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Cy Peck wheelhouse waits for new home

Cy Peck, the "fine little sea boat," as her long time skipper, Captain George A. Maude called her, is coming home to Salt Spring..... sort of.

By JIM BLACK
Driftwood Reporter

Anyone who has read up on the history of this boat can tell you, the *Cy Peck* is long gone, keeled over on a sand bank near Nanaimo in March, 1986. The only thing salvaged from her was the original wheelhouse and it wasn't exactly in great shape either.

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce decided at that time to obtain the wheelhouse. Chamber members had plans of restoring it and putting it in a place of prominence on the island where young and old alike could learn about this vital, historical link in the settling of the Gulf Islands.

The objective of the project, according to a Chamber of Commerce report, was "to create a tourist attraction which would memorialize a dedicated sea captain (Maude), a famous First World War Canadian soldier, (Colonel Peck, winner of the Victoria Cross in 1918), and a heritage ferry boat - the *Cy Peck* - the boat that changed the Gulf islands "from Heels to Wheels".

There were two problems. One was where to put the wheelhouse once it was restored, and the other, perhaps more important, who was going to restore it? One of the original proposals, drafted by Phillip Grange and Ken Renaud, called for the construction of a two-level structure along the waterfront, which would tie in the *Cy Peck* display with the sea walk in Ganges Harbour and provide space for a visitor information bureau on a "bridge deck" above a "car deck" jutting out from the waterfront site.

For a number of years the wheelhouse lay in the back of the Windsor Plywood Lumber yard, looking rather forlorn and not improving with age. Once the work was underway on the seawalk the old wheelhouse was taken over to the spot which had tentatively been selected for its

future home. But it still was in dire need of repairs after 77 years of abuse by the elements.

About one year ago, the wheelhouse was taken over to Deas Island to undergo restoration at the hands of the B.C. Ferries Corporation home maintenance employees. The task became a project for two ferry employees, Tom Ross and Roger Vaslot, who worked under supervision of home maintenance foreman Steve Michaluk. Together, these men working on and off for a couple of months, spent approximately 300 hours working on the wheelhouse.

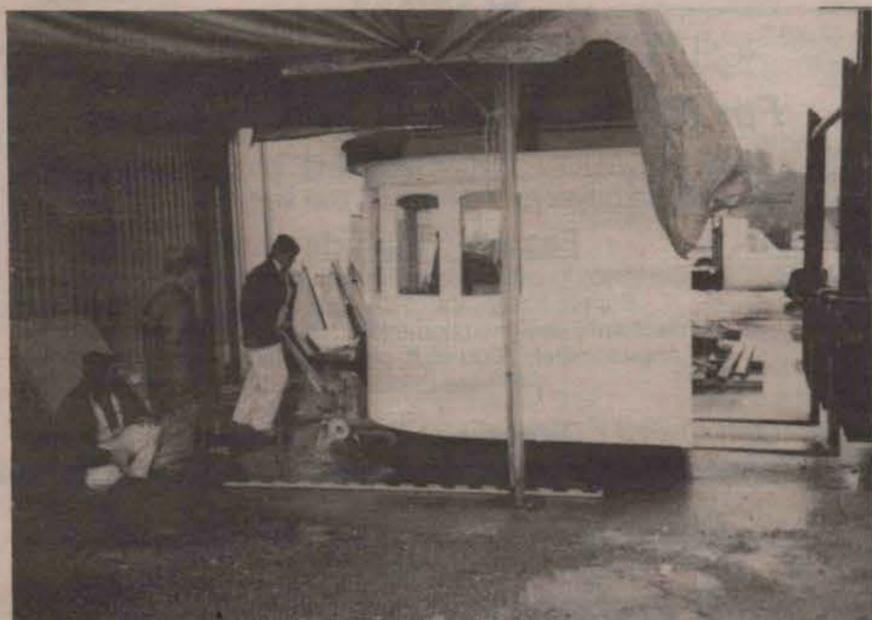
It was decided almost from the beginning that the original wheelhouse was too far gone to be restored, according to ferries home maintenance charge hand Peter Blair. "There were a number of conflicting ideas as to what should be done with it after it arrived here.

"When it came over here it was in really bad shape. It was more like building a house than rebuilding a wheelhouse. There was wood rot throughout the structure. It would have been near impossible to restore the original wheelhouse. So the men decided to use it as a pattern and build an exact replica. They wanted to retain as much of its history as they could, so they managed to salvage the original interior panelling and use it in the new one," Blair added.

Along with the original panelling, the original helm was donated to the project by an anonymous islander to give an even more accurate idea of what it must have been like to operate the grand old lady.

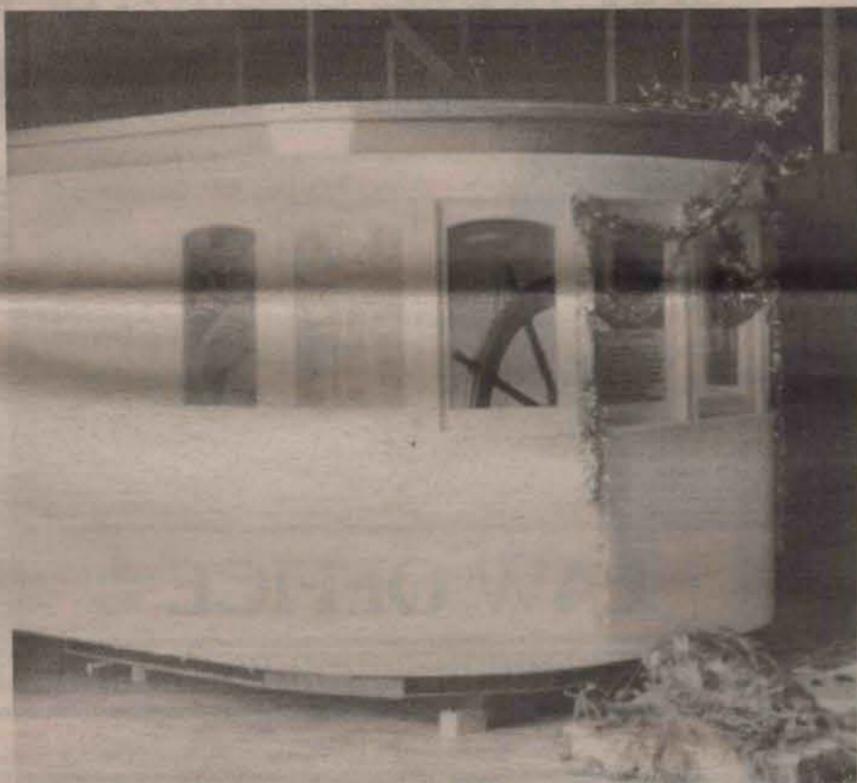
Just to make sure that this wheelhouse never decides to sag one way or another, the ferry corporation inconspicuously added a steel re-enforced frame underneath the structure.

For the time being, the wheelhouse is being stored at the Farmers' Institute, until a suitable home can be found for it in Ganges village core. Preferably that site will be near the ocean, whose waterways the "fine little sea boat" plied for so many years and helped change the Gulf Islands from "Heels to Wheels."



JUST LIKE NEW: The old *Cy Peck* wheelhouse was recently reconstructed by B.C. Ferry Corporation workers on the Lower Mainland. Project supporter John Stepaniuk, middle, visited Bryant Sasaki and Fred Olesen when the job was nearly complete.

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VIEW Point

The coming of 1992 means many things, yet the over-riding effect of New Year will have over many of us is the unpleasant experience of having our vehicles taken off the road. The anticipated crack-down on older vehicles will no doubt hit single parents the hardest.

By CHRISTINA BUDEWEIT
Ganges

No one drives a rust bucket out of choice, but when you're singlehandedly raising a family on a completely inadequate income, one often has no recourse, but to buy that available bucket of bolts, rusting in your well-meaning elderly neighbour's back yard or walk. With children, with groceries, with laundry, and in my case to and from school, that is my choice.

I'm fortunate enough to live on a small island, where hitch hiking is accepted somewhat as a mode of transportation. I say accepted, because I can do it and feel relatively safe about drivers who stop and offer us rides. Societally, however, hitching is frowned upon. I'm ever aware of this as I stand at the roadside, waiting for the sound of a car, telling my little boy it may have looked cute when he stuck out his thumb when he was small, but to please not do it now, and let me get the ride.

One day I asked him to begin walking home from school and I would meet him on the way. At the appointed time, I began walking the two-mile round trip and was surprised to not come across him. I finally reached the school to discover him at the furthest driveway, standing in vain with his thumb out, trying to hitch a ride home from parents picking up their kids. He is barely six and it scared me to death.

The rainy climate is no help as standing in a downpour assures us of one thing - a long wait, as late model after late model passes us and I feel sure its because they don't want our sogginess, muddy boots and umbrellas on their upholstery.

I can remember the lowest point of my hitch-hiking experience. Both tired at the end of a long day, we stood with a few bags of groceries down by a local hotel with plenty of pull-over room for the on-coming traffic to access in order to pick us up. In the descending dusk of 5 p.m., it was raining steadily and my boy was growing increasingly impatient. After 10 minutes (I timed it) of struggling with a crying, unhappy child to stand by me, I picked up his nearly 60 pounds and he immediately fell asleep at my hip.

Traffic consisted mostly of home-going people at the end of the work day, yet I stood there, like that, for no less than 45

minutes before some kind Samaritan in a pick-up truck pulled over, shoved a side a seat full of tools and took us home. During the ride I managed to control my emotions, but once out of the vehicle and walking the last leg of the way I can remember having a pretty good cry myself.

Now, my latest beater sits in a Washington junkyard, victim of the knock I'd heard when I bought it. The rod finally shot through the casing and I found myself stranded on the I-5 on the last leg of a well-deserved and ill-afforded trip to a seminar south of San Francisco. The kindness of a friend got us home.

Now we once again find ourselves in the same boat, without a paddle. In the rain, with my thumb out.

Please don't suggest we move to where there's adequate public transportation as that means cities, pollution, crime and concrete. My circle of support is here, in its semi-rural setting and I intend to stay, but I wonder if I'll be in plenty of company in the coming year as the crackdown on old cars takes mother after mother off the road.

It was hard enough before. The "haves" access car insurance on monthly payments easily because of a piece of plastic known as a credit card. Those of us living at the mercy of the government's fixed incomes who don't have, and can't get, these cards, must pay no less than half a year's insurance at a time. My six-months insurance cost was \$310 on my old gas guzzling van - now ICBC has raised the amount by 19 per cent and I'm looking at \$60 more. This means that even if I do find a car that will start when I turn the key in the ignition, that can pass the dreaded road-side inspections, every six months I will have to struggle to come up with close to \$400 or park it and walk, or resume hitchhiking until I can beg or borrow that phenomenal amount.

From my perspective, the future for single parents looks pretty bleak. Until something changes, allowing us to perhaps lease later model cars, and have monthly insurance bills rather than annually or semi-annually, more and more of us will find ourselves standing in the rain with our thumbs pointing the way.

Single parenting is hard enough, and statistics prove there are a majority of us out there now, without the government and the insurance corporation pulling an already threadbare rug out from under us like this. Most of us feel inadequate as it is, being cut so big a slice of life and fully expected to function responsibly with it. Begging for rides at the roadside may get the groceries home, but does it help our confidence? And what is this telling our children about the society they are growing up in?



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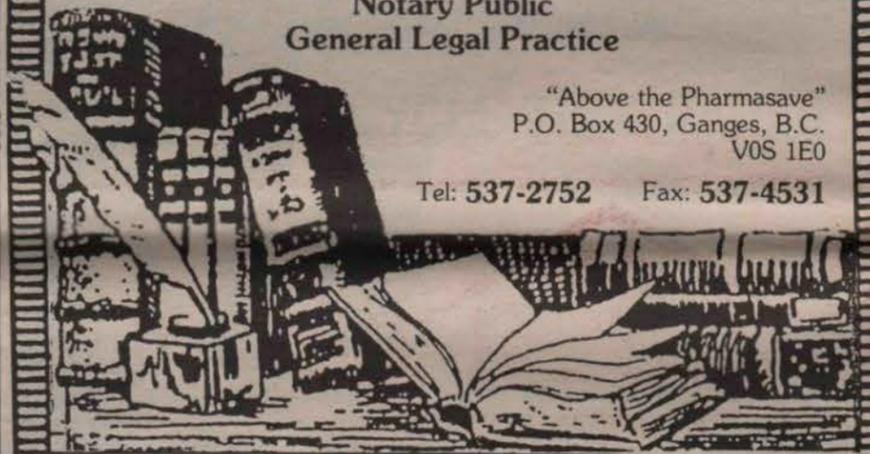
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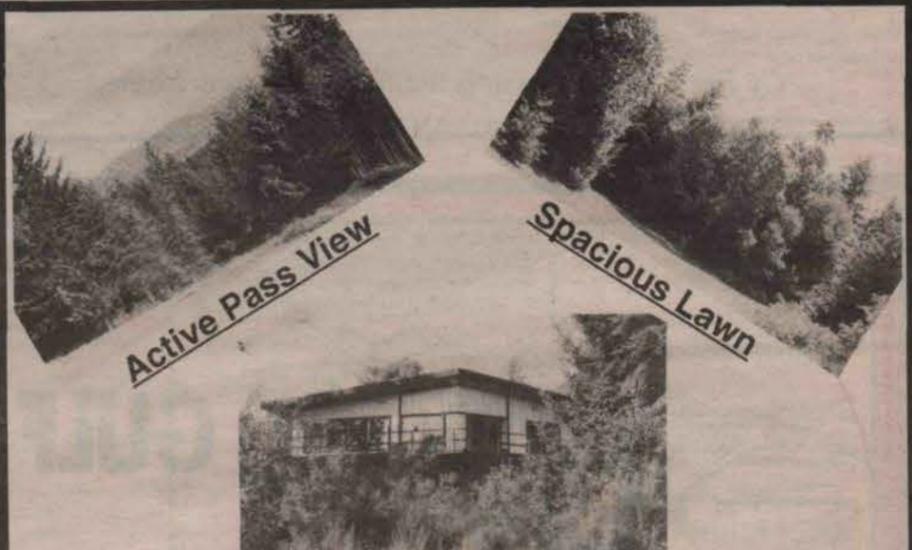
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Second chance coming for smokers to quit habit

For those who resolved to quit smoking on New Year's Day but failed, Cold Turkey Day offers a second chance to beat the habit.

Wednesday, January 22 has been designated Cold Turkey Day for 1992. National Non-smoking Week is January 20 to 26.

Salt Spring's new cancer unit is assisting people who want to stop smoking by offering healthy prizes to those who register their intentions with the unit.

People who stop smoking on or near Cold Turkey Day should call either Rosemary Wallbank at 537-4398 or Jaci Sanders at 537-2098 to sign-up for the contest.

The national non-smoking week committee offers the following advice for people who want to quit smoking.

- Spend some time learning to understand why you smoke. People smoke for many different reasons. For some it is a chemical dependency; for others it's a psychological dependency. Understanding your particular dependency will help you break the habit.

- Set a date to quit: Cold Turkey Day, your birthday or the first day of your holidays. Any date — just set it and stick to it.

- Ask for support from friends and family. Tell them you may be irritable for a while after quitting.

- Think about and write down reasons for quitting and fix them firmly in your mind.

- Begin to think of and visualize yourself as a non-smoker.

- Avoid smoking by changing your habits. See a movie instead of buying cigarettes. Brush your teeth more often. Drink lots of water. Go for more walks.

- Remember that smoking is a drug addiction. If you have even one puff, you may start smoking again.

- Ask for help if you need it. Quit smoking clinics help many people. you can also get pamphlets and advice Check with local health organizations, your doctor or your pharmacist.

- Be optimistic and keep trying. Millions of Canadians have quit smoking. You can be one of them.

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ISLAND LIVING

Fund-raising highlights 1991 on Galiano

1991 was an eventful year on Galiano.

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

• Only a few weeks into the year, Macmillan Bloedel's property management division announced the sale of their island holdings, an action which put on hold the Galiano Conservancy's attempt to purchase "the island" as a community-run forest preserve and wood lot.

Some of the district lots with mature timber sold quickly and by April several areas had been logged by buyers, owners of small logging operations. At least one of these lots, once the logging was completed, was posted for re-sale.

• North Galiano Community Association, whose number one Fire hall was located on MacMillan Bloedel land, worked out an agreement with the new owner to continue to lease the land on which the fire hall sits. The agreement was combined with a promise for future purchase of the parcel.

• Sale of MacMillan Bloedel lands set the stage for Galiano's event of the year, the campaign to raise funds to "buy the mountain". Not in recent years has anything fired the imagination of our citizens as did this drive. From eight to 80 years, it became the cause — suppers, art auctions, phone blitzes, radio interviews. Excitement was intense, and the campaign succeeded, the necessary funds were raised. On the Friday morning before the closing of the agreement to purchase, the excitement was electric and became more so when MacMillan Bloedel's Gary Kadatz telephoned to say the company would accept the island's collected funds as sufficient to purchase the lot (about \$65,000 less than the asking price.)

• Galiano Club, holders of the property, have since the April purchase set up a management committee to look into the area's future. Management surveys are now being carried out to determine access roads and the possible location of walking paths, etc.

• Success of the Mount Galiano purchase emboldened a number of Galiano citizens to attempt a similar feat the purchase of the equally beautiful Bodega Ridge. After many meetings and much discussion, a steering committee was formed with representatives from both the Galiano Club and the North Galiano Community Association. This purchase of DL 76 was

GALIANO ISLAND *Scene*

complicated somewhat by its earlier sale by MacMillan Bloedel to a citizen who proposed logging the site. The decision to buy it was not a universally popular decision on the island. The membership list of the North Galiano Community Association grew before the meeting where the decision was made to go ahead with the purchase. Afterwards, several resignations were received from hard-working community association members who felt they could not support the purchase.

In late July negotiator Jim Sutherland worked out with the owner of Lot 76 an agreement to purchase the lot, with regular payments to be made over 36 months. Meanwhile District Lot 73, adjoining 76 on the Ridge, was purchased from MacMillan Bloedel by a group of four private citizens - to hold the land until such time as funds can be raised to reimburse them. At that time, Lot 73 will be added to Lot 76 as a park and a forest preserve.

• In June the Galiano Island Forest Trust (GIFT) was organized to raise funds for the land purchase and an office and sales centre was opened at Daystar Market with energetic Deborah MacKechnie in charge. All cotton shirts, mugs, musical tapes, and posters were sold at the centre. The phone lines were manned continually to explain the land purchase to the curious, and to receive contributions.

An art auction in August, a supper in June and again in October, dances, and an auction of the works of the late Elizabeth Hopkins in December, have all raised funds to keep up the monthly payments.

• Galiano Club, which runs the island's senior and most important public meeting facility, a number of years ago assumed responsibility for the island's solid waste area. With the selling of MacMillan Bloedel's land, the property on which the waste area was located was to be vacated by October 30, unless the ratepayers agreed to purchase the land and run the facility according to the dictates of the Capital Regional District. Galiano Club President Bill Callaway and Treasurer Ron Way spent months in study and in negotiations with MacMillan Bloedel, the Capital Regional District and various other waste agencies. In an October vote the electorate turned down the club's purchase proposal, so for the moment each household is responsible for its own waste disposal. There is, however, a citizen in South Galiano who will haul waste off-island for

a charge, if the waste is delivered to his gate. This is not a long time solution, nor one which is suitable for the island's long summer months when tourists abound.

• In late July North Galiano's beautiful Coon Bay became British Columbia's latest provincial park. Known as Dionisio Point Provincial Park and about 350 acres in area, the park was created from four district lots, two bought from MacMillan Bloedel and two given by them to the provincial government.

• An addition and renovations to the South Hall are now in progress. An all-island fund raising drive was held during August, and although the money required to complete the job was not collected, enough is now on hand to make a start. With volunteer labour new washrooms are now under construction.

• Meanwhile on Burril Road, the building of the Sunday School Hall addition to Saint Margaret's Church is now nearing completion. Contractor is Don Seed.

• In North Galiano a 10 by 17 addition for storage is now nearing completion, with the work and workers being organized by Arne Haksi.

• The Lions Club Seafood Dinner and their fiesta were both successes as always.

North Galiano's July 1 featured one of the best island parades in recent years.

• Ordination of Galiano's Margaret Edgar as a Deacon of the Anglican Church of Canada took place at the Activity Centre in early December. The impressive ceremony was attended by about 200 people.

• During 1992, Galiano's post office was privatized and relocated at the Daystar Market. The "Old and Odd" shop now occupies the old Post Office building at Sturdies Bay. The closing of Burril Brothers Store also in that area, saddened many. Its coffee corner, a meeting place for Galiano citizens for many years, is a great loss. It was something which gave character to the island.

• Massive renovations are now in progress at the Galiano Lodge, which when it opens in the late spring. New shareholders have taken over Woodstone Inn.

• Tourism, slower in 1991 than in the previous year, nevertheless brought many to the island. Real estate sales were down in the later part of the year as elsewhere.

1991 had its lows and its highs. A larger number of well known and respected citizens passed away from illnesses during the fall months but new purchasers of property moved to the island during the year — a potential for new life, new ideas and future progress. They bring the promise of progress for 1992.

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Herbs as old as genesis

Thy wit is a most bitter sweeting; it is a most sharp sauce - - Shakespeare.

The herbs in my garden are as old as genesis, yet as familiar as a pair of favourite shoes. Pennyroyal and sweetmint, lovage spears and blue-flowering sage, creeping thyme, branching parsley, fennel, rosemary and coriander: I respect these herbs because they accent and punctuate my recipes. It is difficult to overdo them in a sauce, although this feat can be achieved.

A few herbs are there for the gourmets, the food historians, the herbalists or the eccentrics. You never know who will step out of the forest these days so it is a good habit to grow some elecampane for sore throats, angelica to spice the rhubarb pies, mullein for its healing smoke and even a metaphysical mandrake or two for readers of *The Songs and Sonnets*.

I keep burnet and rampion for mediaeval salads, costmary for country beer, sage for stuffings, sweet cicely for Oscar Wilde and marjoram for everybody else.

It's a different story with parsley, a herb which needs no description but attracts a lot of fiction. Some herbs, like some teachers, attract terrible proverbs, but parsley is singularly blessed. I like to stand out in the rain and recite them over the heads of the dripping plants, although this practice does concern the neighbours.

Of the seed, which most people forget can be a useful condiment in meat sauces, I piously say *To ensure you will come up double, I will sow you on Good Friday*. In annoyance it is *Bad luck follows transplanted parsley* or *While parsley seeds can*

Country Gourmet JOHN EDWARDS



cure ague, too many will hurt my eyes.

When Fang (the lapdog) is acting up I can mutter *Parsley liniment cures a mad dog's bite*.

The prize for obscurity goes to this one: *Fried parsley brings a man to his saddle and a woman to her grave*. I shall go to mine without knowing what *that* means.

Near the remains of a cedar from Galiano's time, and in the shade of the salmonberry and the salaal which grow upon it, there live some other herbs, the bitterest ones, which I pick and use with great care. Rue, wormwood, tansy and camomile belong to that category of plants which relies more upon subtlety than beauty.

Rue, or herb-of-grace, has leaves which, appropriately, resemble tears. You may use it in small quantities but never alone in sauces for fish and meats, many of which are described in my *Roman Cookery*. It is particularly good in a shellfish stew. Outside the kitchen, however, rue has surprising virtues.

Take the rite of exorcism, for example. Without a few sprigs of rue it just isn't effective and you have to do it all over again. The presence of rue plants in the garden disguises the odour of friends who perspire but believe bathing is harmful.

Elizabeth the First felt this way. Today she would use Mitchum and chop off the heads of anyone in court who forgot to.

Bitter tansy cakes once were eaten at Easter, a kind of penance to end the days of Lent. In those (not so distant) times before refrigerators, people rubbed meats with oil-of-tansy to encourage insects to buzz off. Oddly, tansy oil will help a sunburn set faster.

No bitter herb is so common as camomile, the "earth-apple" of the ancients. This herb has remarkable powers. "The camomile, the more it is trodden on, the faster it grows," observes Falstaff. Not only that, camomile will revive nearby plants in a garden of herbs.

The Egyptians dedicated its flowers to the god of the sun and even collected its sap when the Dog Star burned in July (before there was a July) to use as a chewing gum. They didn't invent baseball cards though. Another tradition surrounding this excellent herb is that camomile tea will prevent nightmares, which is as good a reason as any to make some right now.

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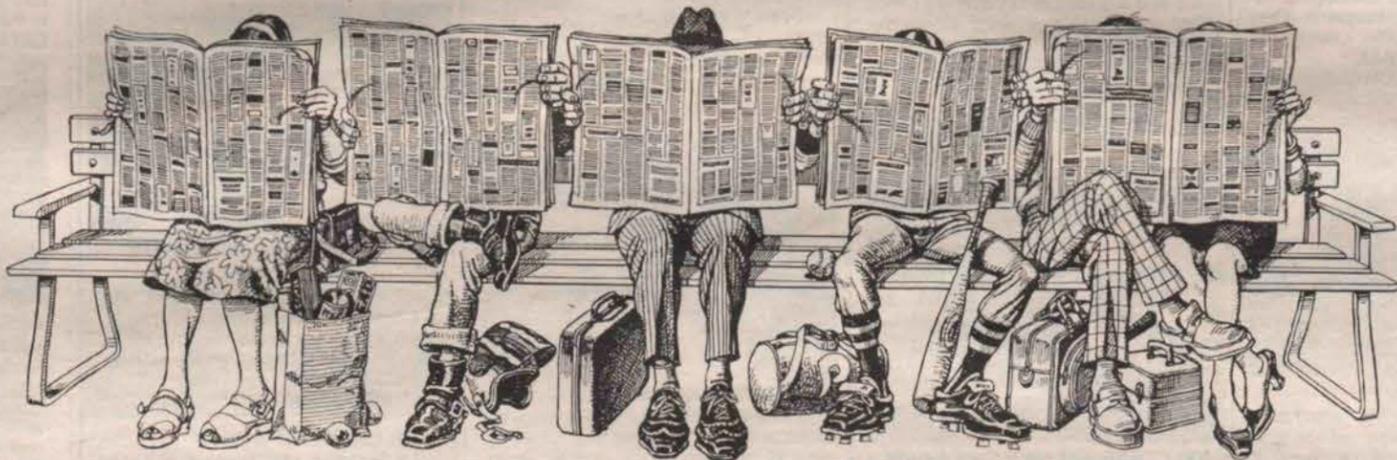
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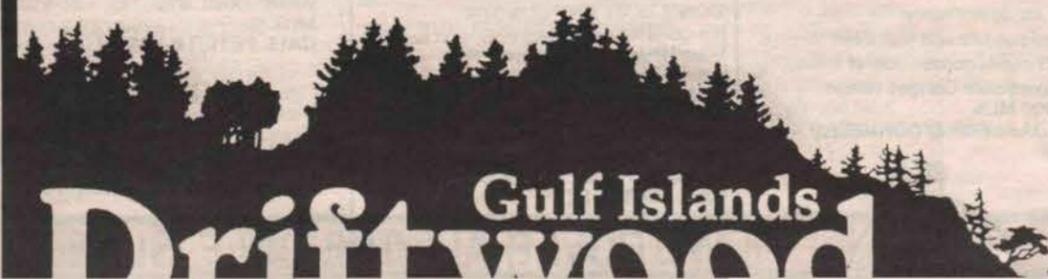
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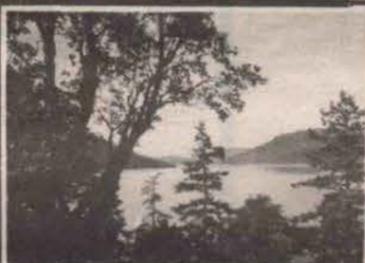


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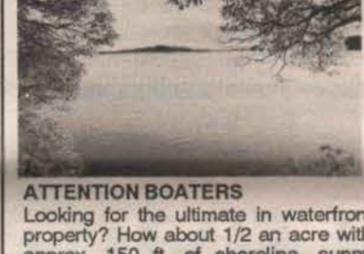
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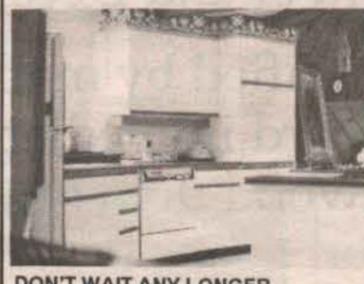
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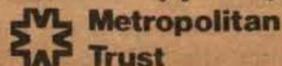
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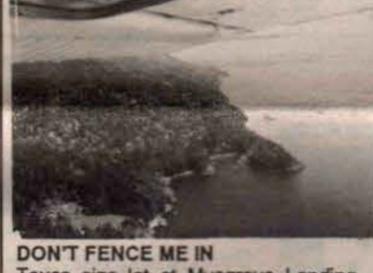
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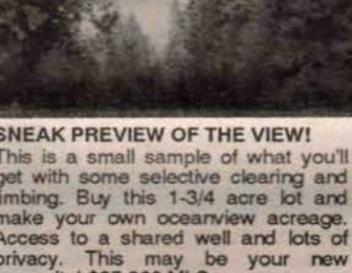
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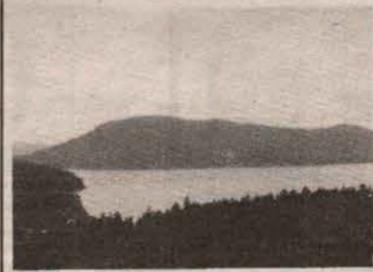
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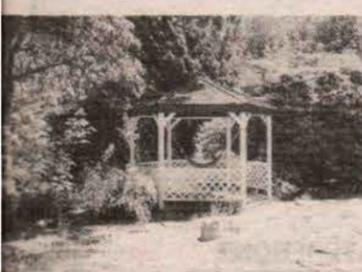
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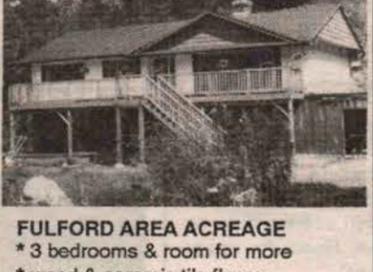
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Located in the heart of Ganges, this commercial 3 storey building offers good revenue potential. Fantastic location adjacent to the proposed Arts Centre make this a solid investment. \$342,000 MLS.
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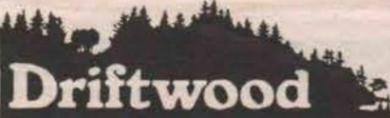


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DOWN THE YEARS

Thirty Years Ago

- Premier W.A.C. Bennett purchased property on Sunset Drive, Salt Spring Island and planned to build a summer retreat there. The *Driftwood* noted that it was an honour to have Bennett as a property owner, and added that it hoped that the Liberals and Conservatives would not panic at the news.

- At the reception following the wedding of Miss Josette Ellen Brown and Mr. Jarl Bjorn Whist, the groom spoke eloquently about how he and Buzz Brown, father of the bride, had not had time to discuss the dowry. When the wedding party was about to leave, Mr. Whist was presented with a pregnant cow, a dowry custom of natives of other lands.

- It was announced that the Mount Tuam forest fire on Salt Spring Island had cost taxpayers \$13,650. The 1.185 acre fire that occurred in September was just one of hundreds that ravaged the province.

- The first legally-recognized Baha'i marriage to take place in the province was performed in Ganges on December 30, 1961, when Bernice Katherine Boulding of Ganges and Barry Dale Crooks of Saturna Island were united in at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Huxtable.

Twenty Five Years Ago

- A new publisher had assumed the reins of *Driftwood*. Frank Richards acquired the newspaper from James Ward. Richards, a veteran of the Royal Air Force, had been editor of the Sidney newspaper for the past 10 years.

- Gulf Island ratepayers were scheduled to go to the polls again if the provincial government supported the school district's plan to provide better dormitory facilities in Ganges. The district had proposed three bylaws that were designed to add new facilities to the district. In addition to this trustees wanted to build three classrooms and a teacherage on Pender Island.

- Listed for sale in the classifieds; 1955 Austin, running condition, needs some motor work. \$65 or will trade for a record player.

- There was no Christmas spirit in Canada's department of agriculture. A family travelling from Fulford to Swartz Bay during the holiday period was armed with a poinsettia, which had been a parting gift. It didn't get very far. A ferry authority spokesman explained that the plant could not be taken off the wharf. It was not certified free of contamination, he explained. The same man later said they could not

transfer it to a taxi. It had to leave the wharf in the same car in which it arrived or else be destroyed. The family turned around and left the offending plant with friends.

Twenty Years Ago

- Police in Ganges started out the new year with a search for three boaters whose craft was swamped by stormy seas of Valdez Island. On January 2, three persons set out in a row boat from Valdez Island bound for Thetis Island. They never arrived. Police recovered the body of a 16-year-old woman but found no trace of two Victoria

men.

- Gulf Islands school district planned to investigate the availability of federal and provincial job incentive funds for playground and sports area improvements. Trustees agreed if funds were available, they would be used for the sports field and for the construction of an adventure playground at the elementary school.

- Only one man in the province completed all four programs of the Centennial Physical fitness program. Bill Arnold of Fulford walked, ran, cycled and swam. The Centennial committee in Victoria launched

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HIGH GROUND:
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PRIVACY & VIEW

This lovely 4 or 5 bedroom home is well secluded but enjoys a superb view across ocean and islands. Sunny location enhances swimming pool and BBQ. \$279,000.

DOWN THE YEARS

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the scheme in an effort to encourage residents of the province to be more aware of physical fitness. David Roberts of Ganges completed the 700 mile cycling program. Roberts received a Centennial medal for his accomplishment while Arnold received four medals.

Fifteen Years Ago

- Lady Minto Hospital received a Christmas present. The gift, a Lions Club Easter Seal bus, enabled patients in the extended care wing of the hospital to travel to new places, as it was equipped with a hydraulic wheelchair lift.
- There was no 'post Christmas' blues for Salt Spring Island resident Elvie Hislop after she won \$2,500 in the Inter-provincial Lottery. It was the first time she had won anything in her life. The \$5 ticket was purchased from Dee Kinney of Ganges.
- Jack Scott, one of the best newspapermen ever to grace the pages of a Canadian newspaper, retired to Salt Spring Island. Over the years Scott wrote for the Toronto Star, Vancouver Sun and the News-Herald, covering events as they unfolded around the world. When asked what he planned to do to fill his days of retirement, Scott replied "what else, write."
- Police reported that two fishing rods

and a temporary power pole were stolen from a cabin belonging to E.J. Pavcy of Vancouver. In another theft, police said that \$200 worth of cedar siding was taken from the Harold Baker home on Horel Road.

Ten Years Ago

- Fire department officials were hesitant to name the cause of a fire that destroyed a generator motor and a plastic canopy on a barge in Ganges Harbour. They did not, however, suspect foul play. Seven volunteer firefighters from the Salt Spring fire department rushed out to the barge aboard a Coast Guard vessel. They managed to extinguish the blaze.
- Assessment notices were received by island property owners, and while assessments were up in general, some owners were reporting 100 per cent increases. A typical commercial property on Salt Spring Island showed an increase in assessment for general purposes of one-half of one per cent. For school purposes, the same property was being assessed taxes 12 per cent higher than the year before.
- Unofficial figures showed total snowfall at Ganges since December 28 at 25.4 inches. Measurements were taken by Douglas Road resident Robert Aston. Total accumulation of snow in most areas was about 12 inches. Despite the time put in by

highways crews plowing and grading roads, numerous motorists had to call for assistance from local garages, whose wreckers had been busy since the snow arrived.

Five Years Ago

- Two Gulf Islands couples recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries. James and Vimy Coffey of Galiano and Orlando and Anne Funk from Salt Spring celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries surrounded by friends and family who came from across the continent for the event.
- Thirty-three hardy souls braved the cool weather on New Year's Day to participate in the Vesuvius Inn's eighth annual polar bear swim. With more than 100

curious but cowardly onlookers standing by, the 33 hardy citizens took the dip in the 46 degree fahrenheit water of Stuart Channel off Vesuvius Beach. Many of the participants came decked out in costume and after the swim - which was ever so brief - they all enjoyed hot dogs and hot chocolate at the Inn.

• Lady Minto Hospital was scheduled to receive \$257,000 worth of upgrading work. Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring Island's representative on the Capital Regional District and an executive member of the regional hospital board, said some of the money would be used for structural changes to the hospital, while the remainder of the money would be used to replace old equipment and repairing the "general wear and tear", of the hospital equipment.



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When British Columbians elected a New Democratic government, there was no great surprise among the wise and the informed and the analysts. Everything pointed to a swing to the NDP. If we bear in mind that the province is running, very roughly, 50:50 left and right of the provincial centre, then a sharp upheaval of any kind is likely to swing that balance in either direction.

When British Columbians went to the polls last fall they were conscious of two political upheavals. The Social Credit administration had lost credibility and voters who would normally have thrown their weight behind the historic party had lost heart. At the same time that 40-year-old governing party was split down its own middle. It possibly remains so.

The traditionalists; the dyed-in-the-wool Social Creditors, were one faction, while the flexible, less doctrinaire free-enterprise first and Social Credit second were already marching to a different drum.

This search for a viable alternative party manifested itself in the election of a remarkable number of Liberals to form the official opposition.

Many government supporters today may well view the election through rosier glasses and convince themselves that the New Democrat victory was based on the party's merit and had little to do with the former government's death throes. Without the aid of those rose-coloured spectacles the end result took on the character of a voting-out party rather than a voting-in movement.

If we accept that the election was won on a protest vote, then we should look ahead of us and give a thought to the next national election.

There is some resemblance between the Social Credit government of British Columbia prior to the fall election and the federal Conservative government at the present time.

The Prime Minister is not the most popular political figure in this land. The national House of Commons has not been the centre of consistent brilliant government performances. It is a stage which hears few cries for "encore". The comparison between the two political pictures is close.

The pattern in Canada's entire history

has been a two-way switch. When the nation wearies of a Liberal government, the people voted in a Conservative administration. Later, weary again, they offered little support for either. Like British Columbia, the national electorate was split roughly 50:50 between Tory and Grit. Despite the rising star of New Democracy in three provinces, not many Canadian observers have yet announce a conviction that the Bridesmaids of the NDP are about to show up as brides in the next national ceremony.

But where once Canada was two party political arena, it became three. Today we have four parties. The Reform Party is firing great guns across the nation and scoring some hits.

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What has happened, twice, in British Columbia might well happen once in Ottawa!

A rose by any other name

It has been suggested within the shattered Social Credit party that the name be changed. A risky suggestion. Next thing some wag will come up with frivolities like Social Debit of something equally irreverent.

Forty years ago it was not the Social Credit Party, WAC bennet insisted. Not a party, but the Social Credit movement, as I recall.

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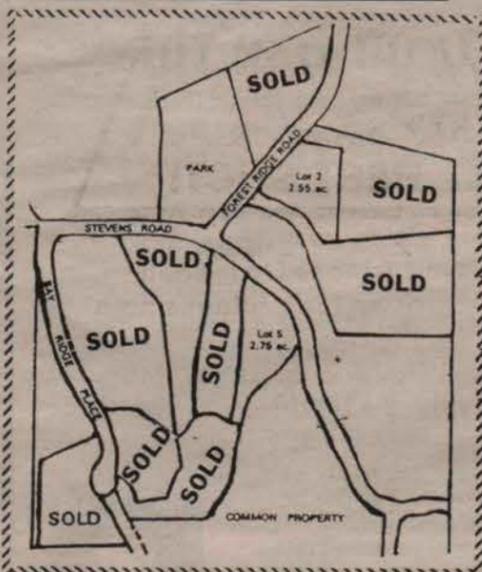
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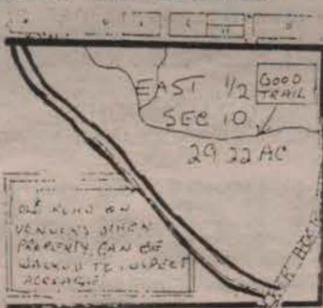
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PROVINCIAL ROUND-UP

by Hubert Beyer

New press secretary

Andy Orr, who covered the B.C. Legislature in Victoria for CBC TV has left the press gallery for a government job. On January 2, Orr started his new duties as press secretary to Premier Mike Harcourt.

My sources tell me that Harcourt was looking for someone other than a died-in-the-wool New Democrat, someone who would advise him to the best of his ability rather than say yes, just to please him.

He couldn't have found a better qualified person. Orr was a good reporter, meaning an unbiased reporter. He goes with the good wishes of this former colleagues at the press gallery.

Fishers?

For a moment there, I thought the neutral-gender language manual, prepared by the Socreds, but released two weeks ago by the NDP government, had caught up with the fishing industry.

"Trapping season for fishers temporarily closed," said a press release last week. No, fishers isn't the new term for fishermen, at least not yet.

The fisher is an animal related to weasels, otters, martens and wolverines, which lives primarily in the central interior and the north-east part of British Columbia. Their ability to help control populations of tree-eating porcupines has led to a number of attempts to introduce them to other parts of the province.

The trapping ban has been posted to help increase the number of fishers which, according to biologists, may have declined as a result of both long-term population cycles and loss of habitat.

The ban will remain in effect until further notice. Meanwhile, the en-

vironment ministry will continue to closely monitor the fisher population.

Who's that again, Bruce?

Had a call last week from Bruce Strachan of former Socred cabinet fame. Was it true that highways minister Art Charbonneau had said he would severely curtail the highways construction budget?

If so, Strachan said, it would be the wrong thing to do. Would send the wrong signal to the business community. No kidding? What happened to the Bruce Strachan who so gallantly defended his government's austerity measures, perceived or otherwise?

Strachan told me he was looking for the information because the *Prince George Citizen* had asked him to write a few columns. Well, Bruce, I can tell you right now that it takes a little more than a quick flip-flop to write a column, but good luck nevertheless.

Actually, all commitments that have already proceeded to the contract stage will be kept, but new highways construction projects may be put on hold, depending on how bad the financial situation turns out to be, according to Charbonneau.

Some golf courses exempted

To date, 67 proposed golf courses have been exempted from the moratorium slapped on golf course developments by the new NDP government a few weeks ago.

"The Agricultural Land Commission considered the agricultural potential of the lands, related agricultural concerns and community plan-

ning objectives, the same criteria as it would for any other application for non-farm use in the Agricultural Land Reserve," said agriculture minister Bill Barlee.

The review of all golf course developments continues and is expected to be completed by the end of January.

Youth speaks out

High school students from around British Columbia met in Victoria last week for the 63rd session of the B.C. Youth Parliament. One of the first items of business was a private member's resolution supporting the installation of condom machines in high schools.

One of the young debaters observed that students "have a car. They have the keys. We are only teaching them to drive safely." The resolution was passed by a wide margin.

No smoking, pal

The government announced last week that it has completed a review of the no-smoking policy for youth custody centres and that the policy will be retained.

The no-smoking policy was reviewed after an incident last November at the Centre Creek Youth Custody Centre, near Chilliwack, involving two young people disagreeing over a cigarette.

Acting attorney general Anita Hagen said youth custody centres will remain smoke-free to "protect the health of young people in the government's care," and because it's against the law to provide a person under 16 with tobacco products.



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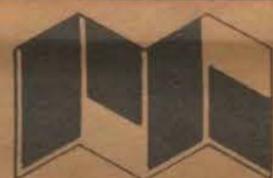


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