't lost your appetite. This snack is more enjoyable if, when eating, the refrigerator door is left open and you lean against the counter. Minna Dean said, "When I found her propped-up in front of the icebox that night she still had mustard on her lips."



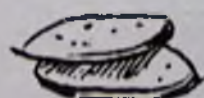
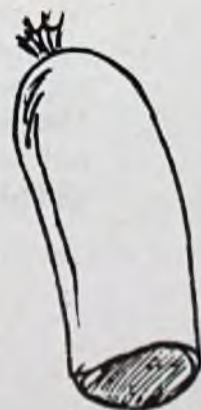
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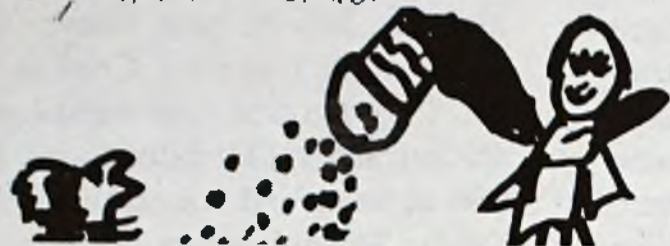
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Lund School

At Lund School we do work like writing. I like Lunch because I get to play outside. On Sports Day we do races. On our 100 Day party we had fun because our mums and dads came. My best center is computer.

By Shannon Bamford



We learned about bubbles. My class went to Science-world. We made bubble pictures. I like counting up to 100. My favourite center is sand. I liked the 100 day party we got to pick 100 things. I like show and tell. I like aerial soccer. I like reading "Cooking pot". I like doing math. I like playing x tag. I liked learning about elephants.

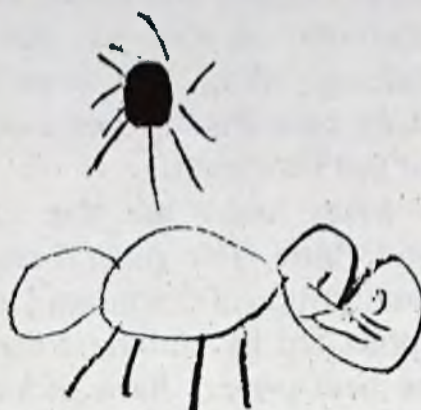
by Amy Tebbutt



by Jennifer Laycraft

Lund School
I like Lund School because we go on field trips. I like going to Vancouver. We do centres. I like house and sand best. Journals is fun. I like writing and reading. I like doing the calendar. I like math tubs and art. I like videos. Assemblies are fun. We do lots of singing. We have show and tell. Buddy reading is fun.

Playing with Lego is fun. I like playing in the Sand. I like reading *The Little Red Hen*. School is fun because we go to Savary.
by Stephen Laycraft.



Lund School

I like writing about dinosaurs. I like playing with my friends. I like eating my Lunch and recess. I like playing outside.

I like reading. I like soccer. I like P.E. we do different things. I like field trips. I liked the trip to Vancouver. I went on the sky Train. it was fun.

By Marshall Rudlet



My name is Dana Percy. I like to go to my Dad's. I like to go to my brother's. I like to go to my Uncle Dennis's. I like to go to Savary. I like school because I can play outside and play inside.



Lund School

I like School because it has things in it to play with. We learn things like bubbles. We went to Vancouver. I liked it when we went to Science World. We have visitors like Mrs Behr. We have P.E. and some times we play. I wrote a letter to my love and on the way I dropped it.
By Lyra Kelsey.



Lund School

We learned a lot more than last year. Sometimes it is fun for people. Our 100 day party was fun. We did some really neat stuff on our 100 day party. I liked doing necklaces. I like playing aerial soccer.
by Jennine Mutas



Lund School

I like school because there are lots of things to do. I like learning about Bubbles because it is fun. I liked going to Vancouver because there was lots of things to see and do. I like Assembly because we get rats on the back and we get to sing. P.E. is fun because we play lots of fun games. I like school because there is not many kids.

By Emma Behr

Primary Pages

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Lund School We learn about bubbles. They pop. They float. They get in to circles. We go to science world. I like going on the field trips the best one was van couver, because we slept in a church and watched a car bon and we went to some parks. And we went to some parks. And we went to the museum of Anthropology. by Lili Se kam Butterfield

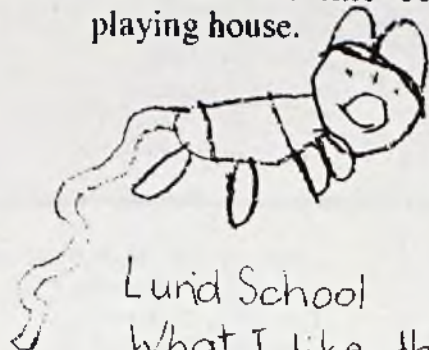


Lund School It is fun play. We leamed about dinosaurs space Oceans indians bubbles. School is fun because we do canters. I like House Sand computer and the train track. I liked the 100 day party. I like going to Vancouver. by stacey



Lund Scool I like making bubble pictures. I like math. I like lunch and recess. I loved our today Party. I like Ooblock becuse it is mucky. I like mathtubs. by sara Behan

My name is Robert Malon. I like going to Lund School. I like drawing and reading. I like playing with dinosaurs. I like colouring, and playing house.



Lund School What I like the best is when we get to go on the field to play games. I like it when some one comes over and tells us a lot of things. What I like best about P.E. is when we play Aerial Soccer. I liked learning about Oceans the best. by Myles Stern



I am Harmon Fahey. I like school because I can choose whatever Centre I like. My favourite book is Mr Grump.



Lund School I like School because you learn a lot of things. We get to do singing and have Assembly. I like experiments with bubbles and other things. We did a lot of math on the 100 Day party I like doing math books and math tubs. They are very fun. I like playing aerial soccer. We have a lot of vistors. I liked listening to Mrs Pielle's stories. By Joeline

Lund School like Math. I like

learning about dinosaurs I am on chapter eleven mostly like school because we get to play outside. When we go outside we play Aerial Soccer or different things by Taylor Holbrook



Lund School We have fun. We have p.e. We have field trips. We have visitors. We do math. We do bubble pictures. We blow bubbles with bubble wands and straws We have canters. We have singing. My favourite center is the computer. I liked the 100 day party because it was fun. by Rosalyn Edmondson



Rainbow Bubbles

Bubbles.....bubbkes are Colorful and slippery Round and slimy Wet as a tadpole Bubbles....bubbles Over a fence. by Katie Potter-Ervington



We have contributed some samples of work that we did during the year. Most of these items were written while we were studying one of the three main themes this year, The Ocean, Space, and First Nations.

We studied Native peoples most recently. We wrote **creation myths** about how things began on earth. We also wrote **totem stories** to go with large totem poles we made. Totem stories tell why certain animals are special to us. These stories are fictional but many of us wrote about animals that we really do like. Our families helped gather ideas for one of these stories. While we were studying the foods native people eat, we wrote stories on **gathering food**. We tried to include foods from all food groups found on the land and in the sea. We all wrote three **Haiku** poems about the Arctic. These poems have a certain number of syllables on each line. They are 3 lines long. We also tried our hand at writing a **rebus**. A rebus tells a story but it has pictures as well as words.

While we studied Space, we wrote **adventure stories** about space. We also wrote plays that included 2 or 3 people. One of the most difficult projects we did was to write a **Found Poem**. We wrote ours about Space, using astronaut's stories and quotes to find some of the words we used. When we were finished, they were so good that the teacher sent them to the Barnacle (but they were too late for publishing). We have put some in this time.

We really enjoyed studying the ocean, too. One of the first stories we wrote was **Lost at Sea**. We hope you enjoy reading our stories and poems.

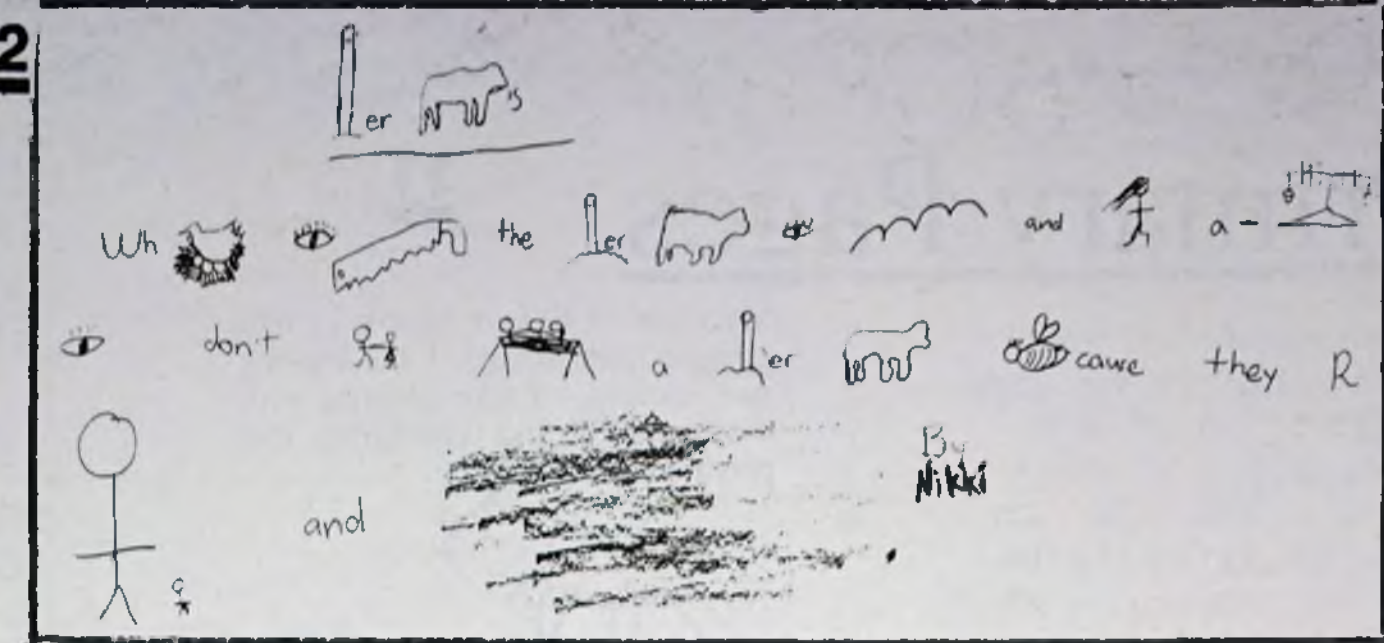
HOW SAVARY WAS CREATED by Daniel

Once upon a time there was a family of giants. The smallest giant's name was Peter and he was 2 years old. Peter had walked from Africa to Vancouver Island to get some good sand for the sand castle competition. Peter scooped up sand from Vancouver Island and walked safely over Texada Island. After that he didn't realize his shoelaces were untied.

The magical sea beast "Riptide" spotted Peter's NIKE shoelaces and grabbed them. Riptide gave them a good pull. Peter's feet flew out from under him. Peter tripped over Harwood Island and the bucket flew out of his hands. All the sand flew out of the bucket and made a pile of sand where there wasn't an island. The water made the sand dump and little trees shot up from the sand.

People came to the new island and played on the sandy beach and made houses in the middle of the island.

That was how Savary was made.



Collecting Food For a Feast

by Colin

My name is Ootex. My mother has just sent me out into the forest to catch food for dinner. I live in a little Helda tribe and we are having the leader of the tribe over for dinner.

"Look, there's a rabbit. I will get it with my bow and arrow. There's another one. I will get it too."

Now I have two rabbits. I will get some berries now. "Look, there are some salmon berries."

Now I have two rabbits and a bucket of salmon berries. "Now I need some blackberries. I will go to the place I always go to get blackberries. There's the spot."

Now I have a bucket of blackberries. I will go to the bench and get some clams, some oysters, some seaweed and halibut. Oh no, there's a bear! And he's hungry!

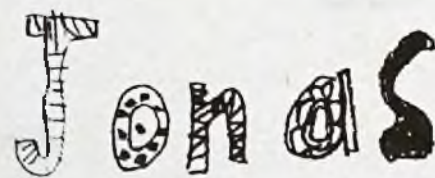
I will try to kill him with my spear. I have speared him but he's still alive. I will finish him with my bow and arrow. Now we can have some bear for dinner too.

There's the place we keep the halibut. I will get some. Now I will get some oysters. Opps. I cut my hand on the oyster. Now I better get some clams.

Now I've got everything I want. I can go back. Oh, no. I forgot the seaweed! There's some seaweed, I will go home. I forgot the grouse. I will get it! Got it!

Now I can go back. There is my mom. I will give her the food I got.

That night we had a big feast with the leader of the tribe.



WOLF

by Jesse

One night I was sleeping in the woods and I heard a weird sound. It was a bear. Then I heard another weird sound. It was a wolf. The wolf injured the bear. As soon as I got up the bear was dead. I thanked the wolf and gave him some meat. And that is why the wolf is special to me.

THUNDER-BIRD

by Jamie

In the early days there was no thunder. One day an eagle caught a whale. He dropped it. It made a booming in the hills. The people called it thunder.

OUT OF THE WORLD SO GREAT

by Adriel

Up in Space the world
Looks like a Styrofoam ball,
Painted in the colours of
Green and blue, and then
When you come back,
It is like you are on
A roller coaster, and then
You are a star.

THE EXPLOSION

by Darryl
In the middle of the solar system, A., Jesse, Dust and I were just about to land on the moon when the engines blew up. A. got stuck in the engine room so I went in to rescue him. He got out before I did and I got out the emergency escape door. A., Jesse and Dust thought I was dead so when I said, "Let's party!", they thought they were hearing things. In a matter of minutes a crowd of asteroids surrounded us. I saw one of the guns and blasted three or four asteroids and got away.

We built a spaceship, a real spaceship that was quite large. It was as big as a boat. We got away safely. Phew, I thought we were toast but we were okay! We landed in the ocean and had to bale out. A shark swam up to us and just about got me. A. got on his back, "EEE HAAAA!"

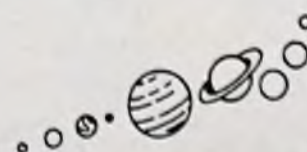
"It's a time bomb, A.!"
KABLOOEE! "Let's go home!"

Then a spaceship came and picked us up and took us into space. Suddenly it turned into an alien invasion! A. and I used our pistols but Jesse got killed. We found the rest of the enemy ships and blew them away. "Victory is won!" After that we landed on the moon and got some rocks and went home. Just then a blue crab with 60 eyes, 2 brains and 10 000 legs tried to blow us up. Then I grabbed a laser gun and blew it to bits and pieces. A. and Dust stopped the other fighters. We gathered up some rocks and went home to study them. Boy, was I ever glad to be home!!

SPACE POEM

by Adrienne

The earth is bright and
The moon is dull.
By daylight the sea is blue.
It's like looking at candy
In a glass jar with all
The colors in the earth.
Its colors are shinier
Than the shiniest velvet.



Deer (A Totem Story by Rachel)

One day, I went to Kali's house and we went into her backyard. The dog went into the forest and we lost track of him. Kali and I got separated. I kept calling Kali but she didn't answer. So I kept walking because I knew eventually I would run into the road. Then it became night and I slept under a tree. I put a whole bunch of leaves under. Then I got very hungry so I found some rhubarb. And I ate it for dinner. Then I went to sleep.

In the morning I woke up and I thought I saw a deer right beside me and I was shocked to hear the deer talking in English. He asked, "What happened?"

I said, "Kali, a friend of mine, and I were looking for the dog because we saw him run into the bush. I'm LOST! Do you know the way to Kali's?"

"Yes, I do. I think I remember just yesterday bringing a girl named Kali back. She said that her friend was lost and her name is Rachel. She said, 'She is in the bush somewhere, could you find her please?' So I have been looking for you ever since yesterday. And now I can bring you back to Kali's. Now if I can remember right, we just have to go North."

An hour later, "Here we are!" I said.

"Goodbye," said the deer.

"No, wait! Come in, I think we have some rhubarb to repay you for helping Kali and I."



HOW I SAVED MY SOUL

by Abby
It was, oh, you could say midnoon. Mom was cooking and it was a beautiful summer's day. "Two moons, could you go get something for us to eat? We are almost out of food," Mom said to me.

"Yeah, sure, Mom," I said. I got a couple of deer skin bags and a basket.

First, I went to the forest. I took my bow and arrow and shot three deer. Then I picked some huckleberries. Later, I decided to go to the ocean and collected clams, salmon fish eggs, and herring. Hey, where was I?

Well, I was walking to the right, so home must be to the LEFT! No, that's not it! Was I here, or there? I know! I know! (Fit, fit, fit, fit, fit) Yes! Yes! Home! (Puff, pant)

"Dear-r-r, did you get food?"
"Yes, Mom, and we'll have a great feast tonight."

OTTERS by Brodie

Otters are warm blooded mammals. They eat fish, urchins, crabs and mollusks. They have dark brown fur and can sometimes have almost black fur. River otters were almost extinct but in 1911 there was an international treaty signed to protect them. There are a few left. The river otters' fur was favored by the Chinese and Canada could get a good price for them.

Otters are playful and are good swimmers. In the winter otters slide down snow banks, and in the summer they slide down mud banks. The place otters spend a lot of time is called an otter run.

Ice Crystals

Glittering tingling,
Cold, frozen, pointy, crackling,
Flaking ice crystals.
by Paul



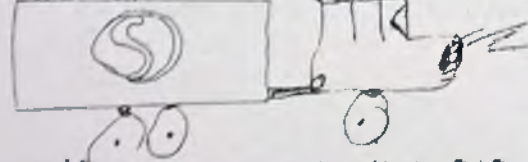
Lost at Sea

One day I was lost at sea. I found a conch and a hermit crab. I had nothing to eat so I caught some fish. then I went for a swim. There was a boat in the water. It was abandoned. I got in. I took it to shore. It had food in it. I ate it all. It had a rowboat on the back. I took it for a spin. I hit a float. Next thing I was on a whale's back. He beached himself, and I got off.
by Dustin

Dear Class,

I had fun skiing. I stayed at Angela's. I mostly drew pictures.

Here's one:



I didn't do much other than that. DAD SOLD OYSTERS ON THE TOP OF THE SKI HILL!!!
by Lupin

WOLF by Joel

One day Bobcat and Raven were firends, and Raven said, "Bobcat, if you give me man's fire, I will tell you where game is."

While they were talking, Wolf heard and ran to us and told us what he had heard. Then Bobcat came. We gave him so much to eat, he forgot to steal fire from us.

WHY THE SKY IS BLUE by Shaun

One day a man named Ootek (who was an awesome painter, 'bout as good as Leonardo Da Vinci) was sittin' around wonderin' what to do. Ootek asked his Husky what to do. The Husky started to howl. Ootek said, "Okay," and started to howl.

"Naa, that's borin'!" So, he decided to paint. He painted a flower, but the Inuit weren't too familiar with flowers. So, he painted a flower that looked weird. It isn't the best flower, but it is a good tree!

So then he decided to start a massive project. He was going to paint all the snow blue! "I'll go down in all the history books!" he said to his Husky. So, he went down to the bank. He found out he spent all his money on gumballs. So, he decided to get a job as a plastic surgeon. "Naa! That is a dumb idea! So he waited for his paycheck. (He works at a candy store.)

When he had about \$900.00 he went to "Wool Wards."

Kuvlu pegged him straight in the face. "Oops!" Kuvlu said sarcastically. Next thing they knew they were poundin' on each other. When the cops got there they had huge grins on their faces. When the cops asked 'em what happened, "Nothing!" they both said together, but blood was going down the faces. And then Ootek fell face down on the street. The cop wondered if he should stick 'em in the trunk, or call the ambulance. He decided to call an ambulance. He went into his car and reached in. "Hello, this is nine-one-one."

Thump! Kuvlu fell right beside Ootek. "We have one...no, make that two, unconscious men here."

"Okay, I'll send an ambulance." It took them one hour to get 5 miles. 10 hours later the ambulance came. But it was rush hour, so it took them 15 hours to get to the hospital.

20 days later, Ootek wanted to get back at Kuvlu. He had heard that Kuvlu was setting up a practical joke for Ootek. He found out what Kuvlu was going to do. Kuvlu knew about Ootek's major project. He would call Ootek and tell him he would give him some paint then, when Ootek walked through the door a bucket of paint would fall on his head. But by pushing a trampoline in instead of Ootek it would send the bucket back up! Ootek didn't know there wasn't a roof on Kuvlu's house. So, when he did the trick it went into the sky and splashed all over it. From that day on the sky was blue.

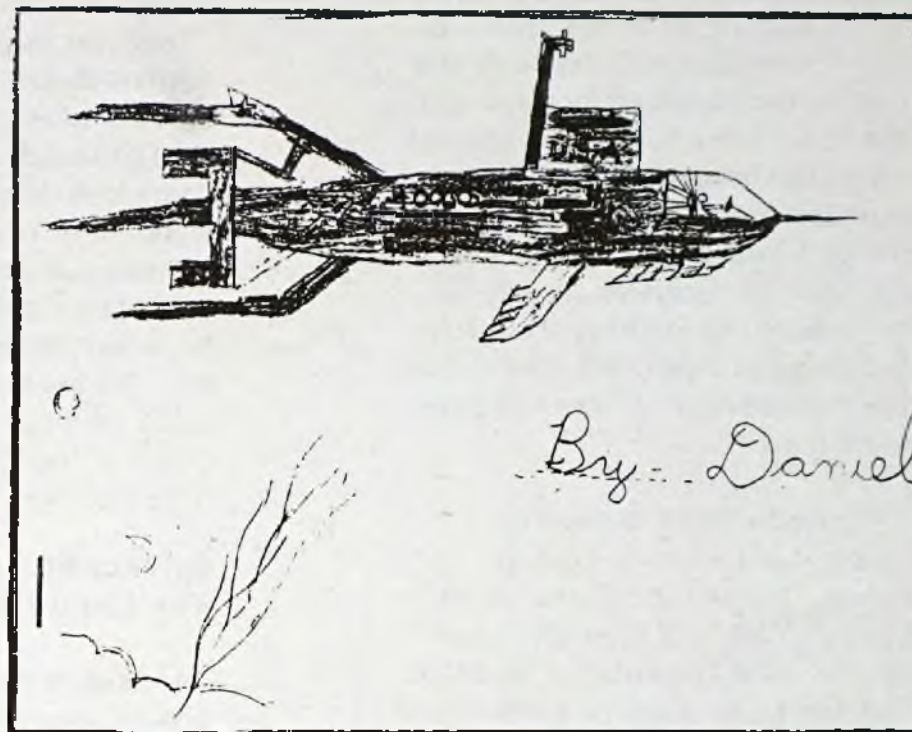
EARTH'S POEM by Jana

Search and search for all you see
You'll never find a home
Like ME
If you take a glance
At Jupiter and Saturn,
They are gas planets; you'll
Never stand a chance.
Now you know to stay at home
Earth, that's me



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MORE LUND SCHOOL



ASTRONAUTS IN SPACE!

While the Earth is orbitting
Around the Sun,
The astronauts come out and have
Some fun.
Jumping around in the blackness they
do,
And I sit all alone,
Wishing I could come too. by Holly

Lost At Sea by Brandy

Once upon a time the waves
were crashing and the winds were
whistling and the thunder was crashing
and the lightning was flashing. When
the sun rose we woke up to the sun.
Soon as the sun rose we started off for
our adventure. While I was driving my
friends were calm. We landed at a nice
sunny beach where we played until
night. We started a fire.



By Naomi Red Alert!

Commander Naomi: Fuel full
Captain Holly: Check
Commander Naomi: Booster rockets
ready.
Captain Holly: Check
Commander Naomi: Blast-off in ten
seconds. 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
BLAST-OFF!
Captain Holly: I'm now 9.5 Km away
from Earth.
Commander Naomi: Is that the red
alert I hear?
Captain Holly: yes it is, something
must have gone wrong, I am heading
straight for Mars.
Commander Naomi: Yes something
must have gone wrong. Change your
path to 507338RR24.
Captain Holly: Yes sir, phew that was
a close call, I just past Mars by 6M.
Commander Naomi: Check all major
parts for damage.
Captain Holly: oh no! the fuel tank
went, I'm heading back to...
Commander Naomi: are you ok, hey
stranger call the Ambulance I'm
going to do CPR. She is not
breathing, does she have a pulse,
yes, next thing I have to do is mouth
to mouth, frst thing is to tip her
head back and take two breaths, and
breathe into her, and then count to
5. 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000,
and then breathe into her 1 more
time, count to 5 again
1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000. Oh
she is breathing again, here comes
the Ambulance.

(later that day)

Captain Holly: gee thanks a lot for
helping me Commander Naomi.
Commander Naomi: Oh, it was
nothing I learned it at S.t John
Ambulance when I was 9.

As part of the umbrella theme "**Evolution**", Lund Elementary School students studied the themes Oceans, Space, and First Nations. The grade 5/6 class also studied the **Pacific Rim**, specifically **Japan**. A Japanese student who is living in Powell River and a Japanese teacher who is working at James Thomson came to our class and taught us how to write our names in Japanese and how to say some words. We learned how to introduce ourselves in Japanese, count to ten, and even how to sing "Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in Japanese. It was fun and interesting learning about life and school in Japan. We also learned how to make paper cranes and other origami art.

We looked at some of the other Pacific Rim countries, such as **Korea**, Thailand and China, as well. Willow's dad, Jeff Chernov, came into our class and talked to us about **Thailand**. We were very interested in his pictures, souvenirs and jewelry. We learned a lot about Thailand, especially about the Hill Tribes People. Patricia Keays, Maylene's mom, also came in to show us pictures and souvenirs from **China** and to share her perceptions about what life was like there. We really enjoyed learning about these countries.

Vancouver Field Trip

The highlight of our school year was definitely our overnight school field trip to Vancouver which involved all students from Kindergarten through to grade 6. We were accompanied by teachers, parents, and other kind souls who graciously volunteered to take part in this trip. While the original intent and purpose of this trip was to visit the Museum of Anthropology at UBC, several other objectives were also accomplished at the same time. Children and adults alike certainly benefited and learned from the events we participated in. Our first stop was at the **Museum of Anthropology** where students had the opportunity to review first hand what they had already studied and at the same time, they had the opportunity to experience and learn about the First Nations people. On our way to the **Geological Museum** at UBC we viewed the construction of the new Long House on the campus. At the Geological Museum we observed many rock samples and fossils, including the fossil of a *Lambeosaurus* dinosaur. After a play break at a local recreation park, we went to Macdonald's for dinner and then to St Helen's church to

sleep. Following a bright and early rising, we went for a ride on the **Skytrain** and then spent the rest of the day at **Science World**. That was cool! We saw and did a lot of things there. Then we went home and that was our trip to Vancouver. It was great!!

First Nations People

This year as part of our First Nations theme, the grade 5/6 class studied different tribes, focusing on the Haida and the Inuit. We enjoyed doing individual projects about different tribes. We have read legends and stories, made paper totem poles, colored Haida humming birds, and designed our own native art. We learned a lot about totem poles, carvings and other native things at the Museum of Anthropology.

ScienceWorld The Liquid Nitrogen Show

At Science World there was a presentation about liquid nitrogen. We learned that liquid nitrogen is -196 degrees celsius. We learned that when you dip something in liquid nitrogen it freezes within seconds. The presenter dipped banana peels into the liquid nitrogen. Then she dropped them onto a hard floor and they shattered into many pieces. She stuck a hose into the liquid nitrogen and it came out stiff in a cup shape. The steam from the liquid nitrogen went down because it was so cold. The liquid nitrogen boiled when she put something warm into it.

Omnimax Theatre

The Omnimax Theatre is a dome-shaped screen that is all over the ceiling and the walls. We watched a show on Antarctica. In one of the scenes we were made to feel like we were in a 'chase' plane behind a helicopter. It felt very real. We dipped into valleys of ice and dodged rock mountains and cliffs. It told about the scientists that lived in Antarctica. To get to the theatre you have to walk up a spiral ramp. It had two lanes, one for going up and one for going down because it is so crowded. The dome-shaped screen makes it feel like you are in the picture. Every one found the Omnimax theatre very exciting and interesting.

Savary Day

Each year parents, students and staff have one day in June when we go to Savary Island to swim, play, have contests, eat and relax. There were five boats, but one of them had to do two trips to pick up the rest of the

students. It was hot and sunny that day with no breeze on the water. After all the fun, we went home.

Discovery Box

To celebrate Canada's 125th birthday, students from classrooms in all provinces participated in writing to each other telling what their hometowns and schools were like. Students in our class brought pictures and descriptions of beaches, islands, houses and trees of Lund, Powell River, Vancouver Island, Savary Island. We brought samples of shells, branches, berries, crabs, seaweed, and even a giant cockroach we found in the high tide line on a local beach. We wrote letters about life in Lund, Powell River, and some other local places. We even wrote about other places in British Columbia.

Complex Swim

One day we went to the Complex to swim. It was fun. One girl named Nikki Tebbut went off the high diving board for the first time. Everyone was cheering her on and guess what? She jumped! That was our trip to the Complex.

Oceans

When we studied the ocean this year, we learned about waves, kelp, tides, and seaweed. Our class studied sea animals such as crabs, fish, clams, oysters, shellfish, geoducks, and killer whales. Mrs Lawn came in and taught us about seaweed prints. We wrote stories about killer whales, which we then made prints of. Sarah's mom, Anne Stern, and Adrienne's dad, Rob Langley, came in and taught us about oysters and clams. We also went to Okeover Beach and Gibson's Beach to learn about sealife in both sandy and rocky places.

While we were at Okeover Beach, one of the things we did was throw a hoola-hoop and where it landed we would study the thing inside it, like barnacles or oysters and much, much more. We even found a dead jellyfish on a rock. We left by car in the morning at about 9:30. We came back on the bus like we do for many field trips. On some trips we don't bring other classes, but mostly we do. We go to a lot of beaches and other places. We had alot of fun on these beach trips.

We started our space theme just before Roberta Bondar went into space on the Discovery. We studied about space and the nine planets. We each wrote reports about individual planets or stars that we studied about and then presented our reports to the class to teach the class what we had learned. We decorated the class room to look like outer space, complete with Black Holes! By far the most exciting part was watching the space ship with Roberta Bondar take off and land!

The Light Show

We all went to J.P Dallos where Science World was putting on a show about plasma balls, black lights, and primary colors. It turned out that they told us the wrong colors. Under a black light, things such as florescent shoelaces, bouncy balls, skipping ropes and even tonic water will glow.

Communication Skills French

Mr. Newman is a French Teacher. He came some Monday mornings for March and April and spoke French with us. we studied colors, foods, animals, greetings, clothing, and French games. We watched French videos and later made up skits about the videos. Mr. Newman taught us the alphabet and the game Battleships in french. Willow's french speaking friend, Jean, from Quebec taught us lots of words which were almost the same in English as they were in French. We even learned to sing some songs in French.

Darcy MacFronton, Shanti's mom, came to our class to talk to us about communication skills on how to express feelings without blaming another person. She also taught us some French words and games.

French Play

This year our class went into J.P. Dallos to watch a French play. It was difficult to understand because they spoke completely in French. I thought the French play was pretty weird. We also went to J.P. Dallos for a concert sung in French. The French singer was pretty neat. She sung a lot of good songs.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Lost Flamingos for their donation to the school for P.E. equipment.

We extend a generous thank you to all the parents and community members who were so supportive and encouraging to students during fundraising this year, and to all the parents (and Maggie) who helped on our field trip.



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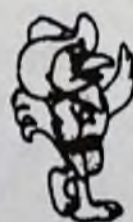
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NO TIME TO SOFT PEDDLE THE ORGANOCHLORINE RISK

by Rex Weyler, Cortes Island
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anyone growing, harvesting, or consuming oysters from these waters. However, we cannot assume that these same levels would be found at locations more exposed to the mill effluents. It is quite likely that, when tested, oysters from

Recent organochlorine (dioxin and furan) tests from Cortes Island show that local shellfish are relatively safe to consume. However, it would be a grave mistake to consider this a reason for general euphoria, or to relax our effort to eliminate organochlorine discharges from the local pulp mills.

Federal tests were conducted in Gorge Harbour, Squirrel Cove, and at the Townley Islands. (Editor's Note: These tests were done this spring. The rest of the results, shown in the table, were done in the last few years.) The tests looked for the eight most toxic dioxins and furans only, so we do not have knowledge of all the organochlorines (there are over a thousand) in the shellfish. Nevertheless, these tests give us enough information to draw some general conclusions.

The table on this page gives approximate toxic levels in oysters from seven sites at varying distances from the Powell River pulp mill. Toxicity is measured in "Toxic Equivalents" of the most toxic dioxin, and accounts only for the eight compounds measured. The table also shows the approximate number of oysters that would be safe to eat per week from each site. These numbers can be relied upon as a guideline only, as they are based on best available information to date, and on current Canadian intake standards.

What can we conclude? First of all, in general, the toxic levels drop as we move away from Powell River. However, we see that this correlation is not uniform. Samples from the Townley Islands show higher concentrations of the tested compounds than samples from the north side of Savary Island. Note that the oysters from Mace Point, on the south side of Savary, show three-and-a-half times the toxicity of those from the north side. This tells us that perhaps the organochlorines are deposited (like rain on a mountain slope) on the approach side of the islands.

Inside Squirrel Cove the toxicity levels are about the same as on the north side of Savary Island. Inside Gorge Harbour the levels drop considerably, telling us that in the more protected bays, the shellfish seem to receive less impact from mill effluents. On the one hand, this is certainly good news for

SUGGESTED LIMIT ON INTAKE GEORGIA STRAIT OYSTERS

| Sample Location | Km from P.R. Mill | Toxic Equiv. ppt TCDD | Limit on Intake Oysters/Week |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Malaspina Strait | 2.2 | 17.181 | 7 |
| Scuttle Bay | 6.5 | 65.786 | 2 |
| Mace Point | 12.9 | 21.624 | 6 |
| North Savary | 19.5 | 6.180 | 21 |
| Townley Island | 28.0 | 10.987 | 12 |
| Squirrel Cove | 44.0 | 6.089 | 21 |
| Gorge Harbour | 46.0 | 2.056 | 64 |

Based on a 165-pound person, an average 40 gram (1.4 oz) oyster, the Canadian suggested intake limit of 0.010 ppt of body weight per day, Canadian Fisheries and Oceans organochlorine samplings, and NATO 1988 International Toxicity Equivalent Factors.

Sutil Point or Mary Point will show concentrations of organochlorines more in line with Savary and the Townley Islands.

The Fisheries scientists are extremely cautious, as scientists should be, about extrapolating the current evidence onto untested beaches, or drawing conclusions such as those outlined in this table. However, we as citizens who are actually consuming and marketing these shellfish, have the motivation, the right, and even the duty to do so. The final question: when you eat an oyster, or serve one to your child, or sell one to your customer, are you confident that the oyster is safe to eat?

First of all, there is no evidence to suggest that there is any such thing as a safe limit of organochlorine consumption. It is true that science has not yet been able to show precise impact from very low levels of consumption. It is also true that there are natural organochlorines in the environment that do not come from pulp mills, and that we all have these in our bodies. Still, all information to date suggests that we should be extremely cautious with these toxic substances, and that we should consume as little as possible. The BC Ministry of Lands and Parks has concluded from recent tests on human subjects that "consumption of fin fish and shell fish were highly correlated" to dioxin levels in tissue.

To be safe, consume the shellfish harvested from the most protected waters, the Gorge, Squirrel Cove, Manson's Lagoon. People in the industry can be confident of selling their product from these areas. However, we should continue to press the mills to eliminate the organochlorines from their effluent, and encourage the Department of

SAVE GEORGIA STRAIT ALLIANCE

The Save Georgia Strait Alliance held its Third Annual Marathon on August 22nd. The theme of this marathon was "Protect Our Estuaries" and ten percent of the Alliance's proceeds will be given directly to estuary preservation societies. Additionally, this year each participant can chose a sponsoring organization and have a generous portion of proceeds go to that organization.

In May 1992, the Alliance received \$75,000(US) from the Seattle-based Bullitt Foundation. This foundation supports efforts to protect and restore the environment of the Northwest and includes the Strait and Sound as a priority focus.

Over the next months, the Alliance will produce a video on the marathon, publish new educational materials, distribute its inaugural newsletter and carry out hands-on activities during Environment Week.

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THOUGHTS FOR THE BARNACLE to the students of the Grade 8-9 Summer School class

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from John Keays

The Grade 5 class at JP Dallos measured barnacles at Westview Beach and Gibson's Beach in June, and found the former smaller, according to an article in the Powell River News.

You measured them at the same site in July, and you also measured them in the Lund Harbour. I was on Quadra Island in August and measured 55 barnacles all growing on the largest barnacle I've ever seen (22 millimetres, nearly 1/2 an inch), or on each other.

The plan for Gibson's Beach was to go left at the boat launch and walk along the beach toward the mill until you came to a large white sign, saying Sewage Outfall. In a 10-15 foot strip down the beach the barnacles are large, and there are a lot of mussels. The first measurements were to be made here. On either side there is a kilometre or so where most of the barnacles are very small, and there is not a lot else, and the second measurements were to be made somewhere in this area. Two groups of students measured barnacles to the right

of the boat launch, where they are slightly larger. I have omitted these data although they don't change the picture much.

One student who measured them to the left of the boat launch measured mainly middle-size ones, and when I asked if they'd seen any small ones said "You mean those tiny ones? Oh no, they're too hard to measure". These data are also omitted, and there may be a bias in favour of larger barnacles at all sites except Quadra Island. Here as in all cases, 1/2 the fault is mine for failing to explain myself clearly.

Here are the data as frequency histograms - how many in each size class - and in fond memory of those multiple choice exams that were the only thing I could find fast to get your minds off the greater pleasures of lighting a fire in class or throwing things at me (a challenge as I'm rather thin and how well I remember the fun and how different from the other side), I have 2 questions for you. They are intended to help you and your future understand why you all passed (it was not, in all cases, because you understood the textbook material).

Question 1.

On the basis of this information it is possible to suggest that the barnacles at Gibson's Beach:

A...are only young once,

B...are unable to get enough food to eat because there isn't much in the way of sewage and the natural food resources are being destroyed,

C...pay a part of the cost of all that we have that has not, to date, been taken in to account as a part of the cost,

D...will grow normally when the mill cleans up the pollution that is destroying their food supply,

E...are more likely to be waving good-bye to life than trying to swim to somewhere there is food fit to eat.

Question 2.

The government has closed the beaches from Gibson's to near Lund for commercial shellfish harvesting but opened it recently for natives from Sliammon, the mill continues to use bleach that I think is destroying, amongst other things, the food of the barnacles when alternatives to bleach exist, and you were not asked to pick up any of the garbage on the beach in Lund. There is no reason to take these things personally or feel in any way pained by them because:

A...barnacles can't reason (can't even spell success right), and they can't feel pain and anyway, barnacles aren't natives,

B...there is too much garbage to bother (and you picked up enough in the mine shaft the day before) and anyway, there might be smallpox on the old blankets on the beach,

C...it has nothing to do with reason - just as reason has nothing to do with you reading this as a continuation of the punishment for telling the truth about smoking, or failing because you are interested in things that are not in the textbook.

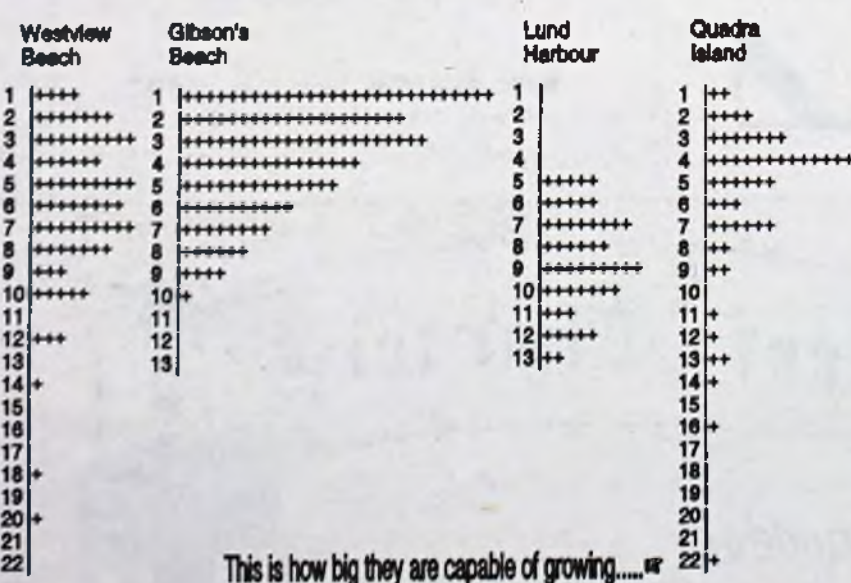
You may have a preference for one answer rather than another, but all of them are partially right - and that's the lesson. You passed because 1/2 the fault for all problems belongs to me, and I can't see that failing benefits anything or anyone, especially not the system that will, for some of you, pay a much higher cost for the disinterest it has created than it would for the interest I think it could create...but not here, not in this twittering world - not yet, and I don't know what to say other than sorry.

Thank you for confirming and extending the observations of the Grade 5's.

You have much to contribute, and it could include environmental monitoring that desperately needs doing by someone who stands to gain by the truth.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to learn more Grade 8-9 Science than I was able to teach.

Frequency of size classes of barnacles (longer basal diameter), measured July 23, 1992. Each mark on the graph refers to 3 barnacles, except on Quadra where each mark is 1 barnacle.



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WINNING MEANS US AGAINST THE PROBLEM 18

By Sandy Dunlop

Resolving a conflict so that everyone wins starts in your head. If you see your position as right and the other as wrong, you've already signed on for a win/lose battle. The solutions you propose will seem to you to be obviously the "right" ones because you are looking at it from your point of view. You'll probably formulate a plan to convince the other side through logic, emotion or force that you are right. You'll get other people to agree with you and join you in the battle. Or you may be more subtle than that and try to determine how you have to act to get what you want.

It is foolish to think that the other side feels any less certain that their point of view is the right one, or that they will not defend it fiercely if challenged. You may have a messier battle on your hands than you bargained for. The cost may be monetary, which is bad enough, or it may mean lost relationships and damage to people's lives, property or environment. You may succeed in overpowering them and win your battle, but beware of the loser. People who have been sat on have a way of coming back later to get what they feel was due all along, and with interest.

Resolving a conflict so that everyone wins starts with you facing the fear that you will automatically lose and be dominated if you don't fight for your position. Of course you can feel strongly about what you want. What's important though is what having it means to you. What are your interests, needs, concerns,

fears, hopes? There is way more material with which to negotiate if you can get down from your position to what supports it. And then you look at your opponent's position in the same way. You have to be willing to understand the other person's point of view and see the situation through their eyes. You don't have to agree with it; just understand it. Step in their shoes and walk around for awhile. Find out by asking what's important to them and why they want what they say they want. Your assumption that they want it because they are a jerk is not helpful.

Some of the things the two of you hold to be important will be the same things, or variations of it that are compatible. Some of the things will be in opposition, but the two of you will now understand why the other cannot "live" without those things, and why any solution you come up with has to satisfy those needs in some way. Your goal is to find out that, given you both want x, y and z and it's important to one of you that a and b be considered and to the other that e and f be taken into consideration, what kind of plan can the two of you think of that will take care of all of these? There are a lot of creative ideas that can be suggested if the two of

you work together as partners on a problem instead of thinking the other person is the problem.

Resolving conflicts this way can be and is done successfully in many situations, from family squabbles to standoffs in the community, from school infractions to matters of court, from business breakdowns to land claims. Wherever there is a boundary, there is going to be someone there to push it. You can't avoid conflict. It's what you do with it that creates satisfaction or hostility: you against me or us against the problem.

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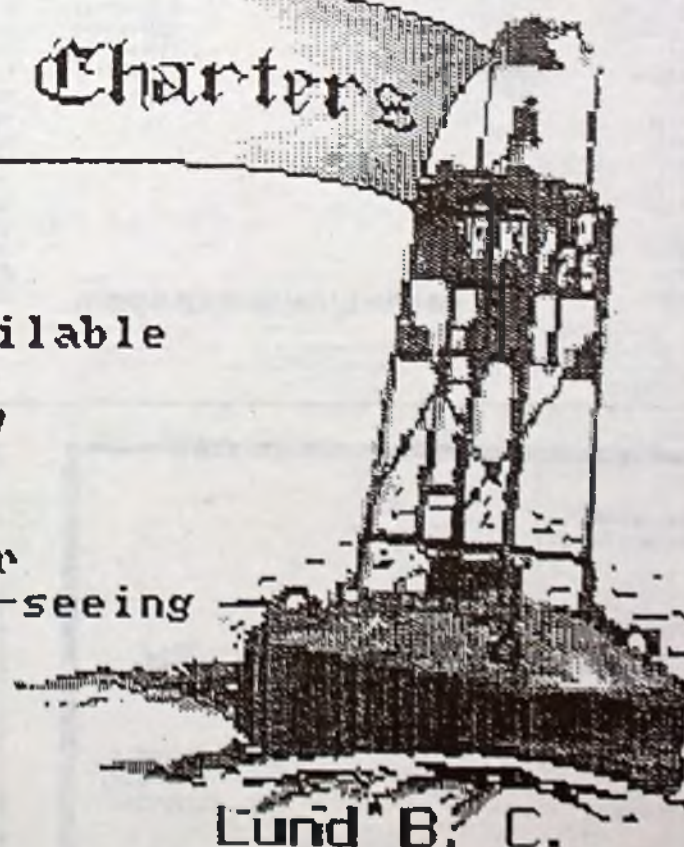
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We all have the same addiction. An addiction that makes crack seem as benign as cotton candy. Everyone has it. Buddhists in Thailand. Jews in Jerusalem. Hindus in India. Rich people, poor people, millworkers and musicians.

Human beings are addicted to material comfort and the illusion of security. We all want more comfort, more things we believe will give us pleasure and as much protection as possible against weather, economic turmoil, disease and death.

Take a look around you. As Jill pointed out last issue, Lund is not a rich community. Compared to people in, say, San Diego, we don't place much value on material things. Yet many Lund families have two cars. A boat with a motor. A room for every kid in the family and maybe a spare room as well. Lawnmowers, rototillers and chainsaws up the kazoo. Three or four tape decks, and so many barbecues, blenders, toasters, microwaves and other gadgets that we can hardly keep track of them. Now we're even starting to have summer cabins. A lot of us who lived here twenty years ago didn't even have a phone. Now

Most of us work more than we would like to pay for these things and their maintenance. We say we can do without them but we don't. We get more. Mountain bikes and dogs were the hot items on Craig Road last year. There'll be a new must-have item next year. Guaranteed. And if you don't have rich parents, putting a few bucks in the bank is nice, too.

I've never heard anyone complain about our tax dollars funding heart bypasses, kidney transplants and artificial hips. Lots of environmental damage developing and maintaining our high-tech medical system. And big bucks. But we all figure, hey, if it's me or somebody I love, I want that shit. You bet. The cost of my own medical treatments in the last five years is probably bigger than the Gross National Product of African countries with names like Guava-Bundi. Did I volunteer to die or be crippled to spare the environment or my fellow taxpayers this expense? Nope. And neither will you.

Millions, maybe billions of people want to come to Canada. Is this because they're in love with Bryan Adams or Brian Mulroney? A Cuisinart and a decent hospital are more like it. Everything I've seen in my travels, heard related by other travellers, read in magazines and books, indicates this is a

worldwide affliction. People in countries that are just now getting a crack at shooting up materialism and security know their treasured traditions are headed right for the garbage can, which they'll now own one of. But they're helpless to stop themselves, just like I am when suddenly confronted by a chocolate éclair and no witnesses.

Who made *you* build the addition to your house or buy a VCR or a bigger better freezer or some nice lawn furniture? Some cunning advertising genius like myself? (I wish.) These things and most everything else we own or use kicks old Mother Earth right in the gut. We're not up against evil corporations and greedy inept politicians. Oh, they're out there all right and it's fun to blame them. But they just take advantage of our addiction, they don't cause it.

What we're up against is human nature.

Wow.

WE, all of us are killing our planet with our addiction to things and security. What do you think our atmosphere would look like if everyone in the world suddenly used as many engines as we do here in green is good Lund? How many forests would vanish instantly if everyone in the world used as much paper or lumber and plywood as an average antiquated back-to-the-lander? We shake our heads when we see other people hurting, even killing themselves through their addiction to alcohol or cocaine or tobacco or violent men. But we hate looking in the mirror.

I'm just another addict. Rationalization is the art form of the addict and my personal favorite is,

Why should I cut down? Nobody else is. And I consume way less than most North Americans, grow a garden, recycle, etc. So I'll just go ahead and order that multi-track tape deck, even though I know that building it produces tremendously toxic wastes. But heck, it's just one more little circuit board. I mean, I could write the companies that make these things and say, when your production process has zero environmental impact, I'll buy your tape deck, and forget about it till then. But will I? Any bets?

The conventional wisdom says acknowledgement is the first step in overcoming addiction. I'm not sure that's true. But when we get the delicious urge to blame our forthcoming disaster on others, maybe we should stop ourselves and say,

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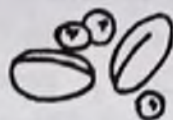
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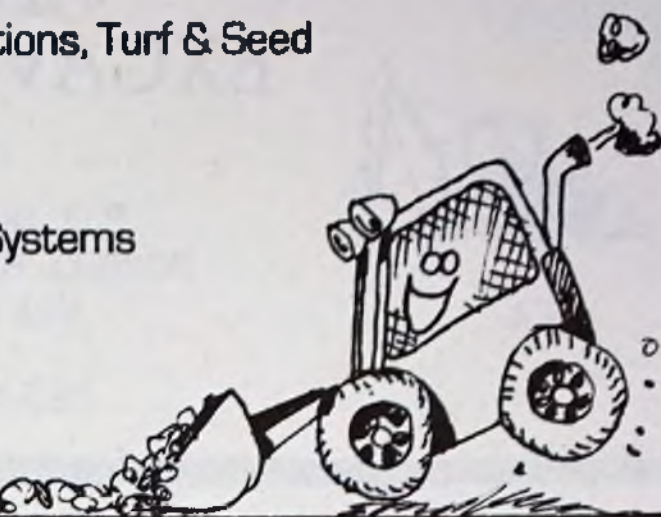
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THE END OF HUMANITY

by Herbert Gruhl

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We are at a high point of a fantastic series of successes. Humanity has changed this world in the last hundred years more than in all the thousands of years before. Only the last few years have humans noticed that they are heading for disaster and very few are searching for a way out.

Already in 1972, the first global conference of the environment took place. The participating nations agreed to create an office in Kenya for the United Nations environment program. Today, it has been realized that after twenty years of hard work by the UN environmentalists on behalf of the ecology, economy and political development of the world, was without success.

There is no doubt that it is a matter of survival for humanity on this planet. It took the UN twenty years to call for a second conference on the environment in Rio de Janeiro this June. But no, not a conference on the "Environment" rather "Environment and Development" (UNCED). However, under "development" it is understood to mean destruction of the environment, investment in industry, creation of employment, building of roads and equipment for transport - in the air, on water and land. In short, it means economic growth.

The developing countries want to catch up on anything the industrialized countries are "ahead" in and they want them to pay for it. To do this, only in part, so the argument of the well to do, the economic growth would have to be raised even more. Both parties are only interested in raising their standard of living (standard of consumption).

Informed persons know that the question is: "Can our planet survive, considering the damage that has been done already?"

Much more would have to be put on the agenda of UNCED (United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development): The deadly increase of the world's population. The foreseeable collapse of food and water supply. The poisoning of water, air and soil through chemicals including the reduction of the protecting ozone layer. The increasing danger of radioactive poisoning through hundreds of nuclear plants and facilities that have, without a nuclear war, already made some large regions uninhabitable. The greenhouse effect that causes

climatic changes and a raising of sea levels. The clear-cutting and burning of the forests in the third world and the dying of the forests in industrialized countries. The tremendously risky genetic manipulation on plants, animals and humans. The fast plundering of the world's resources of fossil fuels and minerals. The ever increasing amount of waste created on all continents, seas and now space as well.

Out of these main complexities and their combinations with each other and further additions of other problems, we now experience already adverse interference with natural cycles, that are irreversible.

These problems become worse every year. Just one of these complexities, if left unchecked may end human life on earth.

One UN world conference (UNCED) to deal with all these problems is inevitably overtaxed. The conference only makes sense if decisions were made and immediately put into reality. Neither the UN nor the individual members have the power or the necessary means to effectively implement plans to save the world.

This conference would have to change the behaviour and ambitions of humans in all parts of the world into the opposite direction, pure Utopia. Man would have to pursue an intelligent reduction in consumerism and live an aesthetic life.

People would have to start with a reduction of proliferation. To this, eighty percent of the people are not capable, most of those refuse even to talk about this. These people think unlimited procreation is their birthright. This right was confirmed by the UN in 1968. "Parents have the basic right, free and responsibly to determine the number of children they have and when". From 1968 till 1992, the number of people increased by about two billion. In 1930, that was the total population of this world.

The number one problem and the most devilish, - the Pope may read this - is therefore the proliferation of humans. Any explosive increase by other species ended in massive death. But humans are not just living creatures, they developed into working people, whose intelligent

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"progress" consisted of creating machines that work for them. The productivity of these machines was increased over the last fifty years by a fantastic amount.

But for their performance, these machines devour ever increasing amounts of energy and resources. They can only be fed till the supply is exhausted. Energy and resources are still available. A deciding problem is that modern industry requires fewer and fewer people, while the procreation-happy third world puts daily 200,000 people on the job market. This creates more job seekers in five years than the total population of the ECC (Western Europe) today.

Masses of humans without work are capable of unpredictable actions and demagogues will use those people. People will rather work and produce to self destruction and their governments will lead them on, not withstanding that at the ever-increasing rate of production the valuable resources of this world be consumed or turned into environment-destroying garbage.

The dilemma is unsolvable: Should humanity choose strict limitation on consumerism everywhere? The resulting unemployment would multiply. Any government that initiates such process would quickly be swept away., Therefore, no government will try this solution and the masses are not willing to choose a voluntary reduction of consumption either.

Have union leaders ever called a strike on behalf of nature in order to give their children and grandchildren a chance to survive? No, they call a strike for more money, now, so their followers can buy more and throw away more.

Almost every person will shy away from the subject of human survival, but prefer to coin slogans such as "Ecological restructuring of industrial society will save the environment". The character of our industrial society is basically anti-ecology. Industrial progress means nothing but the consumption of nature piece by piece.

Rescue could only be achieved by an exit from the industrial society. For this, it is too late, we have five times too many people on earth; thirty more years and we have eight times too many people. Consequently, all countries are busy to globalize industry and trade. Humanity is striving to turn the planet into one large manufacturing/consumption organization in spite of the absence of a unified political system. Not even a vague idea of a global guidance system exists.

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We have in front of our eyes the failure of the largest centrally guided system in world history, the former Soviet Union.

On all continents, we witness the disintegration of nations into tribes. These people rediscover their languages, cultures, religions, and want to reinstate them.

The grand Utopia of a single world civilization, either communist or liberalist is outdated. The ECC has not understood this. They diddle, removed from reality on the Utopia of union; this time not socialist soviet republics, but capitalist market-republics. While in the east 290 million people get rid of a common currency. The 350 million west Europeans are busy to create a new currency. A mammoth bureaucracy is undertaking the effort to organize Europe to the most minute detail, including the types of cheese. One could believe the political bureau has been moved from Moscow to Brussels.

In the meantime, the European culture, which in this century culminated in a triumphant world domination and nature-destroying technic will not disappear because of the degeneration of its people, like earlier high cultures, but because of physical laws. The ever-increasing masses of humans versus a constant earth surface. The tremendous production (and use) of energy and the accompanying conversion of matter, the exchange of valuable resources into worthless, at times even poisonous garbage. Some of these developments are now irreversible.

It will not take a hundred years till the whole industrialized world economy, including its agriculture, even just because of lack of oil, comes to its demise. When the worldwide traffic of goods stops, it's all over with global food distribution and industry.

It will be worse in the Third World. There, already, people sit by the millions in concentrated areas where supplies have to be transported to them, including the drinking water. These are the hunger and disease areas in the coming years. there the dying will take place without a nuclear war. In their predicament people will grasp to the most ridiculous means in order to survive and in so doing, make their condition even worse.

It is very unlikely that the rich countries, as much as they would like to, could help solve the problems of Third World countries. Promises to help is empty talk by politicians. The doubling of the population every thirty years

would sweep away even the greatest economic success. Political chaos in those countries is now the result. Whoever can, will flee those poor regions and come to industrialized countries. But, if this is the threat, 500 million from the third world come into western Europe, then 500 million people will not solve the problem there for long because in only seven years the space is filled up again; within fourteen years the poor countries have again 500 million people too many.

The humans are at the end of their wisdom. They have conquered the earth without regard for nature. Humans can not stop themselves. Divine wisdom and foresight would be necessary but the human psyche, with which we are equipped since our animal times, is very far removed from this. The human can not think ahead (Cassandra had received this gift from the gods but could not change events) and cannot act accordingly.


We have learned much about nature and ecology. Now we know which processes will drive us into oblivion. Never will mortals be capable to guide nature. We are now equipped with deadly weaponry which can bring death to nature and us. Now we realize it while it is too late.

The remaining chance consists only in moving the deadline back. But even this is neglected. No people, government or party is willing to do anything about it. Only our hybrid brains, which produced so many proud accomplishments, persuade themselves, sometimes, they could interfere with destiny.

Herbert Gruhl, 70, is one of ecological thinker who early reminded Germany to return to self-sufficiency. He published a book in 1975 "Ein planet wird geplündert" (A planet is being plundered) and this week his book is published "Himmelfahrt ins Nichts" (Ascension into Nothing).

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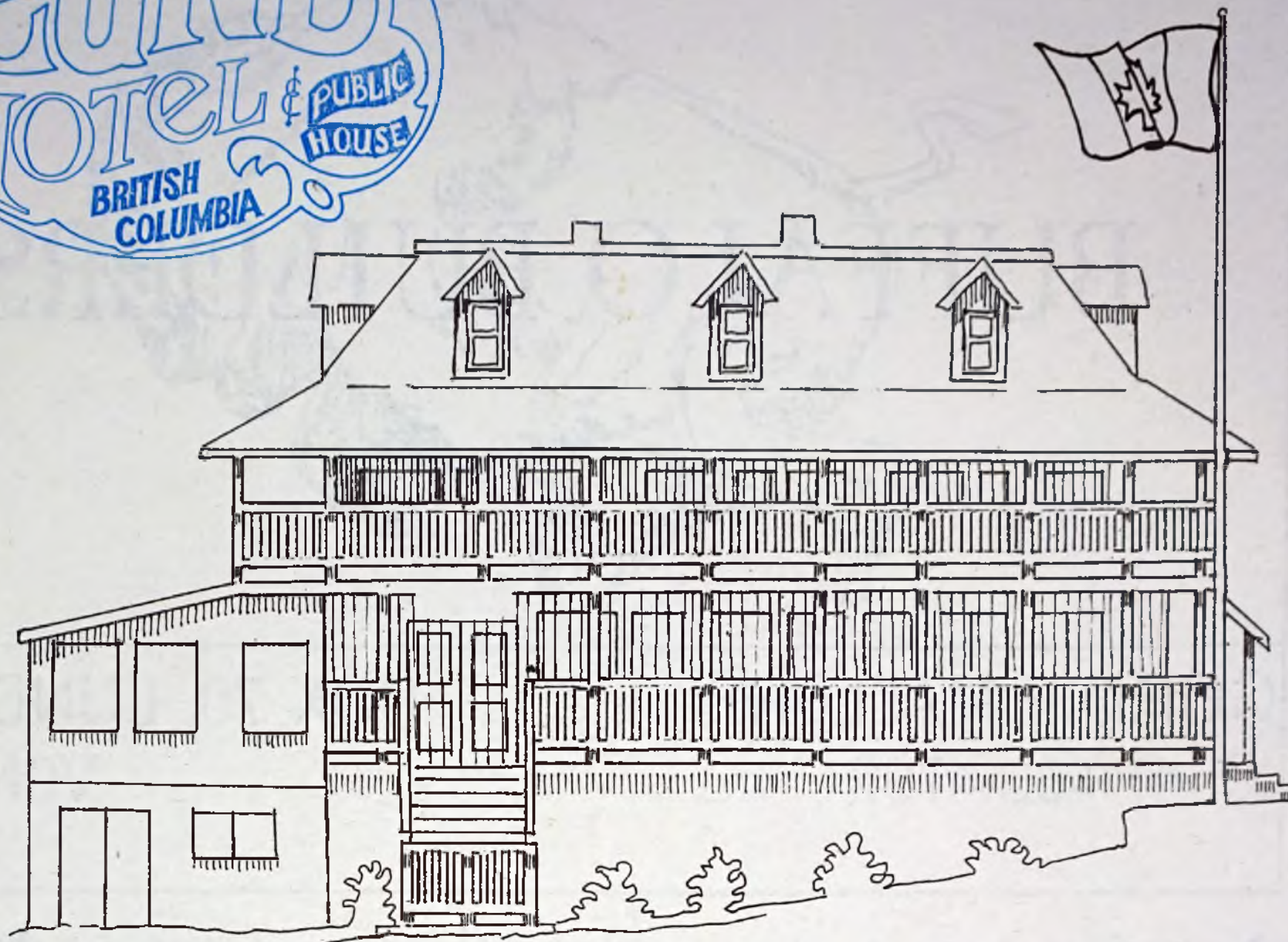


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