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Volunteer firemen Bill Lea, left, and Neill Christensen fight brush fire

Trustee approach endorsed

Asphalt plant opponent Gary Greico last week endorsed the path Island Trust representatives have mapped to prevent the industry from locating on Salt Spring Island.

The plant's owners seek to move the operation from Metchoin to industrially-zoned land about one mile from Ganges. Told that relocation can only be prevented by rezoning the property, the Trust initiated a bylaw to list specific industrial uses allowed on the land — uses that would not include asphalt plants.

But Greico and other islanders fighting the plant argued that a rezoning to residential status would be the preferable solution, since it would protect the neighbourhood from future and incompatible industrial uses.

The Trust, meanwhile, was reluctant to take that step since it would have meant a fuller encroachment on the owner's property rights. Instead, it has prepared a bylaw that will effectively freeze out an asphalt plant without prohibiting future industrial uses that neighbours would find

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Quick action stops spread of brush fire

Approximately half an acre of land was devastated by fire last Saturday when a spark from a brick incinerator ignited a Vesuvius area property.

Volunteer firemen were called to Elizabeth Drive at 12:45 pm. Three fire trucks were rushed to the site, where 16 firemen and several bystanders fought the flames.

A spokesman from the fire hall said the blaze was contained within 15 minutes.

Local firefighters recommend that islanders avoid having open or incinerator fires until the island receives some rainfall.

MLA Curtis happy with new cabinet post



Hugh Curtis

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL
Local MLA Hugh Curtis last week welcomed his change in provincial cabinet duties, saying his move from finance minister to provincial secretary "gives me something to sink my teeth into."

The shift was announced last Thursday as B.C.'s new premier, Bill Vander Zalm, named his cabinet. Vander Zalm assumed responsibility for the finance post held by Curtis since 1979.

Many political observers interpreted the change as a demotion for Curtis, one tied to his support for candidates opposed to Vander Zalm at last month's Social Credit leadership convention.

One who did not was Rafe

Mair, the former Socred cabinet minister turned radio talk show host, who said the shift of Curtis into the provincial secretary's chair is a lateral move.

Curtis agrees with Mair's assessment, pointing out that the provincial secretary forms one of the provincial government's few central ministries.

His new duties will see the MLA responsible for a wide variety of government business. For instance, he will be responsible for the public service, the lottery branch, administration of the B.C. summer and winter games, the heritage branch and libraries.

"I am sure there are those who will see this as a lesser job but it

may be even more complex (than finance)," Curtis said. "They certainly have not sent me into some back room. It's more like moving from one major ministry to another. It's a lateral move."

Alluding to observations that he committed political suicide by throwing support behind Vander Zalm's rivals and by commenting after the convention that the new premier must quickly back up his style with substance, Curtis added: "Reports of my suicide have been greatly exaggerated."

The MLA pointed out that political observers have paid little or no attention to another move made last week by Vander Zalm:

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Permitted-uses bylaw aimed at asphalt plant

Twelve industrial uses are outlined in a bylaw drafted by the Islands Trust to prevent an asphalt plant from locating on Salt Spring.

The bylaw, which creates what will be known as an Industrial-5 (I-5) zone, will be given first reading at the Trust's regular meeting scheduled for this Saturday, August 23, at the Harbour House Hotel at 3 pm.

First reading is a procedural move to clear the way for a public hearing. In this case, the public hearing will be held at the Trust's regularly-scheduled September 19 meeting.

Before the hearing, however, Island Trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne will hold a public meeting on September 11 to discuss the I-5 zone and any other items of Trust business the public may wish to pursue.

- saw and planing mills;
- veterinary hospitals;
- one dwelling unit in conjunction with industrial use for the accommodation of the owner, operator or an employee of the principal use permitted;
- agriculture;
- principal stockpiling, excluding waste or scrap products; and
- educational activities.

The bylaw also notes that buildings will be limited to 11 metres in height, and that buildings shall not cover more than 33 per cent of the property they inhabit.

Gilbert and Byrne said the decision was made to list acceptable activities, and not unacceptable activities, in order to guard against missing a use that might prove disagreeable to neighbours. This bylaw, they say, ensures that a bylaw amendment — and a public hearing — would be necessary before any additional use could be made of property zoned I-5.

Along with giving first reading to the I-5 bylaw, the August 23 Trust meeting will consider a bylaw applying that designation to two Salt Spring properties currently holding the old I-4 classification: the proposed asphalt plant site, which sits on the Fulford-Ganges road, about one mile from Ganges; and the old Lloyd sawmill property on Reynolds Road.

Gilbert told the August 5 meeting of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) that he has discussed the move with both property owners, and they "seem amenable."

Meanwhile, Byrne says there are eight Salt Spring properties currently listed as I-4; once the I-5 zoning is applied to the two properties listed above, the number will be down to six.

The August 23 Trust meeting will also consider a bylaw amendment that will add asphalt plants to the list of uses prohibited on I-4 sites. Those sites will be permitted to keep their existing uses, but there will be no room for "anything new that's horrible" to locate there, Byrne said.

'Bylaw outlines 12 permitted uses in new industrial zone.'

That meeting is scheduled to be held in the high school band room, beginning at 7:30 pm.

Byrne said he expects the September 11 session to deal with the broad questions of industrial uses and appropriate sites, and to discuss ways to encourage or discourage particular industries from settling on Salt Spring.

Creation of the I-5 zone would restrict properties with that classification to 12 types of industry:


- light industry, including manufacturing, processing, assembly, testing, servicing and repairs conducted within a building;
- bakeries;
- warehouses and storage buildings;
- wholesale;
- storage lots for undamaged vehicles;
- mechanical repairs;

police report

Two boats have been reported missing in the last week, one on South Pender and the other on Mayne. A 12-foot Sears aluminum boat left untied on the shore below Boundary Pass Road was carried away by high tides on August 13. Thorogood asked anyone who sights a stray boat in Plummer Sound to contact the RCMP.

An eight-foot clinker-built boat went missing from a mooring float at Village Bay on Mayne Island August 17. The boat is white with a black trim and black interior. The name *Julie E* is painted on the stern.

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- Larry and Bonnie Kalk of Hinton, Alberta.
- Ray and Julie Lamb of Winfield, B.C.
- Jack and Penny Lawrence of Klineburg, Ont.
- Paul and Grace Lussier of Arbourfield, Sask.
- Rosaine Maheux of Campbell River, B.C.

EXCHANGE RATE: The suggested exchange on American dollars is 36 per cent this week.

Islands Trust bylaw wins grudging support

From Page 1

After last week's meeting, Greico said he is pleased with the route the Trust has chosen, although he still would prefer to see the land rezoned to residential status.

"My concern was that it (an industrial zone) would allow anything in," Greico said. He now welcomes the bylaw because it will list uses to be permitted on the land, not uses to be excluded: "This way, if anything wants in, there would have to be a public hearing, and the public could have its say."

He added: "I still would have preferred to see the land zoned to residential, but I'm comfortable with this change. This isn't the

best solution, but at least it's acceptable."

Gilbert and Byrne explained that the decision to list acceptable uses, and not prohibited uses, was to ensure the Trust had some recourse if the bylaw neglected to include an industry that would be inappropriate in a residential area.

"There will no room to put anything that's 'new but horrible' on the land," Byrne said. He noted that a bylaw amendment and public hearing would be needed if any industrial use not cited in the I-5 document is proposed for the property.

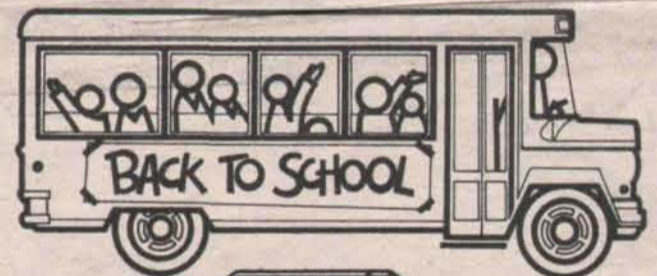
"The Trust is concerned that any change in land use must go before the public," Gilbert added.



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Failing to remember

For years I have felt guilty within my own mind that I am simply unable to memorize the dates of death of my forebears and others. I cannot recall the date of my father's death and although I was there last year when she died, I can only identify my mother's death with the holiday I spent in Europe and not to the precise day.

It has worried me that so many whom I loved have gone from this world and I cannot recall when.

The other day I commented upon this sense of frustration at forgetfulness and my companions agreed that they, too, were unable to remember such dates. I can remember the birthdays of all my deceased relatives, and that's all.

So now I feel that even if it should prove to be an evil omission on my part that I should forget, at least I am not sinning alone.

Still got two!

Luck is something that lives with you. Maybe it's something to do with living right, if you can define living and right. I demolished an ancient compost box which had served Women's Lib well for nearly two decades. The end was ruthless and a few hammer blows reduced it to kindling and nails.

I carefully collected the kindling and threw it in a pile. In the meantime I had another collection of old cedar boards which I split and left in the garage to finally chop into the proper lengths.

Within a day of pulling apart the compost box I walked down the garden path and stepped on the evidence. The piece of rotten wood was less than two inches each way and the nail was standing ready for its victim. That was me.

When my nephew came for a couple of days he helped me move some stuff in the garage and promptly found one of my pieces of kindling. In fact, he couldn't miss it because it was neatly nailed to his foot.

We both still own and operate two feet. I feel a sense of achievement. Even with that record to fall back on, I've raked the garden path and cleared the garage floor.

All mixed up

Old age is getting your sticks mixed up. We were all set to make one of our regular trips to the great city and Women's Lib took her walking stick to the car in case she might need it.

Only trouble was she had taken mine in mistake for her own.

Answer to mosquitoes

Bob Rush has the answer for mosquitoes on the wall.

Paint the walls a mottled mosquito grey and blood red and they'll blend with the decor, he suggests.

A pedestrian hit me

Months ago I had some reference to claimants' comments on accident report forms. These were additional comments, but somehow they were delayed between the typewriter and the page. But here they are, anyway, a little late, but still a little light:

My list of accident reports was incomplete. Rosemary Westdorp, of Salt Spring, has left me the complete list compiled by ICBC and offering 30 different reasons for having an accident. The list, she reports, is a dozen or so years old.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car. The pedestrian had no idea which way to go, so I ran over him. Those are another two samples.

Rosemary also sent me a copy of the report on Salt Spring Island in *Canadian Living*. She was startled to learn from the pages of that great publication that sasquatch had been paying the odd visit to Salt Spring Island. No doubt our former Conservative candidate in the islands, John Green, would be better informed: he is the ultimate authority on the big fellow. The appearance of the mythical monster on Salt Spring Island is tied in with the disappearance of a young lady at Burgoyne Bay. She was never seen again, the magazine quotes Amy Mcleod. Fortunately, neither was the sasquatch seen again.

Some sawdust

I'd have made a hell of a poor logger. I can't distinguish between one tree and another and all sawdust looks the same to me. That's how I got caught.

Years ago I found a source of sawdust and, living on an acre of shale, there was a pleasant attraction about the idea of growing stuff in a soft, moist, mulch of sawdust. But how could I know what was good and what was cedar?

My youthful mentors were loud with derision. Other people were wicked, as they agreed, but this was different. The vendor was a fine fellow, the epitome of love for his fellow men. He would never deceive a fellow human being.

I couldn't fight so I gave up and bought the sawdust. That was about 10 years ago. The sawdust marked the end of my gardening days. It poisoned everything. Over the years I have covered much of the area once mulched with the dirty stuff. I still have a couple of hundred square feet of good sawdust. Not even the grass has grown there for a decade. It's not only a little piece of desert, the sawdust is just as it was the day it was delivered. It's living forever.

Oh, yes! I don't buy sawdust anymore!

Curtis welcomes new cabinet post

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Curtis was asked, and agreed, to serve with the new premier as co-chairman of the treasury board.

"It's a key part of the finance ministry, on the expenditures side," Curtis said of the treasury board position, which will see him retain some control over government spending.

"The premier seems to want to utilize my talents," Curtis continued. "We will have to work together."

Curtis said he did not request a

move out of the finance ministry but welcomes the change nonetheless because it offers a change and Vander Zalm "has given me something to sink my teeth into."

As to concerns expressed in some quarters about the workload Vander Zalm will face trying to handle both the finance ministry and premier's office duties, Curtis said the move is neither unprecedented nor unique.

He added: "Finance is a heavy portfolio. By asking me to co-serve with him on the treasury board, the premier has not taken too great a load on his shoulders."

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Must we raise our voices to halt the noise?

At this writing, the quiet stillness of a dawn outside the *Driftwood* office has just been throttled by the bang-bang-bang of a vehicle engine racing by. Many minutes will pass before silence returns and we reproach ourselves for wishing car and driver an untimely end.

The disturbance is becoming all too common, not just on this street and at this moment, but in other quarters of the island and at other times of most any day or night. Judging by letters received, the racket caused by lead-footed drivers is running

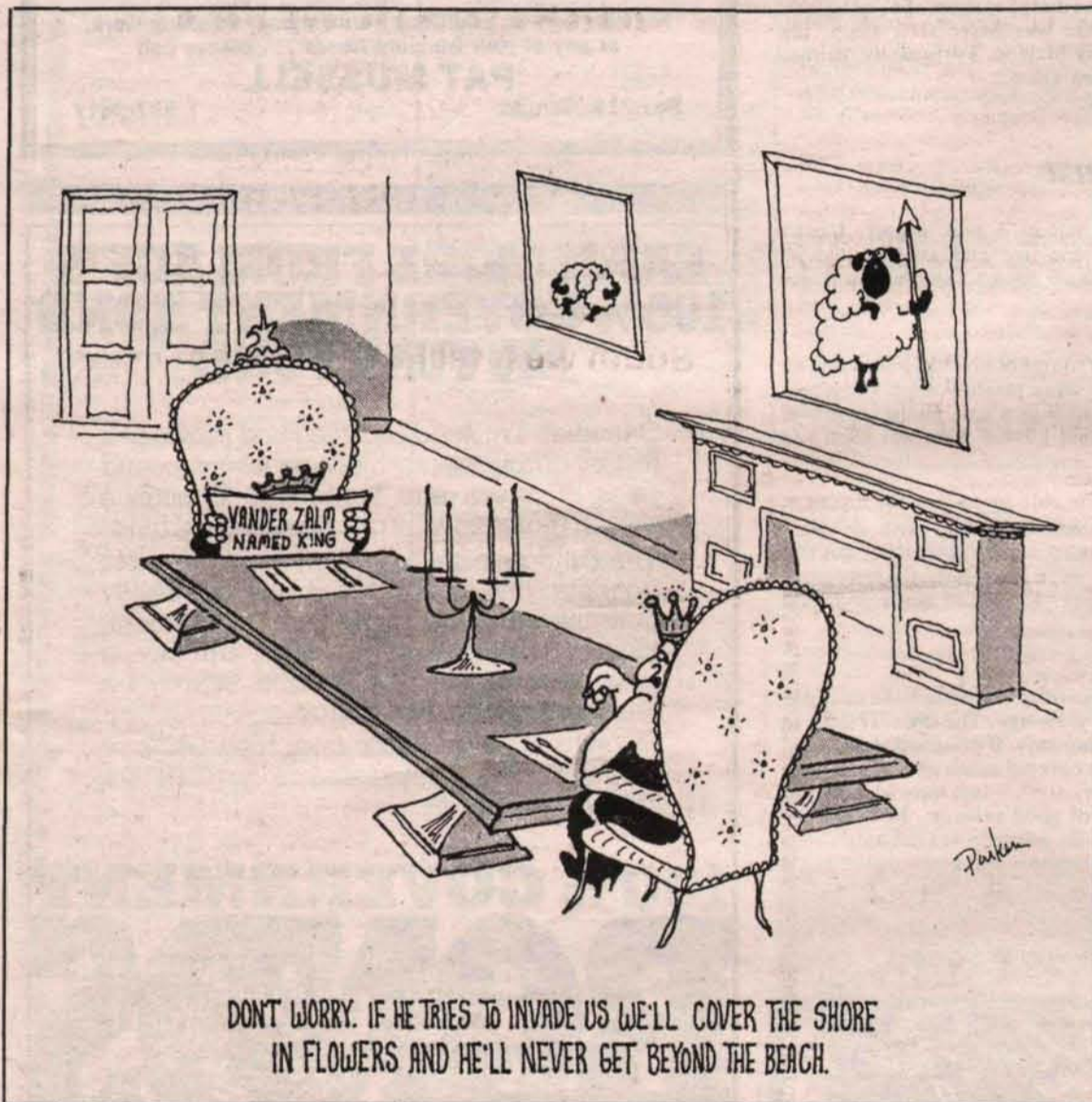
Roar of engines disturbs quiet of island morning

neck-and-neck (ear-and-ear?) with the sounds of music for top spot on the hit parade of resident complaints.

(Our thoughts were just interrupted by the squeal of tires and throaty roar of another vehicle headed for the sound barrier. Decibel levels, it seems, are inverse to IQ scores.)

It does not have to be this way. We have in effect on Salt Spring Island a noise bylaw designed to protect residents from unwarranted shrieks and rumblings, as per a mandate delivered by referendum late last year. Since it seems pointless to count on common sense and good manners to quell the disturbances, let's turn to the protection offered by legal language.

It's ironic, isn't it? In order to find some peace and quiet, the citizenry will likely have to shout louder than the noisemakers. All we can hope for is that the voicing of complaints will lead to a resolution before our voices give out.



Ministry expansion a welcome move

It did not garner the attention given the naming of a new provincial cabinet, but last week's announced creation of a new sub-ministry of government may turn out to be the more momentous of the two moves.

The B. C. government has expanded the agriculture ministry, adding to it the specific responsibility for all aspects of fish farming—technically known as aquaculture—that fall within provincial jurisdiction.

It is, for the most part, a good move. Aquaculture has a tremendous, untapped potential in this province—a potential that can only be improved by specific ministerial attention and assistance.

There is, however, a nagging doubt. At the risk of splitting hairs, we have to wonder about the possible bureaucratic duplication and competing sense of direction that may arise from attaching the new office to the agriculture ministry, and not to the environment ministry's fish and wildlife branch.

True, fish farming is a pure form of agriculture and has, on the surface, little to do with the nurturing and protection of fish stocks in their natural environments. But fish are fish, and it makes better sense to us to see one specific office charged with governing all of the province's attention directed their way.

Last week's announcement, however, still constitutes a few steps forward. Only time will tell whether it produces a conflict in direction that takes fisheries management back one or two steps.

Argument made for unique island driving habits

People here keep saying that the Gulf Islands are somehow different than anywhere else in Canada. Maybe even the world.

I'm told I can pick any topic or issue, throw it out for public perusal and find that Gulf Islanders can — and will — give it a unique slant.

Sometimes, the evidence comes in unsolicited. Like last week, when two folded sheets of paper were slipped through the mail slot and found their way to my desk. It was a note from an anonymous "concerned citizen," addressed to the local RCMP detachment. Here's what it said:

"It has come to the attention of this writer that several of the

officers at the Ganges RCMP detachment do not understand the law on Salt Spring. To clarify the situation, your members are to be advised on the following rules and regulations.

- "When travelling to a ferry, a driver is entitled (expected) to drive in excess of the posted speed limit — an additional 20 kilometres an hour is acceptable.
- "When a driver with local licence plates is stopped on a highway, possibly speaking to a driver travelling in the opposite direction, the driver is given a five-minute grace period before the car immediately following him honks, to indicate the beginnings of impatience.

my word

by Duncan MacDonnell

- "When a driver with local plates is double-parked, and the indicator light on the vehicle is flashing, the car isn't really double-parked — a patrol vehicle should simply keep driving.
- "In an emergency, a driver with local plates may stop his or her vehicle in the middle of a roadway — if the hood is up, the car is not illegally parked. The hood indicates that the driver will return

momentarily (those moments being island time, of course).

- "If any driver without local plates does any of the preceding things, and a local person complains, the driver is to be arrested immediately.
- "Although there appear to be restrictions on vehicles which are to be driven on B.C. highways, these restrictions do not apply to vehicles licenced on Salt Spring. (This continues to be confusion on this last point, and the residents of Salt Spring are threatening to take their grievances to the press.)

The note concludes: "It is hoped that these points will clear up any confusion RCMP members

may be experiencing on the island."

And what does the local RCMP detachment have to say about all of this? We showed the note to one officer, who shook his head, chuckled and said something to the effect that every word in it was true.

There is no word, however, about the note prompting any changes to current RCMP policies. In fact, I would bet there is already some built-in allowance for the locals and the note printed above merely seeks to enshrine those guidelines.

And why not? If we believe we're different in some things, we may as well be different in all.

letters

Thank you

Sir,
My eldest child has just completed the ballet and ceramics courses at Galiano Summer School of the Arts.;

I would like to express my thanks to all involved in the program for their hard work and dedication. Akasha Forest deserves a special tribute for her organizational talents, hard work, and willingness to step in and fulfill a need on the island.

The instructors were of a high calibre and the courses were well-run. I look forward to many such summers on Galiano.

C.E. BUTTERY,
Galiano Island.

Correction

Sir,
We feel that the *Passport '86* conference was an important event and are pleased that *Driftwood* covered all presentations so thoroughly. Your reporters did a splendid job of reflecting the research and ideas presented for those who did not attend.

There is one error that should be corrected. The national museum has not commissioned the society to build the replica.

The museum is committed to the use of an authentic display replica of the *Sutil* to represent the interface of European culture with that of the Native Pacific Northwest. We are honoured and delighted by this, but a decision has not been made as to the builder of the replica. That will come as a result of the usual tendering process and will not likely be announced until early 1987.

EDRIE HOLLOWAY,
President,
Galiano Historical
and Cultural Society.

Good job

Sir,
I think Hugh Borsman is doing a good job and I would like to add my support to the position put forward by Les Ramsey in last week's *Driftwood*.

Why can't we resolve issues without the personal attacks that are used all too often? Surely the way to correct a bylaw is to gather data on the proposed changes and to work with the CRD staff or the Trust to bring forward an amendment that would receive public acceptance. Using emotional tactics and calling individuals bad names or insulting them gets us nowhere.

Mr. Editor, I think your newspaper can play an important role here. I think that the best stories in this community are about what is happening, not the highly-charged meetings and letters to you that follow. For example, why not do a complete story on St. Mary Lake with interviews with the scientists and engineers who have made studies of this important lake. What is the history of this lake; what do the long-time residents of the area have to say?

I have had the privilege to help with the library expansion in 1979 and the Fulford School construction in 1984; two projects that captured the spirit of this island. In both cases the need was researched and well understood by the public. (*Driftwood* sure helped). None of us worried much about the alligators; we knew that the objective was to drain the swamp.

I sincerely hope that those who want to see some changes made will come forward in a co-

operative way and help our elected officials make Salt Spring Island a better place to live. After all, in our democratic system, if you do not like what they are doing, you get a chance every two years to vote them out.

RON McQUIGGAN,
Ganges.

Carnage

Sir,
This letter is on behalf of mosquitoes. According to Olive Clayton and the Nature Conservancy of America, "one swallow feeding young catches over 800 mosquitoes a day." Very few of the tiny insects are ever heard from again. Must we tolerate this carnage in our skies?

Granted, the little critters can be real pests and sometimes quite the thorn in the side, but their adorable buzzing songs (followed by the inevitable "thwak") brighten up the night air.

Cats are the only natural allies of the mosquito and are constantly engaged in defending their little friends. Birds may not be guilty of stinging humans, but when was the last time a mosquito left a large white splotch on your windshield?

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,
Fulford Harbour.

Not here

Sir,
I overheard this little tidbit, between an organic-looking middle-aged man and his well-dressed, immaculate wife.

Question: "Honey, do you know how to spell *cat*, as in catastrophe?"

Answer: "Hm. C-A-T."

Question: "Dear, do you know how to spell *dog*, as in dogmatic?"

Answer: "Hm. D-O-G."

Question: "Sweetheart, do you know how to spell 'common sense,' as in Salt Spring Island politics?"

Answer: "Uh... are you serious? There is no such thing as 'common sense' in Salt Spring Island politics!"

Retort: "That's what I've been trying to tell you!"

MURRAY CYPRUS,
Ganges.

P.S. How organic. Mr. Manly. Perhaps your ideas will lead the way in a new provincial trade policy. Import all of our wood from Scandinavia and export hot air.

Failure

Sir,
You ask for more park bylaw dialogue, less diatribe, yet you have consistently failed to publish the bylaw in your paper.

BETH HILL,
Ganges.

Disagree

Sir,
In response to Mr. John Offenyam's contention that all neighbours (at least those who have come out of their caves?) are up in arms and ready to do battle with Off Centre Stage about excessive noise, I must disagree.

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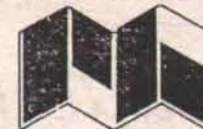


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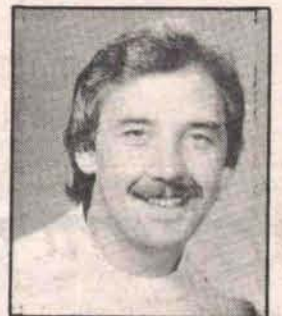
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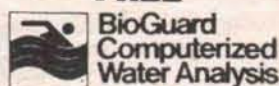
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Big hug

Sir,
There is no question but that by sheer volume and intensity of output, Salt Spring owes a community hug to Alex Bruhanski. Since his arrival he has made every effort to share his talent and skills with us. He has produced, directed, acted, taught and written about theatre and creating.

We know he hasn't sought financial gain and star status within our island. This is not the setting for a man with ambitions of grandeur. On the contrary, I think that, like many of us, he was struck by the creative energies emanating from the wonderments of this natural paradise. Inspiration directed him to want to share a part of himself by making theatre with this community.

This letter is not yet another plea for an arts complex. Sunday evening, at *Night Mother*, I enjoyed the intimacy of Beaver Point Hall. Technically, the set was more than adequate. A couple of lights strategically placed would have eliminated acting in the shadows and another could have assured illumination of the actresses' eyes, such vital communicators in realistic theatre.

However, this is not to say that a centralized facility would go unappreciated. We as spectators would like to have more comfortable seats (although the standard improved at Beaver Point with white lawn chairs) and we would like, no doubt, to have a convivial area where we'd chat with friends and neighbours during the intermissions. The technical crews would have a place to store sets and not have the worry of overloading electrical circuits. An added bonus would be adequate dressing rooms and available rehearsal space for performers.

Nevertheless, we should not lose sight of the fact that although we do not have available the equipment or theatre housing they have for live performances in Vancouver, Victoria or even Duncan, we do have a vital theatre happening on Salt Spring, worthy of our attention and encouragement. A building does not an arts centre make.

Yet the pulse of performance is beating strong on Salt Spring and with positive reinforcement it can only continue to grow to be worthy of a proper edifice, conducive to meeting and creating together.

I began with a word of appreciation to Alex Bruhanski for the full season he has given to us. The effects of his labours will be felt by those who study under him, those who work with him, and those who witness his work. Likely his future plans and visions

include touching a wider circle of our population. We are in the position of opening further our public domains and reciprocating the gesture.

BARBARA DRENNAN,
Vesuvius.

Invitation

Sir,
Salt Spring has a number of industrial zoned properties scattered over the island. Recent events have indicated that some industrial zoning is in conflict with adjacent residential use, while there is an obvious shortage of suitably zoned land for such activities as trucking and automobile servicing.

The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) has suggested that the Trust sponsor a task force to investigate problems relating to industrial uses. Appropriate sites must be located, and our bylaws carefully examined to see if they meet community needs.

We will be happy to initiate such a task force, and invite anyone interested in serving to call Pat Byrne (537-4258) or Nick Gilbert (537-5397). We hope to complete this task by the end of October.

NICK GILBERT,
PAT BYRNE,
Ganges.

Nostalgia

Sir,
The recent flood of letters regarding the Centennial Park bylaw, St. Mary Lake and the conduct of our elected CRD representative is interesting and almost nostalgic.

As a member of the last elected recreation commission I worked with the regional director and saw first-hand the tactics in use. The community at large had elected the

commissions since its inception, until Borsman unilaterally decided to appoint all commissioners of his, rather than the Island's choosing. It is typical of the way the director deals with the democratic process of differing opinions and points of view — stifle it and attack anyone who disagrees.

The sewer battle was about saving the harbour, and large scale development and radical changes to Island quality of life.

The current director never dealt with the hard issues, never encouraged open discussion or any exchange of information. He, instead, used that forum to attack publicly anyone who questioned his pronouncements or brought forth contradictory information.

Let me comment to those of you who have had the audacity to make your thoughts and concerns known and who now have been personally attacked for it. You have joined a long line of Salt Spring people similarly denigrated and who have consistently been thoughtful individuals who have simply had the integrity to think and the courage to speak out. The director never flies at the sleazy, the corrupt and/or the power brokers.

And if you think that what he says in the paper and in local meetings is derogatory to Islanders, you should take the time to attend a CRD meeting in Victoria. The impuginations about his constituents there is even more stunning coming from an elected representative. Petitions and delegations are cavalierly disqualified as only representing a lunatic minority.

We Islanders aren't being represented. We are being ruled by a very small minority of people whose interests are only financial and whose voice is that of H. Borsman.
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Premier to expect proper behaviour

VICTORIA — Past indiscretions are forgiven, but there's no room in Bill Vander Zalm's government for philanderers.

The 27th premier of British Columbia made that message clear only minutes after he was sworn in.

"I believe it is vitally important that those who are elected to public office assume the responsibility of behaving and acting in a manner that sets the highest standards for the community at large," Vander Zalm said.

"As premier, I will expect to see this very important principle upheld by all those who serve in my government."

So much for cabinet ministers frequenting escort services and getting black eyes from 'the other woman's' husband. There's no doubt in my mind that, from now on, any cabinet minister caught fooling around will be getting the boot.

Vander Zalm's sensitivity on that point is not just the result of his professed adherence to Christian principles. He's also painfully aware of the problems his predecessor had to deal with because some of his cabinet

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

future," hold meetings in every region of the province with business, labour and community representatives.

"If people in all walks of life and in all regions of our province are prepared to consult and to discuss the issues, I know we can pull together to meet the challenges that lie ahead," Vander Zalm said.

The premier promised not to do what is expedient but what is right.

"I make a commitment to work for all British Columbians — not for special interest groups or those with the shrillest voice," he said.

"I must be frank. I cannot — and will not — promise you perfection. Mistakes will be made. Errors will be errors. But I tell you now they will be honest errors."

That last sentence expresses perhaps better than anything else the changes Vander Zalm will bring to the style in which the province is governed.

Having been around the press gallery when Vander Zalm was a cabinet minister in the Bill Bennett administration, I don't doubt for a moment that he will be frank.

There will be no diplomatic statements, no evasive answers, and very few "no-comments." He will be up-front, even if his answers won't make the government look good.

If all that sounds a little too good to be true, remember that I'm talking about style only. Substance will be a different matter.

As for substance, I expect Vander Zalm's government will be very much middle of the road. There will be no repeat of the traumatic restraint experiment, no matter how bad times may get.

It will be some time before any government in British Columbia veers off the centre course as erratically as the Socred government did under Bill Bennett.

In other words, Bill Vander Zalm's government will be one even die-hard socialists will find easier to live under — easier than they did for the past three years under his predecessor's administration.

That may sound somewhat optimistic, considering some of Vander Zalm's past antics, but I firmly believe that people tend to grow with their responsibilities. Vander Zalm the premier will be different from Vander Zalm the shovel-for-welfare-recipients advocate.

'There is no room in Bill Vander Zalm's government for philanderers.'

ministers liked to live in the fast lane.

Vander Zalm also lost no time dealing with another problem that had caused Bill Bennett a lot of worries — conflict of interest.

"I intend to review existing conflict of interest regulations and guidelines in our jurisdiction and in others, and based on this and on consultation, including the views of my colleagues, I will make a very clear statement on this issue in the near future," the new premier said.

"I want to ensure that those who are elected work under conditions and guidelines that are not only reasonable and fair, but which leave no doubts whatsoever in the minds of the public as to the ethics and integrity of those who serve in public office," he added.

Vander Zalm also must have heard the message brought to the leadership convention by a lot of alienated grassroots Socreds who have felt ignored, left out, even betrayed in recent years by a more and more secretive and autocratic government.

Promising more consultation and co-operation, the premier said he would, "in the near

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Parks use bylaw rationale explained

Because of the welter of letters taking issue with the recent parks use bylaw, a number of people have lost track of its stated rationale. I have been asked to again re-state the thinking behind it. It is as follows:

• The Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) is responsible to the public for the care of valuable property and improvements; certainly not less than half a million dollars. It is also responsible for the safety of those using the facilities. It has the

responsibility, but until recent provincial legislative changes, it could not have authority for effective control. This authority was much overdue.

• Recreation, of all municipal activities, is the area most likely to result in litigation. Most municipalities, including the CRD, must spend your tax money on liability self-insurance. We are all, more than ever, anxious to avoid causes for possible suits. Rules concerned with safety of users are at least an indication of concern; having no rules makes no sense at all. Enforcement may be difficult, but most people are reasonable and will respond to sensible restrictions if and when necessary.

• For a few years private entrepreneurs have been using Centennial Park for their place of business. It confers many financial benefits on them and there is an almost universal conviction that they should pay a reasonable rental towards upkeep of the park, toilets, garbage disposal, etc. The regular vendors such as Scotty and Friar Tuck long ago agreed that

director's report

by

Hugh Borsman

this was reasonable and have now, along with others, arranged to make regular payments. This regulation of mid-week vending and the setting of fees requires the authority described in the bylaw.

• The community decided two years ago to raise money to renovate and beautify Centennial Park, along with providing new toilets, a boardwalk and bandstand, an expanded children's play area and other improvements. The business people of the island and the Ganges business community have already donated much time, materials and effort to this project. Some individuals have given as much as \$1,000 each to the project; the total investment will probably be \$150,000. Yet there are apparently some people who feel that no-one should have the authority to protect this investment. Does that really make

sense?

• It is really only a matter of time before the Saturday vendors themselves will require someone with the authority to act on their behalf.

The chief criticism of the bylaw ("no-one can play in the park") is the apparently obscure language which is admittedly very hard for most of us to follow. However, laws are drafted by lawyers; and if we did it again, lawyers would still be the ones to do it.

Some critics say "I don't like it," others say "we don't need it." The latter group is right, I suppose; they aren't the ones that have the responsibility to the people for the care of public property.

The bylaw does not restrict any legitimate activity presently going on. It is, to the PRC and the regional board, a housekeeping item which should have been in place long ago. As many people have pointed out, you don't wait for a fire before you get fire insurance.

I have no hesitation in saying that the great majority of people on the island, despite the present letter campaign, consider this a reasonable and responsible piece of legislation.

Shellfish conditions returning to normal

With red tide conditions waning, the federal fisheries department has reopened almost all of the coastal areas of B. C. it closed to shellfish gathering six weeks ago.

The ban was applied to all bivalve shellfish — i.e., oysters and clams — but did not affect crustaceans like crab, shrimp and prawns.

Except for a few pockets where toxin counts are still high or areas that would be closed regardless of conditions, the B.C. coast is "pretty well back to normal," a federal fisheries official said last week.

In a telephone interview, Rudy Chaing said most toxin counts are going down and staying at acceptable levels, although some tests show slight increases.

"But those could be just random fluctuations," he said. "Another sample, taken at the same time and in a slightly different location, could be lower."

Red tide — technically referred to as paralytic shellfish poisoning — is a toxic state caused by the bloom of a single-cell phytoplankton organism. If ingested, contaminated shellfish can cause fatal respiratory paralysis.

A toxic level above 80 micrograms per 100 grams of meat is considered unsafe. When the federal fisheries closed all of the B.C. coast to the shellfish harvesting, some counts had climbed as high as 14,000 micrograms per gram of meat.

Last week, Chaing said the Departure Bay area, near Nanaimo, and waters around Comox

were among the coastal regions showing slight increases in toxin counts. Areas with counts still deemed to be too high are Gabriola Bar, the Sooke region, Howe Sound and points north of Campbell River.

Chaing said the areas still closed are those with uncertain results, ones that have not supplied his department with enough data to decide if conditions are safe, and those that would have been closed anyway.

Areas that will remain closed to harvesting regardless of toxin counts are the west coast of

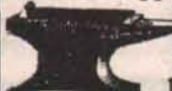
'We're pretty well back to where we were before the closures were put in place.'

Vancouver Island, the region from the northern point of Vancouver Island to the B.C.-Alaska border, and waters around Greater Vancouver. The first two are governed by seasonal closures; the latter is in place because of sewage contamination.

Chaing did not expect any new areas to be reopened by this week. If bans were lifted, he added, they would be ones affecting a small coastal pocket only.

"In terms of area," he added, "we're pretty well back to where we were before the closures were put in place, and most of the commercial enterprises have reopened."

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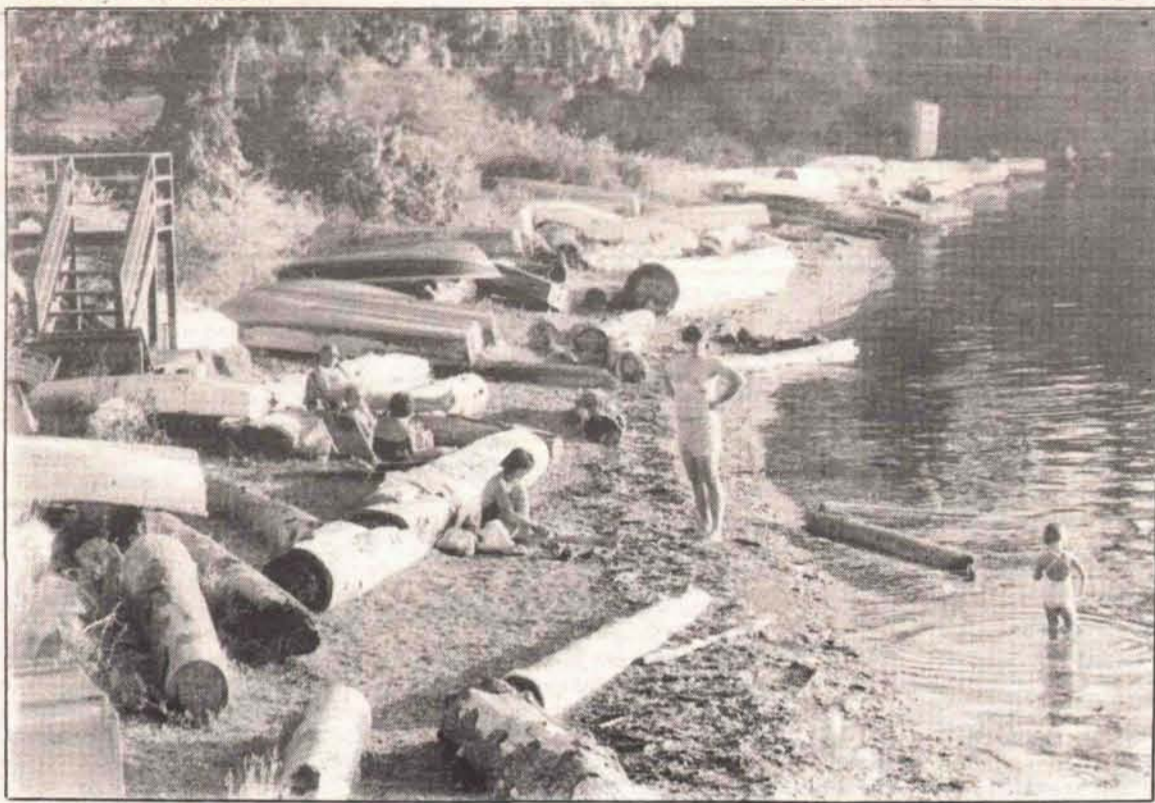
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'Spirit of Chemainus' slates two day visit to Salt Spring

The *Spirit of Chemainus* is coming to Salt Spring.

The ship, a reconstruction of a 19th century brigantine, is Vancouver Island's goodwill ambassador to Expo 86. This summer, it has made regular sailings between its Chemainus base and the Expo site in Vancouver, and on day trips throughout the region.

One of those day trips will bring the *Spirit* to Ganges on September 11 for excursions on that and the following day. It will also be open for public viewing at the Coast Guard dock in Ganges on September 11, between 4:30 and 7 pm.

The ship will hold 25 people for each of the two six-hour trips organizers will make through local waters. Tickets are \$30 a person — which includes lunch aboard ship — and available at the Ganges Pharmasave.

Spirit of Chemainus spokesman Craig Meredith said last week the excursions are not sight-seeing trips. "There will be some

expectation that people do something, be it steering or pulling on a few ropes," he said.

Meredith added that prospective participants should not shy away because of age, noting that the average age of passengers is usually about 50 years, and that he has watched several 80-year-olds play an active role on board.

As for destination, Meredith said the route is up to the captain, Gerry Fossum. "He'll wander out of the harbour, stick up his finger to see which way the wind is blowing, and take it from there."

The *Spirit*, he added, has enjoyed a successful summer catering to people who want to experience sailing on a traditional craft. For instance, it is already completely booked up for August excursions.

The ship, a project of the Sail and Life Training Society (SALTS), was completed in 1985 at a cost of \$500,000 and after approximately 8,000 man-hours of work. It is based on the brigantine

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Local parks bylaw little different from others

By FRANK RICHARDS

There has been a considerable indignation manifested on Salt Spring Island over the introduction of the parks bylaw of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

Critics have expressed their deep concern over the manner in which the bylaw calls for regulation of games within island parks and prohibits specified activities there. At least one critical lawyer has expressed surprise that others of

his calling would tolerate such a sweeping form of regulation.

Similar regulatory bylaws in force in other communities have not been challenged.

'In comparison with other parks bylaws in the area, that of Salt Spring appears to be the most moderate.'

Driftwood made a call on a number of nearby municipalities and examined the methods by which other communities control the use of parks.

In North Saanich, which is not only the nearest Saanich Peninsula municipality to the islands, but also the most nearby in topography and development, there is no parks bylaw. The use of parks by members of the public is controlled by the zoning bylaw and no use which is not tolerated in a residential area will be permitted in a municipal park. No vending is allowed without specific authority of the municipality and the use of parks for any purpose deemed

Nearby jurisdictions enforce similar legislation

unsuitable is directly controlled by the council.

While regulations adopted by the different municipal councils vary in details, they are similar in specifics and, in some instances, they are similar in wording.

All agree, broadly, that a park is a recreation area dedicated to that purpose. They all embrace beaches as well as dedicated parklands and parks established by subdividers. Victoria defines parks, for the purpose of regulations, as including public parks, playgrounds, squares, greens, driveways, roadways, paths, beaches and other public places not being city streets, under the custody, care and management of the parks committee of the city council.

Games are prohibited or controlled in all area parks and Oak Bay extends that thinking into a clause prohibiting "gambling games."

Victoria specifies that no person shall "play at any game whatsoever in any portion of any park except upon or in such portions thereof as may be especially allotted, designated and provided, respectively, for any such purpose."

The capital city prohibits the conduct of any business, save and except with the express permission

of the council. It also prohibits the construction of any tent, building, shelter or pavilion except with that same express permission of the council.

The city follows the same pattern as the Salt Spring Island commission in stating that "no person shall post, paint or distribute any advertisements or hand-bills or any kind whatsoever in any park or place."

The city bylaw even looks at modes of dress. Skinny-dipping is out in public parks in Victoria. Neither may a Victoria miss/nor man adopt a transparent bathing suit.

Sidney council has ruled in very similar terms against the conduct of any business in city parks. The Sidney community may play games in municipal parks only where such use is specified as permissible. Nor may any meeting be called in a park without prior approval.

A visitor to Sidney may not, legally, stay overnight in his own vehicle.

The town follows the city's example in restricting the distribution of handbills or advertising within municipal parks. It goes one better, in

prohibiting the use of public address vehicles within the parks.

In Central Saanich no business is permitted without the written permission of the municipal clerk, who may also approve the distribution of advertising leaflets and similar activities.

Central Saanich provides that no one may play games or use a ball in such a manner as to become a nuisance to other users of the park.

Those wishing to play games in Oak Bay parks may gain permission from the municipality and the times and conditions will be specified in the permit.

The city of Victoria administers

its parks by means of a bylaw listing 30 clauses and 21 subsections. The municipality of Central Saanich lists 30 clauses and five sub-sections. Sidney and Oak Bay are less verbose and limit their bylaws to 23 sections each, with another nine subsections in Sidney.

In comparison with other parks bylaws in the area, that of Salt Spring Island appears to be the most moderate inasmuch as it provides for a wider range of uses than are tolerated in parks of southern Vancouver Island.

The clause in the Salt Spring bylaw prohibiting the use of campstoves has been among the clauses most bitterly contested. No other administration checked by this report contains reference to such equipment. Other bylaws specifically prohibit the lighting of fires.

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Industrial use to be reviewed

A bylaw limiting industrial uses on Salt Spring Island land will take care of "the immediate problem" of asphalt plants, says Island Trustee Pat Byrne. The long-term question of industrial use itself will be answered by a task force.

The Trust last week issued a call for residents interested in sitting on a task force to investigate industrial land uses and appropriate island sites. The move comes in the wake of the asphalt plant controversy and just months after some objections were raised to a used car business that located on industrial land on the Fulford-Ganges Road.

Trustee Nick Gilbert said last week that both incidents underscored a need to improve current bylaws governing industrial land-use. However, he said bylaws must be written "ahead of time" and cover all possible angles if problems are to be avoided.

"If you don't do that," he said, "someone will come in with an objectionable use and it will be extremely difficult to do anything. The used car lot, for instance, was a conforming use; there was nothing we could do about it. The public has a lot of trouble understanding that there's no such thing as a pound of cure."

Hence the task force, which become the fourth such body struck by the Trust since the beginning of the calendar year. The others are investigating Ganges Creek, mariculture, and recreational woodlands. To date, only the Ganges Creek task force has submitted its report.

Gilbert and Byrne agree that the task force system amounts to a review of the community plan — not in a broad sense, but issue by issue.

"The issues are so broad and affect so many people that we have to deal with them one at a time," Gilbert said. "Due process will be served by dealing with each issue individually."

Byrne said he expects the industry, mariculture and woodlands task forces to file their reports within the next few months. Once that happens, the next step would be to call public meetings to discuss findings and plot responses.



Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

Joint effort

Stick-chasing is never dull when two pups vie for the prize. Even in the waters of an island lake, the competition is bound to be keen.

Grant funding forwarded to island groups

Provincial government grant funding has been forwarded to two Gulf Island groups

MLA Hugh Curtis said earlier this week that a Lotteries Fund cheque for \$3,267 is on its way to the Salt Spring Island Community Society, and \$3,517 is being sent to the Galiano Island senior citizens' centre.

The money forwarded to the Community Society represents one-third of the estimated cost of paving the centre's driveway, Curtis said. Funding for the Galiano centre is the first progress payment towards \$7,000 in assistance for renovating the lounge and kitchen.

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Illness claims Evelyn Friele

Evelyn Winnifred Friele, the younger daughter of the late Gavin and Torrie Mouat, passed away at the age of 49 in the Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges on Friday, August 15, 1986.

Evelyn was a descendant of two pioneer families of the Gulf Islands: the Mouats of Salt Spring Island and the Robsons of Mayne Island. She spent her childhood years on Salt Spring, then attended Victoria College and Victoria Provincial Normal School. Ev taught in the elementary schools at Westview and Rossland, B.C.

On December 24, 1960, she married Harald Berle (Bud) Friele in Aspen, Colorado, where they spent their honeymoon skiing with his three daughters, Kathy, Barbara and Christy.

After their skiing holiday, they returned to Seattle, Washington, where they spent 14 years. During this period Shelley and Kari were born. Meanwhile, Bud continued with his work in the Alaska, B.C., Washington, and Oregon fishing industries.

In 1973, Ev and Bud, with their family, returned to Salt Spring, the island she loved so well. Here they remained ever since.

For the past 13 years they enjoyed the special way of life the island has to offer with family and friends. Here Evelyn and Bud spent much of their time gardening, farming, fishing and entertaining guests from the world over.

She was a wonderful homemaker. Ev enjoyed conserving the fruits of their labours and always loved to participate in outdoor activities with the entire family. Her main concern had always been for the well-being of others rather than for that of herself. All those who visited the Friele household found a warm and cheerful welcome.

Ev always saw the humorous side of things, and was always able to bring a smile to the faces of friends and strangers alike. Being mischievous and fun-loving, she had a special knack for instigating



Evelyn Friele

antics which she always carried out with finesse. She had an extra spark which always made her the life of the party.

In 1985, Ev and Bud celebrated their 25th anniversary. During these years their family had grown in number: daughter Kathy Friele; daughter Barbara and her husband Stan Lorenson and grandson Thomas; daughter Christy and her husband Jim Everist, and

grandsons Nicholas and Jonathan; daughter Shelley and her husband Mark Noakes, and granddaughters Emily and Julie-Anne; and daughter Kari Friele.

She bore her fight against cancer with great courage and strong determination. All those who knew her were enriched by Ev's caring and loving spirit. She will always be a happy and unforgettable part of our lives.

On Salt Spring

Seminars network employers, jobless

An employment seminar that drew a handful of Salt Spring Island's jobless residents and a scattering of its employers has nonetheless left its organizer pleased with the turnout.

The session, held last Wednesday at the Salt Spring Community Centre for potential employers and local Unemployment Insurance (UI) recipients, attracted representatives from seven businesses and interest from nine of the island's 272 UI claimants.

Organizer Chris Brown said response to the sessions offered some job prospects and, in those terms, should be considered a success.

"I'd be happy with 18 (people), but I'm also happy with one or two," he said.

The sessions were organized by the Peninsula Employment Project, which is funded by the Peninsula Community Association and aims to link jobless people and employers to federal development programs.

The Salt Spring session was broken into two parts — a morning gathering with potential local employers, and an afternoon seminar for the unemployed.

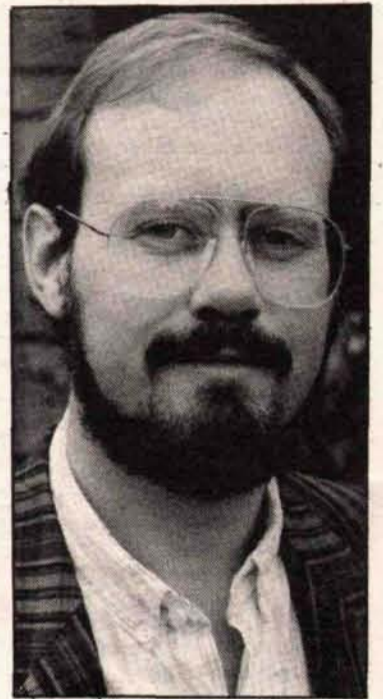
While seven employers turned out for the first part, Brown says several others queried him over the telephone as a result of an article published a month ago in *Driftwood*.

Brown discussed specific federally-subsidized training programs with the employers and described how training programs are established. The programs involve unemployed people in a training course within a business and often leads to a permanent position with the same firm.

According to Brown, the programs help the employer determine an employee's capabilities and provide an opportunity to see how an extra staff member can or cannot increase business efficiency. For the trainee, the programs give an idea of capabilities.

Included in Brown's list of interested employers — many of whom are considering hiring for the first time — is one entrepreneur from Saturna Island, and another from Pender Island.

"It's a good response," Brown



Chris Brown

says. "I feel good about it."

Five jobless persons turned out for the second seminar and Brown says he had four enquiries from others unable to attend. Most of those interested in the Peninsula Employment Project are in their 30s and 40s, Brown estimates; many are looking at a shift or change in their career.

Topics discussed at the second seminar included creative job seeking, training and federal wage subsidies.

He also discussed upgrading skills through college courses, and about federal wage subsidies available to those who have been unemployed for some time and need help getting back into the workforce.

"As a result of the first sessions and the article, I'm working on three fairly firm contracts," Brown says. "It (the program) works really well."

The seminars are offered at no cost to the participants and Brown says he will be on Salt Spring as often as employers and jobless people show interest. Those wishing information can contact Brown at 656-0851.

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The summer heat and sunshine have got our plant into top condition and vigour, and now is the ideal time to be taking cuttings of geraniums and other members of the *Pelargonium* genus, including Martha Washingtons and scented geraniums. Late August to early September is the optimal time for propagating these plants, as from October through to April, cuttings are delayed in their development and hence will flower much later and with less ambition in 1987.

If you find that you end up taking cuttings in late fall or winter, you should provide some bottom heat for better rooting results. I suppose a propagating case would be ideal.

Now you are probably saying to yourself: "Well, my three-year-old plants are doing just fine," without realizing that they've grown a bit leggy and don't flower quite as much, or with quite the same

'Be certain that the capacity to flower is there.'

showy, large blooms. It is generally said that after 12 to 18 months, most geraniums are past their prime and should be used to provide cutting stock for new replacement plants.

Some texts say to use non-flowered side shoots for your cutting materials, as the leaves are closer together and denser, with the net effect of closer, lower branching on the new, developing plant. It is also felt that these side shoots are usually more vigorous. Other growers select stems that have flowered, to be certain that the capacity to flower is there and that the tissue is true to type and correct colour.

To bridge the controversy, choose healthy, vigorous shoots, from wherever they are to be had without severely detracting from the form of the parent plant (that is, unless you plant to compost it anyway). If you use all types of shoots, you can prune the plant to improve form and can continue propagating throughout the year.

You can use any cutting that has three nodes; for zonal geraniums about three inches in length. Tip, stem, and sideshoot cuttings can be

your garden

by

Chris Schmah

employed as long as they have at least three leaf joints. Using a sharp knife that is sterilized after each cut, cut away the shoot just above a node, so that the parent plant can make a healthy recovery and re-sprout new shoots. Then re-trim the cutting to just below a leaf node, on a slight angle to stimulate fast rooting.

(Just as an aside, one interesting fact is that all such cuttings will develop into plants that will branch from below the soil and will be compact and bushy, except for a cutting from just below a node that has both a leaf and a flower emerging from it. Such cuttings will only branch above the soil surface, but this is only an issue for the purist and competitive grower, for they will all look just great in a few months.)

Handle the cutting carefully, and remove, with the knife, all but three uppermost leaves, cutting as close as possible to the stem. Remove the stipules (those frilly, small leaflike structures attached to the stem where the leaf petiole is) and, as before, handle the cutting carefully to avoid bruising and a subsequent risk of rot infection.

Fill a two-inch pot with a sterile, open mix consisting of equal parts of peat moss, vermiculite and sand. The sand seems to stimulate faster rooting and produces a higher cutting success rate.

Dampen the mix, make a one-inch wide hole as deep as the cutting needs, then put a teaspoon of sand in the bottom to ensure perfect drainage and to promote rooting, then insert the cutting and firm the mix around the stem. You can use a rooting hormone just prior to planting but it doesn't help as much as the sand does.

Next, place the pot in a shaded but bright spot and water sparingly

until some top growth resumes, (usually four to six weeks). Once growth is underway, you can water more frequently, place the pot in a sunnier position and use a soluble fertilizer with a N:P:K ration of 2:1:1. This ration is good until the plants wish to commence flowering, and then you should employ a 1:1:2 ratio for zonal and ivy types, and a 1:1:1 ratio for the multicolour varieties and Martha Washingtons.

These young plants should be potted up as the pot becomes rooted to the bottom. Water the plant 24 hours prior to potting and use a potting mix made up of seven parts loam, three parts peat moss, two parts sand, a bit of fertilizer and a sprinkling of lime (they like a pH of 6.7).

Clay pots are better for geraniums, but they will also require more careful attention and more watering. Potting up should go an inch or two at a time to ensure full root development of the soil space, and a final pot size for a zonal geranium is around eight inches in diameter.

The development of the flowers really gets into full production once the roots reach the pot bottom and edges, so eight inches is optimal. To promote branching and full, bushy plants, pinch out the growing tips once they grow out; three inches for zonal geraniums and two inches for the ivy types.

The plants should be grown in a well ventilated position where the humidity is not too high. If you wish to bring some geraniums into bloom indoors for Christmas, the April-May cuttings should be grown in maximum light conditions with a minimum temperature of 55 degrees F. To perk up these and all of your geraniums, give the plants some epsom salts (magnesium sulphate) mixed one teaspoon per gallon and watered in to run-off point, once in the early spring and again just before the flower buds appear.

Geraniums should be watered only when the pot has become "light" (a weight judgement), or once a finger inserted into the soil no longer feels cold and damp.

They prefer to be watered from the bottom, and a 15 to 20 minute soak in a few inches of water is best. Avoid overwatering as geraniums are susceptible to root rots that develop in wet or constantly damp soils. Overwatering kills, while under-watered plants can most often be brought back to a healthy state by soaking. A few yellowed leaves are all that are usually lost.

Whether you choose the newer bicolors, harlequin types or the traditional red geraniums, they find a place in almost every garden,

for their brilliant, long-lasting showing of colour that lasts right up until the fall frosts arrive. For lots of show that's easy to grow and relatively easy to propagate, geraniums are great.

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Organizers finalize agenda for Salt Spring jazz festival

The lineup and schedule of events has been finalized for Salt Spring Island's second annual jazz festival.

The three-day event begins this Friday, August 22, with jazz bands playing in the island's three pubs, beginning at 8 pm and continuing until closing time.

The Fulford Inn will swing to the sounds of Classical Jazz, Vesuvius Inn will feature Second Wind, and the Harbour House Pub will offer Dixieland Express. In arrangement with festival organizers, no cover charge will be applied.

On Saturday, August 23, Centennial Park will host a full day of events, with jazz being played on two stages and audiences being able to enjoy barbecued beef and lamb and other refreshments.

Cost of admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for youths between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free of charge.

Both stages will see bands perform sets at alternating start times. The sequence of bands at stage one, the Centennial Park bandshell, will be as follows: 10 am, Second Wind; noon, Dixieland Express; 2 pm, Commodores Big Band; 5 pm, Dixieland Express; 7 pm, Second Wind; and 9 pm, Dixieland Express.

Stage two, which will be set up on the grass at Centennial Park, will feature the following schedule: 11 am, Classical Jazz; 1 pm, band to be announced (TBA); 4 pm, Classical Jazz; 6 pm, TBA; and 8 pm, Classical Jazz.

At 10 pm, the schedule calls for a jam session to be held on stage two.

On Sunday, August 24, the festival continues with an 11 am gospel service at the Centennial Park bandshell, followed by a jam session there from noon to 4 pm.

The church service, performed by Rev. Al Skinner of Ganges United Church and featuring music by Second Wind and April Curtis, will be free of charge. Any donations made will be directed to work with the handicapped.

(In the event of rain, the service will be held at 11 am at Ganges United Church on Hereford Avenue.)

Included on the service agenda will be remarks by Rev. Skinner, Curtis performing *Battle Hymn of*

the Republic, and Second Wind offering the likes of *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* and *Rock of Ages*. It will close with both Curtis and the band performing *When The Saints Go Marching In*.

The jazz festival is sponsored by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce, with help by the island's Jazz Society, Labatt's Brewery, Casabello Wines and New York Seltzer. Any profit made will go towards promoting jazz music on Salt Spring.

Raffle to raise funds

A painting by Salt Spring School of Art instructor Byron Lance King will be raffled on September 9 to help cover school expenses.

The school, located at Welbury Point, operates full-time in the summer and one day a week over the rest of the year. While the school pays for itself in the summer, off-season instruction does not bring in enough money to pay year-round expenses like rent and electricity.

Joan Angus, a school supporter, said the King painting is one of three donated by instructors for raffles to be held in the coming months. The others are by Harry Heine and James McBeath.

The King painting, she added, is a school demonstration done here, in one sitting. It will be on display during the week at Allan Edwards' office above the Post Office in Ganges, and on weekends at the tea shop in Mout's Mall. Draw tickets can be purchased at those locations.



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Photography exhibition presents visual delights

By GARY CHERNEFF

A camera is a simple device. It is a light-tight container. It has a hole that can be closed. Reflecting light from an outside object enters through the hole and registers an image by selectively triggering a photo-chemical reaction on a light-sensitized surface.

Everything about modern cameras is an elaboration designed for enhanced precision, more versatility in image-making and greater ease in the control of a sophisticated tool. Whatever the sophistication, the decision of what image to make and how to do it remains in human hands. Eventually someone with imagination will want to express their unique viewpoint using this clever little gadget.

Considering the volume of information we receive from the visual media, it is not surprising that most people have difficulty in accepting the photographs' inherent artistic qualities. We are conditioned to treat the photographic image as reality or, at best, as a practical means of communicating reality. This, of course, always assumes its complete objectivity.

But it is only a piece of paper with black or coloured dots on it, which form an illusion of something frozen in time and space and extracted from its environment and the context of its existence.

In these terms one begins to see the possibility for artistic choices — shall I shoot from a crouching position or from a ladder; shall I make it darker or lighter; how do I manipulate the viewpoint of my camera to register the sense I make of the subject; and when do I trip the shutter?

Off Centre Stage is currently featuring an exhibition of

photographs. The nine artists in the show present a wide range of approaches to image-making. Glen Miles' colour photograph of leaden rock face pressuring scree pile and orange leechings makes a statement of the uncompromising force of geological formation.

Potassium dichromate in gum arabic, combined with water colour gouache pigments is a photographic medium primarily used by artists rather than commercial photographers. One contributor uses the process to render images in layers of transparent and opaque colour. One is at first struck by the

the most interesting images by this artist.

The four unpretentious portraits by Tracy Stibbards are a refreshing change from the other, more exuberant work. Concern for geometry and composition make her images noteworthy, although one does sense a tentativeness in her personal message.

Simple statements powerfully rendered mark Michelle Wollstonecroft's four small images in her "chair series." These photographs belong together and as a group evoke endless boring hours in deserted waiting rooms or aboard B.C. ferries on the tedious late-night run to Long Harbour. The functional sterility of these environments is rendered with conviction.

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landscape quality — some looking like satellite pictures of the earth. A more intimate examination unveils an x-ray world of cellular tissue, life forces impregnation and conception. These are truly intriguing images of great warmth.

Lincoln Clarke's contribution is wide-ranging. He uses photo montage and juxtaposed sequential images as well as more conventional techniques. His wry sense of humour is particularly evident in the post card images available at the gallery. It is regrettable that the originals of these are not included in the exhibition. They represent by far

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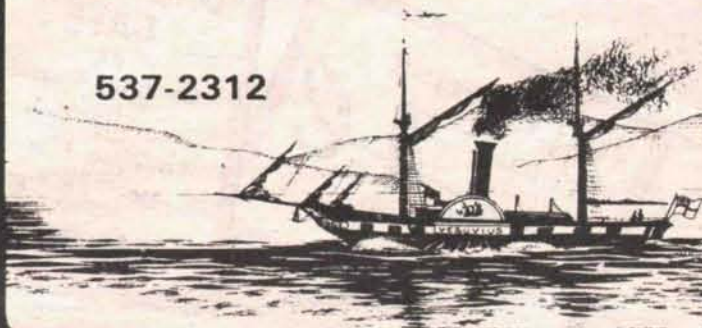
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Cablevision improvement in the works

New receiving equipment and better television signals being installed on Salt Spring Island will mean improved TV reception for residents, a spokesman from Salt Spring Cablevision says.

Geoff Phillips says recent permission given to CKVU to broadcast on Channel 10 this September has created problems for the cablevision company. CKVU has been testing its Channel 10 transmission for 15 to 20 minutes at a time, interfering with the island's Channel 9 reception.

Salt Spring Cablevision's improved equipment and new receiving site will also eliminate bars, shadows and ghosting on Channels 4, 5 and 7.

According to Phillips, the new system will be especially advantageous to Fulford residents, who will receive better all-around reception and have the option of viewing the French and Knowledge networks and the movie and FM channels.

Phillips says he has received few complaints of poor reception from the island's 1,300 cablevision customers.



Kalu Rinpoche

Eastern master schedules Salt Spring visit, ceremony

The Very Venerable Kalu Rinpoche, currently on a North American tour from his monastery in Sonada, near Darjeeling, India, will visit Salt Spring later this week.

Rinpoche, scheduled to seal off the second three-year retreat at Clear Light Park on Mount Tuam, will also give a public talk in Ganges on August 23.

The session will take place at the high school at 8 pm, in the gymnasium if work there is completed, or in the band room if it is not.

Rinpoche will also give a public talk at 10 am on Sunday, August 23, at Clear Light Park. The public is invited to attend that event and the closing-off ceremonies to follow at 4 pm.

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Thighs 4.59 kg **2.08** lb.

Wings 3.28 kg **1.49** lb.

Drumsticks 3.51 kg **1.59** lb.

Backs, Necks 89¢ kg **39¢** lb.

SAY CHEESE!
Med. Cheddar
 6.59 kg **2.99** lb.

FRESH SALADS

- BULK Potato 3.06 kg **1³⁹**
- Shell 500 g **2⁰⁹**
- Coleslaw 500 g **2³⁹**
- Bean 500 g **2⁷⁹**
- Carrot & Raisin 500 g **2⁷⁹**
- Macaroni Cheese Club 500 g **1⁹⁹**
- Ambrosia **2⁵⁹**

KOHLER'S BAVARIAN
Smokies
 5.27 kg **2.39** lb.

REGULAR GRIND
BEEF PATTIES 3.06 kg **1³⁹** lb.

LEAN
BEEF PATTIES 4.39 kg **1⁹⁹** lb.

LEAN GROUND BEEF 3.95 kg **1⁷⁹** lb.

FRESH LEAN BEEF SAUSAGE 3.73 kg **1⁶⁹** lb.