

Curtis Would Connect Elk-Beaver, Thetis by Waterway

Two-Park Link 'Priceless Heritage'

Cliff Fall

Student Found Dead

The body of an 18-year-old

The body of an 18-year-old University of Victoria student was found early Saturday morning at the foot of a cliff on the Sooke River, about a mile from the gate to the Sooke Potholes.

Sooke RCMP said Russell Wayne Hodson, 877 Royal Oak, died instantly in the 150-foot plunge in the canyon north of the Sooke River bridge.

Russell was one of 26 young people who set out on a hike after attending church services at the First Christian Reformed Church, 661 Agnes.

BROTHER, SISTER

Also in the party were his 21-year-old brother Craig and Susan, his 15-year-old sister.

Russell apparently disappeared from the group at about 3:30 p.m. but no one was worried until 5 p.m. Sooke RCMP was called but night came as the search party reached the area where Russell disappeared.

SEARCH DELAYED

Saanich dogmaster George Barr with his dog Prince joined the search but rugged terrain and the poor light forced the postponement of the search until Saturday morning.

At 5:20 a.m., the search resumed. Craig Hodson, Constable Barr and Prince began searching the west side of the river as Cpl. Scotty McKay of Sooke and three others headed up the east side.

BODY SEEN

As Prince picked up the trail, Cpl. McKay spotted the body from across the river.

Sooke coroner Eugene Murphy has ordered a post mortem.

Russell is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hodson, brothers Craig, 21, Keith, 19, and Kim, 11; sisters Susan, 16, and Jennifer, 11.

He graduated last June from Claremont high school and was active in the church as vice-president of the young people's group.

Carillon



Demonstrators block dockyard's vehicle gate as U.S. sailors start shore leave

U.S. Sub Visit Brings Out Demonstrators

By GEORGE INGLIS

Demonstrators for peace in Vietnam caused a brief flurry Saturday at HMC Dockyard in Esquimalt, as they staged a sit-in across the roadway at the main gate.

The demonstrators, about 20 of them, advanced on the main gate at about 3 p.m., with the intention of sending a 12-man delegation into the yard to stage a sit-in on the U.S. submarine, Razorback, which is visiting Esquimalt.

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The commissioners turned back the unauthorized visitors, and they decided to stage the sit-in across the road, while the rest of the demonstrators marched up and down the sidewalk, carrying signs saying "Stop American butchery in Vietnam."

Esquimalt police, called to the scene by the Navy shore patrol, removed the seated demonstrators, one of whom had to be carried.

Traffic resumed in and out of the gate and the demonstrators continued to march up and down for about an hour, handing out leaflets which urged "U.S. get out of Vietnam—Get out of Canada."

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Several demonstrators questioned said they were not



Stephen 'All For It'

By DON GAIN

Saanich Mayor Hugh Curtis has conjured up a blueprint for a park waterway system that would link two major parks and provide future southern Vancouver Islanders with a priceless heritage.

His plan envisages pedestrian parkways running south from Elk-Beaver Lake and southeast from Thetis Lake Park, both leading to Portage Inlet.

This logically leads from Portage Inlet to the Gorge, he said, "where rehabilitation would naturally follow."

PLAIN DELIGHT

The mayor foresees a system of waterways designed for the recreation of just the plain delight of the population which is destined to pour into the area. "What a great thing it will be, when the whole of southern Vancouver Island is built up, that a youngster can go and throw a line into a creek and catch some fish," he said.

Or people will just enjoy strolling through parklike woodlands, he added.

A FOLLOWUP

Mayor Curtis' plan is a followup to the decision of the city's parks committee to ask the regional district to assume control of city-owned Thetis Lake Park.

"It's an excellent idea for the regional board to take it over," Mr. Curtis said. "The details of maintenance would have to be worked out."

Although he is chairman of the regional board, Mayor Curtis said he was speaking as a private citizen.

OWNS ONE

The board owns Elk-Beaver Lake Park, maintained by Saanich municipality.

The acquisition of the two parks by the regional board is not enough, Mayor Curtis said. Thetis Lake, not now dedicated as parkland, should be designed as a park, he added.

The regional board should then implement a study similar to the one ordered by Saanich on the watershed from Elk-Beaver Lake to the Inner Harbor, and now being coordinated by Saanich design engineer Frank Neate.

PARK STRIPS

The board would make strips



Proposed park waterway system

Accident Aftermath

Police Hold Car Clues —No Ernie

By BRIAN DOHERTY

City police are looking for a man whose first name may be Ernie and who may associate with a hairdresser named Dave.

The man is wanted for questioning concerning an incident shortly after midnight Feb. 4 in which a car containing five teenagers was forced off Government near Chatham.

The car struck a hydrant and