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Careful coronation

Claudia Clarke (left) helps adjust young Sheila Stacey's hat at the Fernwood School fun fair. The event, held annually to raise

money for the school, was attended by dozens of residents and their children. For more photos, see Page 16.

Second helicopter firm plans city-to-city service

Helijet Airways, the firm currently offering commuter helicopter flights between Vancouver and Victoria, may have competition.

Fred Moore, senior vice-president of Okanagan Helicopters, said Friday that his company has applied to the Air Transport Commission for permission to serve the route and could have its proposed shuttle operation airborne by fall.

Okanagan Helicopters, according to Moore, hopes to operate a "feeder service" between downtown Victoria and the Vancouver International Airport that would be tied in with the two major airlines operating there. The company proposes to use a 24-passenger Sikorsky S-61 — complete with stewardess — on the Vancouver-Victoria route.

"We've been looking at this for quite a while," Moore said. "It's not something new for us. We looked at it in '78 and '79, and the problem then was that Victoria had no helipad. We looked at it again in 1983, and Vancouver had no helipad at that time."

Moore said he is aware of Outer Islands residents' concern over noise generated by helicopters flying over their homes. He said

that Okanagan Helicopters would be willing to fly around the islands to reduce the disturbance caused by its machines.

"We're well aware of noise concerns on the various islands," he stressed, "and it's not our plan to add to that. We're confident we can come up with routes that won't upset or distress anybody."

Okanagan's senior vice-president said the company might even benefit by having its helicopters fly around the islands rather than over them.

"If we fly offshore, we would not have to spend as much time climbing," he noted. "We could maintain a higher cruise speed at low altitude, too."

According to Moore, the establishment of Okanagan's service between Vancouver and Victoria depends on the resolution of several key issues — one of which is the noise problem.

"Two elements have to be resolved," he said. "First is the satisfactory resolution to the heliport (controversy) in Victoria. That's one element, and we have been assured by the City of Victoria that they will find a satisfactory solution. From Vic-

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Trust's role topic at Galiano meeting

Island Trustees spend too much time acting as land-use approval agents and regulatory watchdogs — and too little time as advocates for measures which would preserve and protect the islands.

Former Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries delivered that message to his colleagues last Saturday, during the Trust's quarterly general meeting, held this time on Galiano Island.

Humphries, who retired in 1986, attended the meeting to deliver a report he prepared on ways the Trust could best establish and administer a fund it will soon set up to accept donations of land and money. The province recently gave the Trust the right to hold donations, but an appropriate mechanism to do so is not expected to be put into place until 1988.

In delivering his report, Humphries noted that holding land and accepting donations of money would allow the Trust to preserve and protect areas with a heritage value. In doing so, it would fulfill the mandate which launched the body in the early 1970s, he added.

However, Humphries noted that there are problems attached to the trust fund concept. The body accepting and administering

donations should be kept at arm's-length from the Trust itself, he said, to avoid both the appearance of and potential for a conflict-of-interest.

He explained that because the Trust has responsibility for zoning and land-use planning, its administration of the fund could tempt trade-offs with developers — i.e., permitting a rezoning in return for a donation of land.

At that point in his address, Humphries suggested the Trust consider a complete revamping of form and function, moving away from authority for land-use planning and enforcement of regulations and establishing itself as an agency which could take control of a trust fund without having to worry about possible conflicts-of-interest.

Trustees, Humphries said, currently spend too much time and energy dealing with land-use and zoning matters, and too little time as advocates for measures which would preserve and protect the islands. As examples, he said trustees should have been more vocal in opposing a provincial government proposal to hike from \$1,500 to \$5,000 the amount of revenue a farmer needs to qualify

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Fun

Hamsa Polden, who took charge of the lollipop tree at Greenwood's festival on Saturday, caught in the act of eating her wares. For more photos, see Page 13.

Island beaches remain closed to clam harvesting

Salt Spring beaches remained closed to the harvesting of butter clams after tests revealed that local shellfish still contain high levels of the organism known as Red Tide.

A spokesman for the department of fisheries and oceans in Duncan said Friday that butter clams collected in management areas 17 and 18 — which include Salt Spring Island — still contain dangerous levels of red tide, an organism known to cause Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP).

Most red tide "blooms" occur in summer, according to fisheries officials. Red tide concentrates in shellfish, and according to the fisheries spokesman, butter clams retain the organism longer than other species of shellfish.

Salt Spring beaches are not the only areas closed to butter clam harvesting.

Fisheries officials announced Friday that butter clams, mussels and scallops in management areas 19-7 through 19-11 — which include sections of Saanich Inlet — have been found to contain the toxic organism.

Anyone planning to harvest shellfish here should first contact the department of fisheries and oceans office in Duncan for the latest information on red tide.

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Horse sense

Visitors to Camp Narnia's open house last weekend met several of the facility's new residents. Page 3.



Atten-shun!

Officials of the Canadian Power and Sail Squadron accept the salutes of boat owners at Sunday's sail past. Page 11.



Spinning

A variety of games and demonstrations were offered at the 'fete' held Saturday at Greenwood's. Page 13.

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Officials consider administrative structure

Trust members discuss format for new fund

A report by former Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries will be used to decide how the organization could best establish and administer a fund being set up to hold donations of land and money.

The report by Humphries was delivered to the Trust's quarterly general meeting, held last weekend on Galiano Island. In it, the former chairman sets out a number of systems, priorities and problems to be considered by trustees before launching the fund.

A major part of the report discussed by trustees concerned options for administrative systems which would involve representatives of public societies and other government agencies on a board of management.

Of concern to trustees was what Humphries later termed a "chicken-or-the-egg" decision that must be made. Some trustees argued that the system outlined by Humphries is too complex to be necessary at this point, while

others noted that a definite structure must be in place before agencies or individuals would consider making donations to the fund.

Jim Campbell of Saturna Island summed up the first position: "I think we're building a bridge here when we can only afford to borrow a canoe to cross the water," he said. "By the time the water rises too high to allow us to cross by canoe, we'll be a long way down the road."

Melinda Auerbach of Lasqueti Island staked out the second position when she noted that residents of her island lost a possible donation of land because the agency involved would not contribute to the fund until and unless it had some idea of the administrative system.

Among other points raised by trustees was that an approach should be made to the province for "seed money" which would allow administrative and start-up

costs to be covered, and that some citizens would refuse to make donations to any fund that has a government or quasi-government connotation.

Humphries summed up the discussion by reminding trustees that "the terms of reference given to me were to suggest a structure — this is only one possibility, it's a discussion paper only. You have to start somewhere."

Trustees agreed that the next

step would be to approach the public for input on the aims and objectives for the fund. However, even that decision was not reached without criticisms from some directors who felt the Trust should take responsibility for determining a format, and that it had to at least offer citizens an outline of the possible forms the fund could take.

As Campbell noted: "If we give the public what we got here today, they'd be bewildered."

Islanders get invite

Salt Spring Islanders are invited to attend a potluck supper organized by Saanich native Indians.

The potluck, to be held June 11 at 6 pm in the Tsartlip Cultural Building next to Tsartlip School in Saanich, has been planned by Saanich Indian leaders. They extend a welcome to all island residents.

Earlier this spring, a potluck dinner and meeting was held on Salt Spring. Native leaders were guests at the event, which was designed to promote understanding between islanders and native Indians.

Trust debates role

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his land as a farm for tax purposes, and in supporting measures like tax breaks for small woodlot operators.

Humphries added that because a review committee of the provincial government is currently examining the role and effectiveness of the Trust, now is an appropriate time to re-think its direction. And he indicated trustees could do worse than plot a return to the form and function the Trust knew in its infancy, when it was strictly an advisory body and land-use authority was held by the regional district.

Several trustees agreed with Humphries. Vice-chairman Steven Wright of South Pender noted that the amount of time and energy the Trust spends on land-use control and bylaw enforcement "leaves us too damn little time to pursue the mandate I joined the Islands Trust to up-

hold. There is not enough time to do the things that really matter."

Disagreement with Humphries was voiced by other trustees. Jim Campbell of Saturna, for example, pointed out that the Trust's mandate can be fulfilled through land-use and zoning decisions, and that individual islands should not return that authority to off-island hands.

"I don't want to see us drop that and become mere custodians of property," agreed Melinda Auerbach of Lasqueti Island.

Both camps agreed, however, that the formation of a fund to hold donations of land and money was an important development for the Trust, and that if it was given increased monetary and manpower resources, the Trust might be able to handle both the land-use and watchdog functions Humphries had outlined.

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3. Bill 19 is one of the most frightening bits of legislation that B.C. has ever been subjected to? YOU can do something. Phone Terry Huberts and Mel Couvelier at 656-6232. Or cut out this coupon and send to: Saanich & The Islands Constituency Office, 9803-3rd St., Sidney, B.C., V8L 3A6.

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Horsing around

Visitors to Camp Narnia's open house last weekend had the opportunity to see and pet many different animals, including this

Norwegian fjord pony. Camp Narnia owners Anton and Carol Voorhoeve are getting the

children's camp ready for summer, and note there is still room for a few more youngsters.

Copter company planning service

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toria's point of view, I personally think that helicopters are a better way to transport people than seaplanes. Presumably, that's what the people using the service think, and that's why Helijet is doing so well. Furthermore, helicopters can fly in all weather and at night. You don't have them taking off in the harbour and possibly hitting some poor boater, either."

Moore feels that Okanagan Helicopters is better equipped than Helijet to provide the type of helicopter service required.

"I think that because of our size, our company has more potential, more depth to provide a more complete service than Helijet," he noted. "As I said, we have been looking at it for some time. Admittedly, they got off the blocks first, but we have no intention of allowing them free rein."

Outer Islands residents have complained that Helijet's aircraft create too much noise flying between Vancouver and Victoria. Helijet has tried to resolve the problem by replacing its Bell 412 helicopters with quieter Sikorsky S-76s.

setting it straight

An article in last week's *Driftwood* incorrectly named the University of Victoria as the school which recently graduated four Salt Spring residents.

Islanders David Glenn Woodley, Daniel Cameron Fraser, Richard Peter Wells Fraser and John David Wooldridge graduated with degrees from the University of B.C.

Woodley received a Doctor of

Medicine degree from the university, while the three other graduates received Bachelor of Science degrees (zoology major) from UBC.

Woodley is the son of Glenn and Linda Woodley; Daniel Cameron Fraser is the son of Ian and Mary Fraser; Richard Peter Wells Fraser is the son of Sid and Doreen Fraser; and Wooldridge is the son of Dr. D.B. and Christine Wooldridge.

Publishers to meet

Salt Spring Island will host the annual gathering of British Columbia newspaper publishers this weekend. In addition, nearly two dozen publishers from across Canada will visit the island for two days of meetings.

Gulf Islands Driftwood publisher Tony Richards, who is also president of the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association (BCYCNA), will host a two-day meeting of presidents and vice-presidents of the six regional newspaper associations from across the country. The meeting, held every two years, will take place Thursday and Friday.

It will be followed by the annual summer meeting of the B.C. association, which is traditionally held in the home town of the president. It's not the first time this meeting has taken place on Salt Spring Island: Frank Richards, father of the present publisher, served two years as BCYCNA president in 1977 and 1978. Ganges was the location for the summer meeting in each of those two years.

Activities begin Friday evening and the event will conclude with a barbecue on Saturday. The two events will bring about 80 people to the island.



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More funding need to assist Islands Trust

The price the Islands Trust would have to pay to move closer to the body's original mandate is too high for the residents of member islands to swallow. The alternative, however, may cost too much for the province to bear.

The 'price' was outlined last weekend on Galiano Island when former Islands Trust chairman Mike Humphries delivered to the organization's quarterly general meeting a report on ways the Trust could move to set up a fund to accept donations of land and money from the public.

In discussing his report, Humphries observed that the Trust has strayed from its original form and function in recent years, moving away from its role as an advisory body concerned with measures to "preserve and protect" the islands and towards a paper-shuffling agency more involved with land-use planning and enforcement of regulations.

Humphries, perhaps speaking more as a Devil's advocate than a pure critic, urged trustees to consider adopting a form more in keeping with the Trust's original intent—one that would relinquish the zoning and land-use aspects of its work in favour of speaking more loudly in favour of measures which would preserve the islands (like tax breaks for small woodlot operators) and against legislation which threatens that natural heritage (like raising the amount of income a farmer needs to show to qualify his land as a farm for tax purposes).

To Humphries, the current arrangement gives trustees too little time and too few resources to handle both their land-use and preservation functions. Trustees, he indicated, would better serve islanders if they served only one role—and to him, the proper role would be as guardians of the fund holding donations of land and money, and as lobbyists for measures aimed at preservation and protection.

As much as Humphries' observations were correct, and as much as his suggestions for change have merit, trustees present at the general meeting were quick to realize the price they and the residents of their home islands would pay to accommodate the change: loss of control over land-use and zoning decisions.

As several trustees pointed out, islanders have lived with that control being vested in off-island hands—up until 1977, regional districts held the authority—and have no desire to relinquish the direct say it now gives them in local affairs. And as Jim Campbell of Saturna Island correctly noted, control of zoning and land use can be considered a lever to achieve the Trust's mandate of protection and preservation of the island's natural heritage.

However, no one disagreed with an underlying point made by Humphries: the Trust, and trustees, have neither the manpower or monetary resources to handle both jobs effectively. A change in the form of the Trust was simply a suggestion he offered as a way to circumvent the problem by altering the workload.

Another possible solution, suggested by the trustees, is to lobby Victoria for provision of funding adequate enough to give it the manpower and budget to handle both tasks. However, while we agree this would be the ideal answer to the Trust's woes—especially since it would remove the temptation to drop one of two essential jobs best handled locally—we doubt whether trustees would have much luck in Victoria.

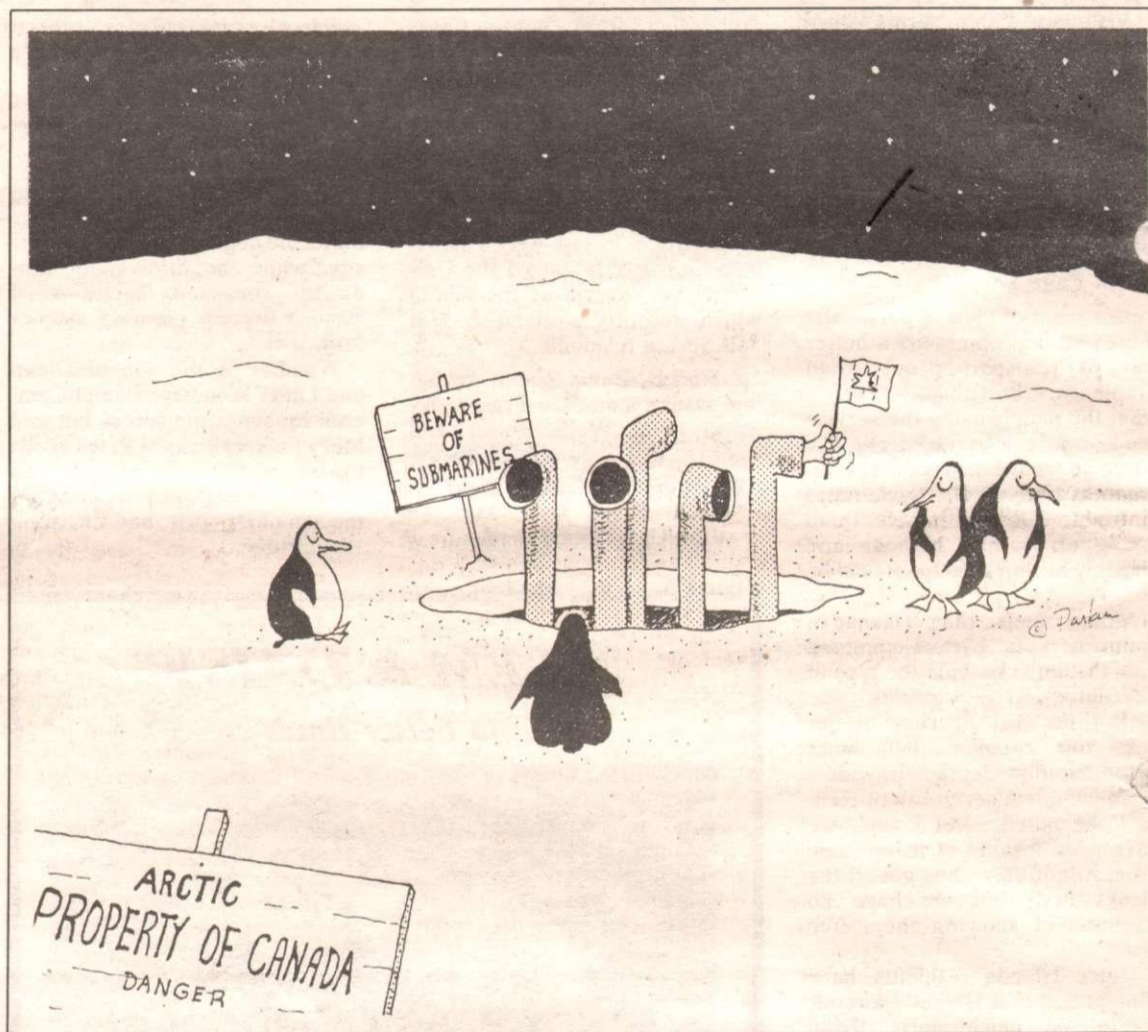
The current provincial administration has a penchant for centralization which does not allow much sympathy for increasing the profile of government agencies like the Trust. Hence, a request for more money to broaden the role of the Trust, no matter how justified it may be, is unlikely to find acceptance.

A second point to consider is that the legislative review committee currently studying the Trust might find it amusing

to hear a tale of fiscal woe from trustees—amusing to the point of prompting a reduction, and not an expansion, of the Trust's role and responsibilities.

If no relief is found in Victoria, it may be that trustees will be forced back to Humphries' suggested alterations, and they might be hungry enough to consider the changes palatable. The validity of the former chairman's points aside, however, we don't think the loss of local controls is a fair price to pay for a new Trust focus. Increased funding—and involvement—remains the only acceptable path of this point.

'The current arrangement gives trustees too little time and too few resources.'



Access should be a priority

The provincial highways ministry, according to one of its representatives, does not condone citizens making private use of public land. That statement—which represents the only acceptable stand the ministry could take—was made at last weekend's general meeting of the Islands Trust, in reference to complaints by trustees about landowners blocking public access paths to beaches.

The problem is reportedly widespread, and serious enough that tales about fences being erected across pathways and improvements to routes being vandalized prompted no doubts among the trustees swapping horror stories.

If there is no doubt some citizens are treating public access paths as their property, the highways ministry has a legal and moral responsibility to force and keep those access routes open. However, while the ministry representative present at the

Trust meeting agreed the law of the land says access belongs to the public, he pointed out that budget considerations and a no-win situation sometimes keeps the ministry from upholding those rights.

It's not good enough. We suggest the ministry should treat the opening and reopening of access routes as a budget and manpower priority—one at least equal to the maintenance and upgrading of roads (which trustees agreed are built to too high a standard, anyway).

The ministry should take its cue from the Trust, which told the highways representative last week that it would be willing to identify blocked access routes and "take the flak" that is sure to be fired off by landowners anxious to preserve their privacy by keeping the public out.

Beach access, and beaches themselves, belong to the public. Let's bring the present reality into line with the law of the land.

letters

Crucified

Sir,
So the fur is flying again over Hal Wright's trucking operation — or is it just the location that is the fly in the ointment?

Perhaps the powers-that-be could answer some questions before Hal Wright is crucified. Do they have the slightest idea about how many gravel trucks (tandem and single axle), low beds, backhoes, bulldozers, loaders, logging trucks, excavators, bobcats, lumber trucks, compressors and drilling machines and various other pieces of equipment there are on Salt Spring Island? Are all of these pieces of equipment parked, stored, kept (or whatever the legal jargon is) on property that is zoned Commercial? I very much doubt it. Why is Hal being singled out?

Couldn't a stroke or two of a pen make Hal's operation "non-conforming," just like Texada Logging's duplexes were? Of course, Texada Logging was somewhat too large to tangle with in court, while Hal is just an individual.

Does the old idea of "might is right" still hold good?

The more I see of so-called progress on Salt Spring, the more disgusted I become.

J. BENNETT,
Ganges.

Oppose

Sir,
The following questions have occurred to me during the past two months since the B.C. government introduced Bill 19 and 20.

Which group has a more legitimate mandate for its actions — the B.C. government, which received less than 50 per cent of the popular vote after a campaign which did not specify planned legislation, or B.C. unions, which asked their members to suggest and vote on each action before implementing it?

Who is sincerely interested in promoting a spirit of co-operation and halting confrontation — B.C.'s Attorney-General using inflammatory language in the courts, or B.C. labour groups conducting a peaceful protest?

Who is a better example for our children — a premier forcing two oppressive, regressive pieces of legislation on his constituents, or labour and education leaders counselling their members to control their anger and conduct a peaceful, rational campaign against such legislation?

The answers to these questions are clear to me. Therefore, I continue to oppose Bills 19 and 20.
JUDY BOYLAN,
Ganges.

Views

Sir,
This is in regards to last week's letter from Murray Reiss, who voiced his objection to having a portion of his tax money used for the defence of Canada.

I have to wonder if Reiss has stopped to consider what would happen to us all if the defence provided by our tax monies did not exist? He would have our country pull out of NATO and NORAD and go it alone, giving a clear signal to Russia that here is another country up for grabs — and grab they will, I'm here to tell you.

Of course, when that happens we will hear the Murray Reisses of our country wondering how such a thing could possibly happen, and

calling on our American neighbours to help us — again.

I respect the right of Reiss to express his views. I helped preserve that right for him, but I think he's dead wrong.

There has not been a world war in over 40 years. Nuclear weapons have not been used in anger in over 40 years — ever stop to think why? It's because both sides have these terrible weapons and dare not use them.

I suspect that if this letter is printed this week, all hell will break loose in next week's *Driftwood* because I dared to disagree with Reiss and the so-called peace groups. But remember — I have the same right to my views as does Murray Reiss. I have just expressed my views. Thank you.

C. MORGAN,
Ganges.

Response

Sir,
We are writing in response to the recent *Driftwood* article regarding legal action against Hal Wright Trucking.

Several points mentioned in the article require comment. First of all, why was Hal Wright notified of this action by your paper, and not by the Islands Trust? This is deplorable; the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee and/or its bylaw enforcement officer should publicly apologize for their incompetence.

More important is the question of why charges are being laid at all. We purchased our home on Norton Road last year. The realtor, Gary Greico, made sure we were aware that Hal Wright Trucking was occupying the property directly behind the home we were interested in purchasing. We looked at the situation and had no qualms about buying our home with the trucking business located where it is.

Your article mentions a number of complaints about the trucking operation. What are these complaints about? Is it noise, unsightliness, safety, or merely the fact that — like a lot of other establishments on the island — it is

possibly violating the zoning bylaw?

If these people are complaining about noise, appearance and safety, we feel they are not justified in complaining. Hal Wright has gone to extremes to ensure that the property is kept tidy and quiet. The sounds made by neighbourhood lawn mowers are louder than Hal Wright's trucks, and his equipment helps hide the hydro towers under which they are parked. (The hydro towers are a much bigger eyesore than a shiny 18-wheeler could ever be.)

As for safety, I am sure Hal and all of his drivers are aware that there are a lot of children and elderly people in the area. Their driving could well serve as an example to the young and irresponsible drivers who like to keep tire companies in business by leaving their rubber on our streets.

If the complaints are that a bylaw is being contravened, then let's change the bylaw. Hal Wright and his wife are community-minded people who are trying to make a living here and are contributing towards a better lifestyle for everyone on Salt Spring Island.

We would like to go on record as saying that our next-door neighbour should not be forced to move because of the complaints of a few very vocal people.
GERRY and DAWN PARROTT,
Ganges.

Bravo

Sir,
Bravo, Off Centre Stage. You've done yourselves proud. The dinner was delicious — especially the chocolate mousse; congratulations, bistro person.

The photography show was well-hung; congratulations, curator person. The show was a sell-out; congratulations, publicity person. And the warm and buoyant atmosphere of the place is a credit to the program director, as well as the smoothly-run evening. It's great to see it all coming together so well.

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Sir,

You wake up to silence and clean air. It's morning. There's sunlight on the bedroom wall and through the window, trees or sea — or both — and ahead a jewel of a day where one of earth's last paradises still holds on (albeit with whitening finger tips) against the inexorable spread of industrial civilization. Value it.

On Read Island, up near Quadra, Burton Wohl stands helpless, tears in his eyes, as the CBC cameras film, and looks ahead to his 'Paradise Lost.' In one year or less the channel on which he built his dream will be taken up by a fish farm and there's nothing he can do about it.

But we're safe, you say, as a swallow swoops by and the chuckle of the eagles reassures you that this couldn't happen here. It's unthinkable. Someone would stop it — wouldn't they? First one small piece of our islands are lost, then another. How many pocks will mark the face of this enchanted archipelago before they lose their untouched beauty? How long before it's *Surrey by the Sea*?

But it's such a lovely day and island lethargy is captivating us, blunting the edges of our concern. "Tomorrow ... we'll think about it tomorrow."

On Galiano Island there is a lovely place the locals call Saltery Bay. As you drive by you are refreshed by it. People visit it to be quiet, to watch the wildlife, to simply 'be.' The land is owned by MacMillan-Bloedel and for years it has lain fallow, so long that we sort of felt it would always be there, forgotten perhaps by the forest giant in its concrete tower. But it's for sale, and it didn't take long before some entrepreneurial soul saw its 'potential' — how to 'use' it.

The coastline must be back-filled, it's gentle curve straightened, the bay must be dredged and offending ribbons of rock removed. The sandy beach must be concreted for a boat ramp. Wharves must be constructed. Twenty-odd buoys will be moored in the bay. Crack! Down go the wild fruit trees. Tear! Up come the wildflowers. Neat and tidy — parking lot. A marina.

Add up the cost — not just the ecological cost to the grey heron, the buffleheads, the mink, seal, otter and the spouting clams, think about the investment. All that fill, all those pilings, riprap wharves, a floating breakwater grinding the kelp beds to shreds. A lot of money. I asked the Ministry of This and That — people who know these things — which said "Oh, four or five hundred thousand." For what return? How could you recoup even half of that on a simple little marina? "No gas, no store," says the developer, "just boats moored and boats launched." It would take a financial nut to make that kind of a deal — or would it?

Commercial land, commercial water, stretching out to where the flush of Trincomali Channel cleans

those underwater nets. In a year, maybe two, when the bureaucracy clears the way, who would doubt that our developer will experience a change of heart, cry poverty, "Gotta make a livin', boys ..."

We invite you to join the Saltery Bay Preservation Society. The membership costs \$5. If we are able to acquire the bay, we'll leave it alone, for the heron, the cormorants and for all of us who want a place just to be near them. Please help us hold on to this one. The next time it could be your bay. Think about it.

SHIRLEY CHAMBERS,
Galiano Island.

Thanks

Sir,

The staff of Galiano School of Arts wishes to thank the community of Galiano Island for its wonderful support of our Festival of Arts and Discovery held on May 23 and 24, 1987.

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Thank you.
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DIANNE LARONDE,
PATTI RUDOLPH,
Galiano Island.

Sad chapter

Sir,

In the last provincial general election, 2,408 voters in the riding of Saanich-and-the-Islands registered to vote on election day. Left off the voters' list, they were exercising a right enjoyed in most other provinces — a right that the

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Social Credit government is planning to wipe out in British Columbia.

Across B.C. over 157,000 people voted in this manner in 1986. In the Saanich-and-the-Islands riding over five per cent of all votes cast on election day were registered at the polling station. But if the provincial government has its way, voters like these, missed by our sloppy voter registration system, will be denied the right to register and vote on polling day.

The solution, of course, is to improve our system of voter registration. But the small improvements in Bill 28, the Election Amendment Act, in no way compensate for removing voters' rights to register on election day.

Instead of disenfranchising citizens who are left off the voters' list, we should develop a full enumeration at the beginning of each election. For the few people missed by this process, the right to register on polling day must be maintained.

B.C. has a long and unfortunate history of unfair election practices — like redrawing the political map to favour Social Credit. By giving us less than full voter registration at each election, and denying people the right to register on voting day, Bill 28 writes another sad chapter in that history.

GORDON HANSON, MLA,
Victoria.

Searching

Sir,

I submit a short story for which your readers may be able to create a happy ending:

In November, 1986, my father died — James Kennedy of Pioneer Village on Salt Spring Island. Scott McFarlane of Goodman-Jones handled the whole arrangement with gracious concern and expertise. He had a nice plaque made within three days and it was placed by the grave on the day of the funeral. We are grateful to him for his every care. However, he was transferred to another home a few days later and left the "follow-up" in the care of Goodman-Jones.

One month later I visited the cemetery to find my father's grave vandalized — no grave marker and the turf scattered. I replaced the grass and cried for awhile.

When I called Goodman-Jones I was told the cement, to solidify the plaque, could not be poured in the rainy weather and it would be a few more months before they would do anything about it. Intimidated, I left the matter feeling I could do nothing about it. We did have the driest winter on record, though.

Last week, over six months later, I took my mother to the grave, feeling all would be taken care of. How I wish I had gone there first, alone. My mother saw no marker and, of course, could not find her husband's final place on earth. She walked through the cemetery 'searching' for him and I'm sure your readers can visualize the terrible time she and I had that afternoon. The small heather plant

she meant for him awaits another day to be planted.

Today, Mrs. Jones at Goodman-Jones said she had had no luck in getting "the fellow to come over to pour cement yet," and if I could be any more successful she would be thankful.

So, I appeal to your readers: Is there someone out there who will pour a small patch of cement that will hold the name of James Kennedy, 1909-1986, forever and ever over a very small patch of green Salt Spring Island? His beloved wife, Mavor, could then plant her heather and know he would be holding a place for her in the very far future.

Thank you for reading my story. I feel better knowing I have done something toward preventing other families having to search for their loved ones' graves on their own island.

JACQUI TOWNSEND.




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Premier firm on labour legislation

VICTORIA — Few premiers have done greater harm during their entire rule to British Columbia's soul than Bill Vander Zalm did in just a few weeks.

The political obstinacy, the obtuseness, the perversity with which he has pursued the dismantling of the province's labour laws and their replacement with 'legislative violence' exceeds, by far, the crude implementation of his predecessor's restraint program. It surpasses W.A.C.'s autocratic tendencies. It rivals the incompetence of the coalition government that fell at the hands of Bennett senior 35 years ago.

Like so many misadventures, Bill 19 was prompted by good intentions — Vander Zalm's quest for permanent labour peace. Unfortunately, the way to Hell is often paved with good intentions and, from the looks of it, British Columbia is going to Hell in a hand basket. And it's going fast.

Let's take stock of how we got to where we are now. Shortly after being elected on the flimsiest of political platforms and the flashiest of smiles, Vander Zalm declared that "there must be a better way" for labour relations in British Columbia. Not only was the province's well-known propensity for labour unrest setting off half the population against the other half but, equally disastrous, it was hurting British Columbia's chances for economic recovery.

'Bill 19 is the product of naive minds seeking simplistic solutions to complex matters.'

No investor worth his dollars, the premier said, was willing to invest in a province as prone to strikes as British Columbia. To make investment-capital feel welcome, he said, we must bring about labour peace.

So far, nobody disagreed with the premier. Both labour and management — and certainly those caught in between — agreed that better labour relations were a desirable goal, even though nobody mentioned that 95 per cent of all contract settlements were reached without strike or lockout, anyway.

The first storm clouds appeared on the horizon when Labour Minister Lyall Hanson introduced Bill 19 on April 2, although at first glance it didn't look all that bad. The media, which were locked up for an advance briefing on the legislation by government officials, didn't awake to the dangers of the bill until a day or two later.

By then, the opposition, as well as experts in both labour and management, began expressing serious reservations about the

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by
Hubert Beyer

Industrial Relations Reform Act. Respected industry representatives, such as Jim Matkin of the Business Council of B.C., said it wouldn't work. The government, however, was not to be deterred.

When the premier accused union leaders of not speaking for their members, they responded with a one-day general strike. It was an illegal strike, to be sure, but it was the government's harsh and unacceptable action which triggered the illegal reaction.

The most serious indictment of Bill 19 came from Graham Leslie, former deputy minister of labour. He called Bill 19 "legislative violence." In an open letter to the premier, Leslie said the legislation was the product of too few and too narrow minds.

Leslie revealed that Hanson's public hearings into labour relations had been a sham from the start. The guts of Bill 19, he said, had already been written by the time Hanson began the province-wide hearings.

As for improvements to the legislation, Leslie said it was impossible to patch up a bill that was so badly flawed in its original design and construction phases.

"I close by imploring you publicly to withdraw Bill 19 and to resume your government's deliberations with the various communities affected by the bill in an effort to construct legislation which meets the legitimate concerns of the government, but which is also basically acceptable to both employer and trade union interests," Leslie said.

Leslie's credentials? Deputy labour minister from May, 1984, until recently; employer labour representative on the Labour Relations Board from 1974 to 1981; for 20 years labour relations representative for Greater Vancouver municipal employers.

That background gives Leslie more credibility to speak on labour legislation that Vander Zalm's entire cabinet can lay claim to. If the premier doesn't believe the warnings from the opposition NDP, from union leaders and from numerous business representatives that he is on a collision course of unprecedented proportions, he cannot afford to ignore Leslie's warning.

Labour relations in British Columbia call for statesmanship. Bill 19 is the product of naive minds seeking simplistic solutions to complex matters. What began as a quest for labour peace is already a bloody labour war. The premier has defeated his stated purpose.

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Sir,
On behalf of the Grade 11 class at Gulf Islands Secondary School, we would like to thank the following contributors for their support with our *Farewell to Grad* dinner last Saturday night:

The Voegeli family, Mobile Market, McColl's Shell, the United Church, the RCMP, Mr. Mathews, Gordon Lee, the Melancons, the Box's, and all others not mentioned.

**GREGG DOW,
ANGELA DONNELLY,
NADINE VOEGELI,
Ganges.**

Workout

Sir,
The staff of Salty Sweat's is looking forward to offering its fourth season of Aqua-Fit classes on Salt Spring Island. For the past three summers, 40 participants came twice a week for hour-long classes consisting of: a slow rhythmic warm-up, fun aerobics, exercises for each part of the body and a soothing stretch—all to happy music.

It is our regret that demand for these classes always exceeds available space; and so it is with much hope and enthusiasm that we support the Swimming Pool Society's drive to make a leisure pool on Salt Spring Island a reality.

Certainly, a pool will provide recreational opportunity for the island—but more important, it will be a facility for people who cannot otherwise exercise.

Many of our regular "aerobic" and "Easy Does It" participants enjoy Aquafit classes each summer. However, we also welcome people who can exercise only in a pool because even the slowest-paced fitness class is too stressful for them.

Arthritics, especially, benefit from the buoyancy and support provided by the water. They can exercise each painful joint in a medium both therapeutic and rehabilitational.

A water workout puts much less stress on your body than running, jogging or aerobics. This is an especially important feature for people who are overweight, recovering from an injury, simply out of shape, or suffering from chronic back pain or arthritis.

A swimming pool will provide all the citizens of the island with a year-round facility for water workouts with all their variations—swimming, aqua jogging, aqua-fit, synchronized swimming and other recreational games. Let's all support it.

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Judgement

Sir,
I would expect that my school taxes were not the only ones to rise by 25 per cent. As a member of the silent majority, I paid my taxes without asking why. Last week's publication of *Driftwood* answered my question.

It appears that our school board wants to spend an extra \$350,000 over the next five years to possibly gain safety, comfort and time in transporting our students from the Outer Gulf Islands. This large amount of money (a 30 per cent increase of the low bid) is the difference between the low bid from Gulf Islands Water Taxi (using existing, proven and safe water craft) and Gulf Islands Sailing Charters (using new equipment).

Our school board has re-tendered the contract, indicating that the previous bids did not "fully meet the board's requirements."

Does this mean our students are not currently riding in safety and comfort aboard Gulf Islands Water Taxi boats, which are leased by Gulf Islands Sail Charters? Or does it mean the school board wants our students to ride in new boats, at an added cost of \$350,000.

The act of re-tendering in itself does not represent sound judgement: who, now or in the future, will quote to our school board with any confidence that the rules will not be changed once the prices are disclosed? If I were Gulf Islands Water Taxi, I would not give a second price for a bathtub, let alone a second boat.

If the school board is asking for new boats (not necessarily a better product or service), maybe we as taxpayers should demand new ferry boats from Mr. Vander Zalm, or possibly a new fleet of school buses from the school district.

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The matter at hand is simple. Our school board tendered the contract with given specifications. If the lowest quotation met these required specifications, it should be accepted in the true spirit of any tendered document. If our elected school board officials expect competitive quotations in the future, they should re-think this one. I hope they will use better judgement in the future.

JIM SHARP,
Fulford Harbour.

Serious

Sir,
A strike is a serious thing. A man should have a vote when he goes on strike. That's the way it is done in a democratic union. Why not here?
FRANK BANNON,
Ganges.

Porta-potty

Sir,
Over the course of many interesting years on this island, I have developed what I like to call my Porta-Potty theory of political problem-solving. To wit: what was the simplest solution to the 25 year sewer debate? Porta-Potties. What could have saved the Fulford School watershed scandal? Porta-Potties (little ones).

Parents' and teachers' expectations have been way too high anyways—why worry about public school budget cuts when potty training is good enough for any kid whose parents can't afford to send them to private school to learn to read and write (an educated working class is a dangerous thing).

And what will ease increasing pressure from the tourist influx, especially at the Farmers' Market/Centennial Park enclave of private enterprise? Yup. Porta-Potties (ones that the Chamber of Commerce gang can turn into Pay-Chamber-Pots, with hanging baskets on each one).

Why, I'll bet even the ferries could run on time if every passenger brought their own

Porta-Potty (ones that could float and glow in the dark in case of an emergency).

This theory may also be applied inter-galactically: Fraser Institute and Pentagon Pea-brains take note: Power through Porta-Potties (it's a damn sight more practical than what they've been promulgating).

I must confess, however, that the credit for this simple solution is not solely mine (the social credit, that

is). It sort of dawned on most of us on the picket lines during Protest Bill Day, after the second or third cup of coffee.

You can keep your Fantasy Garden Castle, Bill, but you'd better leave the rest of us the right to keep a pot to pee in, or this picturesque province will go to

K.R. HUEBNER-CLARK,
Lee's Hill.

P.S. If you want to retire with dignity, buy shares in Porta-Potties. But if you want to retire comfortably, get your own.

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Completion of fish farm study delayed

A study of potential aquaculture sites within the Islands Trust area will be completed one month later than expected, an official with the provincial ministry of forests and lands said last week.

John Bones, manager of lands administration in the ministry's Vancouver Island office, said he expects the study to be completed by the end of July — one month past the target date set when the study was launched earlier this year.

In carrying out the study, the ministry is following a recommendation in the report of the Gillespie Commission enquiry into B.C.'s aquaculture industry. The commission, formed in late 1986 to hear from people interested in or affected by the industry's rapid growth, said a moratorium should be placed on new aquaculture ventures in three areas of coastal B.C. — including the Islands Trust region — until studies are completed to identify suitable fish-farming sites in those areas. Studies of the other two coastal areas have since been completed.

Bones said the study of the Trust region was held back because the work was contracted to a consultant, and new policies in place in Victoria require all contracts to undergo a lengthier approval process.

The contract for the Trust-area study has since been given to a firm headed by Gary Runka, former chairman of the B.C. Agricultural Land Commission. Bones said the work began in mid-May, one month later than anticipated, and is now progressing at a satisfactory pace.

Included in the study are all of the islands within the Trust area, with the exception of those on the eastern side of Georgia Strait. That means it covers Denman, Hornby, Lasqueti, Gabriola, Valdez, Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, Pender and Salt Spring Islands. Bones said data will also be collected from the east side of Vancouver Island, and from some smaller islands in the region.

INCREASED

The post-war period has been characterized by dramatic growth in the share of the labour force accounted for by service sector workers, Statistics Canada says. Between 1951 and 1981, the service sector labour force grew by 220 per cent, while that of the goods-producing section increased by 45 per cent.

Work done to date includes contact made with various groups whose interests would be affected by aquaculture ventures — i.e., sailing clubs, commercial fishermen, forest industry representatives and recreational canoeists. Each group has been asked to code a map of the region in two categories: areas where aquaculture ventures would severely conflict with their uses, and areas

throughout the region, and the input subsequently received will be used to prepare a final version.

"We'll end up with a map we can use with applicants," Bones said. "If someone comes in and wants to put in a fish farm somewhere, we would pull out that map and say, *You can't put it there or You can put it there — if you go to the interest groups affected and come up with a plan or approach to satisfy their concerns.*"

Bones explained that a 'master map' should save applicants, his ministry and the public much time and effort in dealing with potential aquaculture ventures by identifying acceptable areas beforehand.

"I hope we'll be able to come up with something that everyone can be satisfied with," he said.

However, Bones added that the time allowed for completion of the study has become a slight problem, since the tight schedule may prevent the holding of as many information meetings as the public requests.

"We know the public is interested in fish farming applications and their impacts, but we've only been able to put together six 'open houses.' I expect we will receive pressure for more and, if

'I hope we'll be able to come up with something that everyone can be satisfied with.'

where the two could co-exist, given certain circumstances or conditions.

Maps prepared by the groups involved are expected to be completed and returned to the consultants by the end of June, Bones said. At that point, the data will be collated and a master map prepared showing a consensus of "aquaculture opportunity" sites within the Trust area. The 'master map' would then be presented at public meetings held

need be, we'll try to fit some others in."

Bones added: "The Islands Trust area is different from others. Feelings run high. We know this won't necessarily be a smooth process."

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Aquaculture sites topic of discussion

Six open house sessions will be held in the Islands Trust area next month to gather public reaction to a lands ministry study of potential aquaculture sites. (See story, Page 9).

At their quarterly meeting held last weekend on Galiano Island, Island Trustees were told by lands ministry representatives that the open house sessions have been scheduled for the week of July 13 to 17. Definite venues are Lasqueti, Gabriola, Galiano and Salt Spring islands. Either Denman or Hornby will host an open house for residents of those two islands, and one meeting will be held on Pender, Mayne or Saturna for people on those three islands.

Trustees, who voted at the meeting to request that the ministry hold an open house on each of the member islands within the study area, have been asked to review public input provided at those sessions and help with preparation of the end-product — maps showing opportunities for aquaculture ventures within the Trust region.

Two trustees questioned the need to become involved, however. Glen Snook of Denman Island and Jim Campbell of Saturna Island said the study amounts to the public doing an entrepreneur's "homework" and, as such, is a questionable use of public time and money.

"I have difficulty understanding why we should be involved in something that will be costly to us and assist an entrepreneur in launching a venture," Campbell said. "We don't do it for grocery stores or gas stations. Why am I being asked to colour a map just so an entrepreneur can get to the point?"

Doug McColl, assistant deputy minister of lands, and John Bones, manager of lands administration in the ministry's Van-

Open house sessions scheduled to get public input on proposal

couver Island office, replied that by determining now where aquaculture ventures can and cannot be established within the Trust area, the maps will save time the public, businessmen and government officials — including Trust employees — must spend dealing with unacceptable proposals.

Bones also pointed out that marking areas as potential aquaculture sites does not constitute doing the homework for an entrepreneur. "Investigative work still has to be done at the site," he said. "Information must still be collected and a development plan has to be drawn up that is circulated for comment. If the development is unsuitable, it's disallowed."

He continued: "All the maps will show is the degree of hardship the applicant will face. They will still have to face regulatory requirements."

Campbell remained unswayed: "Nothing suggests I should get involved. Let them make applications for rezonings and take it to a public hearing. The public will come out — and they won't have to colour a map."

Steven Wright, the trustee for South Pender Island, was among several members to endorse Trust participation in the study. He pointed out that the moratorium now in place on new aquaculture ventures will be lifted in the Trust area once the study is completed, meaning individual Trust committees should soon face several project proposals. If the study saves trustees time and effort dealing with some of those proposals, he said, the involvement will be worthwhile.

"You're going to get applications, and they're going to eat up

your time and the staff's time," Wright said, adding that the study will also provide valuable general information to trustees. Fellow vice-chairman Carol Martin and Trust chairman Nick Gilbert echoed those sentiments.

In agreeing to participate in the study, trustees specified that the ministry should not regard or publicize their suggestions as public input. They also agreed with a suggestion from manager Cynthia Hawksworth that Trust input be limited to outlining areas where conflicts could be expected between aquaculture and other foreshore users, and areas where the degree of possible conflict is not known. The ministry has asked that areas be mapped according to high and low probability of conflicts.

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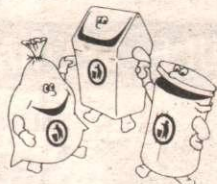
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Property tax bite bigger this year on island

Nothing is certain in life, it is said, but death and taxes — and local property owners received proof of the latter recently with the arrival of their 1987 property tax notices.

Phil Arnoldi, levy verification officer for the B.C. Assessment Authority in Victoria, confirmed Friday that this year's tax burden on Salt Spring residents is heavier.

According to figures supplied by Arnoldi, this year's residential tax rate for Salt Spring Island is \$8.7822 per \$1,000 of assessed value — or approximately 15 per cent higher than the 1986 rate of \$7.7505.

The tax breakdown (per \$1,000

School, regional district taxes take major jump

of assessed property value) is as follows. The 1986 taxation rate is shown in brackets.

- General Tax - \$1.40 (\$1.40).
- School Tax - \$5.0172 (\$3.9191).
- Combined hospital, B.C. Assessment Authority and B.C. Municipal Finance Authority tax - \$.7815 (\$.7494).
- Health Service Credit - \$.0746 (\$.075).
- Capital Region Electoral Area F levy - \$.7491 (\$.6462).
- Fire Protection District - \$.6170 (\$.6745).
- Salt Spring Recreation - \$.1220

(\$1.205).

• Islands Trust - \$.1700 (\$.1658).

Arnoldi noted that school taxation took the largest jump in 1987. However, as School District 64 officials explained after passing their budget last month, it is a change in provincial funding formulas that resulted in the major increase — not significantly higher education spending.

In the past, provincial education grants covered 69 per cent of School District 64's budget, with local residential taxation generating the remaining 31 per cent.

However, this year — due to the change in government policy — the costs of providing education here will be split 55-45 between the province and local taxpayers.

As a result of this year's increase, the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$60,000 will have a tax bill this year of \$526.93 — up from the 1986 level of \$456.03.

Despite the increase in taxes, most residents who qualify for the \$380 homeowners' grant will still only pay the minimum tax.

This is small consolation, how-

ever, as the provincial government has increased the minimum tax payable to \$350 from \$200 for property owners under the age of 65. Even seniors can expect to pay more, as the minimum property tax for those over 65 has been raised to \$100 from \$1.

As expected, this year's taxation increase hasn't been welcomed by local residents. Arnoldi noted that the assessment authority has received dozens of calls from irate taxpayers throughout the region.

"Judging from the calls we've been receiving, I'd say the tax notices must have come out a week or a week and a half ago," said Arnoldi glumly.

Water problems can lower assessments

Island residents whose properties have inadequate water supplies should notify provincial tax assessors about their problems, the Islands Trust said last week.

Trust vice-chairman Steven Wright, a South Pender resident, noted that the assessed value of a property is reduced if water shortages exist there.

Individual Islands Trust committees have been urged to pass resolutions opposing a provincial government proposal to increase the amount of revenue a landowner must realize before his property is classified as a farm for tax purposes.

At its quarterly general meeting, held last weekend on Galiano Island, the Trust also voted to express its concern again over the proposed change via a letter to Finance Minister Mel Couvelier.

The Trust has already written to Couvelier once, saying it believes the change would create a tax burden that would encourage land-owners to subdivide their properties.

The province is proposing that the minimum revenue level be raised from \$1,600 to \$5,000 per year. Trustees are hoping the province will reduce the extent of that increase.

Official community plans should be used to determine the assessed value of a property, the Trust says.

John Money, chairman of the

Trust's taxation and zoning committee, reported last week that appraisals are based on zoning and subdivision bylaws and not according to the land use outlined in a community plan. He said the practice does not recognize that community plan designations can restrict the value of land as much as zoning and subdivision bylaws do.

Carol Martin added that if community plans were accepted as a basis for valuing land — they are currently viewed as only a projection of land use — it might reduce taxes and encourage people to "hang onto" their land.

A committee of eight trustees will draft a strategy to deal with a provincial government committee reviewing the Trust's role and performance.

Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, vice-chairmen Steven Wright and Carol Martin, and trustees Jim Campbell (Saturna), Arthur Wood (Galiano), Susan Yates (Gabriola), John Strockner (Gambier) and Melinda Auerbach (Lasqueti) will hold a "brainstorming" session in Victoria, draft a submission to the provincial government committee, have the draft reviewed by an internal Trust committee, then take it to the full Trust for comment.

The core group of trustees will also request a meeting with the legislative review committee, which is due to wind up its look at the Trust this fall.



Fun fest

There was something for everyone at Greenwood's Saturday 'fete'. Margaret Fisher (left) gave a demonstration of spinning for visitors, and there was a ring-toss event for youngsters as enjoyed by Peter Wigen, above. A variety of other activities were organized for the occasion.

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'Parks for camping, not parties,' say RCMP

Salt Spring's provincial parks are for camping, not partying.

That's the word from RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks, who said Monday that Ganges police are cracking down on youths using island parks for party grounds.

Hanks explained that police have received numerous complaints of loud music from campers and those living near both Ruckle and Mouat Provincial Parks during the past two weekends.

"Last weekend (May 30-31), we handed out eight tickets under the Parks Act at Ruckle for creating a disturbance, refusing to obey park rules, refusing to follow the instructions of park rangers, and a variety of other offenses," said Hanks, "and we're going to start doing the same at Mouat."

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, campers complained of loud music and partying in Mouat Park. Another individual also reported that someone was stealing wood from the park woodbox.

On Saturday morning, an out-of-town resident was caught removing one of Mouat Park's directional signposts. The offense was reported by a camper.

"The out-of-town resident was arrested and charges of willful damage under Section 387 of the Criminal Code are contemplated," noted Hanks.

Hanks pointed out that under the new provincial ticketing system, police can issue tickets to Park Act offenders. In several instances, these tickets carry fines of up to \$100.

The issuance of these tickets is left to the discretion of the police officer involved, however. If the police officer chooses, he can also charge Park Act offenders under the Criminal Code. For example, creating a disturbance carries a fine of \$100 under the Park Act, but offenders convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada can be fined up to \$1,000 and/or incarcerated for up to six months.

In any event, Hanks said police will not permit rowdy behaviour in Salt Spring's provincial parks.

"These parks are not for partying, they're for camping," he said. "Strict enforcement of the Park Act is intended. We're asking for the co-operation of local youths in this. But damage and parties are not permitted."

In other matters, police are investigating several minor thefts that occurred last week.

On June 6, police received a complaint that a red nylon sports

bag belong to local resident Bob Smith was removed from the Ganges Trading Post lot sometime around 3 pm.

A day earlier, someone also

removed a backpack from a beach along Walker Hook.

And finally, Hanks praised the efforts of local residents who have

called the detachment recently to report impaired drivers.

Hanks noted that the detachment received five complaints of impaired driving last week. Three

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B. C. Hydro relocating island operation

A province-wide reorganization of B.C. Hydro's field operations, underway for the past few years, will soon force staff and workload reductions in the corporation's Gulf Islands office in Ganges.

No layoffs will result from the changes, Hydro said, but a number of employees will be transferred to Nanaimo, as will most of the clerical and engineering work for the Gulf Islands.

The changes, expected to take place over the next year to 18 months, will result from the downsizing of district offices throughout the Vancouver Island region. They will be replaced by three area headquarters — in Victoria, Nanaimo and Campbell River.

The Nanaimo headquarters will be responsible for the Gulf Islands, Duncan, Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum and Port Alberni. Each of those centres now has a district office.

Bill Stockton, currently district manager for Hydro's Duncan operations and soon to be area manager in the Nanaimo office, told *Driftwood* the most visible change to result from the reorganization will be the loss of "storefront" operations on the Gulf Islands.

"The big change will be that people won't be able to walk into the local Hydro office to pay their bills," he said.

The corporation will establish

local stations to accept payments, Stockton explained, and will set up a toll-free line — using the existing Hydro telephone number — to direct customer enquiries to the Nanaimo office.

Stockton stressed that Hydro will leave present manager John Langston, its line crew, a district supervisor, meter readers and "one or two clerical people" — probably in the engineering department — in the Ganges office, and that no layoffs will result from the reorganization.

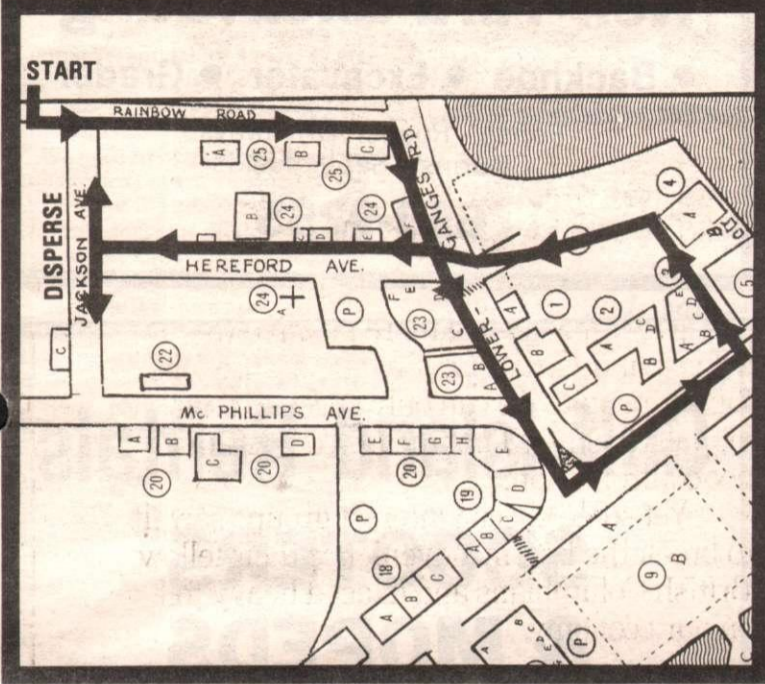
However, he added that the people and positions to be transferred have not been finalized, and that most "will be determined as we go along."

The transfers will be gradual.

Stockton said the main factor preventing an immediate shift is a lack of sufficient office space in Nanaimo. If construction of a new complex there is required before moves can be made, the reorganization could take as long as 18 months to complete, he indicated.

Hydro's shift from district offices to area headquarters has been implemented in various forms throughout the province in recent years, Stockton said. The new format is now firmly in place or in the last stages of implementation in all other regions.

"The district concept is flying out the window," he said. "We (the Vancouver Island region) are the last ones to put the new concept in place."



Map shows Sea Capers parade route

Organizers settle on their Sea Capers parade route

The 10th annual Sea Capers parade through Ganges will take place on Saturday, June 27.

The parade will begin at 10 am at Kanaka Road, proceed down Rainbow Road to Lower Ganges Road, turn right and move to Fulford-Ganges Road, then turn left and proceed to Mouat's Trading, then left past The General Store and onto Hereford Avenue, across Lower Ganges Road and past the Legion Hall to Jackson Avenue, where participants will disperse.

Organizers say this year's parade will be the biggest ever, and will offer something for everyone.

Ceremony will honour woman

A special celebration has been scheduled for June 17 to mark the memory of former Salt Spring resident Doris Anderson.

Anderson, a well-known islander who died three years ago, was a nurse at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital who founded the Mendies Fund and was involved in the Trail and Nature Club.

Anderson's last wishes stipulated that her body be donated to the University of B.C. for medical research, and that her ashes later be buried at sea.

Those wishes will be carried out on the beach below her former house, at 2 pm this June 17. Rev. C.J. Koester will officiate.

Anyone requiring transportation or further information, or who would like to assist, is asked to contact Sonia Townsend.

Entry is free and prizes will be provided in each of five categories; best float, best-decorated automobile, best-decorated bicycle; best costume and best-dressed dog.

Judging will take place before the parade begins. Entrants should be at the Kanaka Road starting point by about 9 am.

Parade marshal Ron Holcroft says that although entry is free, participants should register in order to help the judges. The registration station will be just inside the school gate on Rainbow Road.

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ABOVE: Young Marika Swann (left) and Yoniti Cogan had their faces painted Friday at Fernwood School's fun fair. The two girls obviously enjoyed the experience. LEFT: Karen Marcotte tries her hand at bubble blowing, one of the many activities held for Fernwood students.

No money for new school in '87-'88 capital budget

It will be at least 1988-89 before money is available to combat overcrowding problems at Gulf Islands Secondary School, according to Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall.

Marshall said last week that the district's 1987-88 capital budget does not contain funding for the renovation of GISS or the construction of a new high school on Salt Spring.

"We have received our capital budget for the year starting July 1, 1986, and there is nothing in it for construction of a new school or any major renovations there," he noted.

Despite the ministry of education's decision on this request, Marshall remains confident that money will eventually be made available to resolve GISS' overcrowding problems. In the meantime, he said, the district will likely deal with September's pre-

dicted enrolment increase at the high school by "adding a couple of portables, or doing some minor renovations.

"We have the ministry on our side," he stressed. "They recognize the need to build a new school or renovate this one.

"Something like this takes a lot of planning," he continued. "We have their (ministry officials') support, and we are proceeding. We're not worried that this will be abandoned . . . We do have less square footage at the high school than we're entitled to, but it's not a crisis situation. We know, though, that we'll need to have something in place in three or four years. But this is no real setback."

Marshall said the district will continue with its planning. "We're still looking at our options," he stated, "doing our homework."

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Sale deadline set

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Gulf Island sheep farmers wishing to enter stock for sale are advised by the association to submit entries, by June 15. Animals listed by that time will be included in the sale catalogue; entries made after June 15 will be accepted on the day of the sale, at a penalty, but will not be listed in the catalogue.

For further information about the sale, or to submit entries, contact Dave Smith at 753-2796.

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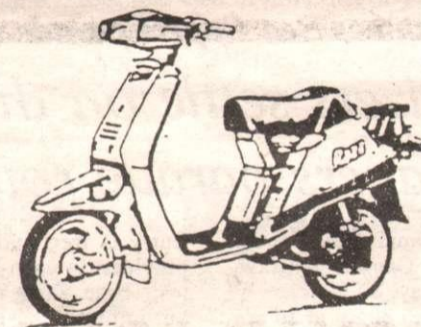
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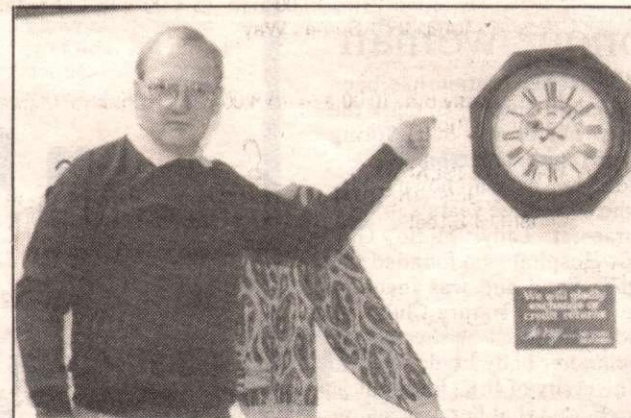
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Trust reps debate voting system merits

Island Trustees last week decided against a review of the voting structure in place at the local level.

The current structure sees individual Islands Trust committees composed of five members — two local trustees and three general trustees — who each have one vote on the matters under consideration. One complaint about the system is that off-island trustees can out-vote local trustees, imposing a decision on an island.

At their quarterly annual meeting held last week on Galiano Island, representatives from the 13 islands in the Trust area took turns defending and condemning the current system.

Concerns voiced about the present voting structure centred on the possibility that general trustees could "frustrate" local trustees and local objectives by imposing a decision on an island issue. Jim Campbell of Saturna Island called the current situation "a potential for disaster."

However, Steve Wright of South Pender pointed out that local trustees had, to his knowledge, been out-voted by general trustees only once. Carol Martin of Hornby Island agreed, adding that the current system is in place to guard against situations where the local trustees do not represent local views — "there could be

axes to grind" — or when they do not adhere to the Islands Trust mandate.

"It's a delicate balance," she said. "If local trustees are outvoted, it should only be in the interest of adhering to the mandate."

Both Wright and Martin are Trust vice-chairmen, meaning they attend all individual Trust committee meetings as general trustees and have the power to out-vote local representatives.

Hamish Tait of Denman Island pushed the discussion to a vote, calling the concerns raised evidence of "a sore we have to heal." However, his motion to refer study of the relationship between local and general trustees, and the current vote system, to the Trust's review committee, was turned down by a vote of 12-9. The five Trust members who did not register a vote included two who were absent, plus Wright, Martin and Trust chairman Nick Gilbert.

UVic rewards grads

Five Salt Spring Island residents received their degrees from the University of Victoria in convocation ceremonies held on May 29 and 30.

The graduates were: Penelope Shepard (Master of Science), Anne Williams (Bachelor of Arts), Penelope Wright (Bachelor of Arts), David Hanks (Bachelor of Science) and Ann Wilson (Bachelor of Arts).

The five Salt Spring residents were among 1,700 students who graduate from the university this spring.

Grad ceremonies proceeding here

This year's graduation ceremonies at Gulf Islands Secondary School are proceeding as planned, a spokesman for the school said last week.

Despite teachers' instruction-only campaign in School District 64, the traditional ceremony will be held here at 7:30 pm June 20.

Guest speaker at this year's graduation will be actor-director Stuart Margolin.

As many as 500 guests could attend the ceremony this year. Each of the 48 graduating students is permitted to invite 10 guests.

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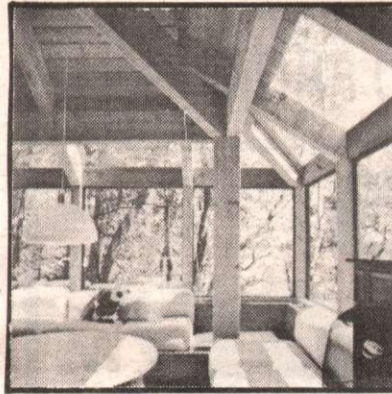
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- LANGLEY,**
Monday, June 22nd, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Langley City**, Conference Room #1, Best Western Langley City Motor Inn, 5978 Glover Road
- DEWDNEY,**
Tuesday, June 23rd, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Maple Ridge**, Albion Room, Best Western Maple Ridge Motor Lodge, 21735 Lougheed Highway
- CENTRAL FRASER VALLEY,**
Wednesday, June 24th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Abbotsford**, Frontier Room, Davy Crockett Motel, 1881 Sumas Way
- NANAIMO,**
Monday, July 6th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Nanaimo**, Malaspina Room, Coast Bastion Inn, 11 Bastion Street
- SAANICH AND THE ISLANDS,**
Tuesday, July 7th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Victoria**, Court Room, Courtyard Inn, 850 Blanshard Street
- VICTORIA,**
Wednesday and Thursday, July 8th and 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Victoria**, Court Room, Courtyard Inn, 850 Blanshard Street
- RICHMOND,**
Monday and Tuesday, July 13th and 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Richmond**, Fraser Room, Richmond Inn, 7551 Westminster Highway
- DELTA,**
Wednesday and Thursday, July 15th and 16th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Ladner**, Terrace Room, Delta Town and Country Inn, 6005 Highway 17 at Highway 99
- KAMLOOPS,**
Monday and Tuesday, July 20th and 21st, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Kamloops**, Conference Room #1, Sandman Inn, 550 Columbia Street

- CARIBOO,**
Wednesday and Thursday, July 22nd and 23rd, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Williams Lake**, Room 301, Fraser Inn, 285 Donald Road
- OKANAGAN SOUTH,**
Monday, July 27th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Kelowna**, San Remo Porto-Fino Room, Capri Hotel, 1171 Harvey Avenue
- BOUNDARY-SIMILKAMEEN,**
Tuesday, July 28th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Penticton**, Pine Room, Sandman Inn, 939 Burnaby Avenue West
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Wednesday, July 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Grand Forks**, Phoenix Room, Grand Forks Motor Inn, Highway Three
- VANCOUVER,**
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 4th, 5th and 6th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., **Vancouver**, York Room, Georgia Hotel, 801 West Georgia Street

The hours of hearings are 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and are open to the public. If these times are inconvenient please contact Mr. Terry Julian, Chief Administration Officer (phone 660-4169) to see if an alternate time may be arranged.

Any persons wishing to make an oral submission to the Commissioner are asked to give advance notice to the Commission Office at 660-4169. Priority at the hearings will be given to those having submitted a written brief on or before June 12, 1987.

Submissions in regard to contiguous single member ridings are welcome.

Forward written submissions to the Honourable Judge Thomas K. Fisher, 580-625 Howe Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 2T6.

Gaines' three homers help out Fulford team

Batting heroics earned Pat Gaines 'player of the week' honours in the Salt Spring Island men's fastpitch league. Gaines stroked three home runs for the Fulford Inn, driving in six base-runners. Included in his total were two game-winning RBIs.

League standings as of June 8 were:

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	Pct	GBL
Fulford Inn	4	2	.667	—
Log Sort	3	2	.600	1/2
Vesuvius Inn	3	2	.600	1/2
Patterson's Store	1	5	.167	3

Results of games played last week were:
 Fulford Inn 4, Vesuvius Inn 3
 Log Sort 8, Patterson's Store 0
 Fulford Inn 12, Patterson's Store 11

Group formed to aid softball

The Salt Spring Island Softball Association was formed recently to represent the interests of the 23 adult teams and 10 men's teams playing on the island. The association's main purpose is to promote both recreational and competitive softball.

The association is composed of representatives of each of the five softball leagues. An executive has been formed with the following officers: Gary Styles, president; Wayne Taylor, vice-president; Leslie David, secretary; Shilo Zylbergold, Treasurer; Brian Little, Rob Dunn, Kellie Booth, Carol Kaye, Tom David and a minor softball representative, directors.

Each adult team is contributing \$25 to the association to buy rakes for each of the fields, and to create a fund to improve local softball. Delegations are meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission, and with the school board, to see about upgrading and maintenance of fields.

Home teams are being asked to rake the infield areas after each game. An umpire's clinic, with Leo Burns of Victoria, was also held.

The tournament schedule has been finalized, with most of the action taking place at the Fulford ball park. The following is a list of tournaments.

- Slugs Sea Capers tournament — June 27, 28.
- Fulford Salties Exhibition Series — July 11, 12.
- Men's Competitive Slowpitch Tournament — July 18, 19.
- Ladies' Fastpitch Tournament — July 25, 26.
- Men's Fastpitch Tournament — August 1, 2.
- Recreational Slowpitch Tournament — August 8, 9.
- Salt Spring Ladies' Invitational — August 15, 16.
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Good time to plant peppers

June a hectic month for gardeners

Spring is a busy time in the gardening business, and I find the season slips through my fingers before I'm ready to say farewell to it. Articles on timely things to do in the garden only help me realize what has been left undone.

In order to finish off the June chore notes, I reviewed last week's article and found a couple of typographical blips that should be corrected. First, I too know that santoline should be *santolina* and second (paragraph four, third sentence), "Prune back your ornamental blooms" should read "Prune back your ornamental brooms..." There, that makes a little more sense, and maybe I don't look like I've been out in the sun too long. Well, let's get back to the rest of the things to do in June.

First, a little update on the status of the tent caterpillar invasion. With the apparent overabundance of these pests, it's hard to believe that we're actually approaching the tail end of this outbreak. If you look closely at the head and body of these guys, you will most often see one or more small white eggs, laid there by a parasitic fly or wasp.

Almost all have two or three of these eggs, and once the caterpillars enter their pupal phase, the egg will hatch and the larva will eat the pupa as its food source, with the eventual result being a hatching out of a parasitic fly or wasp adult which will go in search of more caterpillars to prey upon.

The bottom line is to persevere and soon they'll be gone, but in the meantime, if they are too numerous and continue to defoliate your valued plants, give them a spot treatment with a *Bacillus thuringiensis* spray.

The vegetable garden is a hive of activity as we try to catch up to the weather. It's warm enough to do all of your planting, setting out transplants of peppers, tomatoes, etc., and to do your seeding out as mentioned last week. The celery and leek transplants should be set into a shallow trench or positioned so that future hilling up for blanching is easily carried out. To blanch your cauliflower curds, tie over a couple of leaves, or break the stems on a few cauliflower leaves so that they will keep out the light.

It is a good time for planting main crop potatoes, and continue with earthing up around the earlier crops of spuds. Sample a few from the side of the hills without harvesting the whole mound. Thin out your crowded sowings of carrots, radishes, beets, etc., to give each seedling the optimal room for rapid, healthy development. Provide stakes, strings or wires for your runner beans to vine onto.

Toward the end of the month the onions and shallots will start to swell and form bulbs. To promote bulb growth, pull away or loosen the soil down to the crown level where the roots emerge.

Harvest your herbs as they come into prime. While drying works well, freezing retains more of the freshness and flavour, and even freezer-drying works well if you have a frost-free type freezer.

This should be the last week for picking any asparagus, as the plants will need the rest of the season to regain strength and prepare for next year's bountiful crop. A maximum of eight weeks of picking is allowable for established beds.

If you have any greenhouse crops, you should be attending to them on a regular basis at this time of year, as they need almost constant ventilation, and insect attacks develop into epidemics

your garden

by **Chris Schmah**

very quickly. Tap the stems of your blooming tomatoes around midday to aid pollination and fruit set. Pinch out the side shoots and be careful with watering; consistent, deep waterings being best, but don't waterlog the soil.

Your greenhouse grapes should be pruned back this month, as the clusters are developing. On each shoot, go two leaves past the third or fourth healthy cluster and pinch off the growth at the internode. This radical heading back will channel the plant's energies into filling the grapes for your future enjoyment.

Out-of-doors, the young grapes should be trained, pinched and tied off as you wish to develop them, but save the summer pruning of the outside grapes until mid-July.

Once the fruit trees have done their "June drop" of sterile, unpollinated or malformed fruit, you will see what your potential crop looks like. If you have a heavy set of fruit, as many people are reporting, then fruit thinning should be carried out. Space the fruits on your apples, pears and plums, so that rubbing, bruising and scarring won't occur. Five inches or so is plenty of room. Thinning also helps to even out yield irregularities that occur with varieties which bear biennially or periodically.

The red and white currant bushes should have all new side shoots pruned back to stimulate flower bud formation.

The weather has been quite dry for the past while and regular watering is most helpful in maintaining continued growth and good health. Under the eaves, roof overhangs, and under trees are especially bad. Fruits and vegetables will be more productive if you give them regular, deep soaking, and then let them dry off slightly.

One final note regards the setting of sundials. This Monday, June 15 at 12 noon the sundial will cast a perfectly accurate shadow, so if you have one set on a level surface, this alignment will give you the most accurate time possible — for a sundial, that is.

Well, Tempus Fugit, so farewell and happy gardening.

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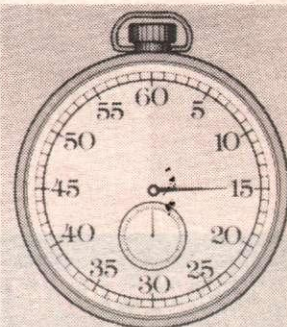


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Mike Gluss to give instruction

Photographer planning to offer two-day workshop here in July

A photography workshop for beginners will be held at Off Centre Stage in mid-July.

The two-day event, scheduled for July 18-19, will be directed by Salt Spring resident Mike Gluss, a career professional photographer.

The workshop will include a field trip, slide presentations and critique, and will concentrate on taking beginners through the basics of photography, from f-stops to lighting to composition, Gluss said.

Cost of the workshop is \$40.

Times are from 10 am to 4 pm on July 18, and from 2 pm to 5 pm on July 19.

Pre-registration is required for the workshop. For information, contact Gluss at 537-5164 or Off Centre Stage at 537-5211.

Following an introductory lecture, participants will shoot slide film during a field trip held on the first day of the workshop, he said, and their works will be processed in time to be critiqued on the second day.

Gluss added that he will likely be able to accommodate any students interested in following

up the workshop with individual instruction in darkroom techniques, using the facilities in place in his home.

Gluss has been a Salt Spring resident for almost four years. He is the founder of the Western Pacific Academy of Photography, launched in Victoria in 1983 to provide comprehensive instruction for students aiming to enter the commercial photography field. He severed his ties with the academy earlier this year to devote more effort to his freelance work and to spend more time on the island.

Prior to his arrival here, Gluss studied photography in Montreal, operated a commercial studio in Toronto for 11 years, and worked in both New York City and London, England. He also spent close to three years on retainer with *Monday Magazine* in Victoria, prior to launching the academy.

Gluss, who continues to handle commercial and advertising assignments for clients in Toronto and Vancouver, told *Driftwood* his interest in teaching photography has not ended, despite his leaving the Victoria school. He said he is currently searching for local investors interested in launching a 'trade school' on Salt Spring for students interested in various artistic disciplines, including photography, theatre and dance.

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Spiritual healing session offered to local residents

A one-day workshop, called *Spiritual Healing Through Awareness And Touch*, will be presented June 20 at Off Centre Stage.

Conducted by Maureen McNamara, the workshop will explore a deep form of healing that works through minds and bodies, Off Centre Stage says.

McNamara, a Shiatsu practitioner and holistic health consultant, has been practicing and teaching on the West Coast for the past five years. Her work combines a knowledge of Shiatsu, nutrition, herbal therapy and attitudinal and spiritual healing.

A graduate of the Shiatsu Education Centre in New York, McNamara also has a background in social work, Jungian psychology, yoga, Tibetan Buddhism and Oriental medicine.

The workshop, priced at \$20, will be held from 10 am to 6 pm on Saturday, June 20. Pre-registration is necessary. For further information, call Off Centre Stage at 537-5211.

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The Field Mouse Wildlife Gallery has 37 works of wildlife art for sale—the receipt for your purchase may bring you an original Robert Bateman painting valued at \$12,500.

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Island teacher taking year off to write, cook

By MIKE TURKKI

John Edwards loves to teach. The 41-year-old island resident derives tremendous pleasure from his job at Salt Spring Elementary School and the young students in his class.

But teaching, especially at the primary level, is a demanding job — and one that can quickly give even the most durable instructor a severe case of 'occupational burnout.' Edwards doesn't want that to happen, so he's decided to take a year off work.

He won't be idle during his time away from the classroom, however. It's unlikely anyone will find him lounging around; in fact, they're more apt to see him working in his kitchen or sitting in his backyard with a pencil and notepad.

Edwards, you see, has a passion for writing and cooking. What's more, he's managed to successfully wed the two — a union that has already produced the books *Roman Cookery Revised* and *The Roman Cookery of Apicius*. During the coming year, he plans to continue these alternative careers and publish two new works.

"Teaching children is marvelous," he explains. "I taught adults a lot, and teaching children is much more personal. You're teaching the whole person when you teach a child. But to keep myself sharp, on track, I have to take time off every once in a while."

Edwards has been writing since he was young. His love of cooking and interest in classical cuisine developed later, as a result of studies in university.

Trained as a classicist (he possesses five degrees from Oxford), he originally intended to make a career of teaching Latin and Greek to adults. When the demand for this type of instruction "went the way of the dinosaur," he began teaching



John Edwards

children in the public school system.

Edwards discovered the joys of teaching children, but maintained his "scholarly interests." While living on Cortes Island, he started translating the ancient recipes of Apicius, a Roman cook (or cooks) who became famous during the First Century A.D. It took the Rhodes scholar a year to translate several Apician manuscripts, authentic recipe texts completed sometime during the fourth or fifth century. Additional time was needed to test the ancient recipes, which the teacher did in his own kitchen.

Edwards found the work fascinating. Re-discovering the ancient Roman recipes proved more than a simple matter of translation; at times, he had to play private eye in his search for Apicius' culinary secrets.

"I had to test everything," Edwards recalls. "It took years. I started it while living on Cortes Island, and it was like a journey of

discovery.

"A lot of the original books were lost. There were errors made in the original text . . . and then, there were some words you would only find in Apicius. At its best, it was like being a detective. Sometimes it was hours of thinking, trying to figure out what one word or passage meant."

Yet Edwards learned more than cookery while working on *The Roman Cookery of Apicius*. His research afforded him an insight into Roman society and the life of its wealthy.

Apicius, according to Edwards, loved food and became immensely wealthy catering to the culinary desires of rich Romans. The Roman chef, and the lengths he would go for a good meal, were legendary in ancient times. According to at least one writer of the day, the great chef poisoned himself rather than face the possibility of starvation.

"Back then, there wasn't much of anything else to spend money on, so the wealthy spent it on food," Edwards noted. "After all, they couldn't go to the movies."

"It (Apicius' work) was cookery for the rich then, but not now. In Apicius' time, spices that are common today were incredibly expensive. They had to be brought in from Asia, India, China. Take cinnamon, for example. Now you can pick it up anywhere; go to the bulk food store, and you see it in bins. Back then, a bin of cinnamon like that would have been worth its weight in gold — probably more than its weight in gold."

The Roman Cookery of Apicius was published by Hartley and Marks in 1984, and has been reprinted in England as well as the United States. It was followed in the fall of 1986 by *Roman Cookery Revised*, a "non-scholarly version, a kitchen version" of Apicius' recipes.

Edwards uses both books himself, and enjoys preparing meals for family and friends. He does a lot of the cooking at home (with help from his wife, Gillian), and although he has never had any formal training in culinary arts, he nevertheless feels he's learned from two of the best — his mother and Apicius.

"I was in Los Angeles in March, where I taught a master seminar on classical herbs at the International Association of Cooking Professionals convention," he says. "But my mother taught me (how to cook). It's funny, I've given cooking classes but never taken any. My two mentors are from the past and present, my mother and Apicius. I invented a new trifle using fruit prepared from Apicius' recipe and my mother's custard. It was great."

During his year away from teaching, Edwards hopes to complete two new works, one a study of classical cooking, the other a collection of short stories about island life.

Edwards' third book has no title as of yet, but might be called *Regions of Roman Cookery*. In it, Salt Spring's cookery expert will show how modern European cuis-

ine is derived from the classical cooking of Romans and Greeks.

"Haggis even comes from an old Roman recipe," he says. "You know, everywhere the Romans went, they left something behind."

Edwards sees his third cookery book as a "bridge" between his previous works and the planned collection of short stories. To date, he has already completed the outlines for 18 pieces of short fiction he hopes to write during his year off work.

"They are adults stories, not school stories," he said. "They are about the individuals on the islands. Some are quite humorous, but they aren't meant to make fun of the islands or anyone. It's not that kind of book. It's sort of a celebration of the area."

Writing will fill Edwards' time during the coming year. Yet despite the fact that he enjoys the activity immensely and has been successful at it, he has no intention of pursuing a full-time writing career at the expense of his first love — teaching.

"Actually, I'd like to do both," he says with a smile.

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Society establishes line-up for this year's festival of the arts

Organizers have essentially completed the lineup of acts to be featured at this year's Salt Spring Island Summer Festival of the Arts.

The festival, to run from July 1 to August 2, will present 25 performances in a Wednesday-to-Sunday format. Both the Off Centre Stage premises and the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre will be used as venues.

Off Centre Stage will host the theatrical portion of the festival, which is set to include at least four plays. Included in that lineup are: *Turning Thirty* (July 2-3-4), a one-woman play for Vancouverite Cheryl Cashman, who recently lived on Salt Spring; *Talley's Folly* (July 9-10-11), by Salt Spring's Active PASS troupe; and *Islamania* (July 30-31-August 1), Diana Hayes' series of vignettes based on the history of Salt Spring.

Organizers are working to bring in at least one more stage presentation, probably from Victoria.

The other half of the festival agenda will include live musical acts staged at the Activity Centre. Included in that lineup are: the Salt Spring Singers; Party Fever (July 1), an a capella group from Vancouver, which will perform with local musicians Jane and Kathy Stack; Connie Kaldor (July 15); Donovan (July 18); Tony Bird and Morris Goldberg (who handled the horn sounds for Paul Simon's *Graceland* album) on July 22; Mango Dub, a reggae dance band from Vancouver; Rare Air, an eclectic jazz group; Spirit of the West; and Jamie Sieber, Charlie Murphy and Rumours of the Big Wave.

Also on the festival program is a series of Saturday afternoon shows for children at the Activity Centre. Performers set to appear include Norman Foote, Conrad Flaps, Paul Serrette, Gumboot Lollipop and Peppar.

Trish Nobile, who is booking performers for the festival, noted that some acts must still confirm their appearances here. The lineup is basically set, however.

Nobile pointed out that the

local festival has managed to attract the best acts featured at this year's Vancouver Folk Festival — and at prices that must be considered "dirt cheap compared to what you'd have to pay in the city."

Prices will range from \$3 to

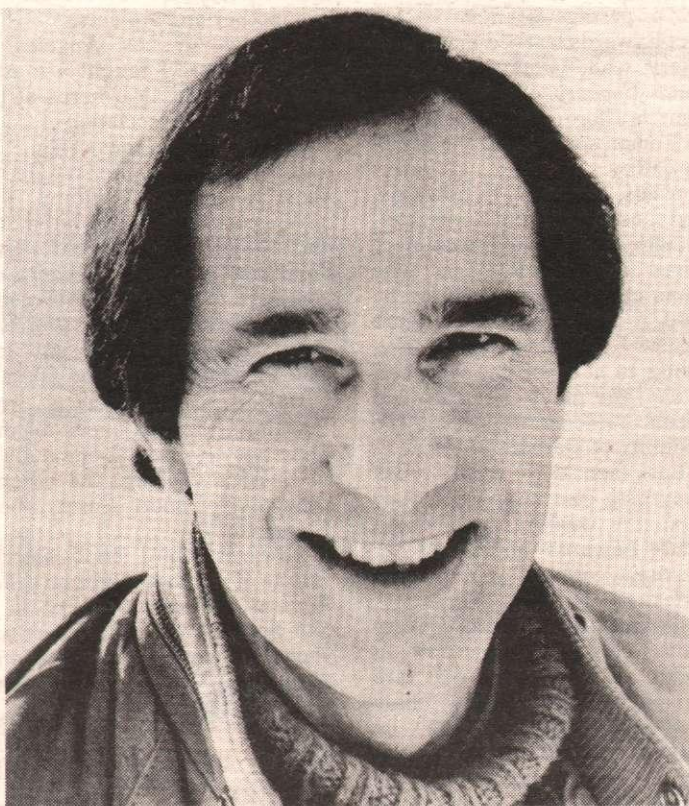
\$12, she said, and tickets for all events are expected to be available at *et cetera* around the middle of June. Posters advertising the festival should be printed and tacked up around Salt Spring at about the same time, she added.

The festival, now in its second

year, is the work of a non-profit society working towards establishment of a year-round centre for the performing arts on Salt Spring Island. Nobile said that anyone who wishes to support the aim of the society can do so by purchasing a membership (\$10

each) or by volunteering to help with staging the festival. Volunteers, she added, will receive free tickets to this year's events.

People interested in purchasing memberships or volunteering to "generally help out" can contact Nobile at 537-4167.



Keith Digby

Director to present theatre workshops

Keith Digby, the artistic director of Victoria's Bastion Theatre, will stage workshops for actors and directors this weekend on Salt Spring Island.


The workshops are sponsored by Off Centre Stage and scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14.

On Saturday, the workshop for actors will feature a hands-on study of areas like in-depth character development and new ways to prepare for traditional roles. Digby will use 10 line sequences for scene studies as a technique to sharpen the skills of participants.

The directing workshop, held Sunday, will explore the roots of the directing process, from choosing a play to closing night. Although the workshop will take the form of a seminar discussion, participants are encouraged to bring along specific problems and scripts.

The workshops, which will run from 10 am to 6 pm both days, are priced at \$20 each. For further information, contact Off Centre Stage at 537-5211.

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