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Hill's expansion plan merits review: council

Noise chief argument against plan

by Charles Hart

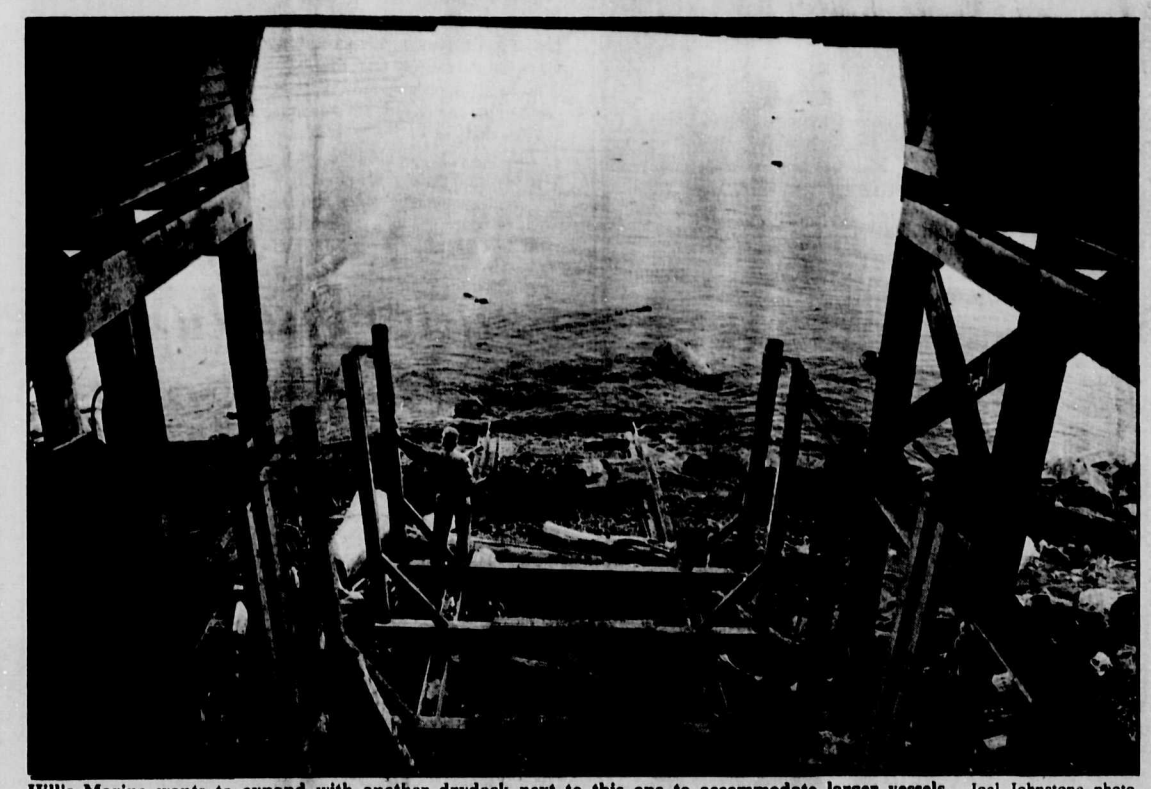
In spite of a recommendation from town planner Rob Buchan to reject a rezoning application that would allow expanded marine services on the Gibsons waterfront, council has decided to hold a public meeting on the issue.

The proposed extension of Hill's Machine Shop would provide an additional marine railway for repairing and servicing boats at the site - an idea strenuously opposed by residents of a nearby strata development.

They argue the noisy nature of the work would devalue adjacent land and have a negative impact on their lifestyle, a position supported by Buchan, who noted in a report to council Tuesday that the expansion would be incompatible with multi-family residential development earmarked for the area in the town's draft official community plan.

Meanwhile, several mariners have written to council urging support for the application, saying better marine services are needed if Gibsons is to maintain its image as a vibrant, boating community.

Buchan's report focuses on the technical deficiencies of the application, pointing out that the Hill's site area is only 8,400 square feet, while the marine zone has a minimum requirement of 11, 840 square feet. He told council there is legally no way of circumventing the deficiency, "even by way of a development variance permit...Staff are in the position of having no other choice than making the recommendation that is before you now."



Hill's Marine wants to expand with another drydock next to this one to accommodate larger vessels. Joel Johnstone photo

Buchan also noted deficiencies in lot depth, yard requirements and several other regulations.

But Mayor Eric Small pointed out that it is possible for council to alter bylaw regulations, supporting Ald. John McNevin's suggestion to hold a public meeting on the Hill's issue.

"I'm pleased we haven't killed the application tonight," Small said after council's vote. "The applicant deserves further hearing on this."

The mayor stressed, however, that the meeting will not be a public hearing for rezoning, merely an information meeting for council guidance.

"We'll be going into it with an open mind," he said. "We're not implying either approval or denial at this stage."

Sechelt's new alderman, Rosina Giles.

Giles clips Rose in Sechelt by-election

Sechelt council's new alderman, Rosina Giles, took the oath of office Wednesday after narrowly edging out candidate Don Rose in the Feb. 15 by-election.

The other two candidates, Bill Phillips and Jacques Van Brabant trailed far behind.

According to Sechelt Mayor Nancy MacLarty, voter turn-out for the election was around 22 per cent of the municipalities 3,235 eligible voters for a total of 722 ballots cast.

"Not a great turnout considering we had three advance polls and three mobile polls, in addition to the regular set up," MacLarty noted.

Giles received 291 votes while Rose received 272.

Van Brabant had 87 nods from the public and 72 people wanted Phillips to win the election.

Giles, who has lived in Sechelt since 1987, has 16 years experience as municipal administrator for Spirit River, Alberta.

She also served one year on the municipal council for Spirt River.

The by-election was necessitated by the resignation of former Alderman Doug Reid in November of last year.

In giving up his post, Reid, cited philosophical differences with MacLarty that made continuing to work with her impossible.

Pender zoning bylaw review prompted by public hearing

Residents express concerns over property values

by Jane Seyd

The regional district said it was meant to correct inconsistencies, contradictions and reduce the potential for land-use conflicts. But Pender Harbour residents who turned out to a public hearing had other ideas. They said it would dramatically change the current land uses allowed in their area and reduce the value of their property.

Last Tuesday, the regional district's land use Bylaw 337 made another noisy appearance at a public hearing, as about 75 Pender Harbour residents came out to the Madeira Park community hall to voice their concern and displeasure.

"I don't think the people of Area A want any zoning change, period," said Bill Milligan, "...and I'd like you to consult me personally before you change my property rights."

Those feelings were echoed by a number of other residents, including Howard White, who said the new bylaw would result in people "losing significant values of their property investments" and force a change of lifestyle in the area.

The new bylaw, which if passed would establish new land-use zones and subdivision districts in Electoral Area A, would replace the existing Bylaw 96, which currently allows a much more encompassing use of land in many areas of Pender Harbour. Of particular concern to residents was the replacement of the existing R3 zone, which currently applies to much of Madeira Park, Francis Peninsula, and the lower slope of Garden Bay, and which allows a wide variety of uses including commercial and light industrial with new R2 and R3 zones in Bylaw 337.

The new zones allow for limited home-based businesses and "auxiliary commercial uses," but place a number of restrictions on them including the amount of space which may be used for these purposes, the number of employees a business may employ and the types of commercial activity allowed.

Judy Skogstad, senior planner for the regional district, told the public hearing that "Bylaw 337 was not intended to be an exercise in rezoning property to uses which are not now permitted." But a number of residents disagreed with her.

"If you are going to take away my commercial

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'Discovery' sunk by red tape

by Don Ball

Plans to build a sailing replica of Captain George Vancouver's ship, Discovery, were permanently shelved last week by the special project team of the Sunshine Coast Maritime History Society in Gibsons.

Market research presented to the group by management consultants, Ference & Weiker of Vancouver, and lack of flexibility on the part of Canadian Coast Guard interpretation of safety aspects of the current Canada Steamship Act, sounded the death knell for the ambitious undertaking.

The 100-foot wooden sailing vessel was the object of a comprehensive business plan, started by Ference and Weiker in the first week of December. However, work on the plan was halted late last week when research revealed the ship could not survive on a break-even operating basis featuring only day trips from Gibsons harbour.

Overnight cruises of three to nine days duration for special interest groups, a key part of the preliminary marketing plans, had recently been ruled out because safety regulations require a steel-hulled ship. Other stringent prerequisites literally eliminated the opportunity to build a wooden replica of the ship in Gibsons harbour.

Current safety regulations under which the ship would have to be built would allow a wooden ship to make day excursions, but there would have been severe restrictions on its ability to travel.

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Native speakers debate self-government obstacles

by Jane Seyd

Words in the constitution might be a nice philosophical gesture, but when it comes down to brass tacks it will be both the education of young people, and the land and resources necessary for a sound economic base that the success of native self-goverment depends on.

That was the message delivered by speakers at a recent conference on self-government, hosted by the Sechelt Indian Band at the Raven's Cry Theatre Feb. 15.

"The mere amending of the constitution does not give you self-government," said Fred Walchli, former regional director for the Department of Indian Affairs. There's still a lot of complex legal negotiations for bands to go through in order to achieve self-government. Among other things, self-government has provided the Sechelt band with registered title to their lands, which can be sold, developed, or used as collateral for capital loans - something which bands operating under the Indian Act still can't do because title to reserve lands still lies with the Crown.

Honourary Sechelt Chief Simon Baker presents an audience member with a framed picture of himself while conference organizer Stan Dixon looks on. Jane Seyd photo

Settling of land claims is essential to provide an economic base to build on, said Walchli. Without that, bands will continue to be dependent on transfer payments from the government, which will inevitably reduce their political autonomy, he said.

"The practise of supporting newly created governments with a land and resources base is a long standing one in Canada," said Walchi.

But at the same time, it is still important to recognize land claims as including cultural and spiritual concerns. Said Art Thevarge, a native entrepreneur at the conference, "We're not really making a real estate deal with the government of Canada and BC."

During the conference, speakers also addressed concerns about how third parties and non-natives would be affected by self-government and land claims. In discussing environmental issues, conference organizer Stan Dixon said Sechelt advocated the idea of sustainable development, but added, "If the white federal and provincial governments maintain the status quo, there'll be nothing left for us to look after."

Simon Baker, honourary chief of the Sechelt band, also stressed the need for education, so that native people would be able to manage government and business affairs on their lands once self-government was negotiated.

A small number of people attended the conference, but those who did were enthusiastic.

Willard Gallic, chairman of a the land claims and self-government committee for the Port Alberni Tseshaht band said, "I saw this as the government's pilot project to see what an Indian band could do with self-government, knowing that they would have to deal with the rest of bands in BC."

'The Sechelt have always been a source of inspiration...'

Patrick Prince, a member of the McLeod Lake band involved in self-government negotiations, said, "One thing I've learned here are the legal aspects which are involved," including the effects on different levels of government and on non-native third parties.

Verne Solonas, also from the McLeod Lake band, said, "The Sechelt have always been a source of inspiration for us when it come to tackling issues head on."

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Planner recommends hiring expert to review Gibsons' community plan

by Charles Hart

Gibsons planner Rob Buchan has recommended that a consultant be hired to revise the town's draft official community plan, a process he estimates will take about seven months to complete.

In an eight-page report received by council Tuesday, Buchan says the scope and complexity of the task places it beyond time constraints placed on the planning department by its daily activities. The planner notes that the existing plan, drawn up in 1985 and reviewed in 1988, is no longer applicable to the expected growth and future economic needs of the community and recommends a three-phase plan to arrive at a new draft.

The first phase would focus on a general review of changes that have occurred since 1985, phase II would examine land use, infrastructure, transportation and public facility needs, and the final phase would be concerned with implementing the plan.

At the completion of phase II, Buchan recommends a public information meeting be held to keep residents up to date on the report's findings prior to public hearing.

"The final submission of the draft OCP should occur after the public workshop to ensure all comments and issues raised by residents are documented and appropriately dealt with by the plan."

Buchan estimates that the review process outlined in his report would take until October to complete, but added the timeline could be reduced if council opts to combine phases or cut back on time allocated for the public workshop.

Council decided a review of the plan's first draft was warranted after more than 200 people showed up to comment on the first draft at a public hearing on the OCP Jan. 8.

As Buchan's report was a late addition to Tuesday's agenda, council referred a decision on the recommendations to its next meeting March 3.

Pender harbour residents question SCRD approach to by-law process

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use and provide residential, you have down-zoned my property," Bill Lynch told the hearing, "...and this non-conforming business doesn't wash." His concerns were echoed by resident John Malcolm who said tying "auxilary industry" to a residence made the R3 zoning much more restrictive than it had been in the past. A number of residents, including one man who said his boatbuilding shop has operated in the harbour for the past 15 years, also pointed out specific instances in which a current use of their property would not conform to the new zoning.

Bill Lynch said the board should consider split zones on some larger properties because for certain owners, "no matter what kind of zone you try to plunk him into, it won't work."

Several people also expressed concern the new zoning would affect the value of their property.

Joe Harrison, whose family members own several parcels of land in the area, told the hearing, "If you take a piece of property and reduce the number of choices you have to use the property, you have in effect expropriated a large amont of its value.

"That is an unfair thing unless the decision represents the will of the community expressed in some overall community plan."

Several other residents also told the hearing they wanted to see an official community plan in place before proceeding to a new zoning bylaw.

In addition, a number of people told the hearing they didn't like the way the bylaw process was being handled, saying the public hearing wasn't adequately advertised and that the bylaw was being rushed through without due consideration to the wishes of Area A residents. "I'm not aware of any pressing panic to get this zoning process done," said John Malcolm. "There's still a huge pile of us out there who aren't happy with this".

Amid these concerns, three people expressed support for the bylaw, two of whom said they were members of the bylaw working committee. Said Marg Bennett, "I don't know what the problem is."

The hearing was adjourned following a motion from Area A director Gordon Wilson, who said specific concerns about various "ambiguities" were significant enough to warrant a review of the bylaw. He added, however, that "it is not my intention to formally delay this process. We're not talking about a wholesale rewrite of the bylaw."

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Illness forces Gibsons alderman to resign

Ill health has forced Gibsons ald. Margaret Morrison to resign from council.

Morrison, admitted to Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver after a recent heart attack, reluctantly concluded she could not continue to fufil her aldermanic duties. "Being unable to do the job in the way I would like to see it done, I would prefer to be replaced," she said in a letter to council.

Aldermen accepted the resignation Tuesday, but have not named a date for a by-election.

Morrison suggested the ballot be held at the same time as the pool referendum, tentatively set for April 6, and council said the date will be considered.

Mayor Eric Small described Morrison as a team player whose legal and municipal baqckground proved a valuable resource to other council members. "Margaret will be missed at council as she has undertaken her duties with energy, enthusiasm and great commitment to the people of Gibsons," Small said.

Margaret Morrison

Sechelt's main thoroughfare change put off indefinitely

by Stuart Burnside

Sechelt's Teredo Street is now officially part of Highway 101 as part of the project to make the road Sechelt's main thoroughfare, but there are grumblings in Sechelt council chambers that it could take as long as two years to start the work necessary to make the plan a reality.

At Wednesday's Sechelt council meeting, Mayor Nancy MacLarty said the work on Teredo was put-off for an indefinite period of time and Cowrie Street would have to continue serving as Sechelt's main thoroughfare even now that Cowrie is designated a municipal street.

Ald. Bob Wilson speculated the reason highways put off working on the project could have to do with the stability of ground found under sections of the proposed route - it might not be solid enough for a municipal highway.

"When they first put Teredo street in," Wilson said, "they found about 13 feet of peat that had to be removed."

Work to change Sechelt's main thoroughfare from Cowrie to Teredo was to have been done in two stages this year, starting in March and running through April, then starting again in September after the tourist season ended.

The goal was to lessen the traffic along Cowrie street to make it safer for pedestrians. The project was approved and budgeted by the Ministry of Highways (MOH) last year.

A ministry spokesman told the Coast News the "declassification" of Cowrie and reclassification of Teredo meant the project was scheduled to go ahead, but he didn't know when.

"There's been a bit of a freeze put on a lot of things recently," Rob Wood told the Coast News, "but that project is definitely scheduled to proceed." Wood didn't know the reason for the freeze on MOH projects.

Project manager Lee Martel was unavailable for comment by press time.

Lack of progress on the project has dampened council's enthusiasm for installing a crosswalk on the corner of Wharf Street and Ocean Avenue to serve children from Sechelt elementary as well as seniors from Shorncliff.

Council has acknowledged the need to make the intersection safer and parents and teachers have requested it many times, but council felt it would be too dangerous to put in a pedestrian crossing until Teredo becomes the main highway.

"It would just give people a false sense of security," explained Ald. Michael Shanks. "It would make them think that intersection is safer than it actually is."

gibsons notes

Mayor Eric Small will ask to meet with the West Howe Sound Electors' Association and the Roberts Creek Community Association to discuss water system integration.

The Sunshine Coast Regional District recently referred letters to council from each association opposing Gibsons' intent to integrate its water supply with the regional water system.

Small said he would like to address both associations "so we understand each other and know what we're talking about." Ald. Ed Steeves agreed a meeting would be worthwhile to help clear up misunderstandings conveyed in the letters.

Highways meeting

A meeting will also be sought between town officials, the SCRD and highways ministry to discuss the Gibsons bypass. Gibsons officials met with Highways Minister Art Charbonneau Tuesday and reported the minister wants to see public involvement in any bypass extension plans.

The town recently received a 28-page petition from residents opposed to a major new intersection proposed for the Payne/Pratt area of Highway 101.

Healthy community

Ald. Ed Steeves reported that the Coast/Garibaldi Health Unit has been awarded a $26,500 grant from the provincial healthy communities fund. The money will be used to study health needs across the Sunshine Coast and the first task will be hiring a co-ordinator for the project, Steeves said. While the combined application of Gibsons, Sechelt and the SCRD has met with success, a similar application by Gibsons alone last year was turned down, noted Mayor Eric Small. "It's a good example of what co-operation can accomplish."

HSPP leaks send offensive gases over Gambier Island

Gambier Island residents complained they were hit with the aroma of mill gases Feb.16 and 17.

According to the shift engineer at Howe Sound Pulp and Paper, there was a problem with the incinerating system on February 16 resulting from a clogged gas line. There were more difficulties in changing the line over to a back-up burning system and, as a result, gas was "vented" into the atmosphere for about six minutes.

The shift engineer said the initial problem in the gas line was one of condensation built-up. He said it was a poorly designed portion of a new system that didn't drain the condensation properly and would be repaired during the next mill maintenance shut down.

The engineer said the smell of gas the next day resulted from a faulty rupture disc.

Rupture discs are the equivalent of safety valves that break when the storage facilities for non-condensible gases reach a certain pressure (around 10 pounds).

A rupture disc broke Feb.17 and non-condensible gases were released for around three minutes.

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opinion

Harbour future hangs on Hill's

It would have been easy for Gibsons council to have seized on the technical reasons offered by planner Rob Buchan for rejecting proposed expansion of Hill's Machine Shop, a waterfront marine repair business.

That aldermen didn't kill the proposal when the application came up for discussion last Tuesday is indicative of council's sincere efforts to weigh public opinion carefully before making decisions that will set the tone for future development of the town.

Such is the Hill's proposal to add a second marine way for boat repair and service. It is pivotal because the community is currently undergoing a process of intense self-examination in attempts to draw up an ambitious community plan that balances community desires with inescapable growth, and the proper destiny of the waterfront is central to that debate.

On one hand, the draft official community plan envisages multi-family residential zoning for the waterfront area surrounding the Hill's site. The municipal planner suggests that designation is unlikely to change during the OCP review process which is just now getting underway, and he argues that adjacent property owners have a legitimate beef with the potential negative effect on both land values and lifestyle pursuant to placing a marine zone in an area destined for high-value residential development.

But there are other views of how the Gibsons harbour should develop. At January's OCP hearing, several residents spoke of their fears the waterfront could succumb to the kind of tourist beautification and condo development which has all but destroyed the natural charm of other harbours.

And one of the chief differences between the OCP and the downtown revitalization plan recently completed by the Gibsons Merchants' Association is the association's clear desire to see a 'working harbour' maintained.

There is plenty of substance to their argument that Gibsons is a boating community first, a proud distinction which will be seriously undermined in the future if proper marine services aren't available.

Municipal leaders could have ducked the dichotomy for now by falling back on bylaw specifications which rule the Hill's site is too small to qualify for the marine zone. (Buchan pointed out that, legally, this inadequacy cannot be overcome by way of a development variance permit, as it proposed.)

To their credit, they did not. Council has previously pledged to iron out the harbour discrepancies evident in the OCP and downtown revitalization plan. The public meeting for the Hill's plan, for which a date has still to be set, will provide an excellent opportunity for residents to sound their views.

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letters

Show smokers consideration

Peter Light recently stirred up a lot of reaction with his letter on Male-Bashing and although I have opinions on the subject, I'm going to keep them to myself. I want to address a popular area of bashing that he has forgotten, and that is cigarette smoking.

I live in a family where both extremes of every view are generally represented and this is true of smoking too. I don't smoke, my husband does. I started, as he did, as a teenager, but I was able to quit. After 10 years, he hasn't, he remains like many people, hopelessly addicted.

As you can imagine our opposite positions become complicated when we go out. The most recent example of this was the SOS for Nature dance in Roberts Creek on Feb. 15.

When we arrived, we were told that this was a "non-smoking" dance, so John asked me to take him home, which I did, while he grumbled about the fact that nowhere in any advertising for the dance was there any mention of the non-smoking aspect.

Why not? This, I think, is the interesting part. An issue, as small as this one and how it is dealt wih by various people is a real indicator of changing social attitudes.

I returned to the dance, refunded John's ticket and did a bit of a poll. Here's what I learned:

First of all, I asked people who put on the dance about the question, they said, "Well, since we didn't advertise it, he could have smoked" If he wanted to push the issue. (Now, of course, if he had pushed, he would have been cast as the smoking villain).

Then I talked to other smokers, and they had also been asked to smoke outside. Some were disgruntled about it and some accepted easily. Of course, the non-smokers were happy to dance in clean air.

Now, I'm going to make a great leap in suppositions here and state that I think the non-smoking at dances policy has been carried out in this underhanded way because dances are usually liquor licensed and that even though a no smoking policy has become the norm in most public places, the one place it hasn't is in drinking establishments.

Even non-smokers still to some degree associate drinking with smoking. And non-smokers still want smokers to patronize their events and spend money, but not smoke. All this brings me to make an appeal; please advertise a non-smoking dance as such and let's bring societal changes about with consideration.

MARIKO KIYOOKA

Act to abrogate trade deal

I didn't think there could be anything more sickening than the 'Free' Trade Deal itself, but there is. It's the whine: "The deal's not working out, and there's nothing we can do about it!"

The deal is working out, exactly as intended by the U.S. and Lyin' Brian, and that's bad enough. But the really sickening part of that whine is the part at the end. Of course we can do something about it!

People have said this trade deal is like an invasion from the States. I think so too. With a military invasion, though, would Canadians droop around moaning, "They've got a big chunk of our territory...there's nothing we can do?" No, we wouldn't. So now why this "too bad, we quit" mentality?

We just have to elect a government that's going to get rid of the deal. Abrogate it. That has a nice ring to it, doesn't it?

Suppose the NDP didn't run any candidates in parts of the East where they have a sowball's chance anyway! And suppose the Liberals didn't run any in parts of the West, where they've only picked up one or two in decades. The two parties would agree in writing to split it this way, and also agree that whichever got in would "abrogate" that trade deal (stomp on it), supported by the other party. They wouldn't have to agree on anything else. They wouldn't even have to trust each other, in a public "up-front" agreement like that.

It's called an electoral coalition and it's commonly done in other places. Some Liberal and NDP leaders are quite interested. There is only one thing that can keep it from succeeding: the "nothing-can-be-done" mentality.

On Thursday, March 26, at Greencourt Hall, Sechelt at 7:30 pm, Liam Grayer of the group called Citizens Concerned About Free Trade (CCAFT) will explain this concept and answer questions. Everyone's invited. Here's a chance to shake those 'Whiney Blues'.

IRIS GRIFFITH
Egmont

Garbage politics short-sighted

The Pender Harbour dump is in our backyard (literally), only three quarters of a mile away from our property. For that reason alone, although there are others, we would like to see it either:

a) closed, with a site available elsewhere where it cannot affect our watersheds, or

b) changed into a transfer station as the Sunshine Coast Regional District has proposed.

In either case, we cannot go on any longer without a controlled method of disposing of our garbage. The people of Hornby Island have reduced their garbage to 25 per cent.

We can't continue to dump anything into our ground and not consider our drinking water or the wildlife affected, when there is a better alternative available. Let's forget politics and our near-sighted, selfish ways and think about our children's future.

LINDA AND DAVID GOBLE
Garden Bay, BC

The tocsin tolls a trade warning for all Canadians

musings

john burnside

The plight of the Canadian farmer has drawn much ink, much political rhetoric at election times, and very little real understanding from our largely urban society. As long as our supermarkets are filled to overflowing with the familiar plenty there is little to motivate the average Canadian urban dweller to consider the sources.

It's not unlike the enthusiastic meat eater of my acquaintance who said recently that the only thing he didn't like about a mutual friend was that he was a trapper. Something about skinning the meat off dead animals was repugnant to him. The familiar roasts and loin cuts must come pre-cut and wrapped in cellophane to be acceptable.

So with the plight of the food producer. In our highrises and in our suburbs and shopping malls we can hear that farmers are going bankrupt in record numbers, but if the produce section of our super market is piled high with colourful vegetables and if our pre-skinned meat selection continues in its familiar cellophane-wrapped abundance, what concern is it of ours that those among us who have not had enough sense to move into an urban setting long ago are having a rough time?

Last week, as if things weren't rough enough down on the farm, Canada lost another round in the agricultural negotiations taking place in Geneva under the umbrella of GATT. The powerful European Common Market doesn't like Canadian marketing boards and neither do the Americans who are living through an ideological fever of renouncing all regulations at the present time.

So, with such foes and such allies, the writing has been on the wall for the marketing boards on the international agricultural stage for some time. This is something that our ineffable prime minister knows well and there is something truly despicable about his grand standing about going over to Europe to fight shoulder to shoulder with the farmers for their marketing boards. It is playing politics with human suffering and fears; it is presiding with hypocrisy over the near terminal illness of an invaluable component in the Canadian mosaic.

As if being beset by the Europeans and the Americans, both of whom have done untold damage to Canadian agriculture quite absent mindedly whilst engaged in a trade war of their own, were not enough the Canadian farmer gets precious little support or sympathy from the almost equally beseiged Canadian taxpayer on the issue of marketing boards. The management of supply is designed to avoid boom and bust pricing cycles and in the short term such management means higher prices for the consumer. Millions of Canadians every year are showing what they think of that as they flood over into the States to buy, for example, cheaper milk.

It serves no purpose for our farmers to point to their higher costs in a northern climate nor to the higher social costs in a country which provides medical care to all its citizens. The taxpayers are in rebellion and marketing boards and the farmers they protect can take it in the neck for all the Canadian public cares.

You really don't have to gaze into the innards of too many deregulated chickens to determine that all this cannnot be in the long-term best interests of the country.

And you have to wonder, as Canada gets regularly sandbagged on the street corners of international trading life with no hand or voice raised to support her - here one thinks not only of the farmers of the country but the fishermen of B.C. and Newfoundland - what exactly is it we get in this much-touted free trade agreement with the Americans. They get access to our energy supplies, and eventually perhaps to our fresh water, in perpetuity, but we cannot gain access even to their peripheral understanding of who we are and what is different about our circumstances.

And these are our chosen allies in international trade. Across the Pacific the Orient is stirring into massive life; across the Atlantic the western Europeans have thoughtfully and step by step put together in the last thirty years a massive and mutually supportive trading bloc.

We have hitched our wagon and gambled our future in close relationship with what seems to be the shooting star of American dominance; along with the hapless and desperate Mexicans we are hastily allying ourselves to a fading super star which at the moment seems to have lost its own way in economic matters and never has been distinguished by close concern for its neighbours to the north or the south.

As our beseiged farmers receive another devastating blow this month, we may well be secure amidst plenty and indifferent.

The course this country follows, however, may well be one in which the hardships fallen upon our food producers await us all. The tocsin tolls for all of us.

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opinion

in a nutshell

s. nutter

A young friend was in the other day pointing out that the democratic government of Algeria had cancelled a democratic election there because the Muslin fundamentalists were obviously going to win it. Our press, he said, seemed to agree with this action, but what sort of 'democracy' was this?

It is a point all right, and a thorny one, and one that looks as if it might come up more and more in various parts all over our world. Is there in fact any sort of an answer to this apparent dilemma?

It might be said, I suppose, that a democratic government has a first requirement to defend democracy in its country, and that 'fundamentalism' is by definition undemocratic, regardless of how many of the adherents can be brought to vote for it.

But this gets us immediately, as can be clearly seen, into all kinds of devious problems, more and more devious than there are in the Great Canadian Constitutional debate. There is a question of whether, in this space, we really want to get into it. I am, however, going to plow along here today and let the intrepid follow.

Democracy versus fundamentalism

My bedrock idea of democracy is, as Churchill said, the least of the number of evils. My idea of fundamentalism is that it is the natural result of sentimentality. Sentimentality is defined as the willingness to proceed with only part of the facts, the part, of course, that you would like to be true.

Democracy requires a willingness to debate all matters openly and freely, but sentimentality leads inevitably to dogmas, and dogmas are necessarily against debate. If you are holding fast to some cherished belief, knowing really that it can't be defended in open debate, then you are more likely to turn away and start gathering ammunition, slogans or guns or whatever.

In countries where there are known opposing dogmas of one kind and another, it has been possible to get together parliaments which are more or less representative of all. But there is really no debate. They simply shout at each other, in turn or in unison. So, you re-elect this thing, but of course, it turns out to be the same spitting cauldron, producing no soup.

So what to do about this, if anything? A person who doesn't truly believe in anything is not worth a pinch; but a person who won't compromise whatever for the good of society at large is a chauvinist pig.

We probably can't legislate in this area, regardless of how many conferences, referenda, or whatever we may stage. Education has always been considered the bulwark against sentimentality. A person with some perspective of the past is less likely to jump on bandwagons in the present is what they thought. But school education in the last 40 years has done little in this regard.

We can probably legislate the political scopes of various dogmas, but not their behaviour in parliament or on the media's screens. There are, of course, far more dogmas than there are churches. What are we to make for example, of people born Tories going through their whole lives with the simple belief that the Tories must be right? But are the Liberals different? Or the NDP? It is tempting to think that if Canada had a fairy godmother (and there are people around who maybe think we have) and if she waved her wand, and the whole party system disappeared, what then?

Nobody said it would be easy

We would go on electing the best person we saw from all the small constituencies across the country, people we might quite likely know, male or female as it might be, Circassian, Maldivian, Valkerie or Etonian; French maybe, and there they would all go to the Canadian parliament with equal voices.

The media it is true, would have more work to do, but nobody said it was going to be easy. Instead of simply taking the opposite side to the party in power they would have to sift and evaluate through all these ideas from all these representatives from across the land. There might be no guidelines. They might have to have opinions, and their readers might disagree.

Give or take a fairy godmother - I'm all for it. Anyone who wants to start a prairie fire in this direction can apply to me for matches.

Backward step for tourism

It is with deep regret that I read an account in the newspaper that Travel Sunshine Coast, the very important tourism marketing and development arm for the Sunshine Coast, has been disbanded for lack of funding support from the EDC.

It is particularly unfortunate that the impression given in the newspaper was one that Travel Sunshine Coast is not "a rational organization" and that the EDC did not want to support "a disorganized balkanized organization."

Those statements could be taken as a slap in the face by many hardworking, volunteer members and underpaid staff who have contributed many long hours to support tourism development when funding has been scarce from the EDC, as it has been in the last three years.

This backwards step by the EDC in not supporting tourism as BC's number one industry shows the EDC is irresponsible in its economic development function if it is the only community in BC that does not believe that tourism dollars are important to every business in our community.

In my opinion, Bill Moore, in his important position as economic development officer, has been most irresponsible in not supporting tourism development. Bill sat on all our board of directors meetings along with representatives from all the Sunshine Coast chambers and Gibsons and Sechelt municipalities. Yet he did not support our requests to the EDC at meetings and was curiously silent on our behalf.

He knew of our close working relationship with Powell River to support the Circle Tour and with the Ministry of Tourism to receive 'partnered' money for every dollar of local funding used to promote the Sunshine Coast, yet he did not support us publicly or to the EDC.

Powell River spends approximately $100,000 annually to promote tourism development, yet the EDC felt that $20,000 was too much to spend to promote the 'lower' Sunshine Coast and has chosen to drop their funding to only $15,000. That is a pathetic statement in comparison to other BC communities.

I hope that the EDC will reconsider its position in taking this very backwards step in the growth of our economic base.

VENE PARNELL
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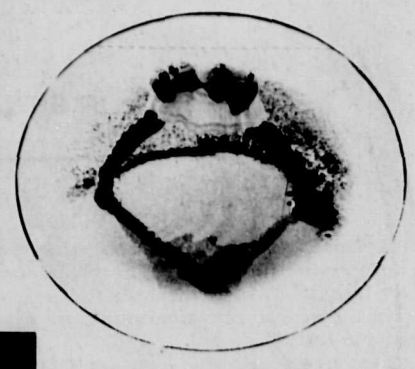

Stan Jones Jr., labours over his negatives, a process which helped students create these five 'IMAGES OF WHO WE ARE'

Business helps develop photography program skills

by Stuart Burnside

"It's part of a growing trend toward integrating private business into the education system," says Jude Renaud. "It's the wave of the future; it's the only way schools are going to keep up with the rising cost of technology."

The Elphinstone photography teacher is talking about the support her photography program is receiving from Kodak Canada and other private interests.

Renaud said Kodak is helping to unite a 10-member group of secondary school photography teachers from the Vancouver area, including herself, who will meet next month to discuss the direction photography should take in education.

"What we will probably be looking at is what can be done towards setting up student apprenticeship programs with businesses or corporations so that students don't feel they have to go right off to a post secondary facility," Renaud said.

The 10 teachers attending the forum have been selected because of the "uniqueness" of their programs, according to Renaud, and because all are going to participate in a Kodak-sponsored photography exhibition of student works entitled Images of Who We Are.

Some 280 photographic works will be on display by students from Vancouver, Ottawa and Toronto areas: 56 schools will participate with each school contributing five works. The theme of the exhibition is Life in Canada, and students have been encouraged to capture images of what being a Canadian means.

The photographs from Renaud's students have already been chosen.

Kodak representative Lesley Sparks told the Coast News that Kodak's interest in education is to encourage photography as a career choice. She said her company furthered that goal through its Focus on Education program, which supports and encourages students of photography by holding lectures with working photographers, and through activities like the Images of Who We Are exhibit.

In addition to the interest and assistance from Kodak, Renaud said she and her photography students had recently been approached by a business benefactor from Vancouver who expressed interest in helping the photography program in "whatever way possible."

The benefactor, whom Renaud preferred remain anonymous, has asked what the Elphinstone photography program would need in the way of equipment to be successful.

"He wanted to know what direction we're going in," Renaud said, "and what it would take to get us there. And the truth is, we don't really know yet; it's they students that are leading the way, they decide the direction they want to take. I just facilitate for them."

Elphinstone Secondary News

CHANGE "DAY" - PARENTS INVITED
On February 28, from 1:15 - 3:15 teachers will be given a workshop on "Integrating special needs students in regular classes". Parents are invited to attend.

KEEPING CLOSE TOUCH
An interesting study recently showed the influence of mothers and fathers on school grades:

High School Grades Students Reported Making

	Mostly A's	Mostly B's	Mostly C's	Mostly D's
Mother keeps close touch of how well young person does in school	92%	89%	84%	80%
Father keeps close touch of how well young person does in school	85%	79%	69%	64%

DISTRICT PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent - teacher interviews will be held at Elphinstone from 2:20 to 3:20 pm March 10 - 13. Parents should start calling now for appointments.

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YOUTH AND THE JOB MARKET

Staying in school gives you a competitive edge — take it from dropouts who have learned the hard way.

"I dropped out of school two years ago but the best job I could get was working at a fast food joint," says Des. "It didn't take me long to realize that if I wanted to get anywhere in life, I needed an education."

Statistics from Employment and Immigration Canada show a high school diploma will open the door to most of the new jobs created between now and the year 2000.

"Most companies won't even look at your application unless you have at least a high school education," continues Des. "If you had a choice between a high school graduate or a dropout, who would you pick?"

While low-skilled workers such as delivery people and kitchen helpers are likely to remain in demand for many years to come, don't expect to see them earning top dollar. These days, the highest salaries are being paid to executives, tradespeople and skilled workers.

"Do yourself a favour and finish high school," says Des, who is now attending Kwantlen College in the lower mainland, "then get some special training in a field that interests you. You owe it to your future."

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

One in three Canadian students are in danger of dropping out of school this year. They need help from people like you so they can make the most of their potential and keep their future on track.

Here's what you can do to help:

In Your Home
- Take time to discuss school and personal issues with your children
- Encourage your children to get involved in school-related activities
- Visit your child's school, ask questions and, if possible, become active in the school system as a teacher's aide or in some other volunteer capacity

In Your Community
- Check out the school system to determine the special needs of students in your community — then pick a project and get it started
- Gain support from recreational, community and church groups to add a Stay-in-School message into their programs
- If you're a member of a service club, encourage increased awareness of the dropout issue through luncheon speeches by specialists

In Your Business
- Adopt a student, class or school and invite students to visit your work place — it will help them make the connection between work and their studies
- Include Stay-in-School messages in corporate advertising
- Offer incentives to employees to improve their educational levels

TEST YOUR KNOW-HOW
TRUE? OR FALSE?

QUESTIONS

1. *Dropouts earn less money than high school graduates.*
2. *Math and science classes don't have anything to do with the real world.*
3. *Dropouts wind up on the unemployment line more often than high school grads.*
4. *Canada's high school dropout rate is only 10 per cent.*
5. *Many students are drawn away from school by part time jobs.*
6. *There are just as many jobs available to high school dropouts as there are to graduates, they just don't pay as much.*

ANSWERS

1. TRUE. On average, dropouts earn 25 per cent less than those who graduate.
2. FALSE. Nine of the 10 fastest-growing job fields require math and science.
3. TRUE. Dropouts tend to be unemployed almost twice as often as those who graduate.
4. FALSE. Canada's dropout rate is an incredible 30 per cent.
5. TRUE. Studies show that students working 15+ hours a week are more likely to quit school.
6. FALSE. Fewer jobs are being created for low-skilled workers. Between now and the year 2000, most new jobs will require 12 – 17 years of education and training.

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HAPPY PLANNING!

The Perfect Gown

Tips To Aid You In Selecting The Perfect Gown

Short and Petite
Look for dresses with lace appliques that run lengthwise and with neat seams. Consider A-line or princess cuts with small collars and cuffs.

Tall and Slim
Use wide belts, large collars, big cuffs, flared or layered skirts and low necks.

Full figured
Select carefully fitted solid-coloured dress in princess or loosely shaped style that just skims the body.

Narrow Shoulders
Drape with cape collars or capelets.

Slender
Shop for fabrics with texture, sheer nap or horizontal ribbing such as satin, velvet or jersey. These give the appearance of added pounds.

Thick Waist and Midriff
Choose a dress with a lifted waistline and A-line to aid in giving a slimming effect.

Broad Shoulders
Dresses should have smooth set-insleeves, low V-necks or high-covered necks.

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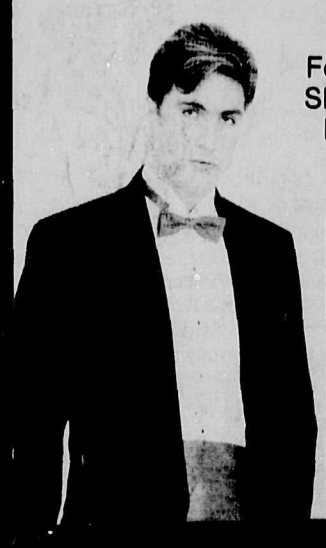

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- ☐ Determine size of guest list—request both families to compile a guest list.
- ☐ Sign up with the Bridal Gift Registry of your choice.
- ☐ Visit with your clergyman, justice of the peace, or judge to discuss ceremony.
- ☐ Reserve ceremonial and reception locations.
- ☐ Select wedding dress, headpiece, and colour scheme.
- ☐ Select members of the briday party.
- ☐ Contract for the services you will need (include caterer, rental companies, photographer, musicians, printer, florists—remember in-season flowers will be less expensive).
- ☐ Announce your engagement in the classified section of the Coast News.
- ☐ Choose bridesmaids' dresses—keep in mind the colour scheme, taste and budget of your bridesmaids. Your Maid of Honour's dress should be slightly different, but all should blend in style and colour (or choose an identical dress for your Maid of Honour and offset it with a fashion or hair accessory).
- ☐ Consult with travel agent for honeymoon possibilities.

Six to eight weeks before the wedding

- ☐ Mail invitations.
- ☐ Purchase wedding gift for bride/groom
- ☐ Meet with person who will perform ceremony, review ceremony vows, finalize details, schedule wedding rehearsal.
- ☐ Final fittings for wedding dress and headpiece.
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- ☐ Finalize catering and other service arrangements; pay deposits as required.
- ☐ Order tuxedos or other formal wear for men, dresses for mothers of bride and groom.
- ☐ Rent wedding day transportation, or recruit family and friends as drivers.
- ☐ Select rings (if not already done).
- ☐ Finalize honeymoon plans.

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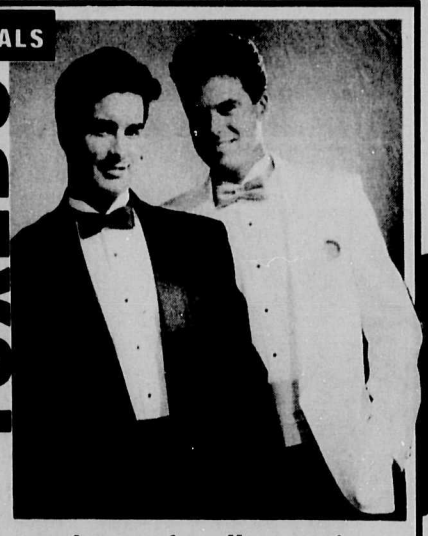

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Two weeks before the wedding

- ☐ Check fittings on all gowns, be sure accessories are in order.
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One week before the wedding

- ☐ Check fit of wedding rings.
- ☐ Finalize arrangements with catere, florist, musicians, photographer.
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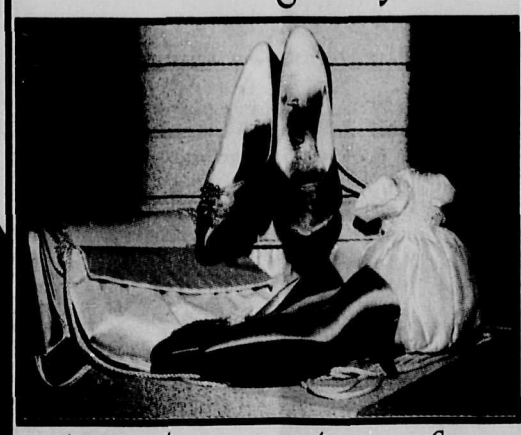

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Many of the Coast's residents met Feb. 20, at the Kinhut in Gibsons to share memories of Jean Fallows who died Feb 4. Mrs. Fallows, who moved to the Coast with her husband in 1946, taught at Elphinstone Secondary School from the early fifties till retirement in 1970. Joel Johnstone photo

Gibsons Bus society seeks municipal grant of $5000

The Gibsons Bus society, facing a deadline at month's end to raise $15,000 to keep the community transit system on the road, has approached town council for a $5,000 grant.

Driver Dianne Schaffer made the appeal Tuesday saying the non-profit society is exploring every avenue in an effort to keep the bus service running.

"It's an established fact that we're a needed service and we have tons of support," Schaffer said. As of Tuesday, only $2,600 had been raised, a figure which has society directors worried they will fall short of the goal. "Passengers are digging deep, but they can't do it all no matter how much they need the bus," Schaffer said.

She said $15,000 is needed on an emergency basis for specific expenses, such as insurance and a paint job, not for debts. A business plan has been drawn up to ensure the bus will be a viable, self-supporting operation in the future if the immediate financial needs can be overcome, she added.

"We're very confident that if we can get through the Save the Bus phase we will be able to run it," Schaffer said. "The $15,000 would keep us running for six months while grants and other fundraising efforts come to fruition."

Council said it would need a detailed financial statement before considering awarding a grant. Mayor Eric Small promised a response before the end of the month, agreeing to call a special council meeting to deal with the issue once the financial information has been submitted.

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george in gibsons

by George Cooper, 886-8520

When next you visit our capital, Victoria, do remember to take in the provincial museum on a Monday - the no-charge day. And to rest your feet (museums are always hard on the feet), sit awhile in the Roxy movie theatre on the third floor to see the clowns of the silent film days.

Last December it was Buster Keaton stumbling, fumbling, falling as only those geniuses could, to underline the ineptness of their characters.

A short walk to the front lawns of the legislature and the corner at Bellevue and Menzies brings you to a new totem of immense girth and commanding aspect.

Totems

The totem is a gift to the people of BC from the First Nation Salish of southern Vancouver Island. The totem heralds the preparations for the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria.

Called the Knowledge Totem, a companion piece to the totem sent to Auckland for this year's games, its four figures recognize the importance of the lessons of the past as well as a hope for the future of coming generations. Carved by master carver Cicero August, aided by his two sons, the four figures represent all aspects of past Salish cultural life.

The loon atop the pole is the one who taught men the way to spread the teachings of the tribe. Below the loon the fisherman, a larger than life figure, shows the traditional means of living from nature's bounty.

The third figure down, the bone game player, reveals the re-creation that test the players' alertness and team spirit, a game that needs no language in order to play. At the bottom the frog holds all steady in place - a figure in Native legend.

Satellite theatre

Back to the museum building and the Newcombe Theatre at the far end of the building where parents and their youngsters view scientists at work in the waters off the Galapagos Islands - by way of satellites and a huge screen. All within a second or two of the actual happenings on the Galapagos. The whole venture is called the Jason Project.

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community

Hot meal volunteers recognized

by Jo-Anne Sheanh

Volunteers are the backbone of any organization and nowhere is this more evident than in the Sunshine Coast Home Support Society. This society consists of four divisions: Adult Daycare (at Kirkland Centre), the Hospice Program, Home Support (care at home) and Meals on Wheels.

A Valentine's luncheon was held at Kirkland Centre Friday, Feb. 14 to honour and recognize 25 Meals on Wheels' volunteers: an enthusiastic welcome was extended to the guests by Martha Scales, executive director of the home Support Society, and Barbara Ferrett, president of the society. This was followed by a delicious lunch prepared by chef Alanna Wood, who prepares all the meals for the Adult Daycare.

The Meals on Wheels Program is an integral part of the community, providing hot, nourishing meals three times a week to seniors, convalescing or disabled adults for a nominal fee of $3.75 per meal. Approximately 32 people from Langdale to Halfmoon Bay are currently receiving this service, some 312 prepared meals each month.

Meals on Wheels drivers enjoyed a luncheon held in their honour Feb. 14. Jo-Anne Sheanh photo

Scales announced the introduction of new meal containers which are to be put in use this week. They are to be used initially in the Sechelt area and later on will be available in Gibsons. The containers are made of durable plastic, insulated so as to keep foods hot for up to one and a half hours and are dishwasher safe. New microwavable dishes will also be available.

The old ones are made of styrofoam with disposable liners, and in time, become chipped and soiled. The new ones are not only more sanitary, but are environmentally friendly.

Appreciation was extended to dietician Michelle Chapman and St. Mary's Hospital for their assistance in ordering and maintaining these new containers. The hospital will also provide half of the containers needed to get the new program started. (St. Mary's prepares all the meals for the Sechelt area and Jim Doyle, of Gussies, does the meals for the Gibsons area.)

Because each container, complete with dishes, costs $81 - the society's objective is to raise $2,300 to purchase the number needed. Tax receipts will be issued for donations to: Sunshine Coast Home Support Society - Meals on Wheels Program, Box 2420, Sechelt, V0N 3A0.

Ever year the society sponsors its annual Duck Race on Chapman Creek. All the proceeds from this event go towards the numerous programs the society supports. Watch for it in June, it's good fun and a worthy endeavour.

davis bay news

by Jo-Anne Sheanh, 885-3629

We can thank Julius Caesar for Leap Year, for it was he who is responsible for the 366-day calendar every fourth year. Feb. 29 is traditionally Bachelor's Day or more commonly, it is known as Sadie Hawkins Day. This is the day when a spinster may ask a bachelor for his hand in marriage.

While researching the subject, I found no pertinent information on this old-fashioned custom, but I remember as a young girl all the hoopla on that special day. There were Sadie Hawkins dances and parties where everyone dressed up and the gals got to ask the guys to dance - daring in those days!

Leap Year and Sadie Hawkins

Al Capp, creator of the L'il Abner comic strip was largely responsible for creating the interest in this unusual custom. First introduced in 1934, it was set in the mythical backwoods community of Dogpatch, USA. Broadly humorous, it featured characters such as L'il Abner, the shy and awkward hillbilly; Daisy Mae, the persistent, curvy damsel who finally snares Abner on Sadie Hawkins Day after a 17-year pursuit.

Then there was the pipe-smoking Mammy Yokum who puffed on her pipe and egged Daisy Mae on. Those of us who can remember, followed their antics with glee, some pulling for Daisy Mae, others sympathizing with L'il Abner.

It's rather special to have a birthday on Feb. 29 as you only get to celebrate it once every fourth year. That's why I must wish Gerry a very happy birthday - he's only 15!

Association meeting

Oops...I goofed. The date for the Davis Bay/Wilson Creek Community Association's annual general meeting is March 10 at 1 pm, not March 17. Elections for new officers will be held. Mayor Nancy MacLarty will be the guest speaker, followed by a question and answer period.

roberts creek

by Janice Leighton, 886-3541

In many ways it seems too soon, but indeed, the time has come for me to thank readers for their attention, participation and feedback and to announce my retirement. It's time for me to step aside and let someone else give us a glimpse of their thoughts. I've enjoyed enormously sharing with you my perspectives on Roberts Creek, but my business now demands my full attention.

Bev Cranston will be returning as columnist starting next week. You can reach her with notices and any special interest stories regarding Roberts Creek by Tuesday evening at 886-2215 or Wednesdays at the Coast News 886-2622.

Quick Notes

This Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 8 pm is the monthly community association meeting at the hall. The Elphinstone LRUP will be discussed. If you are interested in being part of the process, contact Harry Almond at 885-3484. Also on the agenda is the Gibsons library referendum, which includes the Roberts Creek Library and the extension to the Gibsons library.

Be there or be square

Rainbow Preschool's giant flea market and bottle drive is this Sunday, March 1 from 11 to 2 pm at the hall. Call Jane at 886-7610 for table bookings ($10) or for more information.

Carnival was a rejuvenating force for all who attended. A bee costume, a black and red cape and three long feathers were left behind at the party and can be reclaimed from Jan at 886-2883.

Library Notes

The Roberts Creek library has its shelves laden with new books. Among them, Me & Gallagher, a western story from the past brought to life by Jack Farris. The 1991 Nobel Peace winner, Freedom From Fear, by Aung San Suu Kyi and the 1991 Booker Prize winner, The Famished Road, by Ben Okri are both on the shelves.

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halfmoon bay happenings

by Ruth Forrester, 885-2418

This old photograph, courtesy of Mary Griffith, shows what was obviously a badminton club group relaxing by the fireplace at Coopers Green hall in 1937. Apparently the hall had a badminton court at that time. It would be interesting if anyone could recognize any faces in the picture. If you see a familiar person please give me a call evenings at 885-2418.

Grand opening

It will be an exciting event on Wednesday, March 4 when the official opening of the renovated Welcome Beach Community Hall takes place.

Invitations have been sent out to local dignitaries and to life members, but there is also an open invitation to members, friends, and to newcomers to the area who will be most welcome. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony and refreshments will be served.

Memberships will also be available throughout the afternoon and it is hoped many new and old members will take advantage of this opportunity to become part of this popular organization. Fee is $3 per person. The time is 2 pm to 4 pm.

Already there are plans for a pub night March 28. This is a social evening of such events as shuffleboard, darts, horse racing etc. and is an enjoyable type of evening where members and friends will be made welcome.Your calendar of upcoming events will be in the mail shortly.

One very active member who is generally involved in helping out at the food department will be present, but unable to do much in the kitchen. Mildred Chuckrey has returned from a vacation in Mexico with her arm in a cast after an unfortunate accident in Mexico City. Mildred had much praise for the treatment she received medically and the kindness shown by the local people. Get better soon Mildred.

Attention music lovers

There is a rare treat in store for all who enjoy an evening of fine vocal music. Nikki Weber will be presenting A Night of Close Harmony at Welcome Beach Hall on March 21. Of special interest will be the appearance of one of the most popular singers known on the Sunshine Coast. There are many recent residents of the area who have not heard Dierdre Hart, formerly Dierdre Murphy who spent her young life in Halfmoon Bay. Since moving away from the Coast she has formed a group in her new home town of Campbell River a quartet known as Straight From The Heart. The group, led by Dierdre will delight with their program. Those of us who were Dierdre fans will certainly be there and if you have not heard this fine performer, make a point of being there. You will be delighted.

Also in the program will be a local group of male vocalists known as The Barbery Coasters, who will present a really enjoyable selection. Tickets are on sale at Books 'n Stuff and Talewind Books in Sechelt, at the B&J Store in Halfmoon Bay at $6 each. Pick yours up soon to avoid disappointment.

A reminder

The deadline day for items for this column is now Tuesday. If you have any items you would like to have mentioned please try to get the information in early in the week.

Columnist Ruth Forrester is looking for anyone who knows who is in this photograph, dated around 1937.

Notice Board

- Deadline for submissions is Wednesday noon (for Monday distribution)
- On-going submissions will be deleted after 3 weeks unless a specific renewal request is made.
- We reserve the right to edit submissions for brevity
- All submissions should refer to non-profit events of genuine community interest

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary Brown Bag Lunch and Mug Up (bring you own lunch and mug!) 10:30 am. Sechelt Indian Band hall. Guest Speaker: Terry Lawson

Canadian Federation of University Women of the Sunshine Coast. February Meeting. 11:30 am at St. John's Church. For info call 885-9589.

St. Mary's Hospital Auxilliary's Annual Brown Box Lunch and Mug-Up is to be held in the Sechelt Indian Band Hall at 10:30 am. All members and anyone interested in hearing about the auxiliary activities in the hospital are invited to attend - just bring your own brown bag lunch & mug. Tea, coffee and juice are provided. Special guest speaker - Terry Lawson from H.L.R.A. will be talking on communication. Contact Helen Steeves 886-4933.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Reform Party of Canada District information and membership meeting at 7:30 pm. Wilson Creek Hall. Davis Bay Rd. Refreshments served. Everyone welcome.

Gibsons Wildlife Club General meeting at 7:30 pm.

Winter Film Series at the Arts Centre, Sechelt. "Broken Mirrors", Dutch 1984 film. $4.00 admission. 8:00 pm.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Sunshine Arts Council Board Meeting. The Arts Centre, 7:30 pm.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Another Inner Ear Coffee House at 749 Leek Rd., in Roberts Creek. Doors open at 8:30. Everyone welcome. For info call 886-9747

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

Fifties Dance sponsored by Sechelt District Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Trail Bay Mall Merchants Association. Dance to Rock and Roll Music from the Fifties with "Local Traffic" at the Legion Hall on Wharf St. 8:00 pm Tickets $10.00. Phone 885-3100 for info.

Heart Quake '92 Fitness and Movement Potpourri Gibsons Elementary School Gym. 11:00 - 1:00 pm, Donations and pledges to the B.C. Heart Fund.

Slide Show - cruise from Italy to the Black Sea 7:30 pm. Saint Hilda's Church Hall. Donations for operation eye-sight universal. Refreshments at break.

Pancake Breakfast at Continuing Education Building to celebrate leap year. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Cost $2.50 - $4.00. All proceeds to Adult Education program enhancement.

Ethnic Dinner & Slide Presentation Bill Gibson, Associate Dean of Academic Studies at Capilano College speaks on his Assignment in the United Arab Emirates. Bring an appropriate pot luck dish. Admission $5.00 at the Arts Centre, Sechelt. 6:30 pm.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Bethel Baptist Church invites everyone to a "Concert of Gospel Music: featuring pianist Glen Cuthbertson at 6:30 pm.

Mud Race - Cash prizes. 11:00 am. Gates open 10:00 am. Dakota Lumber Yard. Venture Way Gibsons Industrial Park. $30.00 entry fee, register at gate. For more info call Bill Hughes 886-2191

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Post Natal Class 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Sechelt Health Clinic. To register Sue Lehman 885-7930. Everyone welcome.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Bake Sale Trail Bay Mall starting at 9:30. Saint Hilda's Church Women.

RNABC Meeting. 7:30 pm Capilano College, SIB Complex

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

World Day of Prayer. 1:30 pm St. Bartholemew's Anglican Church. Gibsons. All Welcome.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Swap meet at Pender Harbour Community Hall. 10:00 am. For more info call Ruth 883-9603.

MISCELLANEOUS

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Totem Lodge - Everyday is visiting day at Totem Lodge. Visit the pioneers of your community.

The Parent Tot Drop In program at the following locations: Gibsons: Mon. Wed. Fri in United Church Hall Sechelt: Mon. at St Hilda's Church Hall. Davis Bay: Tuesdays in Wilson Creek Com Hall. Thursdays at St. Andrews Anglican Church Pender Harbour 9:30 - 11:00 am Usual Time: 9:30 to 11:30 at most locations Fee: $3.00 per parent and child. Family rate $5.00

Folk Dancing at Roberts Creek School, Community Use Room. Every Tues 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Fee $3.00 Drop in, everyone welcome.

Epilepsy - Do you have or know someone who does? Find out what the doctors are not telling you. If interested maybe start a support group. call 885-6126

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The Inter-Active Video Business Disc Program is now available at the Sunshine Coast Business Development Centre, #205-5710 Teredo Square, Info 885-1959. The user fee is only $10.00 for three 3 hour sessions.

Rockwood Centre Courses start March 10 for 5 weeks. Courses available in Fly Tying, Genealogy and Visual Art. For more information call the Rockwood Centre.

MONDAYS

Sunshine Coast Breast Feeding Support Group. Informal drop-in meetings on the first Monday of each month. Luinda, 886-4502 or Wendy, 885-2950.

Seniors' Branch 69, **Carpet Bowling,** Mondays 1:30 pm. **Exercise** with Joan Frembd Mons. & Thursdays - 11-12.

Overeaters Anonymous 7:30 pm. Holy Family Church Hall., Sechelt. Phone 885-2108 or 886-4781 for details.

Adult Children of Alcoholics or Dysfunctional Families meet at St. Mary's Church Hall in Gibsons, 7:30 - 9.

Sunshine Coast Breakaway Parents Meeting for parents concerned about their children's drug & alcohol use. 807 Kiwanis Way, Gibsons. 7:30 pm. For info call 886-2423.

TUESDAYS

First Tuesday of every month, **local art rental & sales at Sunshine Coast Art Centre.** Open 2-6pm. Coffee served. Original works by Sunshine Coast artists for sale or rent; any donations of unused frames gratefully accepted. 885-5412.

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Gibsons Table Tennis Club plays every Tuesday, 7 - 10 p.m. Elphinstone Secondary School Cafeteria. For more information, call Jim at 886-2775.

WEDNESDAYS

Badminton every Wednesday evening, 8 - 10 p.m. at Elphinstone High School Gym. Admission: $3.00. Drop in.

Sunshine Coast Toastmasters meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 pm at Chatelech High School, Room 112, Info 885-3206. Guests welcome

Gibsons Old Age Pensioners Org Branch #38 Carpet Bowling at Harmony Hall at 1 pm. Info 886-9619

Gibsons Old Age Pensioners Organization Branch #38 Carpet Bowling at Harmony Hall every Wed at 1:00 pm. Info 886-2073.

Gibsons Old Age Pensioners Organization Branch #38, Tai Chi for Seniors at Harmony Hall every Friday at 1:30 pm for info 886-9619.

THURSDAYS

Birth Control Clinic at Coast Garibaldi Health Unit, 494 S. Fletcher. Gibsons Thursday from 7 to 9 pm. Everyone welcome, no appointment necessary. 885-7770.

3C's Weight Loss Support Group meets every Thursday evening, 6:45 to 8 pm at the United Church, Glassford Rd., Gibsons. Info: 886-7159.

Seniors' Branch 69. Exercise with Joan Frembd Mondays & Thursdays 11-12.

Adult Children of Alcoholics or Dysfunctional Families meet at the Action Centre in Sechelt, 7:30 - 9.

FRIDAYS

United Church Thrift Shop in basement of church off Truman Rd., open Fridays, 1 to 3 pm.

Square Dancing - plus level 8:00 pm, Seniors' Hall, Sechelt. Info 886-7495.

Gibsons Old Age Pensioners Org Branch #38 Tia Chi for seniors at Harmony Hall every Friday at 1:30 pm. Info 886-9619

SUNDAYS

The Sunshine Coast Stamp Club meet 7:30 pm 1st and 3rd Sunday at Sechelt Library. Phone 885-3381 or 885-7088. Open for all ages.

sechelt scenario

by Margaret Watt, 885-4406

Here's something new for '92! Adult education students in Sechelt will be holding a pancake breakfast Saturday, Feb. 29 to celebrate Leap Year. Breakfast will be available from 9 am to 1 pm in the continuing education building at 5638 Inlet Avenue, Sechelt.

Proceeds from the breakfast will go towards a planned exchange trip with members of Bella Bella adult education class. Everyone is invited. Bring the kids as it should be fun for everyone.

Winners

The lucky winners of the Valentine's Day raffle at West Sechelt elementary school are as follows: first prize, a gorgeous quilt in the wedding ring design was won by Linda Beecham; second prize, a computer game went to Daryl James; and third prize, lunch for two at the Wakefield Inn was won by Camille Layne.

Special thanks go out to the Sechelt Lions for the use of their raffle drum for the draw. Also, a big thank you to John Kennedy at IDA Pharmacy for donating the computer game and to the owners of the Wakefield Inn.

West Sechelt elementary has a new handbook out that is filled with information about the school. The teachers' names, the many goals of the school and fundraising events are catalogued. For more information regarding this handy book contact the school.

Slide show

Come to St. Hilda's church hall on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 7:30 pm and allow Bill and Bea Rankin to transport you to Italy and from there to the Black Sea. On the way, you will stop in Sicily, the Greek Islands, Bulgaria, the Ukraine, Istanbul and Malta. There is no admission fee for this event, but donations are welcome. All donations will go to Operation Eyesight.

Bake sale

St. Hilda's church ladies will be holding their annual bake sale Thursday, March 5 starting at 9:30 am in Trail Bay Mall (Royal Bank end). These ladies are renowned for their baking, so come early and don't be disappointed.

Sechelt elementary

A reminder the school is having its spring fair March 5. They still require items for the fish pond, the silent auction and prizes for the bingo games. If you can help, call Laurie Brackett at 885-2109.

Report cards will be issued Friday, March 6 and parent/teacher interviews are scheduled for March 10 to 12. Interviews for parents of primary students are scheduled as usual. Parents of intermediate students have been asked to let the school know if they wish to have an interview scheduled for this reporting period.

Song workshop

This course will be of the greatest interest to anyone who has ever aspired to writing songs. April 24, 25 and 26, the Festival of the Written Arts will present Bill Henderson, Shari Ulrich and Roy Forbes to offer their unique approach to the art of song writing. The workshop will be held at Rockwood Centre -submit two songs on a cassette tape, lyric sheets and a brief description of your goal in song writing. For more information call the centre at 885-9631.

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egmont news

by Lynn Moes, 883-1188

The Egmont Water Board recently met with two representatives from the Ministry of Forests and the president of Terminal Forest Products. The meeting took place at various spots along the road that goes through the clearcuts southwest of Waugh Lake.

Concerns included the road washouts, which had caused siltation in Waugh Lake and the size of cutblocks, too large for the smaller companies could bid on them. What does Waugh Lake watershed reserve mean? The next projected cutblock is directly above the most recently cut area and is of the same size (plus or minus 27 hectares). This will, no doubt, cause even more runoff and fast-moving water over the mountainside, causing additional siltation and erosion.

I'm glad we're slowly getting together and talking about the problems, but I'm sad to say the excuses for the mess are still the same and economics still rule the world.

Sports action at hall

Floor hockey is a huge success - sounds like Tuesdays and Thursdays are the nights. Some of the guys have been busy making goalie nets at the school. Looks like we're going to have two nights per week of volleyball at the hall, Mondays and Wednesdays.

Congratulations and welcome home

A wedding snuck by me, so I'll sneak in a little congratulation to A and J. I'm looking forward to seeing Bill and Shirley around. Welcome home you two, hope you had a relaxed time. Now it's back to the court (tennis that is). Sorry to hear that you hurt your knee Myna. I hope it heals fast and well.

LaFarge donation

There was a big donation to the Egmont Community Club from LaFarge (the gravel pit). Jack Sutherland called to tell me they have donated a pile of scap copper worth a substantial sum and will be delivering it to the Earls Cove barge terminal.The community club will have to do a little work before they can sell it. Call Marten if you would like to help. Thank you, LaFarge!

harbour watch

by Jacalyn Vincent, 883-2840

The preschool would like to thank everyone who supported the Valentine's Day dance held in the community hall. A special pat on the back to all the moms who put a great joint effort into it.Congratulations to Shelly Brown, the big winner of the paid trip for two to Whistler.

SPCA blankets

Bea Hallberg would like to say thanks to all those who donated old blankets to the SPCA. They're always of use so if you have blankets and would like to donate them, the drop off point is Taffy's Clothing Store in Madeira Park or you may phone Bea at 883-2228.

Industrial First Aid course

An Industrial First Aid course will begin March 28 in the upstairs of the firehall in Madeira Park. The total hours of the course will be 70 and the fee is $375. Persons interested are urged to register now; a total of 16 persons is the course maximum. Successful completion by the applicants will result in a WCB certificate. For further information or to leave a message, contact Roxanne at 883-9899 .

More expected at open house

The Blue Shoe open house was very nice even though more people were expected. A total of $35 was given to the Sunshine Coast Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. Cornelia would like to thank everyone who helped with this great cause and who enjoyed the cookies and coffee.

As the tide changes

Happy belated birthday to Mrs. Paskar - you look younger every year. Congratulations to Steve and Astrid Wise on the birth of their son and to Richard and Gail Paton, who greeted the arrival of their baby girl. Way to go Teresa Sladey for your third year winning in the diamond club.

Until next week - be good to yourself.

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Sechelt council softens approach to unification

by Stuart Burnside

Sechelt Council has rescinded a motion made two weeks ago that gave Mayor Nancy MacLarty permission to discuss "in principle" the unification of the Coast's various governments under one authority.

Council instead passed a new motion Wednesday stating "the District of Sechelt agrees to examine the concept of a single local government for the Sunshine Coast." The new motion authorized the mayor and administrator of Sechelt to work with their counterparts from the other governments and "bring back to council a recommendation on a process to examine the process."

MacLarty explained that there was concern from at least one council member as well as Gibsons Mayor Eric Small, toward the phrase "agrees in principle" found in the original motion. The concern was that it might lead to the municipality committing itself to a stronger course of action than intended toward establishing a single Coast government.

Alderman Michael Shanks called the change in motions a "watering down" of the original motion and he asked council not to vote for it.

"My feeling," Shanks said, "is that, if the three governments agreed 'in principle' to look at this, something might get done. If we're not looking at it in principle it never will go any further."

Shanks elaborated saying if council were really interested in looking into one Coast government they would get the Ministry of Municipal Affairs involved.

"I don't think the three Coast governments are capable of assessing the ramification of one Coast government themselves," Shanks said, "and municipal affairs is."

MacLarty said she agreed with Shanks, but said the new motion was necessary as an initial step toward getting the Coast governments working together.

All the aldermen voted for the new motion, including Shanks, who said he was in favour of the idea of pursuing the one government concept but felt it should be approached with more determination.

Gibsons council passed a similar motion Tuesday authorisizing Small and administrator Dan Legg to work with their counterparts on the single-government concept.

sechelt council notes

Pedlars discussed

Sechelt administrator Art Lew has indicated it won't be necessary for council to authorize Ald. Michael Shanks to respond to complaints of pedlars working the municipality on weekends.

Lew said there was "no way" under the Municipal Act to stop pedlars from operating within the municipality, but said pedlars are required to have a Sechelt business licence to sell their products.

He said that in addition to the $100 business licence, there was also a $1,000 security bond that could be required of pedlars. He said this deposit might act as a deterrent.

Lew said the public should ask to see a business licence before doing business with pedlars. Those caught operating without a licence could receive a court summons.

Lew also said the RCMP could be contacted if pedlars made themselves nuisances. "They have indicated they will help enforce our bylaws (under those conditions)," he noted.

Baha'i Faith

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Discovery project founders on rules

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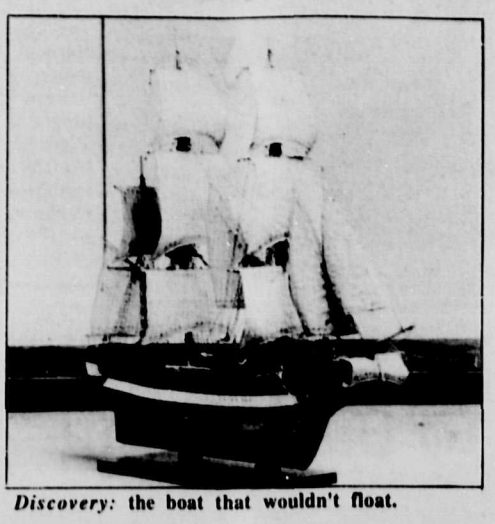
As an example, Discovery would never be allowed to be more than five miles offshore under any circumstances. And her interior would be changed significantly (eg. steel stairways to comply with the regulations).

None of these are insurmountable in keeping the project "on the rails," using imagination and astute planning, but attracting enough paying customers to the Sunshine Coast for day trips alone is not possible, according to the research team at Ference & Weiker.

A steel-hulled Discovery was ruled out by the committee because the vessel could not be built locally on the waterfront and would pretty much destroy any attempt at authenticity of the replica. Wooden cladding over the steel hull (assuming that constructing the hull in Vancouver was acceptable, and it was not) was deemed not to be an option after study revealed there would be serious upkeep problems.

Approximately $15,000 was donated or pledged by business people, local governments and individual citizens late last year for the express purpose of having a professional business plan prepared before any physical work was started on the ship. The provincial government agreed to match the sum as a maximum contribution, or 50 per cent of the total monies expended on the business plan, if costs came in less than $30,000.

Five qualified management consulting firms were asked to bid on the plan preparation, with Ference and Weiker being awarded the contract at a joint meeting of the Project Discovery committee and a representative of the provincial government. While final figures have not been received yet, Ference & Weiker has assured committee representatives that all of the $30,000 earmarked for the project had not been spent when they were asked to stop.



Discovery: **the boat that wouldn't float.**

The committee will work out a refund plan so that the unused funds will be returned to the business plan donours in a fair manner.

Gibsons council reacted with dismay when they received news of the project's demise Tuesday. "This is very saddening because I thought this was a great project for the town," said Ald. Ed Steeves.

A frustrated Ald. John McNevin said he couldn't believe the lack of flexibility in Coast Guard regulations.

Gibsons Chamber offers full platter

by Lionel Trudel

Chamber of Commerce week (Feb. 24 to 28) offers a full agenda of business-related activities in Gibsons this year.

Presentations during scheduled meetings will include new Coast businesses, tourist information for business and the chance to talk to other industries one-on-one. Members and non-members are welcome.

New business in Gibsons is an appropriate theme for the opening ceremonies **Monday** night. Displays for various new business will be arranged in the convention room at the Gibsons Motor Inn from 7 pm to 9 pm. Lawrence Chambers (CLU) will be on hand to give informal consultation for insurance plans available through the Chamber of Commerce. This evening is sponsored by IGA Plus and Chambers Planning Service.

Tuesday has Gordon Wilson speaking at the annual general meeting in the Gibsons Motor Inn starting at 7 pm., followed **Wednesday** by an afterhours at the Motor Inn from 5 pm.

Past-presidents will be giving their opinions of what it was like to run the chamber, guaranteed entertaining stories will be heard over a buffet lunch at Andy's Restaurant, 12 pm **Thursday.**

Anyone interested in tourist information should attend Thursday evening's event. Various businesses from Gibsons & District will be explaining their services relating to the tourist industry.

If you are involved in rentals, B&B, etc. come to this function (7 pm to 9 pm, Gibsons Motor Inn) to meet with hotels and other institutions interested in referring customers. A slide show of underwater photography will also be shown.

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Enthusiastic Sechelt chamber sets new goals for coming year

Rejuvenated feeling prompts headquarter move to Indian Band complex

Boxes are strewn about the place and there's an air of barely restrained chaos. But the apparent sense of confusion caused by the Sechelt Chamber of Commerce's imminent move to new premises in the Sechelt Indian Band complex is illusory.

This is an organization which has undergone a lifesaving transformation in the last year, rebuilding membership from a dwindling 33 businesses to 120 at last count. With that accomplishment under its belt, the executive has some clear goals for the coming year.

"The chamber can now concentrate on what it should be doing," says president Al Driscoll, "promoting local business." Driscoll has been at the centre of the rebuilding effort and says the chamber is now focusing its efforts in two areas: one working on a tourism strategy and the other looking at ways to stimulate development.

Driscoll says that tourism promotion is in state of flux as a result of the recent demise of Travel Sunshine Coast. The chamber is not anxious to fill that role, he says, but has plans to get together with the Gibsons and Pender Harbour chambers to discuss the topic.

One tourism project the chamber has been planning is construction of a pier on Trail Bay to attract cruise ships and recreation.

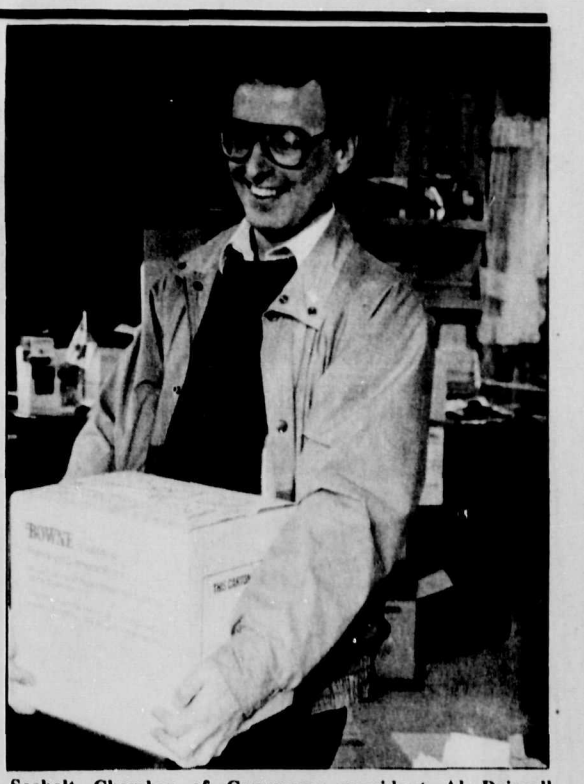
"The Sunshine Coast is really just starting with tourism," says chamber office manager Ann Kershaw, "and the potential is phenomenal." Kershaw said travel enquiries to the infocentre in January and February are up substantially over the same period last year, with more people looking for short, getaway trips from the Lower Mainland. Enquiries are liable to increase when the infocentre becomes established at its new location at the entrance to town.

Aside from tourism promotion, the chamber believes it should assume the role of advocate for business to local government, taking a stand on bylaws and development rules. "There's a lot of people moving here - to both Sechelt and Gibsons," Driscoll notes. "But development in both communities is shut down right now. It's been difficult to get permits and that makes it harder for people to move in, and forces prices up."

The chamber is involved in a variety of other programs, including the Capilano College job-re-entry program, SuperHost courses, home-based business workshops, all-candidates forums, Cowrie beautification, crime prevention programs and operating the Sechelt boat ramp.

In the middle of a move to new premises, Sechelt has kept chamber of commerce week activities to a minimum this year. A '50s rock and roll dance has been organized, celebrating the chamber's rejuvenation.

Local Traffic plays at the Legion Hall on Wharf Street at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 29. Tickets, $10, are available at Sew Easy and Sechelt chamber office.



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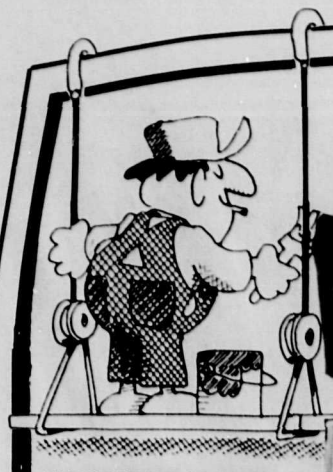

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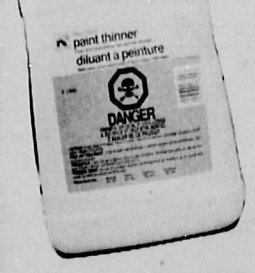

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Land claim still no nearer resolution

by Jane Seyd

Sechelt chief Tom Paul looks out of his office window, across the field to the low line of houses facing out to the Strait of Georgia.

Across the country recently, Ovid Mercredi has been under the hot lights of the TV cameras, delivering his message on a "distinct society" of native people to various constitutional conferences.

But here in Sechelt there are other things to consider.

There's the expansion of Capilano College's university transfer courses in the band's House of Hewhiwus complex. There's work on the band's salmon hatchery in Porpoise Bay with the Department of Fisheries, and plans for further enhancement projects in the band's traditional territories. There's development of a slate quarry and a marina to get off the ground. There are plans to develop an old logging camp on band lands at Deserted Bay as a base for recreational activities.

There's also a $54 million land claim, accepted for negotiation, which both provincial and federal governments have been sitting on while they haggle about cost-sharing arrangements. "We don't really care how they do it," says Paul, looking out towards the water, "as long as it gets done."

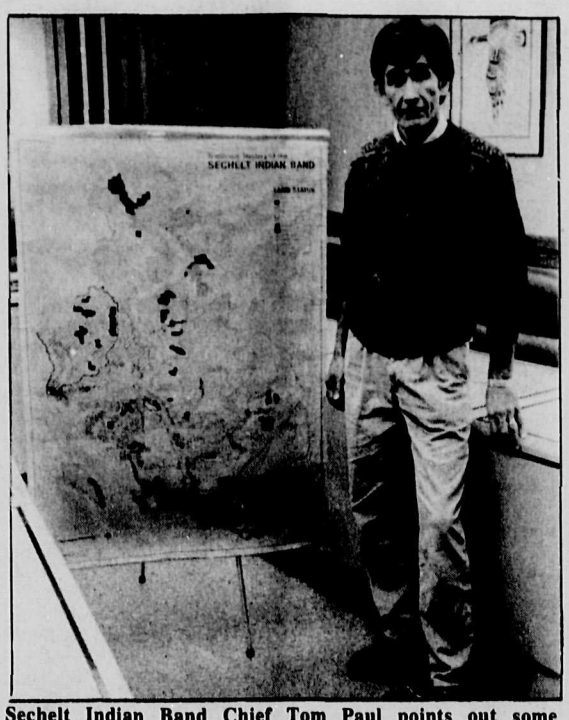
The Sechelt land claim covers about 70 square miles, running from Lang Bay in the north, along the shoreline to the head of Jervis Inlet, and down to Roberts Creek in the south. The band proposes to relinquish title to that land, including property now owned by private individuals or companies, for compensation of $54 million from the government and a 50 per cent share of the resources in traditional territories.

Compared to some of the other land claims which have been settled in remote areas of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, the Sechelt claim is relatively small, says Paul: "They could have settled our land claim for the amount of money they spent on Oka last year."

'...the Sechelt Indian Band had to go it on its own...'

In one important respect, the Sechelt band is in a different situation to most other bands who are negotiating land claims because they already have self-government. While for most bands the recognition of an "inherent right" to self-government is tied in with their land claims, the Sechelt band chose in the 1980s to negotiate these things separately.

That hasn't always sat well with other native groups, like the Assembly of First Nations, who in the years since self-government was achieved have accused the Sechelts of allowing "divide and conquer" tactics by the government to weaken the position of other native people. "They say we've given up some of our rights," says Paul. "We say, no we haven't."



Sechelt Indian Band Chief Tom Paul points out some outstanding issues in land claim negotiations. Jane Seyd photo

Achieving self-goverment was the result of a long and eventually solitary process for the band. "It came to the point where the Sechelt Indian Band had to go on its own," says Paul, "because the parent bodies and the groups in BC were going in a different direction."

Since the self-government act was signed, the Sechelt have had title to their lands, control of band membership, and a yearly block-funding arrangement with the federal government allowing the band to set its own budget directly, rather than having projects approved through the Department of Indian Affairs.

Unlike other bands, the Sechelt already have many of the legal mechanisms in place to effectively deal with their land claim on a "government to government basis," says Paul. And the band prefers that to becoming involved in a treaty process like that set out in a report of the BC Claims Task Force. "We don't really care to get involved in that process because we feel treaties are something of the past," says Paul.

Even if the treaties are signed by other bands, they'll still face restrictions under the Indian Act, he says. "They've still got that paternal government controlling them."

The Sechelt's own decision to go it alone with self-government was itself largely prompted by restrictions they faced under the Act, especially in the area of economic development.Today, in addition to controlling a budget for education, social assistance, and operation and maintenance of band programs, the Sechelt are involved in a variety of ventures including the Sechelt Aggregates gravel excavation, Thunderbird and Tyee Air, and Forstar, a company based on the Lower Mainland which exports lumber and forest products to Japan and Europe.

Businesses and individuals leasing property on band lands pay property taxes to the Sechelt Indian Government District. In return, the band (in the legal form of the SIGD) provides services like roads, garbage collection, and sewer, in conjuntion with the regional district. Non-natives on band lands have no direct vote in government, but a district advisory council of five members represents their concerns to the Sechelt Band Council.

Bill C93, the federal Self-Government Act of the Sechelt People is, says Paul, "a really complex piece of paper."

Meanwhile, the band is still waiting to negotiate their land claim, which Paul says would provide the money to invest in further economic development projects to ensure a solid future for the Sechelt people.

Paul is critical of the way some other bands have handled their claim settlements in the past, by dispersing it all to individual band members, rather than making collective investments. "They got thousands and thousands of dollars," he says. "People were buying cars. They more or less blew it all, not thinking about the future generations.

'Paul is critical of the way other bands have handled their claim settlements'

"That's not going to happen here."

A negotiating team for the Sechelt band has now been formed to negotiate the land claim, including present members of council Trent Dixon, Garry Feschuk, Theresa Jeffries and Ben Pierre, former chiefs Stan Dixon and Calvin Craigan, elders' representative Gilbert Joe, Chief Tom Paul, and the band's legal and financial advisors.

The only thing missing now is a cost-sharing arrangement between the federal and provincial governments

Community Services given grant for womens issues

The Sunshine Coast Community Services Society has received a $5,000 grant to purchase materials for a resource library for women.

"Helping communities improve their services to women is an important part of our ministry's job," said Women's Equality Minister Penny Priddy. "Through our Women's Grant Program, community groups identify local service needs and develop innovative programs or projects that benefit women in their own communities."

The Sunshine Coast Community Services Society will use the grant to purchase materials for a print and video resource library on issues affecting women, including sexual assault, dating violence, elder abuse and assault by male partners.

Community organizations may apply for funding through the Women's Grant Program three times a year.

A total of $569,113 has been awarded in this grant period.

Libraries presented TV, VCR and video collection

The Gibsons and District Public Library, in conjunction with the Sechelt Public Library, is the recipient of the Arts and Entertainment Network's A&E Library Theatre.

This gift to the library includes a 20-inch colour TV, a video cassette recorder, and a collection of video tapes and companion volumes valued at $2,500.

The project is being made possible through Coast Cable Vision Ltd., as part of its commitment to the community. It will provide valuable videos, books and equipment for both local libraries to share with the people they serve.

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IWA-CANADA, Local 1-71, Executive Board is recommending to our membership that they reject the 1991-1994 proposed Memorandum of Agreement.

The main areas of our concern are related to the Alternate Shift language and a severe reduction of service available for disabled union members.

A general meeting of the Sunshine Coast membership to discuss and vote on the proposed contract will be held from 7:30pm to 10:30pm on Friday, the 28th of Feb. 1992 at the Raven's Cry Theatre in Sechelt.

For those who cannot attend this meeting, voting will be held from **9:00am - 5:30pm 20th of Feb. 92 to 3rd Mar. 92,** at the Gibsons IWA office, located at 847 Poplar Lane, Gibsons, B.C. Please phone ahead to 886-4935 if you wish to vote at this office.

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In addition to anthems, spirituals and children's songs, the program will recognize the many contributions of some of the top gospel songwriters of the last 25 years.

"I am very excited about this year's anniversary program," says Jim Chaffee, executive vice-president of The Continentals. "The audience will not only experience songs that have had a lasting positive influence over the last quarter century, but also music that is continuing to shape gospel music today."

All the young people who are part of The Continentals are carefully selected from among thousands who audition annually from around the world. The program is then fine-tuned during an intensive nine-day rehearsal camp in Denver, Colorado, before each group heads out for an approximate three-month tour throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

The Continentals have released more than 35 gospel albums.

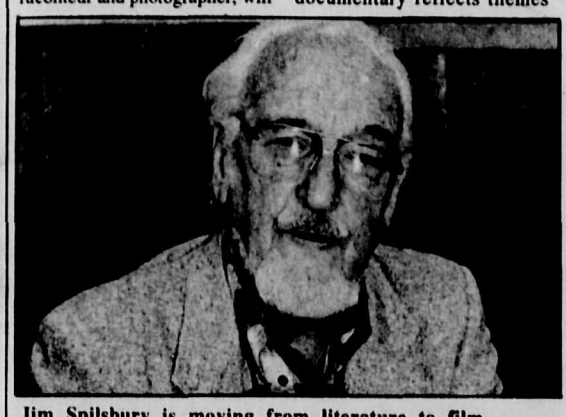
Spilsbury's Coast film to air Monday on Knowledge

A new documentary on the life and times of Jim Spilsbury, coastal pioneer, painter, inventor, entrepreneur, historian, raconteur and photographer, will premiere on the Knowledge Network, Monday (Feb. 24) at 7:30 p.m.

Titled Spilsbury's Coast, the documentary reflects themes explored in the book of the same name, released by Harbour Publishing in 1987. Described as an unsentimental memoir, the film uses Spilsbury's remarkably varied life to present the halcyon days of the BC coast, followed by its ironic decline in population due to improvements in transportation and communication. The film also includes authentic BC songs from the P.J. Thomas collection, and previously unseen archival footage from the '30s, '40s and '50s.

After its BC premiere, the documentary is expected to air nationally on CBC.

Spilsbury, born in England in 1905 and raised in a tent on Savary Island, is the bestselling author of two other books, The Accidental Airline and Spilsbury's Album.



Jim Spilsbury is moving from literature to film.
Rose Nicholson photo

Blues for the Bicycle Man

Part four

by Peter Trower

Irma is a big blonde woman who works part time as a nurse at the local hospital. She's an easygoing lady and a first-class cook. After a great supper, we sit around talking.

"I heard a bit of gossip about that dentist pal of yours today," Irma announces. "A girlfriend of mine claims he used to have a practice out in Burnaby. She didn't know the details but apparently there was some sort of scandal. He comes from a rich family and they managed to keep it out of the papers, but she says he ended up in a mental home for awhile."

"Ah, the guy's harmless enough." says Elmer, charitably. "I've run into people in the business who were a lot crazier than him. All I can say, he sure does know his music. I'd give plenty for a collection like that."

"You and your jazz," chides Irma, good-naturedly.

Shortly after this, Elmer is transferred to a different shift and we don't see each other for awhile. I begin dating a local girl named Sharon Finney and this starts to occupy much of my free time. Occasionally I see Doc Corey riding his bicycle around the town, swaying along unsteadily and singing to himself while old ladies tut-tut on corners. The dissolute dentist is starting to acquire a reputation.

Inevitably, I tell Sharon about his record collection and she expresses a desire to hear some of the music. So one evening, we make our way up those cement stairs and I knock on Corey's door.

Unlike the previous occasion, the dentist seems in a morose peculiar mood. "Didn't Elmer come along with you?" he questions in obvious disappointment.

I explain that Elmer is working and he nods resignedly.

Corey invites us in and plays a few numbers, but his mind is obviously elsewhere. He exhibits none of his former manic energy and enthusiasm. The music is as great as ever but the dentist's distracted manner puts a definite damper on things. It is an awkward visit and we do not stay long.

Sharon comments on Corey's doleful mood. "You think he doesn't like me?" she queries.

"It's nothing like that, honey. He's just down about something." Secretly I figure he must have run out of wacky dust but I keep this supposition to myself.

University women plan evening group

The Sunshine Coast Club of Canadian Federation of University Women would like to hear from local women who are university graduates.

In addition to the monthly meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, held at the new United Church hall in Davis Bay, they are seeking out women who cannot meet during the day. The local club is now planning an evening social in the near future that would explore the possibility of organizing an evening group. Interested women should contact president Mary McKinnon at 885-9589.

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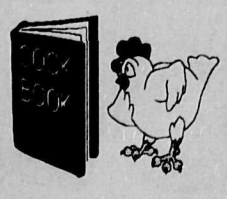

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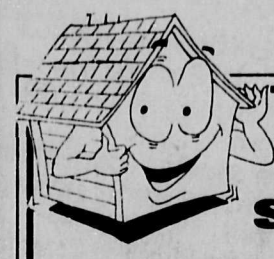

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arts beat

An ethnic dinner and slide presentation is planned for Feb. 29, 6:30 pm in the arts centre.

Associate dean of academic studies, Bill Gibson, has returned to Capilano College after spending two years as head of the health sciences and academic studies programs at the Abu Dhabi Women's Higher College of Technology in the United Arab Emirates.

He will share slides of his travels including a safari in Kenya, where he photographed a charging cheeta, observed the eating habits of a pride of lions and stayed in the Tree Tops Hotel situated above a saltlick so he could watch elephants, wildebeests, rhinos and hyenas.

Bring an appropriate potluck dish, your own cutlery and plate for a fun evening. Admission is $5 at the door.

Winter films

The Winter Film Series continues at the centre, Wednesday (Feb. 26) at 8 pm with Broken Mirrors (Dutch with English subtitles).

The film, like director Marleen Gorris' first film, A Question of Silence, is impressive. Two story lines, one a thriller in which a sadistic killer kidnaps and imprisons a woman, humiliating her until she starves to death, and one which traces the growing resistance of a prostitute to the demeaning work of serving men's desires, are cleverly woven together.

Broken Mirrors is a provocative and unsettling film.

Young artists show

Starting this Wednesday (Feb. 26), and continuing until March 20, the Sunshine Coast Arts Centre once again displays the wonderful work of young artists. From preschools to high schools, Sunshine Coast kids' art will plaster the gallery walls for a month of riotous colour and imagination.

Assistance hanging the show was provided by gung-ho students from Pender Harbour and Chatelech under the able and enthusiastic direction of teachers Wendy Simmonds and Enid Kelly.

Artist Paula Siefred hosted an informative evening at the Arts Centre Feb. 19.
Joel Johnstone photo

Meditation seminar to visit Davis Bay

An introductory talk on transcendental meditation will be held at the Bella Beach Hotel in Davis Bay, Sunday, March 1.

Sponsored by the Vancouver TM centre, the talk will explore TM's benefits, explaining why the mental technique is practised by some 50,000 people on the West Coast and more than three million people worlwide as a way to relieve anxiety and stress.

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Figuring out the skating world

Talent, confidence and determination needed to make it to the top

by Jane Seyd

Balance is important. An ability to move to music is important. And strength is necessary to carry out elaborate jumps in the air.

But the most important quality of a figure skater isn't physical. "You have to be really confident about yourself," says 12-year-old Lee-Ann Sheel, a member of the Sunshine Coast Figure Skating Club, who recently came first in her category of intermediate ladies in a Penticton skating competition. "If you're really putting yourself down, you can't skate as well. If I don't believe I can do it, I can't."

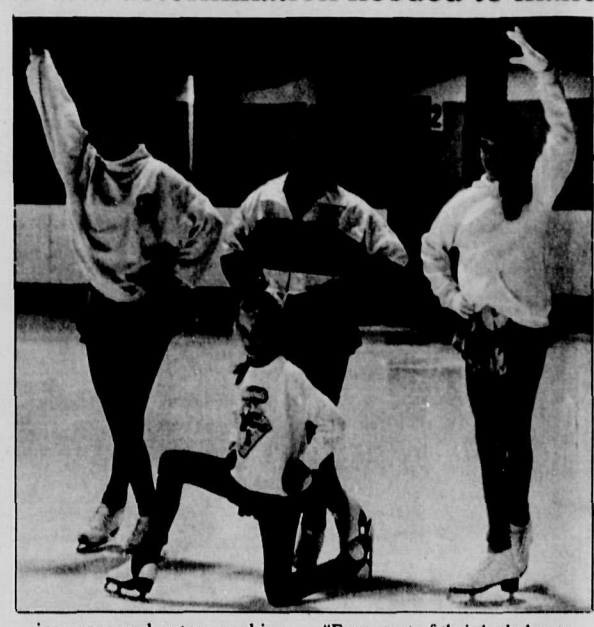
Sheel, who has been skating since she was four years old, is one of eight skaters ranging in age from 11 to 15, who are part of the club's Canadian Figure Skating Program.

"This is where the kids go to compete and pursue it in a more serious vein," says club president Barb Norton.

In the program, there are three disciplines - figures, ice dancing, and free skating - all of which have a series of tests which must be passed. When skaters reach the senior test levels, they have the option of going on to serious competition. "That is usually determined by the natural talent, and desire," says Norton. Not everybody wants to compete, she says, and "not everybody is a talented figure skater." Of the approximately 165,000 registered figure skaters in Canada, only a handful are at the top level.

In addition to natural talent, she says "the hours required to get there are just horrendous."

The eight girls in the club's test-skating program usually skate at least 10 hours a week, including sessions at the Sechelt ice arena and extra coaching which many of the girls take on weekends in Vancouver. And at the more senior test levels, at least 14 hours a week are necessary. Says Norton, "It's not something you can do for two days and then leave for five."



Members of the Sunshine Coast Figure Skating Club practice skating at least 10 hours , both at the Sechelt ice arena and with private coaches in Vancouver.

Jane Seyd photo

Three professional coaches work with the skaters during practice, but each girl may spend only an hour a week with a coach individually. For this reason, self-discipline and appropriate mental focus is essential.

'It's not something you can do for two days then leave for five.'

The emphasis in figures is on development of basic technical skills and balance, says Norton. "Every part of their body has to be in a certain place at a certain time."

In freeskating, spins, jumps and footwork elements are all put together in a routine, in which the emphasis is on artistic expression and moving to the music, as well as the technical details. "You have to be an actress or an actor to get out there," says Norton, "because you're putting on a show." Lately, there has been an increasing emphasis on jumps in competition, she says, which in a way is "too bad" because "skating is a beautiful art in itself."

In all skating disciplines, agility, flexibility, good balance and a lot of leg strength are required.

Colleen Norton, another member of the test-skating program, says skating requires absolute concentration because "so many things can go wrong." A successful jump or spin can depend on everything from how fast a skater is going to how sharp her skates are.

During their years of practice and competition, skaters can also be subject to injuries, ranging from concussions from falling on the ice to stitches made necessary by wayward skate blades.

As Kurt Browning could certainly testify, competition can also be "nerve wracking," says Sheel, who says that over the years she's fallen many times in her competitive routines. "You just have to get back up and continue," she says.

And while Colleen Norton says she watches the Olympic competitions with a critical eye to technique, her mother Barb says she has an insider's appreciation of the work it's taken to get to that level. "I know what has gone into it to put on a performance I'm seeing."

Local skaters perform well in Penticton meet

Members of the Sunshine Coast Figure Skating Club recently participated in the Ogopogo skating competition in Penticton held Feb. 6 to 9. Results are as follows:

Pre-preliminary level (ages 10-11) Lissy Darney, 2nd.

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Squeaker goes to Pigs

by John Rainer

A vigorous struggle to score by both sides created a fine back and forth rugby game for all to watch.

Taking on the Scribes RFC from Vancouver Feb. 15 proved to be a real test for our young enthusiasts. Coming off a loss the weekend before the Pigs were determined to get back on track and make the drive to the playoffs.

The lining crew did a wonderful job of the field and Mother Nature played her part to perfection, overcast but no rain.

Starting the game on time and with both sides keen, the referee was in for a tough run keeping up to the ball.

Enjoying a side that actually had bodies in their proper positions and practicing together made a world of difference to the Gibsons squad's performance this day. They had to be at their toughest defensively and creative on offence. The Scribes having a spattering of Kiwis (not the fruit) in their lineup kept the pace lively and entertaining. The fans realized they came to a contest and voiced their encouragement throughout.

A real reversal of last week, the forwards committing to the loose play and the backs using each and everyone with plays involving all, even Canada's largest winger "Wadd" attacked with vigor. Time and again both sides forged ahead into enemy territory only to be repelled by staunch defences. There were a couple of tense moments when the opposition struck through to the goal line but to no avail as the ball did not cross the line, successfully cleared on the ensuing play and to the relief of the Gibsons sideline.

Playoff drive now underway

With approximately 10 minutes to go the break finally came and Neils Payne made no mistake to slot the ball through the uprights to take a three point lead. The battle was on and an exciting time for the remainder of the match. Digging in and not being penetrated, the local boys gained a fine hard-fought victory at the final whistle. Scribes 0, Pigs 3. Good work men!!

Having many a Kiwi in their lineup, the mandatory boom run made for a lot of fun at the clubhouse afterwards.

This group of Pigs as with their past comrades definitely know how to host the opposition, mind you giving the boat-race away does not sit well, but was fun just the same.

Write-up on this week's match vs Kats next week. Hope you were there and remember, home game Feb. 29 vs Meralomas I.

Thanks for listening. Oink! Oink!

minor hockey

The midget 'A' Blues won the Pacific Coast Minor Hockey Association Midget 'A' championship last weekend with back to back wins against Howe Sound by scores of 7 to 2 at home and 3 to 2 in Squamish. They will now go to Lillooet to play for the provincial title. .

Pups - Cougars 4 vs Bruins 2, Whalers 12 vs Sharks 3.

Atoms - Oilers 5 vs Flyers 6; Jets 7 vs Wings 1.

Pee Wee 'A' - Advanced to the second round by virtue of two wins against Killarny 9 to 3 and 5 to 1.

Pee Wee 'C' - First round playoff results: Canucks 3 vs North Vancouver 3; Flames 1 vs Howe Sound 7

Bantam 'A' -Beat North Shore Winter Club 4 to 1 at home then defeated Hollyburn 7 to 2 on the road.

Bantam 'C' - The Seahwaks lost a squeaker 4 to 3 against West Vancouver and were defeated by North Vancouver 4 to 0.

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New bridge club opening on Coast

by Rudy Notzl

Stewart Jacobs would have liked to live to this day. Unfortunately he passed away and is not able to see a real duplicate bridge club come to the Sunshine Coast.

There is a large bridge-playing community here, with games played in various locations, but now with the arrival of Sunshine Coast Bridge Club (SCBC), we will connect wih not only the rest of BC, but the rest of Canada and the U.S

What is SCBC? A franchise of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), a non-profit organization conducting periodic tournaments on the North American Continent, including Canada.

SCBC activity starts Sunday, March 8 at the Driftwood Inn in Sechelt, with proceeds of the charity game going to the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of Stewart Jacobs. The afternoon game will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. For further information phone 885-5552.

GENERAL LEAGUE MEETING
for Managers & Sponsors
Thursday Feb. 27
7:30 p.m.
For more information Tom Creighton: 885-4498
Sunshine Coast Men's Softball LEAGUE
at the BELLA BEACH MOTEL
Conference Room
Davis Bay
For more information Chris Fawcus: 885-7458

TIDE TABLES

Mon	Time	Ht. Ft.	Tues	Time	Ht. Ft.	Wed	Time	Ht. Ft.	Thurs	Time	Ht. Ft.
	3:30	10.4		12:15	13.0		1:45	13.3		2:55	13.7
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Fri	Time	Ht. Ft.	Sat	Time	Ht. Ft.	Sun	Time	Ht. Ft.
	3:45	14.1		4:20	14.2		4:45	14.2
28	9:15	11.4	29	9:55	10.8	1	10:25	10.1
FR	12:55	12.2	SA	2:10	12.2	SU	3:10	12.4
	8:35	4.5		9:20	4.3		10:00	4.3

REFERENCE: Point Atkinson
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on the rocks

by Harry Turner

In most sports, it is useful to drill on certain aspects of the game - and curling is no different.

Before the start of a game, it is a good idea to do some stretching exercises. These loosening up exercises should involve the hamstrings, lower back, hands and wrists.

A common exercise used to loosen up all these muscles at one time is to place the broom in both hands, then with hands spread slightly apart and extended in front of your body, ease yourself along the ice surface first stretching one leg, then the other. Many curlers follow this up with several slides down the ice without a rock.

Curling is basically made up of two types of shots, the draw and the knockout. Try these drills to improve your shotmaking.

For your takeout game, place four stones in a parallel line to the tee line. Place one stone on each inside corner of the eight foot and a stone on each inside corner of the button. If you are shooting as partners, shoot two stones each at the four rocks, first using the in-turn and then the out-turn. Score three points for a hit and stick, two for a hit and roll and one point for a hit and roll out.

For your draw game, try this drill. Throw two in-turns toward the button and then two outturns. If you reach the button, score four points, if you reach the four foot circle, score three, if you reach the eight foot, score two and the 12 foot, score one point.

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Redrooffs Road, 1.34 acres level, fruit tr.ees, cabin. 885-4572, 988-2507 #8

Quality home, built 1990, view, two fireplaces, ensuite, walk-in, oak cabinets, central bath, close to ferry, 1 block to swimming beach and regional park, $177,700. 886-3306. ss

Lot 85'x135', quiet dead end street, Cedar Grove area, perc tests, water, building permit paid for. Includes new 800 sq. ft. carport and shop. Zoned for mobile, but in area of new homes. $65,000. No Agents. 688-7526. #10

Two bdrm. mobile home on nice lot in Pender Harbour. New roof and carport, close to shopping, school and wharf, $49,900. 522-4141. #9

ESTATE SALE attractive single level townhouse. Unit 4, 783 Reed Rd. corner of North Rd. Gibsons. Quality built in 1990 by Twin Oaks Development Corporation, 1103 square feet, 11/2 bathrooms,enclosed rear-yard, five upgraded appliances, many extras. Pets allowed. Monthly maintenance $47.50. Asking $115,000. No GST!! 886-2544 #8

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1. Homes & Property

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3 bdrm. 2 level home, 1 1/2 baths, 30'x15' work shop in Madeira Park, $95,000. 1-874-0960. #8

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New quality built home, YMCA Rd., Langdale, 3 bdrm.up ensuite, soaker tub, angle shower, corner sink. Main bathroom combination bath/shower unit, 2 bdrm. downstairs with bathroom tub/shower. Large utility room, rumpus room, 2car garage. 885-4616, 885-2735 eves. ss

Large view lot on Gale Ave S., cleared, underground services, perc tested. 885-7365. ss

Cleared lot, perc tested, Judith Road, Gibsons, near malls. 886-2855. #9

Langdale, by owner, asking $120,000. Attractive 1056 sq. ft. 2 bdrm. bungalow on 83'x163' lot. 690 sq. ft. finished bsmt., 2 FP, insert in bsmt. New double windows and carpet, carport and cedar siding exterior. 886-9290. #10ss

3 bdrm. home, almost new, 2 baths, 1400 sq. ft., plus large garage workshop. Spacious corner lot with many trees. Asking $145,000. 1228 Fitchett at Veterans Rd. 886-8651. ss

Gibsons Gower Point choicest waterfront, panoramic view, 1/2 acre, 581-2904 (Surrey). ss

48' x 330' of prime low bank waterfront in Gibsons Harbour near Gibsons Marina. . House needs repair but could be fixed up for recreational or rental use. Property zoned Tourist Commercial (C-2). Double garage plus storage shed. $189,500. Phone Jennifer 1-689-7070. ss

2. Births

Linda & Roy are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Byron Roy Chatham, on February 6, 1992. Many thanks to the staff of St. Mary's and to Dr. Myhill-Jones. #8

Kirstie Overhill and John MacDonald are pleased to announce the speedy safe arrival of Clara MacDonald on February 11, 1992 weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces. A sister to Matthew and Rhoby. Special thanks to Dr. Wendy Norman, Bev, June and SMH nursing staff for their loving care. #8

Jack and Millie Burchill, along with Dale, Sally, Byron and Dagan Benner are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of their grandson, nephew and cousin - Jack Burchill Roberts. 'Baby Jack; is the son of Nancy and Colin. He arrived on February 14, 1992 weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces at Grace Hospital, Vancouver. Welcome to the family Jack. #8

3. Obituaries

LESLIE: Phyllis Eileen, late of Gibsons, BC. Passed away on February 14, 1992 at Lions Gate Hospital at the age of 67 years. Predeceased by her mother and father, brothers Gordon and Preston and sister Audrey. Phyllis is survived by her loving husband Frank; two brothers Les and Don; sons Bob and Colin, daughters Cheryl and Carol; daughter-in-law Linda, son-in-law Phil; grandchildren Taylor-Rae and Colin. Funeral services were held at Devlin Funeral Home, Gibsons' Reverend Esther North officiated. Flowers gratefully declined. The family asks that any donations be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Box 2015, Sechelt, BC. #8

HUHTALA: Minnie E. of Gibsons,BC passed away on Feb. 18, 1992 at Cambie Hospital, Vancouver, BC at the age of 87 years. Predeceased by husband Matti. Survived by sons John of Victoria, Roy (Marci); two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren of Arnprior, Ontario. Also survived by sisters Jean and Rene of Courtenay, BC and brother Jack of Duncan, BC. Predeceased by sister Edith and brother Dick. Cremation: Glen Haven Memorial Chapel Ltd. in care of arrangements. #8

3. Obituaries

BEEMAN: Clifford Forrest, age 74, left this world peacefully Feb. 14, 1992 after a long battle with cancer - leaving his loving wife of 50 years, Vina; 2 sons Bud (Rhonda) of Cranbrook, Paul (Carolyn) of Burnaby; 3 daughters Diana Waite (Bruce) of Gibsons, Vicki Bergner (Stewart), Laurie Spence (David) of Roberts Creek and 7 grandchildren. No flowers by request. Donations to your favourite charity with many thanks. #8

5. Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Rogers and the nurses and staff of St. Mary's for their thoughtful care and concern given to Cliff Beeman and his family during his illness. #8

We thank everyone for their kindness and cards. D. Cocker and Sons. #8

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6. Personal

Are you a woman in an unhappy relationship, do you need to talk? Call the **Sunshine Coast Transition House** for confidential 24 hr. service. 885-2944. TFN

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7. Announcement

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Gibsons Minor Ball - Baseball Registration Sunnycrest Mall Friday, Feb. 28, 6-8pm; Sat., Feb. 29, 11-3pm; Friday, March 6, 6-8pm; Sat., March 7, 11-3pm. (Boys and girls ages 5 to 14 as of Dec. 31, 1991). ##9

Adult children of Alcoholics or disfunctional families please call 886-3849 or 885-4622 for help. NC

10. Lost

White male cat with fawn patches missing for some time, grey & white old tomcat 885-2819. #8

Two budgies, 1 blue male, 1 yellow female, Sunshine Coast Trailer Park area. 886-2685. #8

12. Pets & Livestock

Blue-eyed sheepdog needs room to run, gentle,FREE. 886-2448.#8

Black QH-TB mare, very gentle, no vices, $1200 OBO. 886-7820. #10

Professional Dog Grooming Call Soames Clippers at 886-4959 or 886-3306. #8

Registered Black Labrador puppies, ready mid March, $400. 885-7725 #8

Malemute-Arctic wolf pups, white. F - $300., M - $400. Parents can be seen, 885-9675. ss

SPCA SPAYING PROGRAM Contact Then & Now Furniture, 699 Highway 101, Gibsons. 886-4716 or Marlee Fashions. NC

Help reduce the pet over-population problem - spay or neuter your pet. NC

Hemlock wood shavings for horse bedding (no cedar). Gibsons Sand & Gravel, 886-8511. Evenings, 885-2008. TFN

Registered Chesapeake Retrievers avail. first week in March, $500. 885-7826. #9

Boxer pups, champion line, $400. 886-7013. #10

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13. Music

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Yamaha organ, 2 kb. 886-7396.#8

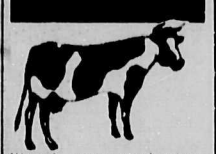
Yamaha PF70, 76 key electronic piano with digital sequence recorder FM sound generator, $1750. 885-5369. #10

8-piece Westbury drum set, gd. cond., $350. 883-2557. #9

14. Travel

Yvonne Barrie will now be working as an outside sales rep. for Elite Travel. Call 886-4862 or 886-2522. #12

15. Wanted



Wanted - manure, can be steer, chicken or sheep. Call 220-2007 after 2pm collect. TFNs

Cash for old wood burning cook stoves, any condition. Collect aft. 6pm, 942-5066. #9

Used kitchen cabs, counter, etc. reasonable. 886-7786. #10

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16. Free

Free fill available, Roberts Creek. 886-8691. #9

Fridge & freezer. 886-9039. #8

17. Garage Sales

Flea Market, Gibsons Legion Hall, Sun., March 8, 10-2pm, reserve tables 886-7754 or 886-2798. #9

19. Appliances

Moffat range, white with black door, $75. 886-9741. #9

Brand new 9 cubic foot freezer with warranty, $275. 886-8095. TFNs

White 2 door fridge/freezer, gd. run. order, $125. 886-0979. #8

Zero clearance F/P (used), $150; aitight F/P with blower & chimney (used), $300. 886-7333 aft. 7pm. #8

Near new washer/dryer with stand, $600. 884-5263. #9

Dishwasher, microwave, $300 pair or $200 each. 885-0922 before noon. #9

Electric washer, $100, as is; two electric stoves, as is, $100. 886-7625. #9

20. Furniture

Rock maple dining suite, buffet, hutch, table, 5 chairs, exc. cond., $1500. 885-8813 #9

Solid oak table, 48" round with 22" leaf, $400. 886-8305. #8

Apple green hide-a-bed; brown loveseat, asking $125 (for both). 886-7319. #8

Off-white loveseat and chair, $90. 885-5369. #10

Deep freeze, $150; dining room table & 4 chairs (Ikea style), $150, 9 drawer dresser, $50; 2 desks, $30 & $50, printer, $75. 886-4697. #10

Colonial maple double bed with box spring mattress, $450. 885-2103. #8

Double bed, $75; new captains bed, $250; table & 4 chairs, $250; naughahide sofa bed, $300; rocking chair, $100; wooden cabinet, $75; 2 hassocks, $25 , or $900 takes all. 883-2922. #9

King size four poster knotty pine waterbed, $400 obo. 886-8862. TFNs

21. For Sale

Sanyo portable cellular phone compact, light weight, ergonomic design grip belt, $850 OBO. 886-7097. ss

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Toshiba microwave 1.1 cu. ft. white, 720 watts, still under warranty, hardly used, many extra features, $175; Husky 2100 chainsaw w/30" bar, $350. 886-2513. #9

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Mini blinds, 46"x70" beige, 3 at $20 each. 886-3441. #8

21. For Sale

Collectible 1919 Longines wristwatch, sterling silver, works perfectly, sell or trade for hunting rifle. 886-2348. #10

Boys 10 sp. bike, $50; 2 area rugs, $75 ea.; Nintendo + 3 games, $150; "Foot Fixer" foot bath, $25; exercise bike, $50. 886-8185 after 6pm. #8

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German made exercise bike, very gd. cond., $50. 886-9988. #8

Shop manuals, 84-88 Chev Ford. Complete set of goalie equip. 886-8360. #10

Double/queen teak bed, speaker stands, dressing table, desk, mattress, ringer washer, washer/spin dryer, dryer, dishwasher, elec. range, 5x10 ft. thermal pane window, single pane windows, fireplace insert & saddle. 886-8358. #10

Used kitchen cabinets, gd. cond. 886-9684. #8

21. For Sale

All items near new: Diningroom & hall chandeliers light fixtures, $49 & $24; replacement blue vertical blind slats for patio door, $75; baby clipon dining seat, $19; 8 setting silver plate flatwear with extras, $25; portable baseboard heater 49", 1500 watt, $35; Evinrude 5 gallon gas tank, $49; Meindel men's hiking boots size 8 1/2, only worn twice, $79; cross-cut saw,$25; mechanics creeper, $10; froe (new), $10; 2 Honda 155SR12 radial tires, low mileage, $25 each. 886-4772. #8

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21 For Sale

4" PVC solid or perforated pipe. $11; ABS 4: $23; 3: $15; 2: $10; 1 1/2", $8, all 10' lengths, will deliver. 886-3910. TFN

Turbo Grafx with 3 games and access., $170 OBO. 885-4650. #8

Exquisite satin wedding gown, lace and beading, size 10, cost $800, asking $350. 886-3653. #8

Jacuzzi, bathtub deep rose marble, colour, 8 jets; 73"x36"x18 1/2" 3/4 HP motor with fixtures; low profile Kohler toilet with bidet, also 2 sinks, all of above in deep rose. Coast over $5000-$2500 takes all. 885-4019. #8

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22 Heavy Equipment

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23 Autos

1982 Chrysler New Yorker, 4 door, 86,000 kms, runs excellent, $2000 firm or trade. 886-2348.#10

Must sell! NO GST! 1988 1/2 Ford Escort only 37,000 km, 6 year or 100,000 km warranty. First owner. 2 dr. LX, loaded, asking $5900. Wally 886-3862. #8

1981 Dodge Challenger, new tires, brakes, rad., exhaust etc. One owner, $2150 OBO. 886-3868. #8

1986 Fiero GT 2.8 L, V6 4 sp., AM/FM Cass., sunroof, blk/gr interior, exc. cond., $7500. 886-3097. #8

'87 Dodge Colt, 4 dr., auto., PS/PB, 1 owner, $4300. 885-7429. #8

1981 Plymouth Horizon automatic, new tires, brakes & muffler, gd. working order, $995. 885-6365 eves, 885-1964 days. #9

1939 Dodge Sedan, $2200 OBO. 885-5031. #8

1981 Chev Suburban, rusty but runs fine, $500 or trade for utility trailer. 886-7885. #8

1977 Ford Granada V8 auto., exc. cond., 69,000 ks., $1800. 885-3374. ss

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1976 Volare Wagon, slant 6, reliable, low mileage. Asking $600. 886-3841. ss

1973 Super Beetle, $2500 obo. 883-9234. ss

Estate sale. 1977 Cadillac, low mileage, good shape. Offers. 886-3306. ss

1980 Camaro 305 auto., T-Tops, Rally rims, $2600. 885-7113. ss

Used Camaro T-Top, $495 for the set, with covers, 886-9500 anytime. ss

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1981 Buick Skylark (blue) front w/d, new brakes/rotecs, 2 new tires, p/s, p/b, 6 cyl, $4200 OBO 886-3368 #8

1986 Ford Escort 2 dr., H/B 4 cyl., 4 spd., 1 owner, exc. cond., records, $3200 OBO. 886-9290. #8

1981 white Dodge van, first $1500 takes. 886-3705 ask for Dennis or Doug. #9

Mercedes 280SE 1970, dark green, $3500 OBO. Call 885-6275. #9

1976 New Yorker, A-1 cond., low mileage, $1900. 886-9025. #9

23 Autos

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1981 Chev Malibu 4 dr., 267 V8, one owner, nice cond., good tires. 886-8320. #10

1980 Mustang Ghia, 3 dr. hatch, 6 cyl.4 spd. OD, factory sunroof, exc. cond., $3000 OBO. 886-2907. #8

1988 Mustang LX, 5.0 litre, tilt steering, AM/FM stereo cass., 70,000 kms, N.S. mint cond., $8995 OBO. 886-7889. #10

400 cu. in. small block, four barrel Chev. New top end. Reconditioned truck rad. You take out. $700 OBO. 886-2391. #10

1987 Mercury Tracer, 4 spd., exc. cond., $3500 OBO. 885-7855, 885-7626. #10

1975 Chrysler Cordoba gd. motor, runs well, $395. 885-5937, site 56. #9

1974 Pinto wagon, runs well, brakes, muffler, $350. 883-2214. #9

1985 Dodge Aries LTD, PS/PB, bucket seats, air cond., must see, $3500. 886-9039 aft. 6pm. #9

1981 Datsun SX200, 123,000 kms., runs great, needs some minor work, $600 OBO. 884-5263. #9

1976 AMC Pacer runs good, $1000 OBO. 886-2068. #9

1975 Olds. Cutlass Supreme, $600 obo. 886-8862. TFNs

'82 Mustang Hatchback, 4 cyl., good condition. $1800. 886-3457. ss

1974 Oldsmobile, new brakes and exhaust. Mechanically sound, $2400 obo. 885-1943. ss

1983 Ford Escort, 4 door, excellent condition, $2495. Will consider trade. 886-2111, days. ss

24 Trucks

'87 F250 XLT, Lariat SC 4X4, propane, loaded, extras. $14,500. 885-7016. #10

'77 Wagoneer 401, auto., propane power, Q-track, new motor, tranny & front brakes. 886-2275 aft. 6 pm. #10

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1985 Toyota SR5 4X4, 5 spd., long box, cap, H/D bumpers with trailer hitch, cass. deck, V.G.C., $7800 OBO. 886-7827. #9

1977 F250 crewcab, 351 mod., auto., P/S, canopy spare motor and trans., $1600. 886-8682. #8s

Freight liner w/250 Cummins diesel & hyd. pump w/controls, $4000. 885-5448. #8

32' 5th Wheel single axel Brentwood trailer, $1750. 885-5448. #8

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1980 3/4 ton Ford, 6 cyl., gd. rubber, A1 shape, $3200. 883-9570. #9

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1988 Chev. Cheyenne 1/2 ton pick-up, 4.3 litre V6, PS/PB, 61,000 km., box mat, toolbox, $8700. 885-2836, 885-7413. ss

1985 Bronco II 4X4, auto., CD player, gd. cond., $7500 OBO. Days 886-9332 aft. 7 eves. 886-2983. ss

'77 Chevy Nomad, deluxe window van, parts. 886-2878. ss

Chevy 3 ton truck, working power tail gate, parts only. $700 OBO. 886-9500. ss

1953 Chev. 1/2 ton. Rebuilt engine. Radials, $2700 obo. 885-1943. ss

1990 Dodge Grande LE Caravan, loaded, 40,000 kms., best offer. 885-6026. ss

25 Campers

Alaskan camper, 8 ft., A1 shape. $1300. 883-9570. #9

1975 Dodge Maxi-Van, 3-way fridge, stove, furnace, toilet, sink, $7300. 886-3306. ss

26 Marine

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1990 - 25 HP Yahama w/new controls plus 16" wooden boat & trai, extras, $2700. Jane 885-9819. #9

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9.9-20-30-40-50-70 HP 1989-1990 Evinrudes. Excellent condition. Lowe's Resort, 883-2456. TFN

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22' Sangster, 302, V8, 888 Merc leg, motor rebuilt, new manifolds, hard top, trailer, extras, $6500. 886-8443. ss

19' Inboard Clinker runabout, very fast and in top condition, surveyed value $8500, offers & trades considered. 886-2738. ss

Highliner trailer, like new, 1000 kg, 14" tires, $1700 OBO. 886-3001. ss

1979 27' Bayliner Victoria C/B. 255-280 Leg, new engine, low hours, lots of extras, $24,900 OBO. 463-8919 or 463-6959. ss

18' Davidson sailboat, new main, new cushions, exc. cond., $3800. 885-9333. ss

1981 - 2270 Bayliner explorer, Volvo 125 HP FWC, VHF, D/S, computer centre, galley head, sleeps 4, heater, camperback, low hrs., $19,800. Will consider 18 ft. cuddy on trailer as part trade. 886-4743. #8

27 Mobile Homes

New Moduline 14x70 2 bdrm. incl. fridge, stove, d/w, w/w, drapes, $44,900 SCMHP. 886-9826.TFN

Two bedroom home in Big Maple Park. Has washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove & fridge and is in excellent condition. 886-8320. #9

12'x60' Knight mobile in exc. cond., 1 bdrm. with 'built-ins', panelled in eastern pine, mahogany and rosewood. Spacious kitchen/dining combo. Large 10'x40' deck with 16'x10' canopy. Fully skirted in removable metal sheets. Two storage shops, 8'x12' with 100 amp service, 4 appls., fully carpeted, 1 1/2 yrs. pad rental pre-paid on 3 1/2 acre site. 886-8114. #8

Sunshine Coast Mobile Home Sales - New and used - pad specials or private property. See us for the best deals. Charles 886-9826. TFN

By owner, 12x68 mobile home, call 886-3039, 886-7306. ss

24x52 three bdrm. doublewide 5 appl., must be moved avail. mid-March, $35,000. 886-9229. ss

28 Motorcycles

'86 Honda Aspencade, exc. cond., garage kept, $7500. 886-9595. ss

Motocare step through gd. cond., $350. 886-2205. #9

1985 Ninja 900, $3200 OBO. 886-8622. #10

Montasa 250, on-road/off-road, exc. shape, $1200. $899. 886-7655 or 220-9564. ss

1986 Yamaha XT600, exc. cond. 885-5564. ss

29 Wanted to Rent

3 bdrm. house, between Halfmoon Bay/Rbts. Ck..885-7897 #8

Mature professional man works in Sechelt 4 days a week, seeking 1 or 2 bdrm. furnished house or cabin 885-8814 or 1-536-1581 on weekends. #8

Gibsons businessman and family urgently require 2-3 bdrm. house Gibsons-Rbts. Ck., exc. refs. 886-3673. #8

31 For Rent

ADVERTISING FOR TENANCY

British Columbia legislation prohibits advertising which discriminates in the rental of property. For example a person who stipulates "no children" as a condition of rental would be in violation of the Family Status and the Human Rights Acts. The landlord who places the advertisement and the newspaper which publishes it would both be in contravention of the legislation and could have a complaint filed against them. The Coast News will therefore not accept such discriminatory ads.

N/S female seeking same for shared accommodation in my home, $350/mo. plus 1/2 utils for April 1. North Rd., Gibsons. 886-8095. TFNs

Avail. immed., 3 bdrm. home with 2 bathrooms, beautiful view of water, storage room & W/D incl., $750/mo., refs. a must. 936-5588. #10

Sunshine Coast Senior Citizens housing society is accepting applications for rentals of bachelor and one bdrm. suites in Greene Court. Phone 885-5962 for further information. #11

New 1 bdrm. cottage on Redrooffs Rd. with ocean view. Space for garden. Suitable 1 person, no pets, $550 incl. utils. 885-5114. #10

Live by the new marina, cozy, 2 bdrm. duplex. 581-8078 reverse charges. #10

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view, fireplace, solarium, central Gibsons $650
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Garden Bay, 2 bdrm. home, all appliances, clean & comfortable, avail. until Oct. '92. No pets. $625/mo. NRS Century West Realty Ltd. Property Management, 885-2235. #8

2 bdrm. small bsmt. & gnd./flr. rv/marina w/yd. $450. 886-7400. #10

2 bdrm. large view, new, 5 appls. #1, 631 Jacks Lane, $730. 1-736-4804. #8

Gibsons main floor, 3 bdrm. washer/dryer, close to amenities, avail. March 1, $700/mo. 1-469-0622. #10

Shared accom. April 1, $350/mo. plus utils., North Rd., Gibsons. 886-8095. TFNs

Bright Spacious New 1 Bdrm. ground level basement suite, Gower Pt. area, Gibsons, non smoker please, $550 with utils., wasr/dryer, microwave. 886-9596. #9

Bright, clean view suite, avail. immed., $500 incl. utils. 886-2565 lv. mess. #9

1 bdrm. shared accomodation in large house, Gibsons, $550/mo. 886-8952. #9

2 bdrm. house Lower Gibsons, $750. 886-8204. #9

2 bdrm. house, garage, large yard, stove & fridge, W/D, F/P, 1 block from ocean, Soames Point, 1 mile from ferry, $700 1-738-2254 aft. 6pm. #8

2 bdrm, fridge, stove, basement, workshop. $450 plus utils. 883-9676 #8

Two females for shared accom. in large house on acreage in Rbts. Ck. pets no problem, $300/mo. incl. W/D, cable, phone. 886-2875. #8

31 For Rent

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1 retirement unit available. Restrictions apply. References required
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Gibsons, spacious bright 2 bdrm. townhouse with view, 1600 sq. ft., 1 1/2 baths, 4 appl., Sunshine Ridge, $760 avail. March 1. 531-0690 collect. TFN

2 bdrm mobile home, private lot, near shops, Sechelt. $470 885-3676 #8

Shared accom. in large house with pool & sauna on Pratt Rd. 886-4867 #9

Near Gibsons Marina 2 bdrm, ground floor $525. Arthur 885-9859 #9

3 Bdrm Home $725/inclusive Top Floor, attractive, balcony, storge, nice yard. Good neighborhood. Upper Gibsons, inc. all util. & cable. Avail Mar 1 886-2691 or 886-3129 #9

Gibsons, 2 bdrm. mobile partially furn., secluded area, avail. immed., $575. 1-687-5437. #8

Modern 2 bdrm. waterfront house, adult oriented Secret Cove area, avail. Mar. 1, N/S, no pets, $600. 883-2423. #10

Clean 3 bdrm. townhouse, over 1600 sq. ft. 1 1/2 baths, centrally located Gibsons, view of harbour all appliances avail., $750 plus utils. Call 596-4721, 844-0164.#8

Shared accommodation in family home, Sechelt, close to amenities, reasonable rent, utils., avail. now 885-4414. #8

Room in 3 bdrm. house, prefer N/S single female, lower Gibsons, $275 utils. incl., Box 370, c/o Coast News, Box 460, Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0. #10

Avail. immed., 2 yr. old 3 bdrm. home, enclosed garage full basement, Langdale, $850. 886-7392. #10

New 1 bdrm. bachelor suite, panoramic view, hydro and cable incl., $650. 886-7394. #10

Lovely 3 bdrm. home on cul-de-sac, greenhouse/solarium, dbl. garage, Gibsons, $800/mo. 886-4516 or collect 222-4034. #8

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View home 2 bdrm. den, lower Gibsons, incl. appl. avail. March 1, $675. 886-3013 lv. mess. #9

31 For Rent

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32 Commercial for Rent

350 sq. ft. office/shop space in attractive building available April 1, call 886-4716 daytime except. Wednesday. #9

Office/workshop space, 1500 sq. ft. Venture Way. 886-8615 or 886-2231. #10

Light industrial 750 sq. ft., Gibsons, avail. Mar. 15, $475/mo. Call 1-921-6751. #8

Davis Bay, Wilson Creek Hall available. Wheelchair facilities, 885-2752, 885-9863. #12

Roberts Creek Hall avail., dances, parties, weddings. Yvonne 886-7815. TFN

RETAIL FOR LEASE
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34. Help Wanted

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Secretary needed for Heritage Society. Must have a typewriter or computer. Can do work at home. 2-4 hours per month.

Local Arts Organization needs help on Wednesdays evenings with films & other art projects betwwen 7:30 pm & 10:30 pm

Program Assistant for Local seniors program. Work can be done at home. Approx. 2-4 hours per month

Office Assistants needed on Wednesday afternoons between 1 pm & 4 pm. Must have pleasant telephone manner. Good job expe-rience.

Adult Chaperones needed for teen centre saturday evening- Once a Month?

For these and more opportunities please contact the Volunteer Action Centre, 885-5881

A service provided for by the Ministry of Social Services and Housing

Local Drywall Co. seeking motivated starter. Some experience necessary. Own transportation prerred. Box 1813 Gibsons. #8

Pro-shop assistant from Mar. 1 to Sept. 30. Golfing knowledge, cash handling, good public relations. Drop resume at Clubhouse, Pender Harbour Golf Course. #9

P/T yard worker, R/C area, $8 cash. 886-7786. #8

$40,000/yr! READ BOOKS and TV Scripts. Fill out simple :like/don't like" form. EASY! Fun, relaxing at home, beach, vacations. Guaranteed paychecks. **FREE** 24 hour recording 801-379-2905 Copyright #BC104EB. #14

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Assemble our products at home. Great income potential. Call amazing 24 hr. **Recorded** message for free details (604) 623-2380 ext. #A74. #12

Wanted: 79 overweight people Lose 10-29 lbs. per month. 100% natural, doctor recommended. We pay you. Serious callers only. 533-5576. #8

EARN MONEY reading books! $30,000/yr. income potential. Details (1) 805-962-8000, ext. CY-308. #8

ELECTROLUX - leader in floor care products since 1924 needs a teachable stable, part-time or full-time service rep. to call on existing customers in Sechelt area. No investment, opportunity to earn as much as $300 on one package or $200-300 on service per/wk. Call collect 980-6507. Ask for Mr. Masoud or 886-8053. #10

34 Help Wanted

Be part of a young, dynamic video team! Part-time and full-time positions available. Send resumes to Budjet Video Box 430, Gibsons, BC V0N 1V0. #10

New hair salon in Gibsons opening soon is looking for manager/stylist. Send resume to: Sumax Ent. Ltd., c/o 3391 Cariboo, Powell River, BC V8A 5K1. #10

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35 Business & Home Services

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36 Work Wanted

MAN with one ton will do rubbish removal, landscaping, tree removal, hauling, etc. Seven years experience. Free estimates. Patrick 885-2870. #9

Home and yard maintenance, grass cutting, painting, debris and yard clean-up, carpentry, gardening, landscaping, fences, retaining walls, turf installation, interlocking stones. Terry 883-9297 #8

COOL RUNNINGS
Light hauling, rubbish removal, small yard work, odd jobs. 885-3917 #11

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Available immediately for all types yard and construction work. Contract basis or hourly rate. Dave 885-9493. #9

36 Work Wanted

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Custom framing, renovations, decks, siding, stairs & railings. Dave. 883-9775. #8

Bulldozer, truck, tools, maintenance man avail. yard work, carpentry, painting, plumbing, firewood, rubbish removal. No job too small. Dave 886-9081. #10

Aerating, power raking, rejuvenating lawns, brush cutting, rubbish removal. 885-2373. #9

B. Varco, carpenter, footings, foundations, decks. 885-7977 eves. #11

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Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

The Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks invites separate proposals for the purpose of operating visitor (interpretation) programs within:

1. **Alice Lake/ Porteau Cove Provincial Parks**
2. **Porpoise Bay Provincial Park**

To register your interest and receive a copy of the Request for Proposal, provide cash or a non-refundable Certified Cheque for $26.75 (GST included) to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations to:

B.C. Parks
Garabaldi/Sunshine District, Alice Lake Provincial Park
Box 220
Brackendale, B.C.
V0N 1H0
Phone: 898-3678
or
Government Agent, 102 Teredo Street, Sechelt, B.C.

Information regarding the Alice Lake/Porteau Cove opportunity may be obtained from Chris Platz at 898-3678.

Information regarding the Porpoise Bay opportunity may be obtained from Al Jenkins at 885-9019

A mandatory information meeting will be held on **March 3, 1992** at the District Office indicated above. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal must attend this meeting and must purchase the proposal documents prior to the meeting.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **3:00 pm, March 23, 1992.**

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Scout leaders look ahead

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Conference organizer Mel Tupper told the more than 70 delegates that the movement is looking for Dynamic Scouting in '92 and onward.

"I challenge you to get something out of this weekend for yourself and your Scouting. The youth of today are counting on quality programs and activities. It's up to you." Tupper said.

A lively Saturday morning workshop on communications and marketing, let by BC Hydro's Ian Tait, was designed to give delegates basic skills in communicating. The afternoon was centered around the main theme of Dynamic Scouting.

The Vancouver/Coast Region covers Powell River, The Sunshine Coast, Squamish, West Vancouver, North Vancouver, Vancouver and Richmond. For more information on local scouting programs, phone Katherine Trueman, 885-2282.

Staff at the Landing Unisex Tanning Salon and Hair Design congradulate Micki Thomas, winner of the Gibsons Landing Merchant Association Valentine 'Queen for a Day' contest, a retail value of $116.

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5 YEARS AGO

Sechelt Municipal District is is one step closer to having a recreation/office complex in the downtown area. At last week's council meeting Mayor Bud Koch announced that the municipality has put a $5,000 deposit on 7.88 acres of land adjacent to the Trail Bay Mall.

The $5,000 will lock-in the price on the parcel for six months while council decides whether there are enough government agencies interested in renting office space to make the entire complex financically viable.

10 YEARS AGO

"An oil tank farm has been a dream here on the Coast for a long time. It looks now that we may be getting somewhere," Gibsons Alderman Larry Labonte presented a tank farm proposal to the regional board last week.

The tank farm proposal has been spurred on by the desire of Gibsons Village to remove the potentially dangerous and unsightly Shell Oil bulk storage tanks out of lower Gibsons.

The proposal is to purchase 22 acres of waterfront in West Howe Sound and provide sites for the storage of petroleum products of the four companies distributing on the Sunshine Coast: Esso, located at Hopkins Landing; Shell Oil, located in lower Gibsons; Standard Oil, Davis Bay; and Gulf Oil, Pender Harbour.

15 YEARS AGO

The annual general meeting of the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society held in Sechelt on Thursday, Feb. 17, learned that after the usual slow period following the Christmas season the minibus service is now carrying a full complement of passengers on most days.

For those of you who are interested in numbers, the service carried 774 passengers during the month of January and the minibus travelled 3348 miles.

25 YEARS AGO

The Provincial Home Acquisition Grant Act was introduced by the Minister of Finance in the provincial legislature on Feb. 3 and the Honourable Isabel Dawson has informed the Coast News that she will be pleased to follow up personal enquiries respecting this grant.

The main features of the bill are: It is retrocative to April 1, 1966, which means that a person can qualify for the grant for a home acquired since that date.

35 YEARS AGO

Sechelt's oldest taxi business, French's, has been sold to Harry Sawyer, a partner. Frank French started his taxi business in 1930 and for some years held the only taxi licence in that area. Roads were extremely elementary in those days and at one time there was none to Pender Harbour. Patients who wished transportation were taken part way by French's taxi and transferred to rowboats. Twice during such trips, the stork caught up to the taxi.

45 YEARS AGO

Eight-year-old Barry Davis was seriously injured on Feb. 13 when he chopped his arm while cutting kindling. The sharp hatchet he was using severed an artery and two tendons in his arm. Doctor A. Inglis attended the lad after he arrived at Gibsons Landing which was some hours after the accident occurred..

The doctor was unable to reach Roberts Creek because of the mud, so Allen Brines took the injured boy in his truck through to Gibsons.

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Thursday, February 27 ,1992
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Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

INVITATION TO TENDER

Sargeant Bay, Desolation Sound/Roscoe Bay, Skookumchuk Narrows/Smuggler's Cove Provincial Parks.

The Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks invites tenders for the purpose of operating the recreational facilities within Sargeant Bay, Desolation Sound/Roscoe Bay, Skookumchuk Narrows/Smuggler's Cove Provincial Parks for a period of three (3) years.

The Parks are located in the Powell River and Sunshine Coast areas. A mandatory bidders meeting will be held at:

(1) **Powell River Provincial Park Office, Provincial Court House, March 3, 1992, 10:00 AM, for Desolation Sound/Roscoe Bay Provincial Parks.**
(2) **Porpoise Bay Provincial Park Office, March 4, 1992, 10:00 AM, for Sargeant Bay Provincial Park.**
(3) **Porpoise Bay Provincial Park Office, March 5, 1992, 10:00 AM, for Skookumchuk Narrows/Smuggler's Cove Provincial Parks.**

Anyone attending the meeting must be registered and in possession of the tender documents.
To register your interest and receive a copy of the tender package, provide cash or a non-refundable certified cheque for $26.75 (GST included) payable to the Minister of Finance and Corporate Relations.

Documents may be obtained at:
Government Agent, Powell River.
Government Agent, Sechelt.
Garibaldi/Sunshine District
Alice Lake Provincial Park
Box 220, Brackendale, B.C. V0N 1H0
Tel: 898-3678

Documents will be available only until February 28, 1992.
Potential proponents are advised that:
(a) Park lands, facilities and resources shall remain in the ownership of the Province.
(b) The Ministry may reject any or all tenders submitted.

Information on this opportunity may be obtained from the Sunshine Coast Zone Manager at the Alice Lake Provincial Park Office.

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Ministry of Transportation & Highways

Hired Equipment Registration

The Ministry of Transportation and Highways in the Howe Sound District is compiling its Hired Equipment List and advises all persons or companies wishing to have their rentable equipment such as trucks, backhoes, loaders, excavators, graders, rollers, scrapers or tractors listed, that they should contact the Sunshine Coast Sub-District Office at 1016 Seamount Way, Gibsons, B.C. V0N 1V0 (Phone: 886-2294).

Previously listed equipment must be re-registered

Current policy will not permit the hiring of equipment that is not registered with the Ministry. This Ministry will be hiring local equipment (where available) for projects in their area.

Deadline for registration in the District is March 19, 1992

Applications received after this date will be recorded in a late registration list, and consequently may not receive a share of the available work.

Peter R. Milburn, P. Eng.
District Highways Manager
Howe Sound/Sunshine Coast

Dated at North Vancouver, B.C.
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Pender trash disposal debated

By Jane Seyd

By their garbage ye shall know them.

If that's the case, the people of Pender Harbour should soon be on more intimate terms, as the issue of trash disposal has once again raised it's none-too-delicate head in the community.

Following a motion passed in May last year, the regional district plans to close the Pender Harbour dump in favour of a transfer station on the site. Garbage would then be trucked to the Sechelt landfill.

According to a report by Seig Lehmann, superintendent of public works, problems with the current Pender Harbour landfill include leachate, inadequate cover material at the site, unauthorized burning by residents, and a lack of waste separation required by the environment ministry.

In addition, the landfill is currently being used for a greater volume of waste than is allowed under its permit. In order to continue accepting present levels of garbage, the landfill would have to be upgraded, which would require that it operate as a controlled site with an attendant and separation of waste before disposal.

Rather than do that, the regional district wants to build a transfer station, which it says is a more economical and environmentally sound option.

For some residents in Pender Harbour that day can't come fast enough. For others, the move to a transfer station represents the start of a reduction of service to Area A, which doesn't take into account the further environmental problems which may result from the move.

And both groups say that cost is certainly an issue.

For Wendy Milner and Linda Gobel, who live on properties next to the dump, the main concern is environmental. "My big concern is the leachate," says Milner. "We both have wells," she says, "and we don't know how it's affecting our water." Recent tests conducted at the dump have not yet come back from the lab in Vancouver, but "I've seen the pictures the regional board has," says Milner, "and it doesn't look too pretty."

Unauthorized burning at the dump has also been a problem, says Milner, who is concerned about both the pollutants released with burning, and the possibility of an unauthorized fire getting out of control.

Both Milner and Gobel say for too long the dump has been regarded as an "out of sight, out of mind" situation. Says Milner, "It's crazy to think the government will pay to open another big hole and throw our garbage in the ground."

But another group of residents in Pender Harbour say trucking garbage to the Sechelt landfill is not necessarily a huge environmental improvement. And they worry that with the transfer station, service to the area will gradually be reduced, which will eventually result in more immediate problems.

"I'm not totally committed to the dump as it is," says Billy Griffith, who is associated with a recently formed Committe for Responsible Waste Management. "And I don't have any great concern about the transfer station being there - as long as it's open seven days a week, it takes everything the dump takes now and there's no extra charges involved."

But if restricted times, inadequate container space or escalating tipping fees begin to be issues, as some people are afraid, residents will likely stop using the transfer station, says Griffith. And that could spawn backroad dumping throughout the community.

Upgrading the present site or finding another site may be better alternatives, which would ensure service to Area A continues in the future, says Griffith.

But Area A director Gordon Wilson said a transfer station in Pender Harbour will provide "the exact same opportunity for disposal as if we opened an alternate site."

Said Wilson, "I find it inconceivable that in 1992 I'm living in a community where they could actively be arguing for open pit burial of garbage."

Wendy Milner has concerns over the quality of her water. Jane Seyd photo

Landfill, transfer costs compared

Whether the regional district builds a transfer station or revamps the Pender landfill, it's going to cost money. The issue is how much.

According to Seig Lehmann, public works superintendent for the regional district, capital costs to build a transfer station are estimated at $125,000. Of that, $20,000 will likely be paid the Ministry of Environment. In addition, an estimated cost of between $40,000 and $50,000 would be required for environmental clean-up of the existing landfill. The yearly cost of operating the station, including the cost of an attendant, the contract to haul garbage to Sechelt and a share of contributing to the Sechelt landfill could run from approximately $73,000 to $134,000, depending on the days and hours of operation.

In comparison, the cost of upgrading the existing Pender Harbour landfill to standards required for the current volume of garbage would be approximately $975,000, including preliminary studies. The dump would then cost between $109,000 to $136,000 per year to operate on three or five days a week, including the cost of a contractor, attendant, and extra fill required. (Figures for seven-day operation are not currently available). The site would then have a life span of between 20 and 25 years.

Both the transfer station and an upgraded landfill would be controlled sites with attendants, separation of garbage, and certain days and hours of operation. Tipping fees for special materials such as hazardous waste or large pieces of lumber would likely apply to both a transfer station or an upgraded landfill, said Lehmann.

As far as he is aware, "I don't think anyone has a master plan of combining the landfills," said Lehmann, although "it's certainly more expensive to operate smaller sites than one regional site."

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