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## Under investigation

Starting the investigation, RCMP Const. Gary Styles takes measurements at the scene of an

accident that left two young men injured. The stolen Ford Bronco

was destroyed in the Wednesday crash.

## Motorist credited with saving crash victims

The fast action of a Ganges man may have saved the lives of two Crofton youths injured in a car accident that followed a car theft last Wednesday.

Bill Evans, a Ganges bartender, was driving west on Vesuvius Bay Road when he was passed on a corner marked with double solid lines.

The grey Ford Bronco that passed Evans swerved back into his lane to avoid an oncoming car. Momentum carried the Bronco into the right-hand ditch, where it began to roll before slamming into a tree.

The Bronco was destroyed in the crash, and while its occupants sat injured and semi-conscious, the crumpled wreck caught fire. Evans grabbed a fire extinguisher and quickly doused the blaze, which started in the rear of the vehicle.

Evans probably saved the young men's lives, Ganges RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks said Monday.

"I was just amazed how quickly

he was hurrying back to that fire. He did a hell of a job. He deserves a lot of credit," said Pat Tiernan, who was driving toward the Bronco when it swerved off the road at the corner of Chu Ann Drive.

Tiernan said the driver of the Bronco "seemed to be just racing" when it came around the corner. The car swerved back into the proper lane, when it swung off the road. It hit a low, roadside ridge at high speed, then began to roll.

"Its forward momentum carried it into the tree. It sort of bounced off the tree and immediately exploded into flames," Tiernan said.

The vehicle, a \$10,000 write-off, was stolen from the Seaside Kitchen just moments after the Crofton ferry docked. Restaurant owner James Parker said he was unloading some goods from the Bronco just before the theft.

He put the keys on top of a

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## By Trust

# Fish farm moratorium suggested

By SUSAN DICKER

Since the first salmon farming applications began trickling to the Gulf Islands last year, establishment of the industry has met with resistance here.

Initial concerns expressed by residents centred on unfavourable impacts the industry might have on property views and access. Recent studies, however, have redirected these fears; people now question the environmental and biological effects of salmon farming.

"There's a whole series of unanswered questions," says Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries, who recently raised the issue with the General Trust, which has the authority to accept or reject salmon farming applications.

The industry has flourished in B.C. in the past several years, with the majority of fish farms concentrated in the Sechelt area. The west coast of North America has been the focus of fish farming ventures since appropriate sites in Norway — a world leader in the industry — became difficult to find.

Because the industry is forbidden in Alaska, and

Washington State has tight regulations requiring numerous permits, B.C. seemed an appropriate location for the industry.

Both the federal and provincial governments approved and encouraged the growth of fish farming. They created jobs and seemed a relatively benign use of the marine ecosystem.

Applicants soon found that there were few problems with setting up fish farming industries in this province, Humphries says. "There was a flurry of applications and it soon became clear there's a series of problems."

The initial opposition to salmon farming came from "upland" property owners, who considered farm pens unsightly. Such feelings became apparent on Salt Spring Island when a company proposed a fish farm at Isabella Point, then faced public outrage and was forced to sell the land back to owner Marc Holmes.

In an effort to justify concerns beyond the aesthetic, Humphries says, a retired scientist decided to "dig in" to the side effects of fish

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## Three to fight for second Socred nod

Saanich and the Islands MLA Hugh Curtis doesn't face much of a challenge, but there will be a struggle to see who gets the Social Credit nod to be his running mate in the next provincial election.

Socred members from Saanich and the Islands meet Sunday, September 28 to nominate candidates for the expanded two-seat riding.

Long-time cabinet minister Curtis, now provincial secretary, should easily gain one nomination, but a contest is expected among three others vying to join him in the next election campaign.

Saanich mayor Mel Couvelier is seeking one Social Credit nomination. A candidate in the recent party leadership convention, he is well known in the area. But party

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# Socred hopefuls lining up

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insiders suspect he faces a strong challenge from the two other nominees.

As well as Curtis and Couvelier, veterinarian Terry Huberts and butcher Ray Williams have indicated they will put forward their names at the nominating meeting.

"I think his running for the leadership may have hurt his chances," Social Credit member Peter Rabatich, of Galiano Island, said of Couvelier.

But whoever wins the nod, riding association president Mark Dickinson is confident of victory in the next election, whether it comes in the fall or next spring.

The nominating meeting is being held on a Sunday afternoon to allow members from the Gulf Islands to attend, he added. Members in good standing are allowed to vote at the meeting. Membership applications must have been received at the riding association by August 28 to allow someone to vote.

The meeting takes place at 1:30 p.m., September 28 at the Sancha Hall in Sidney.

The New Democratic Party has already chosen its candidates for the pending election. Victoria lawyer David Vickers and Carol Pickup, former chairperson of the Greater Victoria School Board, won the nominations at a May meeting.



Employees at Matt's Meats were surprised to see a VW Rabbit crash into the front window Monday.

The driver, Rosetta Lapham of Galiano Island, was braking when her foot slipped onto the gas pedal.

# Crash investigated

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fleezer inside the open back door. He went downstairs for a few minutes, and on his return the Bronco was gone.

Minutes later the accident happened. Neighbour Jay Small saw the crash from his window. "I looked up and saw (the Bronco) go down there. It flipped up and hit the tree. It was still airborne when it hit the tree," he said moments afterwards.

Tiernan estimated the Bronco was travelling at about 60 miles an hour going around the corner.

"The car seemed to be accelerating, and seemed to be almost off the road at that time. He was just accelerating around that corner and missed the turn."

A doctor cycling to his nearby home from the Crofton ferry stopped at the accident scene. He checked the injured youths for

vital signs before the ambulance arrived.

Ambulance attendants eased the young men from the twisted vehicle and took them to hospital for treatment.

The crash left a 16-year-old male unconscious and his passenger Troy Andrews, 21; semi-conscious, Hanks said. The youths were eased out of the twisted wreck and taken by ambulance to Lady Minto Hospital with head injuries, and many cuts and bruises. They were listed in satisfactory condition and released Thursday morning, a hospital spokesman said.

RCMP are still investigating the incident, and are contemplating charges against the driver and passenger. Because charges under the Young Offenders Act are being considered, the 16-year-old's name cannot be published.

# Vessel relief, refits delay ferry's return

Islanders travelling between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay will have to wait until December before boarding the *Bowen Queen* again.

The 70-vehicle ferry has been replaced by the smaller *Quintisa* while it relieves a number of vessels on other runs.

Between September 11 and October 22 the *Bowen Queen* will be replacing the *Powell River Queen*, which has been taken off its run for refit. From October 23 to late November the ferry will move to Bowen Island, replacing the *Howe Sound Queen*.

According to B.C. Ferry Corporation spokesman Betty Nicholson, all vessels undergo an annual, three to four week refit period. During this time they are inspected, and painted and repaired if necessary.

The *Bowen Queen* — the same size as the *Powell River* and *Howe Sound Queens*—has a greater overheight capacity than the *Quintisa*. According to Nicholson,

this capacity is necessary to carry the commercial vehicles on these two runs.

Nicholson says the *Bowen Queen* will probably return to the Fulford Harbour/Swartz Bay run during the Christmas season. In January, she says, it will again be used for relief purposes.

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## to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

### It's so obvious!

When I was thinking about weddings and tears last week I was concerned with the realities of weeping at weddings. Later I reached the realities of tears.

Women weep at weddings and the bride's mother will usually join the pattern. The bride's father doesn't usually weep for a week or so when the bills start coming in.

### What's in a name?

I was stupid when I had a call from Heidi. I was reminded of the Swiss Alps and the fairy tale style of the Johanna Spyri story. The next step was to enquire of Heidi whether she was named for the Swiss heroine.

Not at all, she assured me. The name is far more uncommon in Germany and is the equivalent of the English name, Heather, I learned.

### No flavour to that drink!

B.C. Ferry Corporation has been saving on flavours. I was talking to two young-ish visitors from Britain who shared a complaint in common. On at least two occasions I was told, the visitors sought to obtain a soft drink on board a ferry vessel. In both cases they found themselves drinking unflavoured/aerated water.

They later ascertained that too light a pressure on the dispenser knob releases the gassed-up water but nary a taste of proprietary brands of soft drink.

### Free trade

The discussion is on free trade and it looks like it's becoming a free for all! The more they talk to each other, the less they like each other.

Looking at free trade discussions from afar and outside, the sounds of wind and fury might be a warning that these amicable exchanges might spell the end of all amicable relations between the two countries.

### Welcome on the sunny side!

This travelling about with visitors is for the birds. We were on the big ship, sailing to Vancouver and we went for breakfast. Yes, please, we wanted fried eggs.

"Over easy?" enquired the solicitous server, "Or sunny side up?"

The traveller looked at her in complete mystification.

"I have to know to get you the eggs the way you want them," explained the server.

Alas! Few Brits have ever been called on to debate

### Wines pulled from shelves

Salt Spring Island consumers have been unable to buy South African wine since it was pulled from the shelves last week.

The local liquor store received orders from headquarters in Vancouver to remove the wine last Thursday, after the government was told two bottles had been poisoned.

The threat was made by a group calling itself Direct Action.

British Columbia is the only province in Canada still offering the sale of South African wine. Last week the B.C. Government Employees Union asked its members to boycott the wines in response to South Africa's apartheid policies.

"There's no personal feelings here, opposed to handling or selling it," said a spokesman at the local liquor store, which did not pull the wine from the shelves until it received orders to do so. "We feel it's up to the people whether they want to buy it or not."

Even if the wines are determined safe by the Liquor Distribution Branch, they will not be available for much longer. Although the liquor store has South African wines on order, employees are now refusing to ship it.

the ease of overage or sunshine and breakfast eggs.

Nearest they ever get to the kitchen jargon was in the old song:

"You'll be welcome on the sunny side!  
Just come over on the sunny side!  
Every gentleman and lady,  
If you're living where it's shady,  
Come over on the sunny side!"  
And those weren't eggs!

### Big guy or big tent?

The guest of a marquis died in Italy. It became a big story in Britain and the interest was sustained, even in the Pacific west.

"How do you pronounce a marquis?" was the question.

If he's a marquis with a marchioness to wife, then is he the same word as the Marquis which is, in North America, Job One?

Easy! Just look it up and you find that a British marquis is not French. The Q is kw and the S is sounded. On the other hand, if he were unwed and on wheels he would drop the final S and sound exactly like a large tent or marquee.

How's that for useful information?

But wouldn't it be easier to just call him Lord?

### How else?

An island car owner was reviewing a serious accident and its aftermath.

The driver of the other car was a juvenile and, apparently, intoxicated. The indignant islander was talking to the parents of the offending driver.

"How can you explain how it comes about that a 15-year-old is driving when he's drunk?" she asked.

He had to drive, was the startling reply. He was 20 miles from home and the only way was to drive.

### Aren't you glad?

Everybody gets into the glad jam around this time of year. Is it a gladiolus or a gladiola? Are they gladioluses or gladioli or gladiolas?

I get deep into the jam because I started life with gladioli and changed in midstream to gladiolas as well. The Oxford English Dictionary lists the "us" and its plurals. There was no women's lib in sword lilies according to tradition. And if gladiolus is masculine, gladiola must be feminine. The name translates into "little sword".

It is Webster who opens up the garden catalogue to both kinds of bloom and their blooming spelling.

It would be a sight easier if they'd just call them sword lilies and avoid the erudite languages altogether.

## Award revival pondered

Citizen of the Year Award may be resurrected at Salt Spring Island.

A meeting last weekend of Chamber of Commerce representatives and jazz festival organizers heard a proposal to bring back the award and stage its presentation in conjunction with a jazz festival benefit dance.

Plans are now being considered for a dance which would be held next month with music supplied by the Victoria big band, The Commodores. A joint meeting of

chamber and jazz society directors is planned this week to discuss the proposal.

Last month's jazz festival at Ganges left organizers with a \$5,000 deficit and the Commodores dance would be staged to pay off the festival's debts. A

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## Late summer sailings

# Ferry review reveals Vesuvius shortcomings

The ferry system around the Gulf Islands has been tried and tested once again as a heavy summer season is over. A quick review of the season in travel brings to mind one sharp shortcoming: of all the island schedules, the one which has not lived up to its promise has been the Vesuvius-Crofton run. Day after day, the Vesuvius service has lost time steadily until a sailing is dropped for lack of time to complete it.

The trip is one of the shortest among the islands, and in the past it has been possible to maintain the hourly program except under exceptional circumstances. This past season has shown it falling back constantly.

The loss of one trip a day has rarely shown up

as the significant failure. The gradual delay in sailings has been the biggest problem to travellers. The discrepancy between posted sailing times and actual schedules maintained has left travellers late for appointments on both Salt Spring Island and Vancouver Island. It has puzzled many who had not shared the anxieties of a date unkept.

During the coming winter it might be as well to examine the situation at Vesuvius and Crofton with a view to establishing some sort of correction for the following season.

Either the pattern of sailing must be amended to permit the little vessel to keep on a steady sailing time or the schedule must be amended to

fall in line with a practical timing.

For some years travellers purchased their tickets on Vancouver Island, paid for a return trip when coming to the islands and then boarded any Vancouver Island ferry in the islands without ticket, delay, let or hindrance.

This system caused whistles among the novice island travellers until they realized that the fare covered two journeys. The B.C. Ferry Corporation dropped this procedure in favour of the present pattern of paying for each trip when the trip is made. In the case of most ferry routes between islands, the system is operating smoothly whereby a ticket agent is stationed at island ports and delay is limited. There is a delay in such places as Fulford Harbour where the capacity of the ship exceeds that of the compound and there is often a surge of traffic to be processed as the ferry is loading.

Adequate facilities at Fulford would correct this comparatively minor problem.

At Vesuvius, the pattern changes. There is no clerk or agent to sell tickets at Vesuvius and the task falls on the mate or second officer. Traffic is filtered onto the ship through the fare-collecting process and sailing is delayed until every passenger is paid up and in place.

It is unlikely that the corporation would want to revert to the original system in order to benefit the smallest of the terminals. Hence, the only two alternatives are to relieve the ship's officers of the responsibility for this ticketing or to change the posted schedule to a pattern which can be maintained. The past year has shown that a schedule whereby one trip a day is chopped from the service can be kept up. If there is no other convenient means of making a change, then an amendment to the schedule would simply bring into official recognition the pattern that already exists.

We would be loth to see a reduction in service. Some amendment to the procedures of selling tickets would be better. But the route must be examined and a solution must be found whereby the ship runs to schedule or the schedule follows the ship's routine.



# He may have been capable, but was he cute?

Two or three years ago, I gave up on the tube. For reasons that had a bit to do with quality of content and a little more with time wasted in front of the box, our television set was unceremoniously packed up one day and kicked into the street.

It has never really been missed. Except for this year's Stanley Cup playoff final, when a rented set appeared in the living room for one week, our family has yet to return to the world of TV Guide and dot-matrix picture tubes.

Now, I have nothing against television *per se*. It does wonder-

ful things, like bring the world to your door, and has a marvellous capacity for communication that no one can knock. Some sets even function well as decorative furniture.

My concern has always been that television carries too great a capacity to regiment. I worry about giving in to the power it has to shape my daily schedule around noon-hour soaps and prime-time blockbusters, or to flush only during commercials.

Then there is the way the material presented by television can become more noteworthy

## my word

by  
**Duncan MacDonnell**

than real life. For instance, the newspapers we see at supermarket checkout stands cover the latest Dallas crisis in greater depth than the *Globe and Mail* reserves for the Sinclair Stevens affair.

I know — one reason we escape to Dallas is we have too much of

Sinclair Stevens in our daily diet as it is. So let me give you another example.

My wife, asked recently what she thought of Donald Johnson (*Miami Vice*), replied that she thought he had been a capable finance minister (Pearson era). The silence that followed convinced me that even the appearance of not knowing the former was a contravention of social norms.

However, we are wandering off course. My intention here was to contrast my years of neglecting the tube with a brief exposure

endured last week during my stay in hospital. It was not pretty.

The ward had a common room where patients could smoke, read and watch television. I wandered down there one day for a cigarette and found a soap opera to be the centre of attention. Even the nurses were watching.

A fellow patient was sitting against the wall. "How's the leg," I said, nodding at his bandages.

"They're getting a divorce," he replied, gesturing towards the television set.

It must have been the drugs.

## Nuclear NATO

Sir,

G. McIntosh's mathematics may seem, at first glance, appalling. In his equation, one life of ours is worth at least a couple of hundred thousand lives of theirs. (The "us" he refers to being the Allied soldiers of World War II, his "them" being the Japanese people who happened to live in Hiroshima or Nagasaki.)

On the other hand, Canada is a member of NATO. NATO does insist upon its right to a first use of nuclear weapons in any conflict. This is a direct continuation of Allied policy and practice in the Second World War. As a member of NATO, as Canadians, we are saying in effect to all the people who live in Russia and Poland and Hungary and East Germany and Czechoslovakia and Rumania (and, since Russia has its own nukes, as Japan did not, we are also, of course, saying the very same thing to ourselves): To us, one hundred thousand, two hundred thousand, even a million of your (our) lives are worth ... what?

Do any of us know what the generals and politicians (or is it computers) of NATO would launch their nuclear missiles for? I don't. I cannot imagine a human objective that would be worth it. I do not see how, in all good conscience, Canadians can continue to be members of a nuclear NATO.

**MURRAY REISS,**  
Vesuvius.

## Shocking

Sir,

We have received a clipping from your paper showing an ad about animal research. Excellent.

A key sentence was "In Canada the council responsible for lab assessments will not release their reports." I am not surprised, for the gory details would shock most Canadians. If you do write your MPs (and please do), you will get back an encouraging letter saying we have the best animal research conditions in the world, etc., etc.

But these are the exact words used by the head of the infamous primate head trauma research labs in Pennsylvania three months before the horrifying details of what was literally torture came out on audio-video tape taken in his labs. The researchers were laughing and joking at the pain and agony of the monkeys. The animals were not properly anesthetized. This lab was closed down after the truth came out.

So, let's look at some animal research in Canada during the past three years. Just the titles, as it would take too long to give details.

Alberta: Ruptured cerebral aneurysm in monkeys; induced emphysema in dogs; drug-induced temperature changes in cats; righting behaviour in rabbits.

British Columbia: Making rats kill mice; fracture and hip dislocations in the dog; spinal cord injury in the cat (over 80 cats used); mousekilling/mouse eating behaviour in rats; home orientation in kittens (kittens deprived of proper food).

Manitoba: Lung removal in puppies; brainstem cooling in cats; prenatal stress in natal rats; intermittent starvation of sucking rats.

Newfoundland: Chemical ulceration in the guinea pig.

Nova Scotia: Sight deprivation in kittens; eye suturing of kittens; digit amputation on the raccoon; kindling (electric) seizures in rats; removal of visual cortex in cats.

Ontario: Spasm induced in brain hemorrhaged monkeys; cat elbow displacement; induced

vomiting in dogs; spinal cord implants in cats; chronic nerve injury in kittens; spinal cord compression in dogs; shock maintained behaviour in monkeys ... had enough?

All these experiments, costing millions of tax dollars, go on year-in, year-out to cure "you and your children" and we accept it.

We must demand full details of experiments before they are done and have monthly, unannounced inspections of every lab by several people, including representatives from humane societies and others with no vested interest in animal research.

If any readers would like more details on the above mentioned Canadian experiments we will be pleased to supply it. It is always best to have your facts when writing the government on any subject.

**MRS. N. MASON,**  
Mercy Volunteers for Animals,  
Vancouver.

## Nothing safe?

Sir,

Re the picture on page 30 of last week's *Driftwood*, showing a luau being shot at, isn't anything safe from trigger happy people?

I thought that the luau was a protected species. They were nearing extinction on Salt Spring Island. Where is Greenpeace when you need them?

**NELLIE ARRAT,**  
Fulford Harbour.

## A must-see

Sir,

Thanks to the joint sponsorship of the Community Arts Council and the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts, we will be treated to a performance of *Dylan — Portrait of a Poet*. In the past year, this one-man show has played to rave reviews in London, Edinburgh and Cologne, and here at the Edmonton and Vancouver Fringe Festivals.

## letters

Written by Cyril Royston, we are taken through the life of Dylan Thomas from age 11 until his death in New York at 39. Royston neatly weaves Dylan's poetry into scenes contrasting the highs and lows of the poet's life.

What makes the performance come alive is the masterful acting of Ray Jones, also a Welshman, as Dylan. In his presentation of Dylan he changes from a naive young man into a morbid alcoholic who ages much too quickly. The Welshness in the play's humor gives balance to his tragi-comic view of life. Jones' acting draws the audience into sympathetic feelings toward Dylan ... a play almost classical in nature.

A must-see for Dylan fans. One night only, Thursday, September 25, 8 pm at Mahon Hall. Tickets, available at *et cetera* and at the door, are \$6 adult, \$4 OAP and students.

**LYNDA JENSEN,**  
Ganges.

Foods, here are a few tips, based on my experience.

1. Use the buddy system. Don't swim these waters alone.

2. Wear drab clothes. Bright colours will disappear against the displays.

3. Pack a survival kit. Mine contains the following: binoculars, a whistle, compass, length of rope, periscope, roller skates, yogurt, raisins and a couple of Kurt Vonnegut novels.

I'm planning a trip with a reliable companion, mid-month. Watch for me, I'll be the one receiving treatment for shock near the pre-cooked, pre-formed, pre-chewed, pre-digested, no-name brand, heat-n-serve, just add water, makes its own sauce slop in aisle 49372.

**K. BACKS,**  
Booth Canal.

## More noise

Sir,

In your article "Gun Club changes answer critics" you stated that a "check with a number of people living in the surrounding area turned up no detrimental comments about the noise."

I'm afraid that no one checked with us. We are writing to say that the noise from the gun club has increased since the renovations. Before this, the sound of the guns were distant, and could not be heard inside the house. Now they sound alarmingly close, as if they were right next door, and they can be heard clearly and continuously inside of the house. There is no

escaping the very irritating noise.

We hope that the next time the gun club does a survey they take enough care to include everyone of their neighbours who are affected by their noise — this includes Thomas Road.

**DIANA THOMPSON,**  
**LYNNE QUINN,**  
**BRISTOL FOSTER,**  
Ganges.

## No appeal

Sir,

With regards to your article in the *Gulf Islands Driftwood*, September 3, 1986 on Eve Smith, and with particular reference to the book currently being written on her life and times; I want to withdraw the appeal for funds to assist in the completion of this book.

Eve has always been a strong supporter and worker for many causes; world peace, environmentalism, third world organizations, to name but a few. It would be inconsistent with all she has worked for in her life to ask for dollar donations to complete the writing of this book.

The book will still be finished — in time — and available to those people on the islands who are interested.

I would like to apologize to Eve and John Smith for any embarrassment caused by this appeal.

**ROSHEEN CULHANE,**  
Vancouver.

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## A nightmare

Sir,

My trip to Victoria last week brought home to me that I have not had to deal with a city on a deeper than "bus to my brother's" level since coming to Salt Spring a year and a half ago. On the advice of a friend, I stopped at Save on Foods. Here's my story.

White, white, white floor, three feet across orange duct-work running all over the ceiling, people everywhere, maps at the door, a never silent P.A. system, bulk everything, canned everything, computerized everything, three of everything, videos, skateboards, plastic smiles at every counter and I'm lost! Culture shock.

Wandering around, muttering to myself, not knowing where to go or what to buy.

My companion couldn't handle it, grabbed the kids and escaped to the car. When I finally broke free two ferries and a mere \$85 later, I collapsed, a quivering mess.

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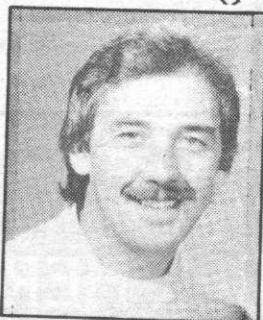
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# Prejudiced

Sir,  
I would like to comment on your editorial of Wednesday, September 3, entitled *Search for Silver Cloud Dashes Most Hopes*. I found the editorial both confusing and contradictory and your conclusions based on prejudice rather than fact.

Basically, for those who missed it, the editorial deals with a one-day workshop held recently at Salt Spring by a Mr. Brown of the Peninsula Employment Project. Mr. Brown was prepared to explain federal wage subsidies to prospective employers and "job hunting" for the unemployed. However, only five unemployed turned up and only seven employers came or sent a representative.

Mr. Brown stated that he was well pleased with the turnout and so he should be; his per diem remuneration remains the same regardless of the numbers involved. The poor response on the part of business you are quick to excuse, owing to the season and the fact that a great many island businesses are too small to consider expansion.

The 272 Unemployment Insurance claimants on the other hand are quickly condemned for not turning out en masse to listen to Mr. Brown's words of wisdom. They are suspected of under-the-table employment, accused of working only seasonally and living on UIC the rest of the year, and castigated for "pure apathy". To quote your own words, "What matters most is the appearance of a couldn't-care-less attitude." You conclude by decrying the fact that the five unemployed who turned up were praised by Brown for their efforts.

I would like to point out that the interest expressed by seven local employers does not in itself prove that seven vacancies exist. It proves that seven businesses wished to be provided with information, nothing more. The fact that only five out of a possible 272 UI claimants turned out proves that five persons sought information. It does not prove that 267 UI claimants are avoiding work.

I personally resent your slanderous implication that Salt Spring islanders are dodging work and prefer to exist on Unemployment Insurance. I would like to quote from Hubert Beyer's column in your Wednesday, April 9 issue: "Unfortunately, many people still believe that the majority don't want to work, that one has only to

try to find a job. A callous view, to say the least, and one most often expressed by people who have never experienced real hardship. There simply are no jobs, and to say otherwise adds insult to the injury suffered by those who cannot find work."

One wonders, in the light of your frequently expressed suspicion of the motives of our island's less fortunate residents, why you continue to stay and work here amongst us. Possibly you would feel more at home in some isolated interior community like Vanderhoof or Williams Lake, where your continued attempts at welfare-bashing and poor-baiting would be better appreciated.  
**WILLIAM W. BEST,**  
Ganges.

# Dangerous

Sir,  
In view of the dangerous situation on St. Mary Lake, where unsuspecting swimmers and slow ducks are in great danger of being run over by marine vehicles without motors, I would like to propose that all windsurf boards and sailboats be forced by the full weight of the law to be provided with either a constantly sounding warning device, or that they be preceded by 20 feet by a swimmer waving a red flag — and whistling.  
**D.W. EVANISHEN,**  
Ganges.

# No recordings

Sir,  
I am writing with reference to the article appearing on page 30, September 3rd *Driftwood*: "Federal Grant to Aid Library."

I presume the information regarding the grant was sent to your office from the New Horizons office; someone from your paper telephoned me last week, quoting in part the purpose of the grant.

However, at no point in our conversation; in our group's application for a grant; nor in the Federal Health and Welfare's approval of our application, was it ever mentioned that our group "intend to make recordings of plays, poetry and music for the sight-impaired" as was reported in your article: paragraph 3 and again para 9 — in which latter you actually quoted me.

Such an activity was never at any time discussed, considered,

# more letters

nor, so far as I am aware even thought of by any member of our group, when planning our project.

I would like to see a retraction of this statement printed. I would also like to clarify, for your information and that of any of your readers who may be unaware, the nature of "audio" or so-called "talking books".

This is a free service from the provincial government for the benefit of anyone whose sight is impaired, or through some form of disability, is unable to hold a book. The Pender Lender library has a large selection of audio books available, also six catalogues of titles which cover all categories of fiction and non-fiction.

It is the expressed intention of our group to assist the Library by delivering audio books and catalogues when required, also a tape recorder should the borrower not have one, not to "make recordings".

**BETTY GLOVER,**  
Group President, Friends of the Library (Pender Lender),  
New Horizons Project.

# New ideas

Sir,  
I see in the *Times-Colonist* that the Saanich School Board wants students to have more time in class. Apparently they are disturbed by a statistic that says that compared with other provinces, we spend the least amount of time on the core subject — i.e. maths, sciences, English and social studies.

They have made a resolution to the B.C. School Trustees' Association to remedy this, perhaps by such radical steps as having a longer day, a longer school year or a review of the curriculum. I'd be interested in what our own trustees think of these revolutionary ideas, and whether they a) agree with the basic premise, b) think changes should be made, c) if so, what?

I seem to remember going to school for quite a few more hours in the day than are currently endured by our students (and staff)

and of course there's always the teachers to be reckoned with. But I really don't see that the length of holidays, and the entire scholastic year, are in any way sacrosanct.

And then there's that pregnant phrase, "review of the curriculum."

I've thought for a while that we could well do without some odd subjects, or rearrange things a little, in order to have a real coverage of those basics and still find room for the so-called frills that eke out the sober instruction with activities which expand the horizons and may in fact make school enjoyable.  
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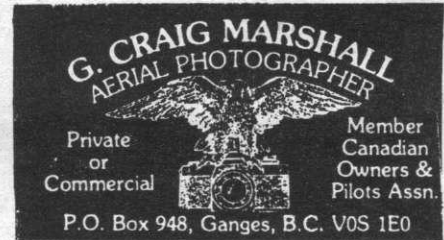
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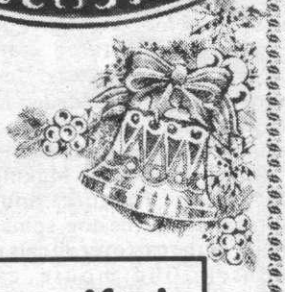
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# Lumber tariff issue bungled by industry?

**capital comment**

by

**Hubert Beyer**

VICTORIA — The quiet enjoyment of having been right may be fine for some people but (Lord, it's hard to be humble) my own inclination runs more towards saying *I told you so*.

And say it I will, to the Council of Forest Industries (COFI) in general and to its president, Mike Apsey, in particular.

Three months ago, I wrote a column pointing out that the U.S. lumber lobby may have a good point when it accuses Canada — particularly British Columbia — of subsidizing lumber exports.

I suggested that B.C. take some action before the U.S. hits us with a 27 per cent surcharge on all softwood. One solution, I said, was to increase stumpage rates, a move that would at least keep the money in Canada.

The column had barely made its way from the tables in B.C. homes to the bird cages when Apsey let me have it.

In a letter to the editors of the newspapers that had run my column, Apsey went on a verbal assassination spree.

He expressed "dismay that such a widely-read columnist in B.C. is so sadly misinformed about the most important trade issue facing us today in this province."

*'The amount by which we will have to raise our stumpage fees to satisfy the U.S. lobby is, no doubt, higher now than it would have had to be a year ago.'*

It wasn't the first time the U.S. lumber lobby was taking a swing at us, Apsey said. An extensive investigation by the U.S. department of commerce, back in 1982, had concluded that the timber-pricing practices in Canada do not constitute a subsidy.

"If Mr. Beyer believes that caving in to pressure is really a solution, or that lumber is the only imported product under fire in the U.S., he clearly needs to do some more homework," Apsey said.

In other words, Beyer is too dense to understand this most complex issue.

Now it turns out that Premier Vander Zalm and Forest Minister Jack Kempf are apparently as dense as I am. They too, it seems, fail to understand the issue because they are talking about increasing stumpage fees to keep the U.S. lobby at bay.

The first sign that the provincial government may no longer be in agreement with COFI's tough-it-out stance, supported by former premier Bill Bennett, came when the premier ordered a review of our stumpage fee

system.

A few days later, Vander Zalm said there may, indeed, be grounds for U.S. claims that our stumpage system amounts to a subsidy. If that was so, B.C. might consider raising the stumpage rates and using the increased revenues for reforestation and silviculture.

And a back-peddling Kempf said we might have to admit that we've been wrong all along. But what, he asked, was wrong with "eating a little crow?"

There's a loud message in all this: the new premier is not very happy with the way COFI has fumbled the issue. He is clearly afraid that the ruling on the U.S. surcharge, to come down on October 9, will go against us.

My informants tell me that the premier has relayed this message to COFI in no uncertain terms.

Somewhat surprising is the NDP's position on the issue. In a recent press release, NDP forest critic Frank Howard lambasted the government for wanting to negotiate the matter with the U.S. I never thought I'd see the day when the NDP would support COFI. Politics make strange bedfellows.

The premier's last-ditch effort at averting the U.S. subsidy may not be too late, but it will be close. He's asked Pat Carney, federal minister of international trade, to ask the U.S. to postpone a decision on the matter.

The U.S. lobby has indicated all along that it would be satisfied if our stumpage fees were increased to be more in line with U.S. fees, thus keeping the timber industry south of the border in a more competitive position.

Raising our stumpage fees will, of course, have a dramatic impact on the forest industry. Some companies will not be able to operate if they have to pay higher stumpage.

But the effects of a 27 per cent surcharge on our softwood exports at the border will be even more devastating.

Sadly, we will have to bite the bullet harder now than we would have had to a year ago. The amount by which we will have to raise our stumpage fees to satisfy the U.S. lobby is, no doubt, higher now than it would have had to be a year ago.

But after the industry adjusts the new fees, there will be more money available for reforestation and silviculture, both of which have been sadly neglected in the past few years.

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## Streetsweeping business replies to dirt complaints

The streets of Ganges are getting a sweeping.

Responding to complaints about the dirt on the town's roadways, Dave Mathews, president of the Ganges Centre Association, and Dale Codd, former president of the Chamber of Commerce, have gone into the streetsweeping business.

The two men were conscious of the disparity between Ganges' roads and those of other towns such as Nanaimo, Chemainus and Ucluelet, so they bought a machine from a private contractor in Ucluelet one month ago.

Since then they've been spending their early morning hours getting to know their street-sweeper in the Gulf station parking lot. "The lot is getting awfully clean," said Mathews.

He explained that it was a bit like steering a boat, with its one wheel in the back. Codd is the

mechanic in the two-man operation, and he says the machine came to them in good working order.

So far they've been hired by the highways department to remove pea gravel from road work on Sunset Drive in the Vesuvius area, and to clean the Upper Village Centre, the Gulf and Shell stations' parking lots and Mouat's Trading Co. parking area.

They are hoping to take over the cleanup of the downtown area from the highways department, which has been cleaning only two days every two months during business hours. Codd and Mathews, who call their operation Roadsweepers Too, would like to clean as often as once a week between 4 and 7 in the morning, when there are no cars to impede progress.

## Following Pender success

# Flexible school scheduling to be expanded in district

Students in Gulf Islands schools will learn a time management lesson this year. They'll "bank" extra instruction time from before classes or the lunch break. Then, several times a year the students will be given back their time in half days or full days off.

Two schools tried the idea last year. It worked so well that all the schools applied to use the scheme to schedule some extra time off for students while giving teachers time for in-depth staff meetings or professional development sessions.

"It allows us some flexibility without short-changing the children in terms of instructional time," school superintendent Mike Marshall said of the plan.

He stressed that teachers won't be taking the extra days off. They will spend more time working, because they will work the extra instructional time as well as the days or half-days when the students are off.

The concept was tried on a trial basis at Salt Spring Elementary and Pender Island Elementary last term. Salt Spring gave students three extra days off over the year. Pender Island students were excused every second Wednesday afternoon. That let parents plan doctor and dentist appointments off-island.

That kind of flexibility makes extended days perfect for island life, Marshall said. "We did follow-up studies with parents, and they really appreciated it," he said.

The Pender teachers used the time for in-depth staff meetings and parent-teacher interviews.

The school board voted Thurs-

day to allow all Gulf Islands schools to try the flexible form of rearranging class time. But the trustees set a limit of five days off per year to keep the plan under control. The board is also waiting to hear from education ministry officials whether taking too many days off would run islands schools afoot of the required curriculum.

Schools can already plan a

maximum of five days per year for professional development days.

The Gulf Islands Secondary School administration is considering another form of time flexibility. Administrators are planning to start school a few days earlier in September, and add a few days off to the spring break. The plan will come before the school board this fall.

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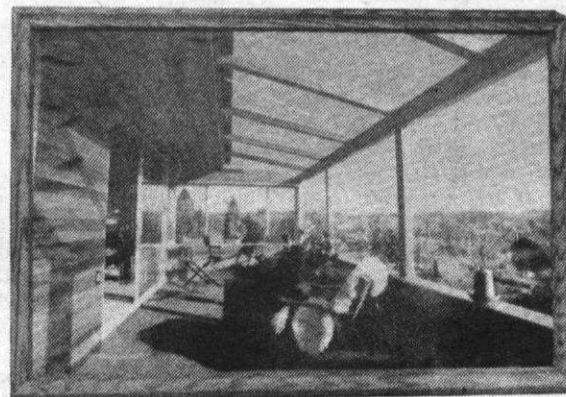
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**director's report**

**by Hugh Borsman**

Last week I suggested an exploratory meeting to attempt to establish an unofficial body that might speak for the many groups interested in the affairs of Ganges Village. The Islands Trust representatives agreed, as did those attending their recent public meeting.

Therefore, on behalf of the Trust or myself, a meeting has been called for Thursday, September 25, at 7:30 pm at the school board office. Everyone is invited to attend, but the following groups or organizations are particularly asked to name and send a representative: Chamber of Commerce, Ganges Centre Association, advisory planning commission, community planning association, school board, parks and recreation commission, Ganges Creek study group, Ganges sewer

commission, design panel, Islands Trust, Capital Regional District, and Centennial Park renovation committee.

There may be committees not mentioned; if so please forgive the oversight and plan on attending.

The purpose, again, is to provide a broad-based group that can consider the many problems being faced now and in the immediate future in Ganges Village, including: traffic patterns and parking (again), pedestrian patterns and the placing of cross walks, the provision and placement of trees in the village core, and the general clean-up and paint-up of the whole village. If time is permitted, it might also be an opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce to raise the subject of incorporation of Ganges Village.

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A Ganges man received minor injuries in an accident Sunday afternoon when his car was struck near the Fulford fire hall.

Amos Lundy was injured in the lower legs in the accident, which also caused an estimated \$1,500 damage to his 1977 Honda.

David Errington, also of Ganges, was ticketed for crossing a double solid line. His 1978 Plymouth took about \$500 damage, but he escaped injury.

A driver was shaken up, and the car badly damaged in a one-vehicle mishap Saturday morning.

Helen Tara was driving a 1986 Subaru on the Fulford-Ganges Road when she lost control of it near Saint Paul's church.

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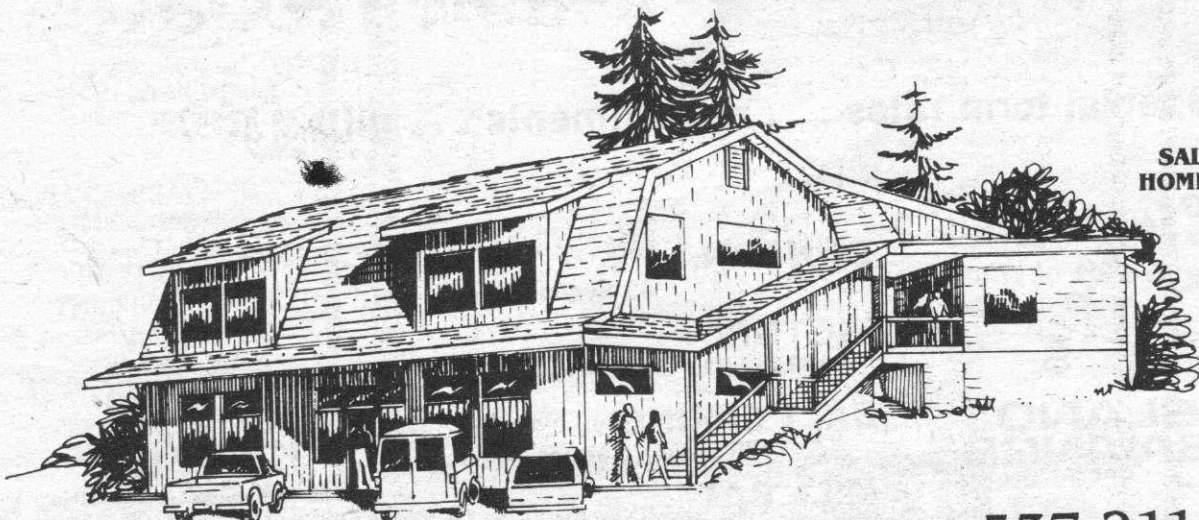
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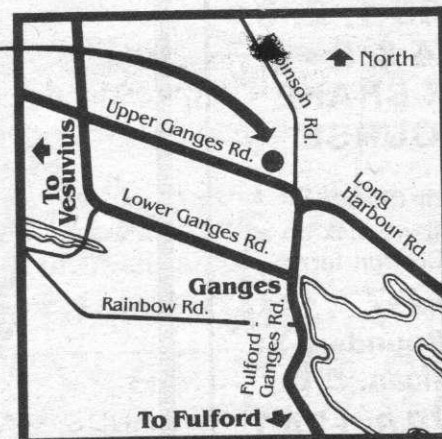
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**Lung Association fund-raiser**

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The occasion is the second annual fund-raising cycle tour sponsored by the B.C. Lung Association in support of lung disease research and health education. The three-day trek begins on Salt Spring this Saturday and concludes on the Saanich Peninsula on Monday.

Cyclists will arrive in Fulford Harbour on Saturday morning, tour the island and spend the night at the Salt Spring Centre. They will cycle to Vesuvius Bay the next morning and continue to Camp Shawnigan. On Monday they cycle to Swartz Bay for the trip back to the Lower Mainland.

The cyclists, who range in age and experience from young beginners to veterans, have been warned of Salt Spring's hills and winding roads. They have also been cautioned to stay in single file to allow traffic to pass safely.

Last year's trek attracted 44 cyclists and raised more than \$18,000 for the association. Organizers are hoping to raise \$40,000 this year.

The idea of the trek is to supply participants with a physical challenge while raising funds. Similar ventures have been staged in the U.S. for many years and included such variants as lengthy back-packing trips.

However, organizers soon found that short cycling trips proved to be the most popular and financially successful. B.C. Lung Association representative Louise Milner said last week while scouting the Salt Spring route for last-minute changes.

The group of cyclists may avoid Walker Hook Road, which had a layer of gravel put on after the association's first reconnaissance

of the route.

This form of fund-raising adds a physical fitness aspect to the usual door-to-door campaign. And the cyclists have a chance to see a part of the province they might not otherwise visit by bike.

"There are a lot of people who wouldn't want to do this trip on their own," Milner added.

Each participant must pay \$25 to take part, and raise a minimum of \$250 in pledges. In return, the association plans an interesting route, and takes care of accommo-

datations and transporting the cyclists' gear. The cyclists also receive a red tee shirt with *I'm a Lung Saver* written on the back.

The trek will cover 50 kilometres of Salt Spring roads. The cyclists will go from Fulford to Ganges, then follow a circuit of the North End before bedding down. Sunday morning they will cycle to the Vesuvius ferry.

Organizers hope to minimize any traffic problems caused by having a large number of cyclists on Salt Spring roads.



**Climbing**

Students touring Salt Spring by bicycle tackle one of many local hills that test such groups. End of summer means cycle tour participants soon disappear for

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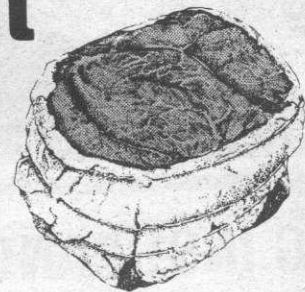
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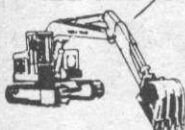


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# Fish farming industry under scrutiny

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farming. He determined these farms do not match the conventional sort: the fish are kept in small areas and fed large amounts of food, which causes them to grow as fast as possible.

"The more he (the scientist) looked into it, the more problems he found," Humphries says.

One of the major environmental concerns under investigation is the impact of feed on other sea life. According to Humphries, approximately one-fifth of the fish food falls through to the sea floor. As it rots on the ocean bottom, it absorbs oxygen, reducing the amount left for sealife such as mussels, crabs and oysters.

Humphries says studies also indicate that rotting feed increases levels of plankton. He says this is possibly linked to the outbreak of plankton blooms, which can suffocate salmon and other wild fish, as well as filter feeders.

Because fish farm salmon are kept in small areas, they are subject to high levels of stress and are therefore more susceptible to disease. To offset this susceptibility, chemicals to reduce disease are mixed into the feed. The concern here, Humphries says, is that the chemicals — some of which are banned from human consumption — may get into the food chain and affect other animals and humans.

Several people are also concerned that diseases rampant within pens may spread to the wild stock.

"There are no studies to show the wild salmon will be safe," says Geoff Meggs, editor of the *Fisherman's Newspaper* in Vancouver.

Meggs says the fisherman's union is calling for a complete review of the industry, which he describes as out of control. "Whether you're a sport fisherman, a recreational boater or a commercial fisherman, you're impacted by the industry, and have no say in it."

Another problem stems from the space salmon farms occupy. Meggs says boaters are losing the sheltered areas where they could previously drop anchor.

Meggs' largest concern, however, is what he terms a diversion of funds from the salmon enhancement program to the salmon farms. The publicly-funded enhancement program — which

aims to increase fish stocks through natural management and projects such as stream clean-up — has been highly successful and should be expanded, he says.

"Now they're supporting an industry which is in direct competition with it."

Salt Spring Islander Joan Ingram, whose husband is a commercial fisherman, also admits dismay at the possibility of fish farms "jeopardizing" the salmon enhancement program.

"I hesitate to see the advantages (of fish farms) to our present natural stocks," she says, noting there is no shortage of fish off the west coast. "We're not afraid the fish farms are jeopardizing our own industry — the fishermen on the coast are doing well."

Ingram says she feels the industry's expertise is not complete.

At the environment ministry, however, Gordon Halsey disagrees. After examining two sets of water samples from the Sechelt area to determine whether the added nutrients from fish feed and excrement have affected water quality, Halsey says: "We couldn't see that the surrounding water quality was affected in any way."

A moratorium preventing any new fish farms from setting up in the Howe Sound area was not put in place for environmental reasons, Halsey says. The area was subjected to the moratorium by the ministry of lands, parks and housing in response to objections by cottage owners concerned about the recreational use of the area.

Locally, the Islands Trust has agreed to ask the ministry to extend this moratorium to include the Gulf Islands. Salt Spring Island has already accepted three salmon farming applications, and Mayne Island is processing another.

Island trustee Nick Gilbert says he felt the need to have some fish farms operating on Salt Spring when the applications were approved. He says there was a strong desire on the part of the provincial government to establish the industry in B.C. and the Trust, which has been seen as an obstructionist body, should not have discouraged the move.

All three companies intend to incorporate experimental facets to the industry, he says, and

because there is a pending protein shortage on an international level, "we have to look at our ability to produce fish and fowl."

Only one of Salt Spring's three proposed salmon farms has reached the construction stage. Operated at Yeo Point by Hatfield Consultants, Salt Spring Aqua Farms is in the process of building pens and hopes to have 12 40-foot cages producing 50 tons of salmon a year. According to operator Chris Hatfield, the farm will be one of the smallest in the province.

Hatfield's biotechnology firm acts as a consultant for both salmon farming industries and wild stock development. He feels concerns over fish farming are unfounded, comparing any problems to those present when man first began domesticating wild animals.

"We're learning as we go along," he says.

Responding to concerns about chemicals placed in the food, he says the fish feed is tested and monitored by health consultants.

While Hatfield acknowledges the salmon are more susceptible to disease when crowded together in pens, he says "the diseases we have problems with are not new diseases to the fish." Eventually, through genetic selection, he feels the farms will be working with disease-resistant salmon. The fish will be used to being raised in cages and, like many domesticated animals, will be unable to survive in the wild.

Because Hatfield deals with both wild and domestic salmon, he feels both the salmonid enhancement and fish farming programs are important.

He does not think the salmon farming industry is deleting public funds aimed at salmon enhancement projects. The money the industry receives, he says, "is a drop in the bucket, compared to what's being spent on wild stocks."

While conflicting opinions emerging from the comparatively new industry will continue, most parties seem to agree more research is needed. Hatfield says his company is dedicated to research and development of new methodologies, and the Islands Trust's proposed moratorium will remain in effect until its environmental implications can be determined.

## Island Trustees cite research as one reason for stall

The Islands Trust has agreed to ask the provincial government to extend a moratorium on salmon farming to include the Trust area, until possible dangers and implications of the industry can be established.

A moratorium on the industry is presently in place in the Howe Sound area. Fish farming has also

been prohibited in Alaska, and tight regulations in Washington State make it difficult for establishment of such farms there.

At a recent Trust Council meeting held on Lasqueti Island, Salt Spring trustee and Trust vice-chairman Nick Gilbert recently asked that a fish farm moratorium be placed on the Gulf

Islands for a minimum of one year, or until research on the environmental effects of salmon farming are completed.

Trustees are concerned about studies which indicate chemicals in fish feed may harm the food chain. They also want answers to the effect of the farms on wild salmon stocks.

"Until the research is done," Gilbert said at the General Trust meeting, "it may be useful to place a moratorium on the Trust area."

Saturna Island and North Pender Island trustees admitted concern that the Trust may be moving out of its jurisdiction by imposing the moratorium. "But I'm also concerned about possible conta-

mination," said Saturna's John Gaines. "If a number of fish farms are approved, we run that risk."

The motion to impose the moratorium will also give the Trust time to clean up zoning for several islands which do not have adequate water zoning protection, Gilbert said.

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By FRANK RICHARDS
What's the best thing at Expo?
It's still the British Columbia pavilion.

With the end of Expo already in sight, I'm looking back on most of the Expo story. After spending a lot of time at Expo, I'm still sold on it. I like the big pavilions with their vivid presentations and I like the little shows with a peek into little and lesser-known lands.

I like the warm and friendly crowds and I like the cheerful, harassed staffers who have struggled for half a year, nearly, to cater to idiots like me.

Not least of all, I like the bright moments when I meet friends and neighbours on the grounds of the fair and realize that even in the midst of a world's fair we are still very close to home.

In addition to enjoyment, spiked with sore feet, I have learned a lot.

I have learned how to pronounce the name of the president of Roumania; I know that Kiev is the oldest city in Russia and is known as the "Father of Russian cities."

I learned how the Vikings steered their ships and the pattern of evidence cited to prove that the northern sailors were the first Europeans to establish a settlement in North America long before the days of Columbus.

I discovered that China had long ago switched from the production of Ming vases to computer chips. I also discovered that the Chinese have not abandoned their traditional characters in favour of a western alphabet, as any westerner might have urged. They

have evolved a more modern style of the traditional brush writing and then they have designed computers to translate from east to west in characters.

In many pavilions I learned that English is not always the easiest language to use and that some of the translations may bring a smile to the face of the anglophone, who can, nevertheless, not afford to jeer.

The Peruvian exhibit showed me what my great-great-great-great-great grandfather might have looked like if my great-great-great-great-great grandmother had made a mummy out of him.

In Kenya I was slightly startled to realize how little remains of a 100-year regime. I enjoyed a summary of the characteristics and life-style of various tribes of

Kenyan Africa.

But I was obliged to return home and consult my own sources to ascertain that there are other races living and working in that republic.

The Yugoslavian exhibit told me of the first jet plane, designed and flown in that land in 1912, and related other transportation accomplishments rarely heard of outside the gates.

In terms of transportation many lands were proud of the speed of their trains and many choices were offered. The European exhibits centred almost completely on transportation and communications, while the younger nations of the world cited traditional systems and contrasted them with a growing technological presence everywhere.

The United States confined its approach to space travel, while the very popular General Motors exhibit offered specific examples of modern and futuristic automotive styles. The same company also sponsored the ever-popular Spirit Lodge, with its melding of ancient Indian legend and modern transportation.

Rolls Royce, Mercedes, Fiat and Isotta Fraschini were scattered through the displays with dozens of other makes and marques featured in the various pavilions.

Beyond anything on show, I learned that the fair's lifetime of May to October is far too short to permit a close and detailed examination. There is scarcely a pavilion or a showing that could not demand several hours to thoroughly examine it.

It is the flavour of the fair that

comes first. You savour it and you enjoy the overall presentation from so many lands and so many people. Then you choose the features, ancient Egypt to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or modern music crashing through your ears to entertainment in a thousand guises.

I'm glad I went every time. I'm glad I tried out the local bus angle last week, when I went with Hal Wright in his direct bus trip from Salt Spring Island to the East Gate, and back. Anyone can rest his aching feet when he gets home, but the Wright system enables you to start the rest cure while you're still in sight of the rides.

And that's another thing I can't tell you much about.

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### Lessons at sea

Students from several Salt Spring Elementary School classes enjoyed six-hour cruise aboard *Spirit of Chemainus* last Thursday. The ship, a reconstruction of a 19th century brigantine, offered trips over two days last week while in Salt Spring waters. An open house was also offered when vessel was tied up in Ganges.

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## Winds, tides combine to cut short vacation

A combination of rough waters and a heavy tide off Saturna Island's East Point last week brought an abrupt end to a holiday being enjoyed by four American visitors.

A 31-foot houseboat, *The Cricket*, began taking on water last Friday, forcing its four passengers to be rescued by a Coast Guard auxiliary vessel dispatched from Lyall Harbour.

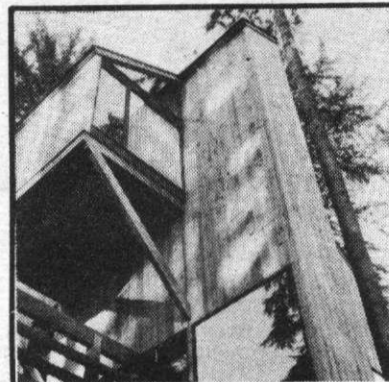
The Salt Spring Island Coast Guard was alerted to the incident at approximately 11 am and immediately sent a *fast boat* to the scene. However, the vessel dispatched from Saturna Island had already reached the sinking ship and transferred the passen-

gers to another boat. According to Salt Spring Coast Guard official Bill Noon, the houseboat had sunk to the water level once their rescue boat arrived.

The houseboat was pulled from the tide rip, pumped out, and towed back to the U.S. by a commercial salvage ship. "We did really well to save it," Noon said. "It was pretty rough out there."

The winds were blowing northwest at 25 knots and the boat began to flood as it took on water.

"That's a really bad spot with the combination of wind and the tide," Noon said.



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# Choices within choices underline lawn-laying job

Last week's article covered the processes and steps in establishing a new lawn and before the job was done the space ran out, so this week we'll just continue from where we left off.

The lawn had been put down, and we were waiting for it to grow — a most time-consuming and critical task, watching the grass grow. Keep an eye on it and when the grass is three inches or so high, mow it down to two inches in height, using a sharp mower blade to minimize the tearing of the delicate new blades of grass, and try to mow when the lawn is dry and the skies are sunny (as long as you don't have to wait until next May).

You don't really have to remove the clippings unless they have become matted together in green grassy gobs that will smother the young grass, leaving you with dead patches in a week or two. Continue mowing often enough to be removing one third of the growth and leaving a minimum of 1 1/2 to 2 inches of grass.

This all means mow down to 2 inches when the grass is 3 inches. Avoid mowing when the dew is on the grass or when it's wet from the rain, as the grass is more susceptible to injury and disease when wet.

Now you say: "What about sod instead of all this convoluted activity?" The truth is you still have to rake, lime, fertilize, water and roll before you get to lay turf, not to mention the laying of the sods. The preparations are all the same and the results are ultimately the same, but in between these two points in time lie the differences.

Sod is an instant lawn with immediate gratification and none of the babying needed by seeded lawns. Sod comes with no weeds and a healthy, well-maintained lawn from sod origins will remain weed-free much longer than a seed grown lawn (if no herbicide is used), because the tight mat of previously established grass plants will crowd out and suppress weed growth and prevent their establishment. Sod is the much easier route when one wishes to develop a lawn on a slope, as erosion will be negligible.

Now, on the down side, sod costs at least six times as much as seed and more labour is needed to put it down properly. It has to be handled carefully upon receipt and laid as soon as possible. So there you have it, the choice is yours — to sod or to seed.

This month is also the best time for renovating your existing lawn to reduce weed content or revitalize a heavily-thatched, worn

## your garden

by  
**Chris Schmah**

out grass planting. Without further ado, here's the program. First, do your weed control with mechanical (hand pulling, digging, tilling, scalping) or herbicide approaches, and follow with a mowing of the entire lawn down to a one inch height. Then rake it out vigorously to remove debris, moss and thatch buildup. A power rake is ideal for this job. Remove all loose material and mow it again, and apply the lime and fertilizer, rake it in and then seed over with your grass seed. Rake again lightly to cover the seed and roll it well. Follow with a good watering and another rolling.

Feeding the new lawn at this time isn't really called for but established lawns can be given an application of 12-4-8 during early-to-mid September at the rate of 4 kg. per 100 square meters (about 10 pounds per 1000 square feet.) Don't apply it on grass that is wet as it will burn the blades of grass that granules of fertilizer land on. The exception to the rule is, when you can irrigate heavily after application or if it's going to rain heavily, you can apply onto a wet lawn, but try to avoid it if possible.

Using weed-and-feed at this time of year isn't recommended. It isn't very effective now as perennial weeds are going into dormancy and annual ones won't likely get another chance to go to seed before they die this fall. If you have used weed-and-feed, use the lawn clipping as a mulch around trees and shrubs, but don't put them on the compost heap, as they contain herbicides, and will for at least three more mowings after application.

The one topic that I've saved for last, and perhaps should have made mention of earlier, is the choice of seed for your type of lawn. Essentially, there are four major seed components that may be in a lawn seed mix; Bluegrasses, Ryegrasses (annual and perennial), Fescues and Bentgrasses. Blended in various ratios, they can make a wide range of lawn types, suitable for various soils, moisture regimes, light conditions (sun, partial sun or shade) and intended uses.

Bentgrasses are the finest-textured grasses, used on golf greens and showpiece lawns, requiring frequent, close mowings (1 1/2 to 3/4 inches mowing height) and frequent watering and feeding. Bentgrasses are tolerant of acid soils and moist conditions. Selected, recommended varieties include Tracenta and Bardot, and always remember to ask for the non-creeping group referred to as colonial bentgrasses.

Fescues are fine-textured, spreading grasses that tolerate shade, droughty, acid soils and poor fertility, but they don't handle heavy traffic very well. In this group there are two categories, creeping fescues and chewings

fescues. Select the chewings where possible as it spreads at the crown and has a neater appearance than the rhizome-spreading creeping types. Recommended varieties include Kōket, Banner and Highlight.

The ryegrasses are medium textured, require less care and maintenance, establish easily and bear up well under heavy traffic and wear but are damaged by extremes in temperatures. Suitable varieties include Manhattan, Elka, Pennfine and Yorktown II (all of these are perennial varieties). Kentucky bluegrasses are

medium textured, tolerate some drought, handle considerable wear and tear and are fairly easy to grow, but they will not tolerate shade. Some turf specialists have low opinions of the bluegrasses, but they are found in most seed mixes for their suitability for almost all lawn situations, and uses, from show lawns to playing fields. Some recommended varieties are: Bristol, Geronimo, Haga, and Merion.

Each of these groups have numerous other varieties and those mentioned have good, proven track records.

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**Saturday, Sept. 20:**

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9:00 am Livestock judging begins  
10:00 am Midway  
Food Concessions  
Logging Show  
11:00 am Indoor sections open  
12:00 pm Beef BBQ  
1:00 pm Livestock judging continues  
3:00 pm 4-H Show and Sale  
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5:00 pm All livestock entries must be removed  
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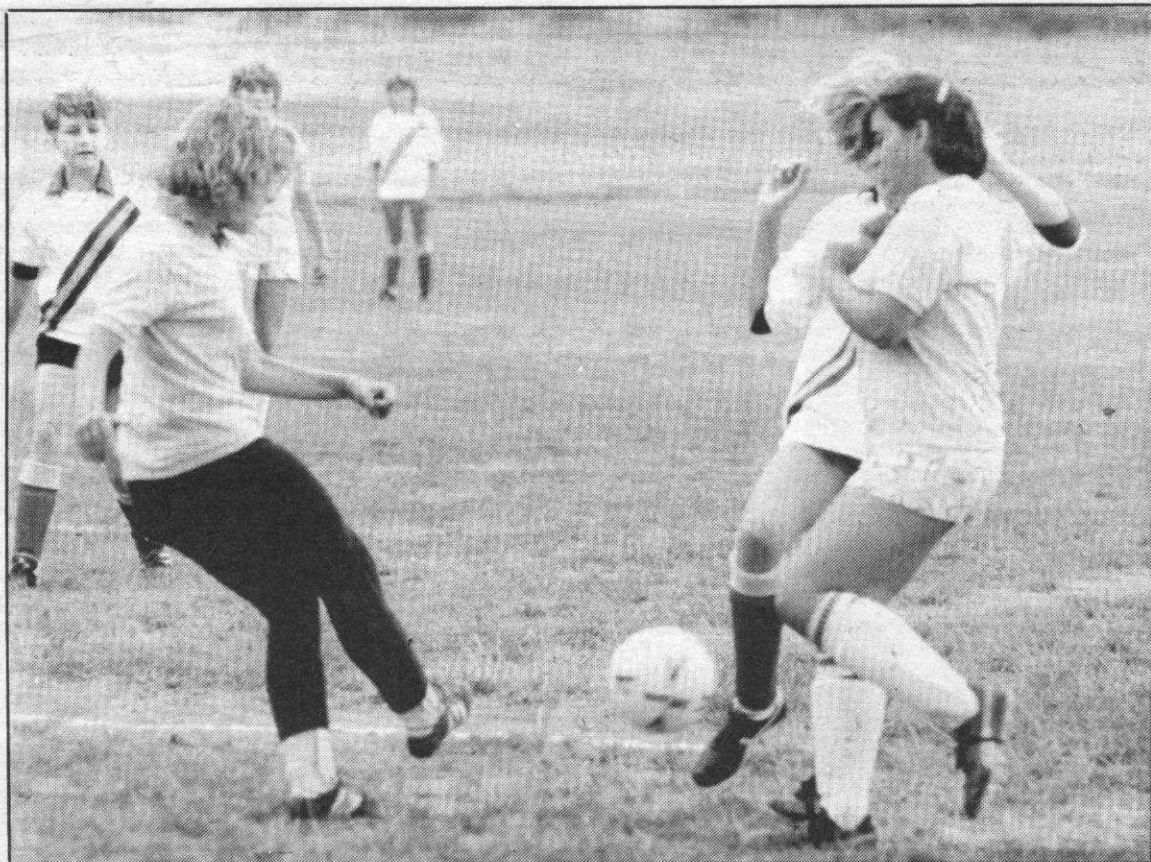
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Salt Spring Sting defender (left) attempts to clear the ball before the Prospect Lake Angels can do some damage in under-14 game Saturday. The season opener was played at Portlock Park.

## Sockeyes win opener

A successful season-opener saw the Salt Spring Sockeyes notch a 2-0 victory over Victoria Vantreight Sunday at the Portlock Park soccer pitch.

The game opened with Vantreight dominating play, as Sockeyes rarely cleared the ball from their own end. However, the visitors failed to push the ball past Sockeyes goalie Theresa Byron and, at the 15-minute mark, the play shifted.

Sockeyes took charge and scored the first goal after a cross from Barb Akerman to Vicki Byron, who bounced the ball off two Vantreight players and into the goal.

The second half of play saw Michelle Watson and Jennifer Anderson presented with several fine chances to score for Salt Spring. They finally cashed in the clincher on a penalty kick rebound to make it a 2-0 final and a promising start for the women's soccer team.

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## New Salt Spring soccer club ends first game on positive note

By MALCOLM LEGG

It has been six years since Salt Spring fielded a men's team to compete in the Vancouver Island Soccer League, but there is no doubt the new entry, called FC, looks to be a competitive squad — especially after a solid 2-1 victory over Saanich United last weekend.

The FC team is made up of players who have either played on Salt Spring youth or men's teams over the last 10 years, or are just men who want to play and live on the island.

The team will feature Alan Webb, Arne Hengstler and David Toynbee from the old Canadians team; Bruce Caspar, Steven Marleau, Ken Marr, Gordon Hitchcock, Nelson Graham, Lyle Brown and Aaron Minvielle from the Kicks; Marty Legg from the Salt Spring Orange; Tony Legg from the Strikers; and this writer from the old men's team called the Blues.

In addition, the team has added Lance Lomax, who played previously in Vancouver and England; Bill Wilkinson who played in Duncan; and Mike Powell (Ottawa); as well as two rookies, Miles Wilson and Rob Tranter, with no previous league

experience.

This talented group will be thrown together and under the tutelage of ex-Salt Spring Canadians coach George Legg, who hopes the squad will become a solid challenger for division five honours.

Sunday's opening match saw FC control the majority of the match and the lads certainly had the better scoring chances. Although FC squandered many of those chances, goals from Lance Lomax and David Toynbee, both on excellent passes from Tony Legg, were enough to ensure an opening victory.

Defensively, the team looked sound and goalie Ken Marr should have had his shutout, except for one lapse with less than a minute to go.

This weekend FC will play the Rebels at Portlock Park with kick-off time Sunday at 2:15 pm. We encourage all soccer enthusiasts to come out and take a look at Salt Spring's newest venture in men's soccer.

We should mention that seasons tickets are available to the FC's home games and we have special family rates. Tickets are well-priced and, with limited bleacher

space, you had better order yours quickly before all are snapped up.

As a special incentive to get your tickets early, if you buy before September 30, you can receive an FC umbrella with your favourite player's autograph on it for the wet games.

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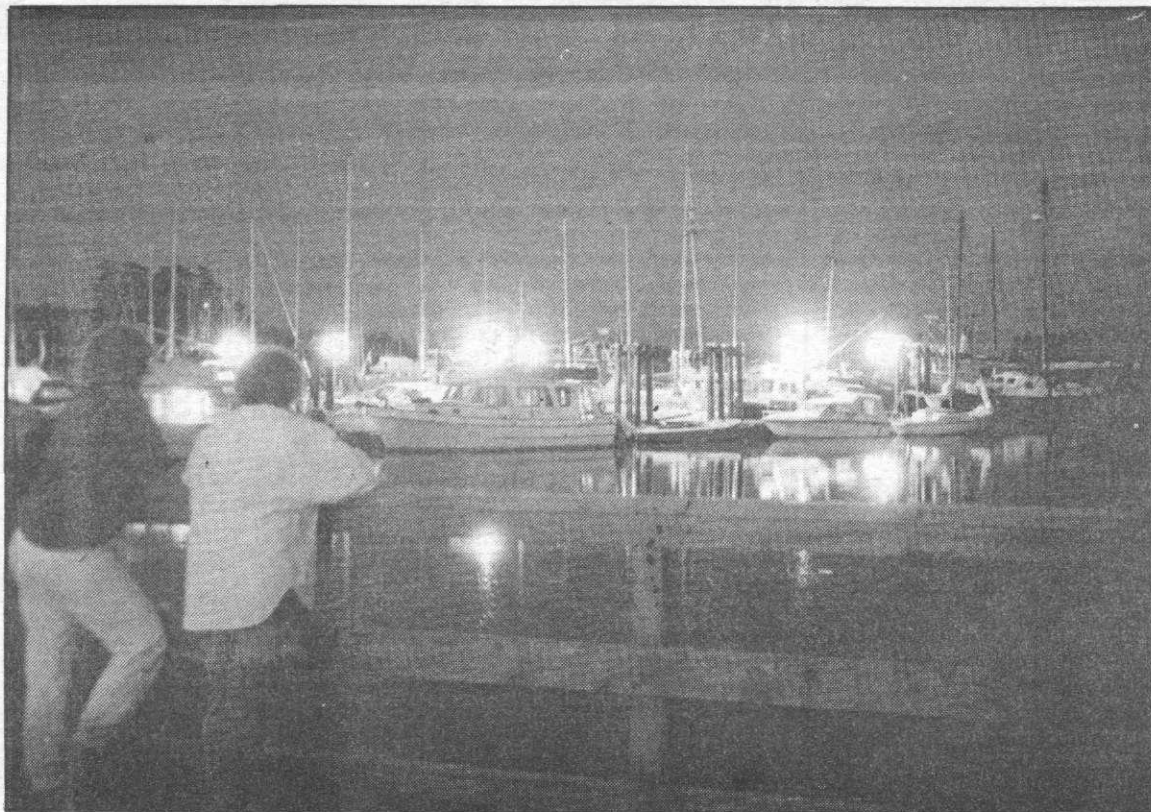
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As dying rays of day's sun drape darkness over Ganges boat basin, lights atop floats take over to

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### In Friday fire

## North Beach home gutted

A neighbour spotted smoke coming from a North Beach Road home Friday evening, and alerted the fire department of the fire. But firefighters were unable to save the three bedroom home from being gutted.

No one was home at 1394 North Beach Road when the fire broke out, so finding the cause of the blaze may be difficult, Salt Spring Island Fire Department fire chief Bob Leask said Tuesday. The department got the call at 8:40 pm, and stayed on the scene until long after midnight to douse any hotspots.

The three bedroom home, worth roughly \$50 to 75,000, was fully insured by the owner. But tenant Lesley Cheeseman was not so lucky. She lost everything, and has no insurance to cover the loss of her furniture and personal effects.

The wood house was "fully involved in flames" when the first

of four fire trucks arrived, a fire department spokesman said. Firefighters quickly knocked down the flames, and took several

hours making sure the hot spots were out. The cause of the fire is still being investigated.

### in brief

• Early figures show overall enrolment in Gulf Islands schools up slightly over 1985-86 levels, but elementary enrolment is down by 30 to 40 pupils.

School district officials had predicted a larger increase in enrolment, but speculate the lower figures may be a result of young families moving off-island to find jobs.

• Since his recent appointment, Education Minister Tony Brummett has twice consulted with the B.C. School Trustees Association (BCSTA) about the organization's views on a possible Royal Commission into the province's education system.

Charles Hingston, Salt Spring Island trustee and BCSTA vice-president, told last week's school board meeting in Ganges that Brummett has shown signs of resurrecting the Royal Commis-

sion idea, which was discussed several years ago but never acted upon.

• Gulf Islands school teams can hold out a slim hope the provincial government will rethink its recent decision to cancel free ferry rides for school groups competing in their leagues.

Jack Davis, the minister responsible for B.C. Ferries, met last week with Saanich and the Islands MLA Hugh Curtis (SC) to discuss the decision made by Davis' predecessor Alex Fraser.

• The B.C. School Trustees Association is examining a proposed teacher development program which would allow unemployed education graduates to work in schools for a year as intern trainees, at reduced pay. The program is intended to give graduates a chance to gain work experience.

  
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## Centennial Park

# More attention needed on maintenance, recreation

People from most Salt Spring Island factions seem able to agree on one Centennial Park issue: redevelopment plans should combine enhancement to the park and accommodation for the Saturday market.

That feeling emerged from a special parks and recreation meeting on Centennial Park, held Monday night at the school board office in Ganges.

Vendors, a fisheries official and members of the business community attended the meeting to offer — at the commission's request — public input into Centennial Park renovations.

Chairman Glenn Woodley said the commission, through having to deal with the commercial and political aspects of Centennial Park, is not spending as much time as it would like on the maintenance and recreational sides of park business.

"The commission would like to hear public input before making any decisions," he said.

The next proposed stage of renovations to the park entail planting trees in the front parking lot area and ending its use by vehicles. Under the present plans, this area could house stalls or tables for market vendors —

**'You've asked vendors to co-operate and you'd be short-cutting them if you make any more moves without co-operating with the co-operators.'**

vendors using vehicles would move to the Gasoline Alley side parking lot, and the market would take on an L-shape.

The questions which must be answered, Woodley said, include mid-week vending and possible limited vehicle access to the park front.

In response to the latter question, one vendor noted that most people involved in the market get their sale items on site with a vehicle. Furthermore, he expressed uneasiness with the commission's separation between commercialism and recreation, suggesting that the farmer's market combines both.

Commission member Phil Hume said chains across both ends of the park front could allow limited and controlled vehicular use of the space.

Because use of the side parking lot for the farmer's market is dependent on Gasoline Alley owner Bill McBay's co-operation, some vendors admitted concern that an agreement between McBay and the Capital Regional District (CRD) has not been signed.

Part of the parking lot in question belongs to the park, and part belongs to Gasoline Alley. One party owns the access to the area, and the other owns the exit. In exchange for easement and use

of the park land, McBay has agreed to allow use of the entire parking lot for the market, between the hours of 5 am and 2 pm Saturday.

According to Hume, the "hold-up" with obtaining the necessary signatures is on the part of the CRD: "It's just going through normal bureaucratic channels."

Mid-week vending is not mentioned in the agreement; however, no one can assume it is excluded, Hume said. Vendors could use the park half of the parking lot during the week.

Disagreement between those attending the meeting arose when a spokesman for the Ganges Center Association noted that it has never supported mid-week vending. "We have no opposition to enhancing the park and maintaining the farmer's market, but there will be continuing opposition to mid-week vending."

Members of the business community are not satisfied with the rent-free status mid-week vendors have operated under.

Commission members reminded those in attendance that mid-week vending had gone to referendum and achieved support from the majority of islanders. The commission intends, however, to charge vendors a fee that will go directly towards park maintenance.

A comment from the floor noted the parks and recreation commission had asked vendors to form into an organization and choose representatives to meet with the commission on market matters. It was noted that vendors are in the process of organizing in such a way.

"You've asked vendors to co-operate, and you'd be short-cutting them, if you make any more moves without co-operating with the co-operators."

**'We can only solve the problems if we work together. If we can't work it out together, then I think it's unsolvable.'**

The commission agreed with that statement and said it would wait for the vendors' input.

The meeting concluded after the commission decided to determine the structure of two committees at its next meeting. One committee will combine representatives from a vendors' organization and the commission, and discuss market matters; the other committee will work on park redevelopment. While the two committees will initially meet on a separate basis, they will also meet together to discuss some issues.

"We can only solve the problems if we work together," Woodley said. "If we can't work

it out together, then I think it's insolvable."

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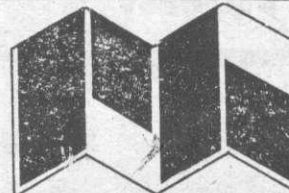
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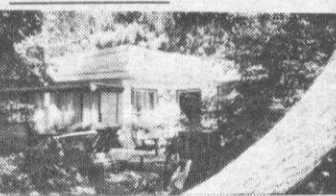
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# Model bylaws to be 'reference' for trustees



A new format and a short, legally sound version of Islands Trust bylaws will make bylaw information more accessible to both the public and Island trustees.

At the Islands Trust council meeting at Lasqueti Island two weeks ago, trustees approved in principal the plan to create model zoning bylaws.

The series of model bylaws would act as a reference for each

local trustee, Trust manager Cynthia Hawksworth explained. The overall quality of the model bylaws, which will bring together information drawn from all islands, will be much improved, she said, stressing that the bylaws would not be binding.

"They will not affect local autonomy," she noted, and will act only as a resource basis. "We're looking for the bylaw to be short, legally sound and easily

understood."

In an effort to avoid the increasing length and complexity of bylaws, the Trust agreed on a table format.

"It sets it out," Hawksworth said. "It can be easily read by us and the public."

In endorsing the move, Trust chairman Mike Humphries admitted the occasional difficulty in not having easy access to bylaw

information. "It's difficult to compare (versions of) bylaws, and figure out which is best." The parcelled structure will aid in that regard, he noted.

Hawksworth said she hoped the content of the model bylaws would be obtained by the end of March. Updating the models and incorporating compiled advice will continue on an ongoing basis, she said.

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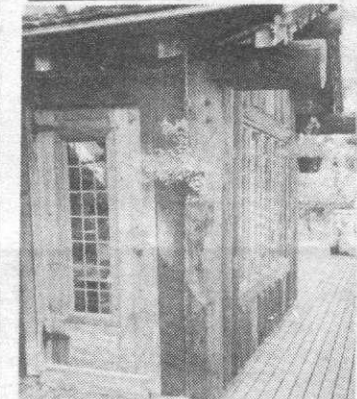
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**Trust proposal**

# Temporary land permits spark concern, support

By SUSAN DICKER

Controversy surrounding a proposed campground on Saturna Island has focused public attention on the possible incorporation of temporary land-use permits within the Islands Trust jurisdiction.

While some trustees would welcome the bylaw — one which allows temporary commercial or industrial use of land — others are having "second thoughts" about its possible ramifications.

The creation of a temporary land-use permit bylaw became possible last year when a device, added to the Municipal Act, gave local governments the authority to issue temporary permits for commercial or industrial activity on any piece of land, regardless of its zoning.

Such a permit places a two-year limit on the commercial or industrial project. A further temporary permit may be applied for at the end of this period, after which the land must undergo formal rezoning procedures.

On Saturna Island, resident John Gaines applied for a temporary land-use permit to create a campsite on several acres of his property. Gaines and an interested party from the Lower Mainland hoped to have the project under way in time to accommodate Expo tourists. Because the rezoning process is a lengthy one, they decided to go the route of the temporary land-use permit.

Adoption of the bylaw allowing the temporary permits would result in a change to the community plan, which can only occur through a public hearing.

According to Gaines, public opposition to a campsite on Saturna Island "tainted" the temporary land-use issue: the proposal was dropped after a public hearing at which the campsite project was discussed.

Gaines feels the permits would be beneficial for certain uses, especially very short-term projects such as building a road to extract gravel from a piece of land.

"What we're faced with now," he says, "is people contravening the bylaw, and local citizens turning a blind eye."

South Pender Island trustee Steve Wright also approves of the philosophy behind the temporary use permit.

"I think it's a great idea, only because it gives a bit of leeway to people who want to utilize their property for a temporary purpose," he says. "And we still have controls."

When a South Pender entrepreneur wanted to set up a windsurfing rental outlet in a park zone, the Trust adopted the procedural bylaw and allowed the man temporary use of the land. "We were following the process, just to set the procedure in motion," Wright said.

The incident varied from the process involved in acquiring a temporary land-use permit, in that the applicant obtained Advisory Planning Commission (APC) approval. Wright said no one in the APC offered any objections, and noted that the Trust maintained controls such as the option to limit hours of operation.

Both Saturna trustee Gaines and Islands Trust planner Dave Morris approve of this opportuni-

ty for the Trust to maintain controls: conditions, including disbandment and clean-up after the project, could be established at the outset.

But the process for obtaining the permit is not as formal as an

scrutiny."

Morris, however, says those neighbouring the property in question must be informed, and he assumes this is to provide them with the opportunity to lobby against it.

A rezoning application, Gilbert says, must go through the APC; the process can take up to six months, during which time the public has a chance to scrutinize the proposal.

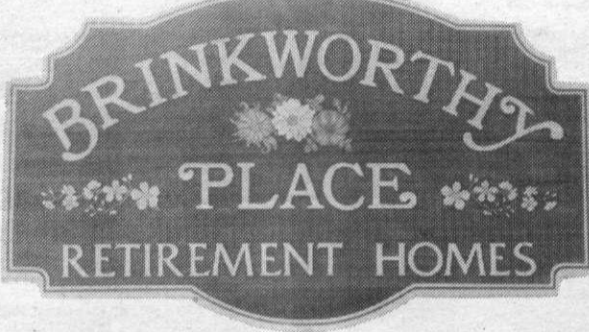
Gilbert says one method of controlling the land use authority's discretion would be to designate only certain uses. He cited boat rentals as an example — something which would not affect the land, and could be removed easily once the term had expired.

On Salt Spring, discussion of the temporary land-use permit has been on the APC's agenda for some time, but the commission has yet to make any recommendations on it.

*'What we're faced with now is people contravening the bylaw and local citizens turning a blind eye.'*

application for rezoning, and several Island trustees are therefore uneasy about adopting it.

According to Trust vice-chairman Nick Gilbert, it "gives the land use authority (the Islands Trust) a lot of discretion. It's faster and does not involve public



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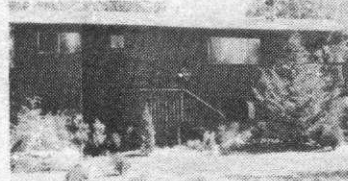
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**PANORAMIC VIEW**

3 BR on Salt Spring Way, 1/2 basement unfinished, private, sunny, 1.63 acres, carport & sundeck, domestic water. \$109,000.

**TRINCOMALI CHANNEL VIEW**



2 BR seaside cottage on level manageable lot, good soil, sunshine and Island living. \$65,000.

Call GIL MOUAT 537-9272

**SCOTT PT. WATERFRONT**



2 for the price of 1. Two homes on this south west facing, low bank waterfront property. \$189,000.

**LONG HARBOUR RD.** - 2.14 ac., level, treed acreage. Power & new 3 gpm well. Choose your own house site. \$25,000.

**SUNNY VESUVIUS** - serviced, S. W. facing building lot. .60 ac., level & dry, located in a quiet cul-de-sac. Reduced to \$21,000.

**S. W. WATERFRONT**



1.24 ac. with a-frame cabin, low bank waterfront, just reduced to \$149,900.

Call RUSS CROUSE 537-5203

**WATERFRONT** - low bank south facing, very private, with lots of trees, easy moorage, drilled well, paved road, easy access, excellent value, 2.93 ac., 193' frontage. \$135,000.

**WATERFRONT HOME** - 1.31 ac. landscaped, southern exposure. Completely private, 3 BR home with ensuite, breakfast nook, dining room, both open into a spacious deck. \$210,000. Try an offer.

5 Ac. pasture land with stream, \$45,000.

19 Ac. with forest, pasture, stream & lake. \$135,000.

Call JIM SPENCER 537-2154

**OFFERS PLEASE**



This 2,000 sq. ft. home is situated south of Ganges on an easy care .37 acre lot, offers some views and is priced right at \$79,900.

**BELIEVE IT OR NOT**



You can actually purchase this 1200 sq. ft. Westcoast contemporary cedar home with 7 acres of fenced pastureland for \$118,700.

**HAVE YOU EVER**



Thought about living at the North End of the Island, enjoying lots of sun and sea views? 1100 sq. ft., 2 bdrm. home for \$87,500.

Call EILEEN LARSEN 537-5067

**DOWN ON THE FARM**



The old and the new come together in an idyllic setting on 50 acres of ALR seaview privacy. Remains of a heritage home and barn wake the past. A modern 1600 sq. ft. home with many extras plus the new pole barn make life easy for the modern farmer. Asking \$385,000 (potentially subdividable).

**SEAVIEW FAMILY HOME**



Fully serviced 2 storey, 2 BR home on easy care lot. Close to store & beach. \$69,500. Offers!

Quiet .56 ac. end of southbank in St. Mary Highlands. \$25,000.

5.86 ac. under power lines but good bldg. site to side. \$29,500.

Westside seaview .76 ac. near excellent swimming beach. \$33,500.

Call DICK TRORY 537-2236

**WATERFRONT**

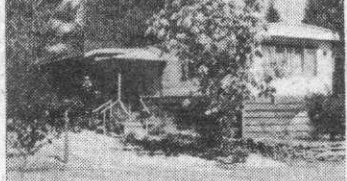
2.24 acres, 960 sq. ft. home, arable, close to Ganges. \$140,000.

**SEAVIEW** - 6.65 arable acres, across road from waterfront, public access. Asking \$85,000.

Yard work and home maintenance overwhelming you? Move to a small sunny yard and easy maintenance, thermal efficient home from \$44,500.

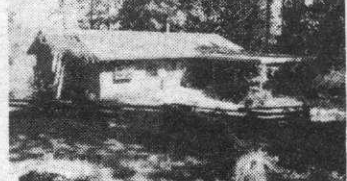
Call BOB TARA 653-4435

**RETIREMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



Located in Brinkworthy Place. 2 BR, large LR, easy plan. Large sundeck, excellent buy at \$21,500.

**LAKEVIEW**



Tastefully decorated upstairs and down, this charming, quality constructed home has 2 BR, kitchen, large LR/DR plus 28 x 11 sundeck with fabulous view over St. Mary Lake. \$119,900.

**SUPER FAMILY HOME**



3 BR home on .88 ac. - attractive landscaped grounds, deer fenced veg. garden, plus piped and well water. Lovely stone f/p in LR, super kitchen. Fully utilized basement. \$107,500.

**SEA VIEW HOME**



Comfortable 3 BR home plus loft. Excellent working kitchen with separate eating area and laundry rm. \$110,000.

Call MAGGIE SMITH 537-2913

**SECRET LOCATION**



New 820 sq. ft. vacation home on beautiful waterfront lot, south facing. On water system, no power. SUPER WATERFRONT RETREAT. \$59,000.

**SOUTH FACING ACREAGE** - over 15 acres of treed land in the Blackburn Rd. area. Road access is in, \$59,000.

**IDEAL BUILDING SITE** - .68 acre near Vesuvius, lawn & driveway are in, \$28,500.

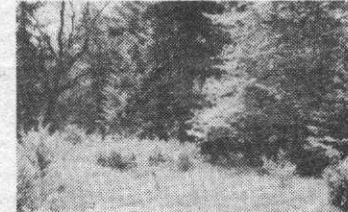
**THEY'RE GOING FAST**



Properties on Sunset Drive are hard to find in this class. Superb 3 acres with a grassy pt. that takes you to the water's edge. Park like setting with an immaculate 3 BR house and separate guest cottage. \$329,000.

Call BRIAN BETTS 537-5876

**REDUCED**



5.47 acres located on Stark Rd., arable, pasture, trees and a seasonal creek. \$42,900. "Sunshine".

**SPEC BUILDERS** - .66 acre, nicely wooded and quietly located in Vesuvius area. Close to all amenities. \$24,500.

**100 HILLS**



Close to town and enjoying a Ganges Hbr. view, this .71 ac. is ready to build on. Excellent terms available. \$45,000.

**OVERLOOKING HARBOUR**



.71 acre, level, magnificent trees and great ocean views - PLUS - 10,000 BR of lumber - AND - weekend trailer, all for \$45,000.

Call ANNE WATSON 537-2284

**mini FARM AT mini PRICE** - 5 acres, pasture, garden area, private - a large 2 storey structure partially finished plus a separate serviced building site. Vendor willing to consider trades or discount for cash. \$55,000.

**WALK TO TOWN - QUIET LOCATION** - treed, private lot in Ganges, very arable, good garden area, many fruit trees. 2 BR mobile home, fully serviced. \$49,000.

**RECREATIONAL LOT** - overlooking Cusheon Lake, driveway is in to level building site. \$26,900.

**14 SUNNY ACRES - RANCH POTENTIAL** - professionally cleared, sited next to a 60 acre greenbelt area. \$69,000.

Call STRICK AUST 537-4558

**VERY PRIVATE**

**NEAR HOSPITAL** - drive by this charming one-level 3 BR home at 181 Howell Lane and then call me for an appointment to view. The inside is every bit as appealing as the outside. \$69,900.

**BEST BUY** - ocean view acreage located at end of Trincomali Heights. This sunny, nicely treed 7+ acres has terrific views of Bon Acres Farm, ocean & islands. A good buy at \$49,900.

**UNSURPASSED OCEAN VIEWS**

located at corner of Don Ore & Divine. This nearly 2 acre building lot has septic tank and field already in plus water & hydro hookup & the view goes for ever. \$54,900.

Call DARLENE O'DONNELL 653-4386

**EXECUTIVE W. F. HOME**



S. W. exposure with breathtaking view down Sansun Narrows from the spacious sundeck. 2 BR, 2 bath home with separate 1 BR guest cottage. Paved drive, garage, fenced veg. garden. \$275,000.

**AFFORDABLE WATERFRONT**



Sunny, level .85 acre of walk on waterfront. Good sandy beach, water system, & hydro. \$79,900.

**SUNSET DRIVE**



Hard to find 5.29 acres of waterfront on the warm west side. Trees, small sandy cove, seasonal stream. \$185,000.

**SEAVIEW ACREAGE - OLD SCOTT ROAD - 2.85 ACRES** with sunny seaview building site - PLUS - tennis court - AND - excellent drilled well, driveway, & hydro. \$57,500.

**COZY COTTAGE**



Needs TLC - .39 acres, level, sunny near St. Mary Lake. 1 BR, 1 bath, bright kitchen, etc. PLUS 400 sq. ft. separate workshop with heavy duty wiring. \$49,900.

**SUPER VIEW ACREAGE**



On quiet sunny cul de sac 2.32 acres with expansive distant seaviews, small camping cabin, water system & hydro at road. \$32,500.

**SEAVIEW ACREAGE -**

**10% DOWN -**

excellent vendor financing offered on this very attractive 5.23 acres off Sunset Dr. S. W. exposure, cleared bldg. site, driveway. \$39,000.

**NORTH END ACREAGE -**

1.59 acres with drilled well and new 1 room cabin. Vendor must sell - try an offer to \$25,000.

Call ARTHUR or SYLVIA GALE 537-5618