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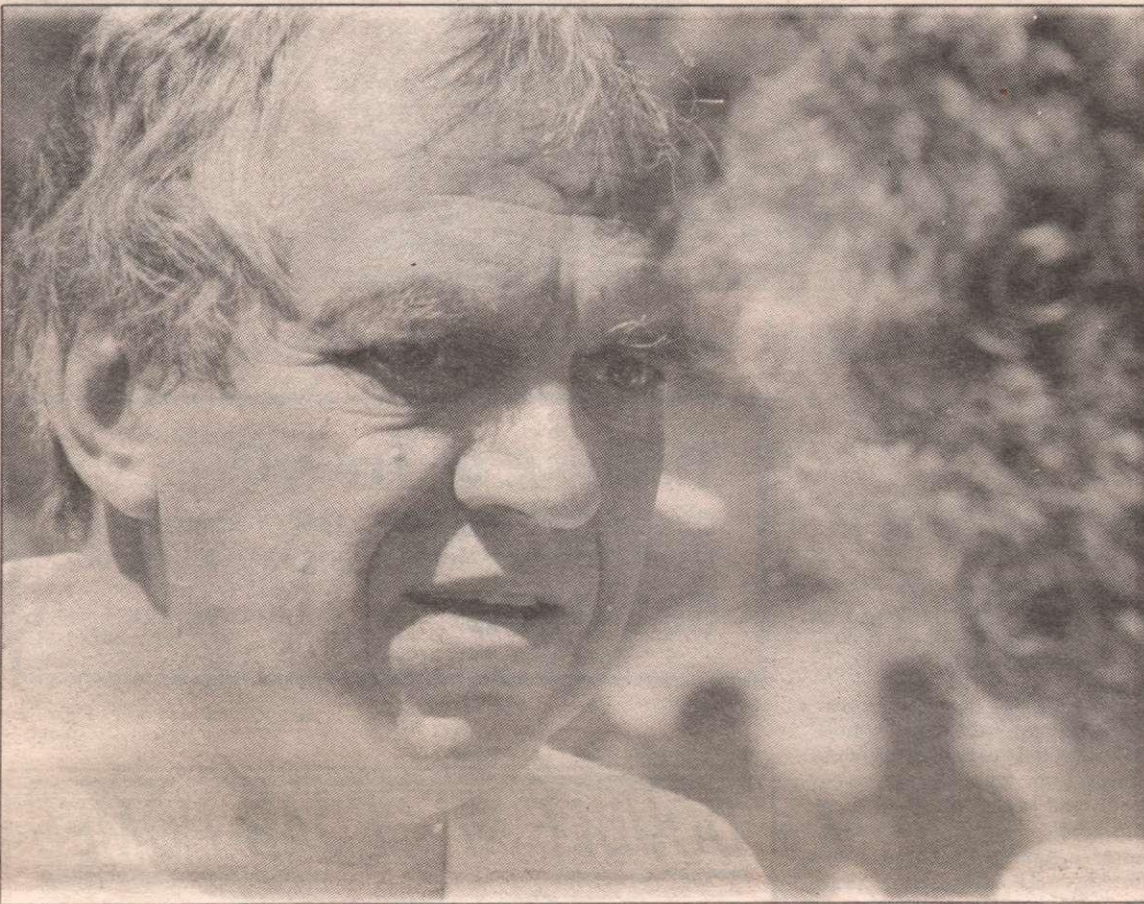
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NDP leader Ed Broadbent spoke to individuals . . .

Broadbent visit draws large crowd

An estimated 450 people turned up at the Farmer's Institute grounds in Ganges on Sunday to speak with and listen to national NDP leader Ed Broadbent.

The event, sponsored by the Gulf Islands NDP Club, was an informal gathering which included a barbecue, musical entertainment and games for children. Although there were speeches made, the bulk of the day was devoted to mingling by politicians and party supporters.

Joining Broadbent at the Farmer's Market grounds were Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands MP Jim Manly, former provincial NDP leader Dave Barrett, Vancouver East MP Margaret Mitchell, Nanaimo MLA Dave Stupich, Victoria Mayor Gretchen Brewin, Victoria MLA Gordon Hanson, members of the party executive, and David Vickers, a Saanich-and-the Islands candidate in the most recent provincial election.

Turning out to greet the guests were party supporters and

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. . . and enjoyed island hospitality

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Too many deer for islands?

By MIKE TURKKI

Deer are dying in the Gulf Islands each year as a result of starvation and disease, and several local officials are convinced it is directly attributable to herd overpopulation.

Many island residents have reported incidents of sick and starving deer this year. A Salt Spring homeowner living in the Scott Point area said earlier this spring that a number of deer there appeared skinny or sick. On Pender, meanwhile, residents of both the north and south islands say they saw fewer deer this year than last, and that many of the animals seen were sick and suffering from malnutrition.

A number of experts are convinced that the death of these deer is directly related to increasing deer populations on the islands. Dr. Helen Schwantje, a respected wildlife veterinarian who spoke on Pender earlier this year, said overpopulation is one of the primary causes of deer die-off.

Chris Wooldridge, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) officer on Salt Spring, also feels overpopulation is a serious problem for island deer.

Wooldridge said last week she is "constantly" attending to deer that have been found sick or suffering from starvation. She is convinced the deer population here is out-growing the island's supply of browse.

"I'm constantly getting calls about deer," she said. "Last week, there were three that I had to deal with. One was suffering from an injury, and it was a doe in good condition. But the other two were just dying from starvation, internal parasites and possibly stress."

The island's SPCA representative — who has done considerable research on the subject — says that every winter, up to 60 per cent of fawns born the previous summer will die. The exact percentage of die-off, she claims, is in direct ratio to the available food supply.

She added that when Salt Spring was heavily logged after the Second World War, deer populations rose to unprecedented levels. Logging, she said, promoted the growth of the low vegeta-

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Goin' home

Daniel Munter, Rotary exchange student from West Germany, is headed home. Page 15.



Paint it

The upcoming Peace Festival will feature plenty of entertainment—including mural painting. Page 14.



Otter

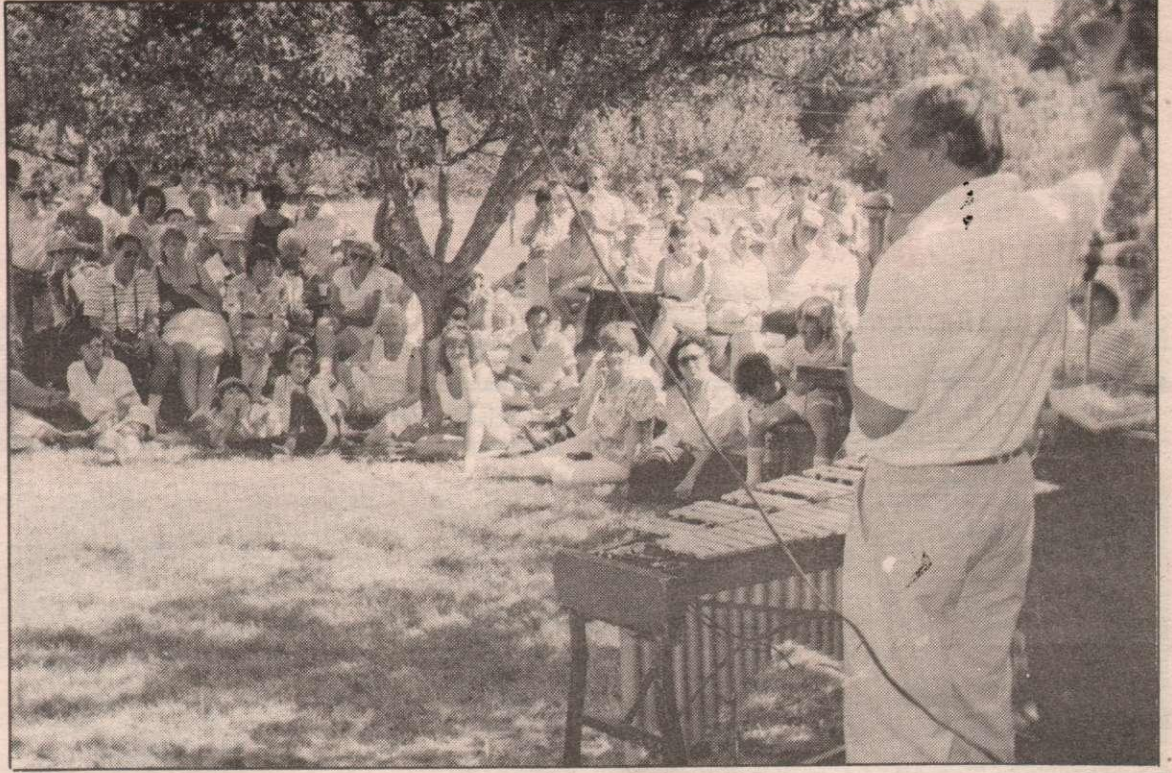
A young river otter stole the hearts of local residents at a lecture in Ruckle Park. Page 19.

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Summer Festival of the Arts

July 1 — August 2



Picnic offered live music (left) and other entertainment before Broadbent delivered a brief address (right).

Large turnout greets NDP leader; Broadbent notes party's popularity

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residents of the Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island. One organizers said later the size of the crowd made it one of the best-attended events staged by the Gulf Islands NDP Club in recent years.

Broadbent, who arrived on Salt Spring Island Sunday morning and stayed over until Monday, was the centre of attention. He spent much of his time speaking with anyone who approached, and later delivered a brief, low-key speech.

In that address, Broadbent predicted the NDP will collect the largest total of votes in three federal byelections to be held July 20. While he stopped short of saying the NDP would capture the St. John's East, Hamilton Mountain and Yukon ridings, Broadbent predicted that when all ballots are counted, "the NDP will stand first in the total number of votes — there's no doubt at all."

The significance of that result, he said, is that voting is taking place in three parts of Canada that are radically different from each other. "You can't find three parts of the country that are more different, in terms of human experience."

Broadbent said the NDP, which currently leads both the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives in popularity polls, is the first choice of voters across Canada because it presents a consistent stand on issues and avoids trying to please all segments of the electorate.

"In 1985, when we had 11 per cent of the vote, we said the same things we are saying today," he explained. "That's why we are doing so well. People understand

what we're all about."

After noting that Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was attending a sand-castle building event in White Rock the same day, Broadbent said "the people of Canada want reality — they've had enough phoniness. The prime minister hasn't delivered. He's done the opposite."

Broadbent closed his address with another reference to popularity polls which say the NDP would form Canada's government if an election were held today. Whether the party's 40 per cent share of support from decided voters "goes up, down or sideways," he says, "the party will always stand by what we believe."

Broadbent was introduced to the crowd by local MP Jim Manly, who called the NDP leader "the most respected political leader in Canada . . . a person we can all trust."

In his brief address, Manly drew attention to two events which took place last weekend — the reaching of the five billion mark in worldwide population, and the creation of a national park on South Moresby Island.

Manly placed the first event in

context by noting that the majority of the people in the world do not enjoy "what we here take for granted — food, liberty, environment."

The second event, he continued, climaxed years of struggle to preserve an area "of priceless value" and is a credit to all those people who persevered for creation of a national park on South Moresby. At the same time, Manly added, it was unfortunate that the struggle was seen as a pro-jobs versus pro-environment conflict.

"The lack of decent jobs is the number one priority in B.C.," he said. "While we fight for the environment, we must also get our environment going so new parks don't threaten peoples' futures."

Entertainment for the afternoon was supplied by Salt Spring Island's Raging Grannies, who supplied a mixed program of music and skits, and by original Club Mongo members Sue Bowler and Arno Bangert, who presented a House of Commons 'food puppet' show featuring the likes of Ed Broadbean, John Turnip and Brian Mulweenie.

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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Was that what it was all about?

When Fred Astaire died recently there were tributes to his memory and reminiscences of his career in every land. He was the pioneer of dancing on the screen. He was the ultimate dancer.

I grew up through adolescence in the days of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, for she was his preferred partner in my circle. We enjoyed their shows, not because he was a slick dancer, but because we always knew that the show would feature a series of songs boasting pleasant, romantic words set to a tune that would stay with us.

As far as I was concerned and as far as many of my companions of the period were concerned we enjoyed the Astaire skill on the floor, but it was their songs that stayed with us.

Those advancing years!

When I came to Salt Spring Island a score of years ago there were many aspects of the island which appealed, but the local hospital was not significant. What need had I for a hospital?

Then we grew old. I reckon we live, at my house, by courtesy of the hospital staff. I've been running back and forth to Lady Minto Hospital for a long time.

It has not been the life-giving service that has stayed with me, really. It is the warm, happy approach of the staff. I hate hospitals, but I sure enjoy the people running Lady Minto!

Who are they?

I haven't researched this at all. Maybe I should know the answers without looking. The fact remains that I don't.

A long time ago a bronze medallion came to the office. It was lost. The medallion was never claimed. The man named on the plate was already long since dead and nobody volunteered information on whose medal it might have been.

Medallion bears the legend, *He died for Freedom and Honour*. Britannia bears a laurel wreath and the lion stands at her feet. Beneath that art work is a smaller lion moving in the opposite direction. Obverse side of the medallion is blank.

Who was John Albert Spence? Where did he die? Where is his family?

With other veterans I have many times promised "to remember them." Who is remembering John Albert?

No funding for court

Gulf Islands school trustees have voted against donating any money toward completion of the fourth tennis court at Portlock Park.

At their regular meeting held July 9, School District 64 board members indicated that while they would like to donate money to causes such as the building of a much-needed tennis court, they simply cannot do so without setting a potentially-dangerous precedent.

School District 64 has been asked to donate slightly more than \$1,000 to the Salt Spring Tennis Association, which has been asked to raise \$5,500 as its contribution toward the new court. The remaining funding is

being obtained from the B.C. Lotteries Branch, Dr. Jack Fisher and the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

In discussing the request, trustees expressed concern that by donating money for the tennis court, they could be paving the way for additional requests from community groups. They also pointed out that the district's budget is tight, and any money donated for the court would likely have to come out of some other education fund.

"I think we should deal with the recreation commission, and not private clubs," trustee Grace Byrne said. "We've already said *No* to supporting the pool society financially."

Sexist business?

Report from a Victoria driver says that a number of city garages are selling extras to women drivers. My informants tell me that if a woman drives into some places of business and orders a muffler, she will be advised to replace the shock absorbers. Some victims of the practice believe that women are the targets for their common lack of mechanical awareness.

I'm not saying that! I wouldn't dare! It's just the way I heard it.

There is a moral to the tale. Don't go off-island! But there's a tail-skid to that moral. If you do go off-island and if you are a woman and if you don't know a shock absorber from a spark plug, just say "No, thank you!"

Hold that hill!

Colin Nicholson tells me that the problems with foot-operated hand brakes in an emergency would be eliminated if the Studebaker "Hill-holder" were to be adapted to such vehicles as are equipped with the foot-hand-brake and manual shift.

Many older readers will remember that excellent gadget, which Colin says was a Borg-Warner development. The driver pressed down brake and clutch and the brake remained engaged until the clutch was released.

The device may have been available in other makes of car, but Colin identifies it with the defunct South Bend company.

End of quote!

I don't often quote the doldrums of American magazines, not even those with a probing finger on the pulse, but this comment from *Harper's Magazine* is a warning of where these disputes take us.

"It is a gloomy moment in the history of our country.

"Not in the lifetime of most men has there been so much grave and deep apprehension: never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time.

"The domestic economy is in chaos. "Our dollar is weak throughout the world. Prices are so high as to be utterly impossible.

"The political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. Russia hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent, upon the horizon.

"It is a solemn moment. Of our troubles, no man can see the end!"

Clair Wilson, of North Pender, sent it to me for the very apt summary of international affairs this side of Washington.

Incidentally, it was published by the American magazine in October, 1847!

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Core parking fix needs commitment

With its constantly improving appearance and the provision of more modern shopping and service facilities, Ganges is offering an enticement to shoppers to come, look, see and buy.

There is, however, one fly in the ointment — the eager shopper who has great difficulty in finding a place to park tends to lose the appetite for shopping. And parking in Ganges is already at a premium.

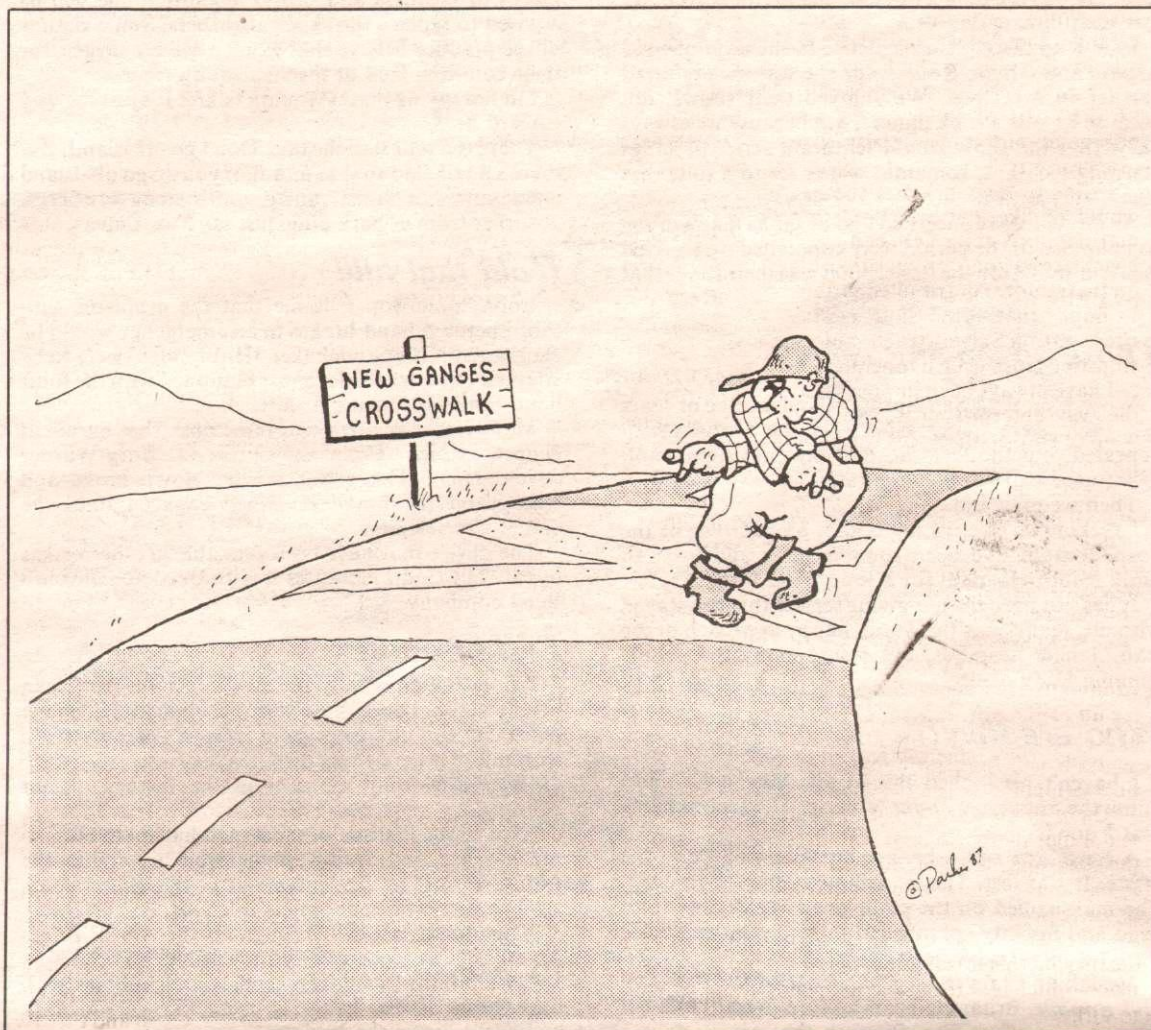
The commercial community should be associating itself with the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce in an effort to forecast future needs in terms of spaces to park in the downtown core.

Many operations in Ganges were constructed long before parking was even considered. Most streets were built in the days when sufficient parking space for two buggies represented a wide and spacious thoroughfare.

Within the foreseeable future, the present need for augmented parking spaces and improved street parking facilities will be increased. If the need is not met, the community's merchants will suffer.

Parking is a constant problem for every commercial community, and it will never solve itself. The challenge of accommodating patrons faces the merchants and property owners alone, however. The remainder of the island community will either find a parking space or stay home.

For the merchants, the challenge is survival.



Seek local transportation solution

Lack of adequate transportation services, we are told, is the most serious problem facing senior citizens in smaller provincial centres, like the Gulf Islands. That finding, outlined in a recent study by a University of B.C. professor, will be passed onto the provincial ministry of municipal affairs for possible remedial action. Residents of these islands, however, would best solve a local manifestation of the problem through local efforts.

The reason has little to do with depending on a provincial ministry's timetable and intentions, although that can be a difficult roadblock. A local response to a local problem is the best route to take because few other appropriate mechanisms are available.

As professor Gerald Hodge points out in his study, municipal governments, by virtue of their role as a conduit for provincial government dollars and support, are the preferred body for initiating improvements to local transportation concerns. However, he adds that local governments have generally done a poor job in serving the needs of their elderly residents.

The Gulf Islands, with a high proportion of senior citizens and no municipal governments, is in a good position to try a different route. If seniors here agree transportation is a pressing need, we suggest they make that view known to the likes of service groups and community organizations. We may surprise ourselves by coming up with a solution.

Jobs-versus-parkland billing was unfortunate

We agree with local MP Jim Manly's point that one unfortunate aspect of the debate which led to establishment of a national park at South Moresby was its billing as a fight between pro-job and pro-environment forces.

The MP, who discussed the deal at a picnic held Sunday on Salt Spring Island, said the polarization caused by the issue does not highlight a permanent rift in the population as much as it underscores the pressing need to develop a healthy economy in British Columbia.

The lack of "decent jobs" is the number one priority in B.C., Manly said, and efforts made to revive the economy must go hand-in-hand with the struggle to preserve our environment. If both goals are accomplished, Manly continued, creation of parks like South Moresby will not have to threaten the economic future of some segments of the population. You can't argue with that.

Free trade would strengthen Canadian culture

By ALAN WEBB

Lately we've been hearing a great deal from our entertainment and literary communities about the danger the free trade talks pose to Canadian culture. These anti-talk exponents believe the Canadian entertainment industry will be smothered by the ubiquitous U.S. industry. Canadian television will feature interminable *Three's Company* clones, and Canuck literature will be dragged down to the levels occupied by such American literary icons as Harold Robbins and Steven King.

I understand their reasoning;

certainly, these scenarios send a chill up my spine, too — but somehow, I think we'll be in for a surprise.

Should we bargain away our 'unique' culture, I believe we could be in for better entertainment and more really gripping drama. For instance, we Canadians find nothing more amusing than, say, casting a losing ballot in an election. This appeals to our innate sense of smugness. We Canadians elect governments so we can all attack them (which amuses us) or laugh deprecatingly and say *I told you so* for those lucky enough to vote for the loser.

Now suppose we were overrun by the Americans. Consider the opportunities to indulge in this greatest of hilarities. Think of the PTL Club, Oral Roberts, Gary Hart and Contra-Gate. Even now we are kept privy to the most lurid scandals such as these by the Canadian networks, but imagine the multitude of sorry episodes we'd be subjected to with still more American saturation of news. Ho ho, what fun.

We in Canada are currently entertained by home-grown *objets d'iriths* but we can't compete with our southern neighbours. In the head of state departments, for

example, compare Brian to Ron. Admittedly, Brian is pretty humorous, his lantern jaw is the subject of numerous jokes (*Why the long face Brian?*). But other than a facial quirk and some administrative blunders, our 'First Among Equals' doesn't compare with theirs.

Ron, on the other hand, falls asleep everywhere and anytime, is perpetually befuddled by the simplest matters, often strays from his script with hilarious consequences, forgets ... well, you know Ron. We should be governed by such a man. But since we can't, let's see more of him.

The future may bring a reverse in fortunes after the pact is signed, however. Witness the autopact. The Americans seemed to get the better of the deal initially, but then the situation reversed and now we seem to be getting the better of them (of course, this too is now on the free trade bargaining table).

After Ronald Reagan, the future is uncertain. George Bush? Yawn. Pat Robertson? Too good to be true.

Meanwhile, the Democrats will have a 'no name' candidate. Presumably, he'll campaign in a bright yellow suit with *No Name*

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Save it

Sir,
Saltery Bay is less than a quarter of a mile from my home on North Galiano. Because I spend a large portion of my day writing, I often go for an early morning walk and stop at Saltery Bay on the way back.

The other morning I was there around 7 am, watching the sun hit the island across the way, watching two small sailing boats chug slowly up Trincomali Channel (there was no wind), watching seagulls arrange themselves on logs and pilings, listening to the birds.

As Paul Theroux said of a place on the coast of England, "it was not quiet but it was noisy in a peaceful way."

I tried to imagine what the bay would be like if it ever became a marina: birds gone, kelp bed gone, beach access gone, oil slick floating on (heretofore) untroubled waters. I hope that the Saltery Bay Preservation Society will be able to stop this from ever happening.

I have always been impressed by the way enterprising people who want to stay on these lovely islands find a need and proceed to fill it — a bakery, for example, or a local pub that serves local fish and produce.

There is a need for a boat ramp at the North End and I have every confidence that an appropriate spot will eventually be found. But there is already a marina at Montague Harbour and boats can tie up at the government wharves at Retreat Cove and Spanish Hills at the North End, for a few hours or overnight.

There is no need for a marina and a marina for 26 boats (all that the developer is saying he will put there) makes no economic sense anyway (leaving aside all the other powerful reasons for not destroying this lovely, tiny, perfect place, which is at the moment open to all).

Since the Saltery Bay Preservation Society is willing to buy this area for park use, I hope the developer, who, I'm sure, is a reasonable man, will withdraw his bid and seek another spot for his development.
AUDREY THOMAS,
Galiano Island.

P.S. I urge Galiano residents and visitors to come and see this spot for themselves and then join the Saltery Bay Preservation Society or write a letter of support.

No laws?

Sir,
Your letters from Galiano published July 1, regarding the possibility of a marina at Saltery Bay, lead one to question several other threatening developments on this island. Is it now too late to save the forest and bird life surrounding Cook's Cove at the foot of Gustin Road? Already, the sale of this land by MacMillan-Bloedel to Noranda Mines (Ontario) has led to the most ruthless clear-cutting that I have ever seen. Today, this shambles of dead trunks and roots cannot even be saved for people

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My question remains: is there no law in B.C. which could force private owners to do selective logging, as is the case in Europe? Only by such means can beauty and wildlife be somewhat retained. For Galiano is not just an island. It is an island park, fast being turned into a commercial urban strip.
DOROTHY LIVESAY,
Galiano Island.

Bouquet

Sir,
Regarding the sand-building contest held in conjunction with Sea Capers at Vesuvius Beach, it was organized very well by a man in his 80s, who had little help from people much younger with nothing else to do but criticize.

Any successful undertaking on Salt Spring Island needs volunteers. Bevis Walters could stand more help from younger people next year.

As for the prizes, he did that on his own too, rather than going to local merchants, who are already giving to other endeavours.

If there is room for improvement, how about help instead of criticism?

As for time, we were on the beach on a very hot day from 9 am to 3 pm helping, and Bevis Walters put in a lot of time on signs, *Driftwood* write-ups, organizing, carrying equipment to the beach and back, and much else. He deserves a bouquet.
SY and DOROTHY SLOAN,
Ganges.

Rebuttal

Sir,
I have read Mary Fox's letter regarding the Sea Capers sand-building contest, which I organized.

It is well-known that praise often breeds complacency, while constructive criticism can act as a spur to greater achievement, and that is why I am grateful to Fox.

Her criticism and suggestions are valuable, and will receive full consideration when the 1988 sand-building contest is being planned, and in the meantime, "thank you."

I have not heard of any discontented prize-winners, but if there are any, I would like to hear from them.

Sea Capers sand-building

contest is organized each year in the hope that it will enable friends and families to "have some fun in the sun," and if anyone goes away unhappy, then we have not quite succeeded. If any participant is unhappy with any aspect of our contest I will be glad to hear from them, and will speedily remedy the situation.

BEVIS WALTERS,
Ganges.

Well done

Sir,
As a fairly new resident of Salt Spring, and particularly a newcomer to Sea Capers, I was rather distressed to read the letter by Mary Fox regarding the sand-building contest.

I most heartily agree with her that recognition should be given to all those clever people who came to take part in it, but to criticize the organizers was unfair.

Not every one of the 124 competitors registered ahead of time, so there was no way of knowing how many would turn up, or how large the group would be. Some signed in late, some changed their category in mid-stream and others abandoned their projects before they were finished.

As it was advertised as a contest, there had to be winners and these were chosen, I think fairly, by a panel of judges, of which I was one, who awarded points from one to 10 for each entry, taking into account age, ability, category and imagination.

Due to a benefactor on the committee, all the young children got prizes. Older children were awarded first, second or third for single or group entries. Family and adult groups, I believe, received one prize for the best and there was one overall winner.

Personally, I like to think that not everyone was there to win a trophy, but just to have fun, to be creative and innovative on a beach on a lovely summer day.

Certainly there were many talented people on Vesuvius beach that hot Sunday morning, apart from the winners, not the least the builders of the Rick Hansen statue mentioned. There was also a clever map of Salt Spring Island, a camera, a well-developed mermaid, a turtle so painstakingly covered with sea shells to represent its own shell, a "zikhurat" or Lover of Babel, a ferry boat which not everybody saw, and many, many more.

What a pity the tide had to come in and wash them all away. After

all, they could have been a tourist attraction all summer long if they could have stayed.

Well done, everybody.
NANCY HOLCROFT,
Ganges.

Support

Sir,
On behalf of the directors of the Sea Capers Society, I would like to thank all of Salt Spring for its generous support of our island festival.

Once again we were able to draw on the resources and talents of many individuals, businesses and organizations. Without their help, the Sea Capers weekend could not continue to be a success.

Special thanks to our hard-working committee members, the island musicians who kept us entertained throughout the day, and our sponsors and advertisers who responded with enthusiasm.

Your help makes it all worthwhile. Thanks, and see you next year at Sea Capers '88.
CAROL FOWLES,
Ganges.

Pool, please

Sir,
The first thing we did when we moved to Salt Spring 11 years ago was to enrol our four children in swimming lessons at Vesuvius Beach. That summer was typical — some cold, windy days in with the hot. But it was swim, rain or shine. We thought lessons were important.

A few years later we faithfully travelled to Panorama Pool in Sidney each Sunday for the family swim, where the kids could practice their skills and enjoy the water slide and swing. I believe a pool on Salt Spring would give all island children the year-round opportunity for swim lessons and valuable recreation.

Although our children are now grown, my husband and I would certainly use a pool; we often take our suits when going to Victoria, so we can indulge in a leisurely swim. I am also participating in Aqua-fit classes at the Gossetts' pool for my fourth summer.

I work hard as a potter and I need the stretching-without-strain of exercising in water. I feel privileged because there are always waiting lists of people eager to get into these classes.

Our family are members of the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society and we strongly support the concept of a leisure pool for our island. Its time has come.
MERLE BOX,
Ganges.

Helpful

Sir,
On July 1, 1987, the Castaways Car Club took some Greenwoods residents to Ruckle Park for a picnic. After we ate, we went to the viewpoint. Too late we discovered it was too far for some of the Greenwoods seniors to walk back to the parking area.

We were fortunate that park rangers Pat McLaughlin and Kerry Akerman were at Ruckle Park. They cheerfully opened the gate and drove some of our Greenwoods guests back to our cars.

A big thank you to Pat McLaughlin and Kerry Akerman from the Castaways Car Club.
DEE KINNEY,
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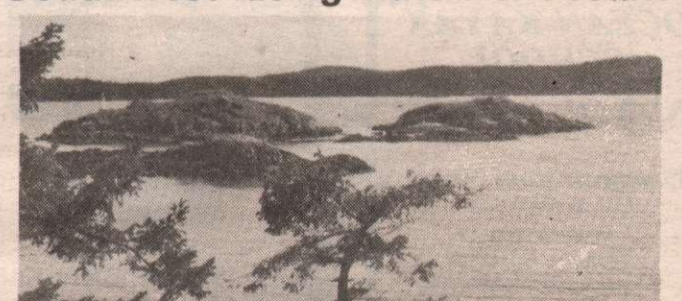
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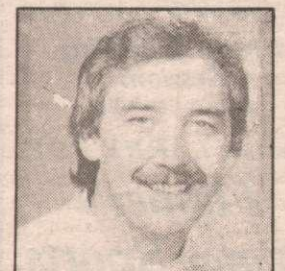
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Job help

Sir,
The Employment Action Centre, located next to Dagwood's in the Upper Ganges Centre, has been in operation for three months. Over 125 job-seekers have registered with us since our opening on April 15, and many of them have found full-time employment through us. We are continuing to find both casual and full-time employment for up to 10 people a week.

At this time of year, when many of the seasonal jobs have already been filled, we are anxious to provide service for homeowners. We are able to provide everything from garden help to painters and qualified tradesmen. Anyone requiring casual help on short notice is also urged to make use of our all-night bulletin board displayed in our office window. It lists names and phone numbers of people with a variety of skills: everything from moving help to housecleaners and babysitters.

The centre is also able to provide casual farm help for jobs such as haying and fruit picking. Since many students and casual workers are busy at this time of year, we appreciate being given a day's notice, particularly if more than one or two workers are required.

We are also able to supply local light hauling or moving help, including vehicles. In every case, we try to provide workers who are experienced, reliable and competent. We frequently get calls from employers expressing satisfaction with the quality of work performed by the people we send them. At present, workers supplied by us are engaged in ongoing jobs such as the construction of a large private dock on Scott Point. The workers are proud of both their skills and their work output and are a credit to the centre.

Our centre continues to be operated entirely by volunteers who come in each week to help us provide a valuable service to the community. Each time an unemployed person obtains a few days of work they are also increasing their self-confidence and reinforcing their vocational skills. Every time someone obtains full-time employment, their earnings are returned to the local economy which in turn creates more jobs and consequently, more prosperity for everyone.

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to be obtaining the few hundred dollars required to operate the centre each month. The money is needed to pay our rent, secretarial services, telephone and incidentals. We are indebted to CRD Director Hugh Borsman for financial assistance under their grants-in-aid program. However, generally speaking, the grants are non-renewable and we still require long-term funding. Our numerous appeals to the provincial government have cost us heavily in both time and energy and have proven to be a complete waste of time. Up to this point, they have not contributed a single dollar.

In order to expand our base of support and also to raise the money necessary to guarantee our continued operation, we are now offering memberships in the Salt Spring Employment Action Society. The benefits of membership include the opportunity to express one's wishes in the operation of the centre. Memberships are available at the centre at a cost of \$3 a year for the unemployed, and rising to whatever a person wishes to contribute. We also hope that an increased membership will give us greater credibility in our dealings with government.

BILL BEST,
Co-ordinator,
Employment Action Centre.

Misnomer

Sir,
I agree with Suzanne Maddison's concern about the so-named *Festival of the Arts*.

Isn't it odd that in Mexico one can hear Beethoven broadcast in the park and Mozart on a juke box?

Does this mean that musical antennae are less blunted in the Third World than in industrialized nations?

Maybe the *Festival of the Arts* is a misnomer or has a new meaning.

CECILIA de KIMBALL,
Ganges.

Thanks

Sir,
Thank you, Salt Spring Islanders, for showing overwhelming support when it's most needed. I am speaking about the Bob Walde Trust Fund, which saw many Islanders come out of the woodwork to help raise the funds needed to send Bob to Mayo Clinic.

A very special thanks to Bob and Terry Dow and all their helpers for organizing the huge and successful garage sale. Also, thank you to *Driftwood*, the Lions, Masons, Fire Department, Anglican Church, 4-H Club and many many groups and individuals who all helped to raise over \$9,483 for a hopefully still-growing trust fund.
HENRY SCHWAGLY,
Ganges.

Jamboree

Sir,
T is for the sun which came and stayed out before, during and after our big day.

H is for horses, our theme and a popular attraction for the children.

A is for arrangements, particularly flower arrangements and Aini Haksi, who donated 15 of them.

N is for nutrition and food and all those ladies who prepared pies,

chili, pita filling, etc., and those who served it.

K is a letter we found quite impossible — but, thanks for the quilt display, the craft table, the many costumed people and the cake decorators.

Y is for youth, a characteristic of the Abbotsford Rube Band, who added so much to the festivities.

O is for old-timers who came and enjoyed our historical show.

U is for you, who came and made our day such a success.

G is for games and all those who donated so much time in running them successfully.

A is for an editor from *Driftwood* who, with his family, joined us for the day.

L is for those who lent items for our displays.

I is a letter to be found in the word *singers*. Grateful thanks to all those who researched horsey songs and performed them for us.

A is for after, and for all those who turned up the next day to take down, put away, and get things back to normal.

N is for nail-driving, a popular pastime for the ladies.

O is for all the others — the master of ceremonies, the parade marshal, the judges, Keith Pearson (our clown), the sellers of tickets and food, the Hummingbird bus, the typist and secretary, the Scottish dancers and the riders in the musical ride.

In short, it was a great day!

ALISTAIR ROSS,
Jamboree Chairman,
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Ombudsman faces political struggles

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

VICTORIA — Stephen Owen, British Columbia's new ombudsman, has run into his first brick wall, and my guess is that before too long, he'll suffer from the same severe headaches that plagued his predecessor, Karl Friedmann.

Owen's first collision with the authorities occurred as a result of his public report on the Workers' Compensation Board (WCB). The report was highly critical of the workers compensation system — which didn't thrill the WCB's new chief, Jim Nielsen of former Socred cabinet fame.

Nielsen reacted predictably, insinuating that the ombudsman didn't know what he was talking about. It's an old ruse. Instead of countering a critic's argument, you attack his intelligence and question his knowledge of the subject matter. It's a tactic Nielsen used successfully in the legislature whenever he came under opposition attack.

In this case, however, he has ignored two important points. First, he is no longer a politician and shouldn't act like one. Second, the ombudsman is not a politician, either, and shouldn't be treated like one.

'That the WCB, particularly the appeals system, is a big mess has been known for years.'

Nielsen's reaction to the ombudsman's report is not only an insult to Stephen, it's an affront to all the workers whom the system is to serve and who have been so sadly short-changed by it for so many years.

That the WCB, particularly the appeals system, is a big mess has been known for years. We didn't need the ombudsman's report to tell us that. The value of the report lies in its recommendations.

Rather than just pointing out the deficiencies of the system, the report makes no less than 48 recommendations for change in the administration of the claims process and the structure of the appeals system.

One of the biggest problems in the workers compensation system has been the long delays of appeals. The moment a worker or an employer appeals a decision by the WCB, he must be prepared for an 18- to 20-month delay before a decision is rendered. Some workers have been driven to financial ruin by such delays.

The report makes several recommendations aimed at shortening the appeals process. One of them is to take away the WCB's right to reverse or to refuse to implement a decision by a review board. It also recommends that the medical review panel, which is brought into play during appeals, be placed under the direction of an independent review board, rather than the WCB itself, as is now the case.

The report further recommends that claimants be granted improved access to their files. Existing regulations stack the deck

in favour of the WCB and are often confusing to claimants.

Not one of the 48 recommendations can be considered outrageous or unreasonable. They are all designed to make the compensation system fairer and more equitable.

On page one of the report, Owen stresses the absolute necessity for fairness and accountability in a bureaucracy. The political process, he says, is generally effective in safeguarding society's general policy objectives, but the system is less effective when it comes to protecting the individual's rights.

"Entrusting individual rights to a non-reviewable, technical bureaucracy, however expert and well-meaning, risks replacing accountability with paternalism and challenges democratic values," Owen says.

It's the sentiments expressed in that one sentence which make the ombudsman's job so perilous. They cut into the very guts of an entrenched bureaucracy.

If Owen nurses fond hopes of finding ground on which he, the body politic and the bureaucracy can meet and amicably discuss matters of accountability and fairness, he's in for a rude surprise.

Nielsen's knee-jerk response is rather typical, not only of bureaucrats in general but of the WCB in particular. Friedmann repeatedly raked the board over the coals and got sued in the end by Walter Flesher, then chairman of the WCB.

An ombudsman here or anywhere else can go one of two routes. He can try to be cordial, reasonable and co-operative and risk being co-opted by the bureaucracy — or he can stand fast on principles most bureaucrats will consider a threat to their authority.

Owen's report has set him on the latter course. If he stays the course, the attacks on him will increase in both frequency and intensity. But then, what real alternative has he got?

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I have already completed this course once, and some of the benefits I have experienced are a deeper and broader perspective on world affairs, greater optimism, more sense of personal control over the unfolding of my life, and increased immunity from disease and suffering. I highly recommend this course for all who are interested in planetary and personal healing.

It often seems that the world is coming apart at the seams and many of us can see no alternatives to despair and hopelessness. There is now considerable evidence that these feelings are debilitating to the immune system, so it is not too

surprising that cancer and AIDS are increasingly rampant. And of course, people who are despairing and hopeless can do little to better their economic or social conditions.

Much of the world is sunk deep in a morass of our own creation, where we believe that we must struggle for survival, and where we keep dragging each other deeper and deeper all the time.

Conversely, for each person who is a beacon of love, joy and well-reasoned optimism, many people will be positively affected, and may be able to constructively change their lives as a result.

I do not think that our situation is anywhere near as hopeless as we frequently lead each other to believe. For this reason, I am encouraging my friends to participate in this seminar.

Those who like to talk of "things mystical" but have little practical experience may be unsettled by the power of this course. Those who are ready and willing to evolve to as yet undreamed of levels of beauty, power and coherence will find it invaluable. For further information and registration, call Maggi McCartie at 537-4217.

DOUG MANLY, Ganges.

Dangerous

Sir, At a recent marine educators conference at Western Washington University, I gained a new awareness and, like the ancient mariner, am compelled to pass it along.

Plastics burned in landfill disposals do their part to ruin our ozone layer. This may be well-known but what may not be is the significant number of animal deaths caused by plastics tossed into the oceans, whether by municipalities dumping garbage, by fishermen dumping or losing nets, or by boaters dumping waste.

Sea turtles mistake plastic bags for their food — jellyfish — and have been found dead with stomachs full of these bags.

Birds mistake the tiny pellets of styrofoam for food. These clog their esophagus and they starve to death.

Six-pack can holders in the ocean are often lethal toys for seabirds.

Nets become toys for young seals and sea lions and, as they grow, they choke to death.

Lost nets and traps, called ghost nets, continue to catch fish, crabs, etc. And on it goes.

Three suggestions for your readers might be:

- remove boat garbage to a land dump, at least.
• save plastic bags (and paper ones too), carry them back to the store and use them over and over again as the more conservative Europeans do.
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Local warning

Pumps may hold dangerous PCBs

A number of submersible water pumps sold on Salt Spring Island before 1980 could be of the type now thought to contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), according to a local merchant.

John Lomas of Gulfstream Pro Hardware, a local store which sells submersible pumps, said last week he thinks that "a few old (F.E.) Myers pumps" using oil-filled motors may have been sold on Salt Spring. There could also be as many as 20 Red Jacket submersible pumps here as well.

Pre-1978 F.E. Myers pumps and those bearing the brand name Red Jacket have been identified by the B.C. ministry of environment as two types of submersible pumps that used oil-cooled motors and may contain PCBs, a toxic chemical. According to a study completed by the Ontario ministry of environment, these pumps may contaminate drinking water with PCBs.

Only pumps manufactured between 1964 and 1980 are likely to contain oil-cooled motors. F.E. Myers pumps made after 1978 use water-cooled, PCB-free motors.

"Of the list, I think there could be a few old Myers pumps still around," said Lomas on Thursday, "and there could be about 20 of those Red Jacket pumps as well. They were a common pump

then."

Lomas said, however, that the majority of pumps sold used water-cooled motors, which are considered safe. "Years ago, I sold a Myers pump with an oil-cooled motor," he recalled.

"But there aren't hundreds and hundreds (of the oil-cooled motors) on the island," he noted.

Lomas added that two-wire submersible pumps — pumps that have two wires extending down into the well shaft — may have capacitors located at the bottom of the well. Ministry officials have singled out these pumps as possibly hazardous, as the capacitors may contain PCBs.

"There could be some two-wire pumps around, but not too many," he added. "They were fairly common in the Prairies, but most here are three-wire pumps."

Although the ministry of environment is warning the owners of submersible pumps to check the types of motors used, government officials add that the amount of PCBs found in contaminated well water is relatively minimal.

Officials in Ontario found that the levels of PCB water contamination found in well water drawn by submersible pumps with oil-cooled motors was generally below the province's drinking water limit of three parts per billion.



Work site

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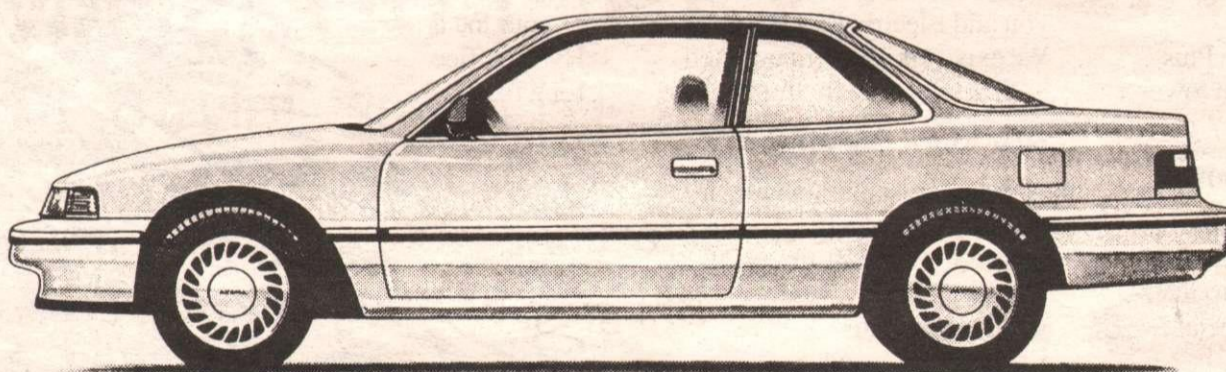
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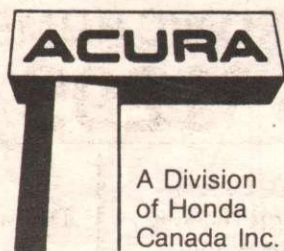
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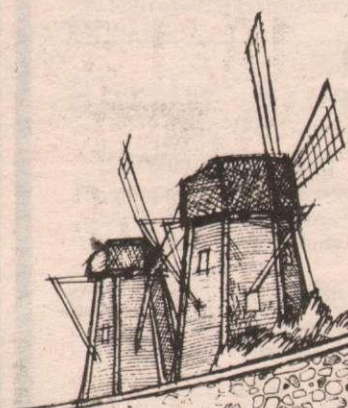
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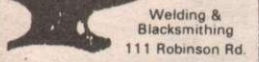
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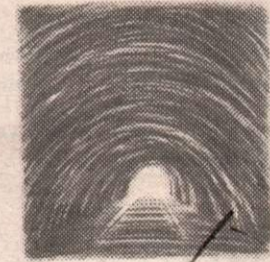
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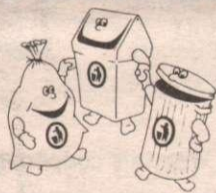


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Absence of natural predators to blame?

Study suggests islands over-populated by deer

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tion — a key component of a deer's diet. Now, with second-growth timber choking out most of the deciduous brush, the deer are finding less browse available.

She feels that a condition known as "Winter Death Syndrome" exists on Salt Spring, and says that according to Gilbert Van Reenen — an expert who completed a research paper on deer for New Zealand's ministry of agriculture and fisheries — it is "a euphemism for simple starvation."

In his paper, Van Reenen said "affected animals waste and die or may die suddenly. Because deer have a lean, low-fat carcass, their energy reserves are small, leaving little flexibility to cope with sudden cold periods and/or feed shortage. Young animals and stags are most susceptible. Internal parasites contribute to the problem. Deer develop severe clinical illnesses very quickly in serious diseases; this can rapidly lead to recumbency and death."

Wooldridge's belief that Salt Spring is over-populated with deer is backed up by a recent study completed by four University of B.C. undergraduates, one of whom is her son, John Wooldridge.

That study, which used computers to estimate deer populations on Vancouver Island based on hunter catch data collected by the ministry of environment, was completed over a period of several months. It concluded that deer populations in Management Unit 1-1 — which consists of the Gulf Islands and Saanich Peninsula — have risen dramatically in the past decade.

John Wooldridge and his fellow students estimate that the black-tailed deer population in MU 1-1 has probably risen to approximately 33,330 from an estimated 1976 level of 16,362.

The UBC student, who majored in zoology, says that although there is room for error in the method he and his fellow undergraduates used to gauge deer populations on Vancouver Island, he is satisfied the study's deer estimate for MU 1-1 is reasonably accurate.

"There is room for error in both (the ministry and our methods)," he said. "Our exact total might not be correct, but I feel the



CRD animal control officer Howard Byron feeds orphaned fawn he is raising until it is old enough to fend for itself.

trends shown by the computer will probably stand up. The ministry seems to think there are indications of a decline (in deer population), but we don't feel this is the case."

John Wooldridge feels that the major increase in deer populations throughout the area results from limited hunting pressure and an absence of natural predators. In the study, entitled *An Assessment of Deer Populations on Vancouver Island*, he says "all lower island MUs show a large increase in deer abundance . . . from 1976 to 1985. Harvest levels have remained at a constant high level relative to the middle and upper island. The population growth may be attributed to generally low wolf densities in the lower island."

John Wooldridge suggests that the Gulf Islands and Saanich

Peninsula could sustain significantly higher levels of deer hunting. "The simulation for the two lower MUs," he says, "shows that large increases in hunting effort can be sustained by the deer population. Present harvest levels can be increased by 20 to 30 per cent without causing a decline in the abundance of deer in these areas."

B.C.'s ministry of environment, while recognizing that deer populations in the Gulf Islands are high, does not know the exact number of deer living on the islands. Ministry officials agree that some animals die each year from disease, but don't feel it represents a major problem.

"We get a few calls, but not a whole lot," Doug Janz, the ministry's regional wildlife biologist in Nanaimo, said last week. "Obviously, there are some dying, and there is high density on the islands . . . a few people also report that the deer have various growths on them, which are like contagious warts and are associated with deer living in poor conditions."

The biologist added, however, that it is often difficult for the ministry to determine how many deer are dying. He said the ministry does not have the manpower required to conduct major deer counts in the islands, either.

Janz agrees that the Gulf Islands' deer population could probably be reduced by allowing more hunting here. However, he noted such a proposal could create major problems.

"With the number of residents over there, it is difficult from a safety perspective to increase the harvest rate," he said. "Allowing hunters to use rifles would undoubtedly increase the harvest, but for safety reasons that's really not feasible. That's why we have a shotgun-only regulation over there, because it's a short-range weapon."

"There's not a whole lot we can do," he concluded.

Chris Wooldridge agrees that the provincial ministry of environment is hampered by a lack of manpower. Nevertheless, she hates to see island deer dying of starvation and disease.

"But deer aren't an endangered species, so it's not always a concern to perhaps anyone but the SPCA," she says.



Fawn's mother is one of many deer to die this year on islands, an occurrence studies say may be due to over-population.

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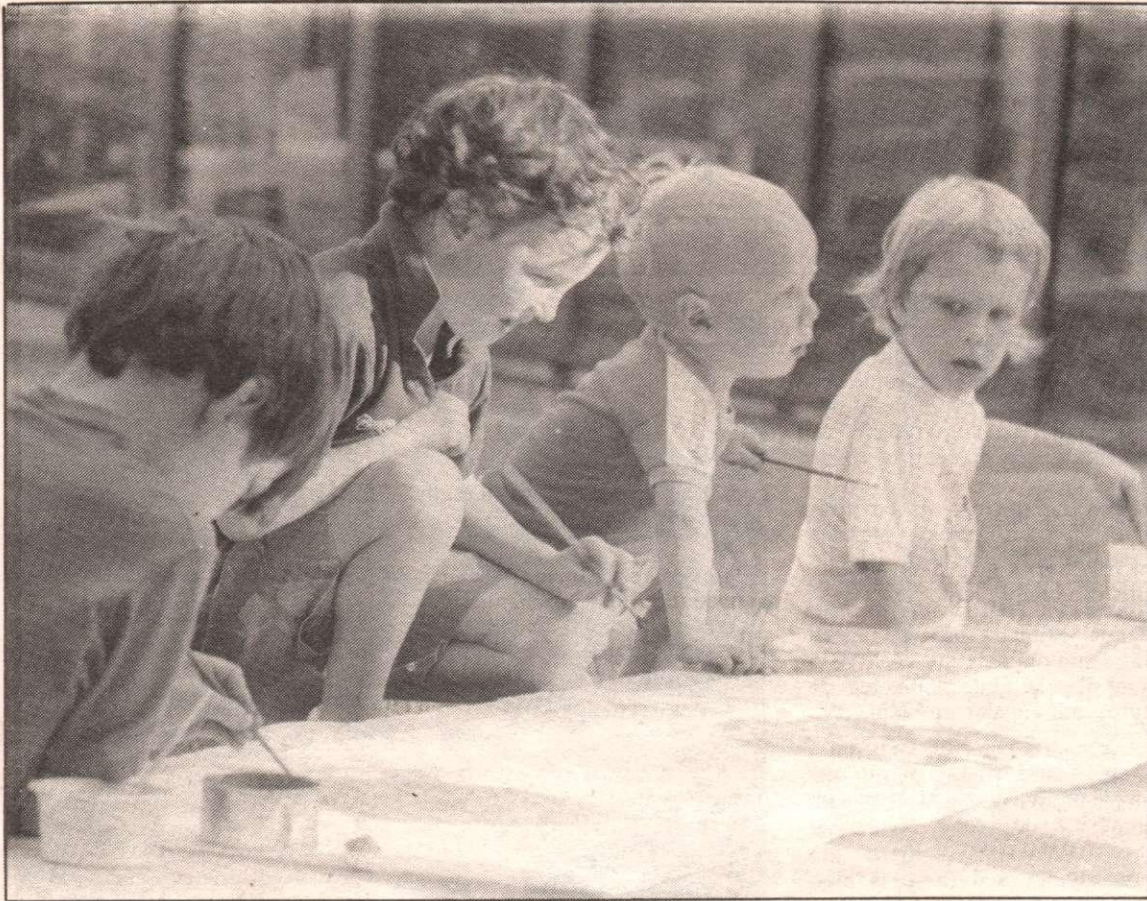
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Davies and Chris Davies. Parents of children are involved in organizing the festival.

Teen group organizes benefit car wash here

That car getting dirty? Are people writing *Wash me* — and other offensive slogans — on the family sedan's trunk?

If so, perhaps it's time to give that vehicle a good scrubbing. The island's teen leadership group, established last spring by recreation program director Sandi Geiger, will be holding a car wash at the Shell service station July 25 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. All money raised will be used to promote programs for island teens between the ages of 13 and 18 years.

Residents are encouraged to support local teen programs by bringing their vehicle to the car wash.

Hospital auxiliary holds final meeting of summer

The regular monthly meeting of the auxiliary to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was held June 22 at 2 pm in the United Church's upper hall.

After a brief business meeting, during which numerous reports were read, president Betty Galt read a brief account of the recent Association of B.C. Auxiliaries conference held in Vancouver, which she and vice-president Bea Carr attended.

It was later announced that the

June 22 meeting was the last of the summer, and that meetings would begin again in September. The first one will be on Monday, September 28.

The president wished members a happy summer — with warm days and rain at night.

Following adjournment of the regular meeting, tea was served and members viewed the swimming pool association's series of slides showing various installations now on the market.

Candlelight ceremony will mark Hiroshima bombing

An August 6 candlelight ceremony, complemented by readings and music, will be held in Centennial Park in Ganges to commemorate the dropping of an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima.

The event will begin at 8:30 pm.

Taking part in the candle ceremony, designed specifically for the occasion by Art Morton, will be a group of young Salt Spring residents.

Also to be featured at the ceremony will be flute music by Antoine Prosk, which organizers say will create a reflective mood for a series of brief readings.

The readings will include: Mary Williamson presenting excerpts from John Hersey's *Hiroshima*; Carol Evans reciting the poem

Unity; and Robyn Smith offering a prayer with similar sentiments.

Several appropriate songs are to be presented by the Salt Spring Singers, who will also lead the audience in singing.

The candlelight ceremony will launch a three-day Peace Festival on Salt Spring. Operating under the theme, *Our Hopeful Future*, the festival will include a community social on Friday evening (August 7), and a day of family activities on Saturday (August 8).

Organizers of the festival include Amnesty International, the Baha'i Faith, Salt Spring Centre, Salt Spring Island Nuclear Disarmament Group, Teenagers Organized to Uphold Global Harmony (TOUGH), and Voice of Women.

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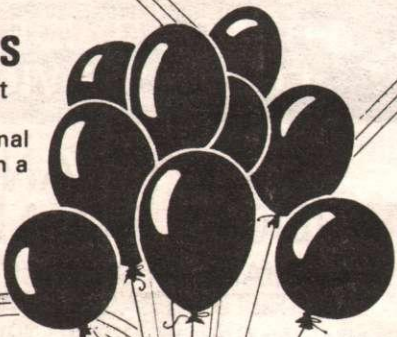
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MOUAT'S

Daniel Munter enjoyed experience

Rotary exchange student heading home

By MIKE TURKKI

Daniel Munter is going home. Munter, 17, has been visiting Salt Spring Island for ten and a half months under the Rotary International Exchange program. The West German youth left the island Friday, but pledged to return for a visit in a few years.

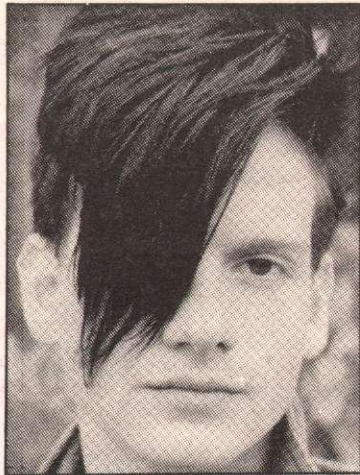
Munter, whose home is the 'small' town of Helmstedt (population 30,000), said Friday morning he is leaving the island with mixed emotions. Although he will be pleased to see his friends and family after nearly a year away from home, he will miss the many people he met while visiting Canada.

"I am looking forward to seeing family and friends, and speaking German again, but I'm also going to miss people here," he noted. "I have a girlfriend here, so it's going to be hard, and the families I stayed with were very nice."

"I know I've changed a lot, inside and out, and I hope my friends in Germany will still be around. I hope they'll be the same."

While on Salt Spring, Munter attended Grade 11 at Gulf Islands Secondary School. When he returns to West Germany, he will go back to school for another three years. Then, like all West Germans, he must spend two years in the military — a prospect he doesn't relish.

"Basically, it's two wasted years," he says. "But people don't think much about it, they just do it. I have a brother in the military right now, and he's just counting the days until he gets



Daniel Munter

out. In his last letter, he said he had another 197 days to go."

Like anyone who travels abroad for the first time, Munter sees a great many differences between his country and Canada.

"People here are a lot more laid back, easy going," he noted. "In Germany, it's go to school, go into the army. Here I sometimes, well, found it a little boring. In Germany, I'd come home from school at one and then have the rest of the day off to go out with my friends or whatever. Here, you get home at three and there's not much going on."

Although he found the lessons here easy, Munter enjoyed attending Gulf Islands Secondary School.

"I found school a lot easier here," he stated. "I took Grade 11, and had no problems. I scored 100 per cent on my Algebra one

term.

"I really liked the high school here, though. In the big schools, there are so many cliques. There are the jocks, the preppies. Here, though, there were only 300 students. I knew almost everybody by name, and they knew me. I had lots of friends."

According to Munter, it was the "little things" that he found difficult to adjust to here. It took a while, for example, to adjust to North American cuisine — and British Columbia liquor laws.

"It was the little things, like the bread," he said. "Here, the bread is awful. It's this fluffy white stuff; there's nothing to it. I'm used to rye bread."

"Also, in Germany the drinking age is 16. I used to go into the pubs with my friends after school and have a couple of beers. Here, the drinking age is 19, so I haven't been to any of the local pubs."

Munter had many good times here, but also had a few bad experiences as well. Although he

didn't get homesick at first, there were times — like Christmas — when he missed friends, family and his native country.

"I wasn't really homesick," he said. "The first few months, everything was new, exciting and a challenge, so I didn't get homesick. But Christmas was a hard time. Christmas was a really family time at home."

The West German youth praised the Rotary exchange program, and recommended it to other students. "If I could do it again, I would," he said. "It's a great program."

"My being here has made my parents realize how close North America really is," he continued. "Before, North America was a dream, someplace you thought you might get to once in your life. Suddenly, though, it's so close. We plan to come back to Canada and the United States."



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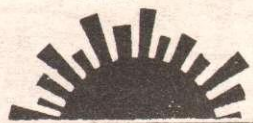
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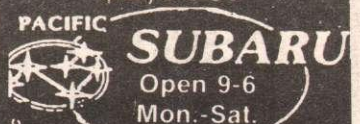
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The marriage ceremony was performed at Ganges United Church, by Rev. Al Skinner. Music was provided by violinist Jean Knight, pianist Angela Funk and soloist Gregory Huynh.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long white satin dress featuring a full-length train, bodice of lace and pearls, and short two-tiered sleeves. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and trailing freesia.

Attending the bride were maid of honour Fiona Rowell, bridesmaids Edna Nielson and Sheena Kirkham, and flower girls Kara Kirkham and Casey Stepaniuk. All wore matching aqua lace dresses.

Ushers were Jeff Townsend of Castlegar and David Stepaniuk and Scott Stepaniuk of Salt Spring Island.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stepaniuk, then a dinner and dance at Humberdink's by the Sea in Ganges.

Out-of-town guests attending included: the groom's grandmother, Mrs. K. Renwick; Mr. and Mrs. B. Reid of Vernon; and Mrs. Jean Nelson of Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

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Library receives donation

A \$2,000 contribution from the Vancouver Foundation has been used by the Salt Spring Island Public Library to purchase books for children and young adults.

The contribution was part of a \$75,000 donation made to the B.C. Library Association by the Vancouver Foundation, which specified that the money go to smaller B.C. libraries and be used to purchase books for children.

Among the books the Salt Spring Island Public Library purchased with its \$2,000 donation were: seven volumes of the *World Book Encyclopedia of Science*; the *Anne of Green Gables Cookbook*; *Emily Carr — The Story of an Artist*; *Riel's People*, by Maria Campbell; *Different Dragons*, by Jean Little; *Cry to the Night Wind*, by T.H. Smith, *The Window of Dreams*, an anthology of 30 Canadian stories and poems for children; and several illustrated books of fairy tales.

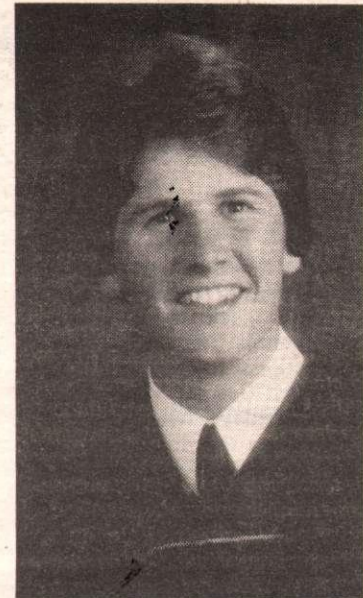
The library said it made its selections from catalogues supplied by the B.C. Library Association. The catalogues, it explained, were compiled with the needs of smaller libraries in mind.

Criteria used to select the books included: a publication date of 1980 or later (except where an author or subject could only be represented by an earlier title); an emphasis on materials written and published in Canada; and inclusion of a broad variety of types of books appealing to children in a range of ages.

In fiction, the books selected were all major award-winners since 1980, by American and British authors of merit, and part of an outstanding title series.



Glenda Woodley



David Woodley

Brother, sister making careers in medical field

The son and daughter of Glenn and Linda Woodley of Salt Spring Island have moved closer to careers in the medical field.

Glenda M. Woodley finished training at Vancouver General Hospital earlier this year. After writing her Registered Nurses examination in August, she will be working at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

David Glenn Woodley recently graduated from the University of B.C. with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He is now interning at City Hospital in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

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Day-lilies adaptable perennials

A flower's Latin name can be quite revealing

For most of us, Latin names are both meaningless and difficult to pronounce. For the adventurer, however, their translations can be revealing.

One magnificent bloomer, *Hemerocallis*, when translated from Latin, means *beautiful for a day*, thus explaining the common name, day-lily.

Lily-like flowers can be in open or branched clusters with the buds opening on successive days. The blooms, carried on long stems, stand well above the grass-like foliage. Gracefully arching bright green leaves also provide an effective background for other low-growing annual and perennial flowers. Both tall and dwarf varieties are available.

Many types are fragrant and should be included in your cutting bed. Flowers may be single, semi-double or double, with narrow or broad petals. Working from the basic yellow, orange and rust-reds of the species plants, hybridizing has given us a much wider range of colours, including apricot, shell pink, buff, vermilion, creamy white and a range of bicolours. Some cultivars bloom twice a year (or more often), and with careful selection of early, mid-season and late varieties, it is possible to have day-lilies blooming in your garden from May to September.

Day-lilies are among the most adaptable of hardy perennials, with few plants being tougher and more persistent. They are seldom attacked by diseases or insects. Ordinary well-drained soil with a pH of 6.0 and plenty of humus is ideal, but it will adjust to almost any type of soil.

Hemerocallis are drought resistant and will also thrive in soils where the water table is close to the surface, as long as they aren't standing in water. Water the plant thoroughly while in bloom.

When selecting a planting location, keep in mind that even though they enjoy full sun, in hot areas flowers will tend to fade in intense sun all day; some afternoon shade is ideal. Day-lilies will flourish in conditions of part shade as well, but red varieties need

warmth to develop the best colour.

Fertilize with a complete fertilizer (6-8-6 or 13-16-10). The occasional top-dressing of well-decomposed manure improves the quality of bloom, and it has been said that bloodmeal will improve both foliage and flower colour.

After hard frosts in the fall, clean up any browned foliage before it turns mushy and hard to handle. If you are in an area of higher elevation, leave the foliage for winter mulching. For those day lilies that are evergreen, wait until early spring to cut them back. In all instances, do not cut off any green foliage between mid-spring and November, and remember to snap off all faded flowers daily.

Established clumps should be divided after three or four years, either in early spring or late fall. Allow two to three feet each way between plantings, and be careful not to set the plants too deep. Where the foliage changes from a bright green to a creamy white colour indicates the proper planting depth.

A number of species and several hundred named strains and varieties are available. Garden centres carry a range of varieties and colours with both deciduous and evergreen *Hemerocallis* hybrids. Varieties can be one to six feet tall, with flowers from three to eight inches across. Colour range extends to provide a wide spectrum, and can provide colour

your garden

by **Chris Schmah**

from early spring to late autumn. *Hemerocallis liloasphodelus* (lemon day-lily) is a deciduous species that produces clear yellow flowers with a fragrance, for most of the month of June. The compact growth (less than three feet) is an added benefit. *H. fulva* is the common orange tawny day-lily

which grows to five feet in height with two-to three-foot-high leaves and three-to five-inch blooms that are orange with reddish striping or flecking. This summer bloomer is also a deciduous species. *H. aurantiaca* is another fine summer flowerer that has burnt orange blossoms. *H. citrina* is a late summer to autumn blooming species that makes lemon yellow flowers.

Day-lilies make effective landscape combinations with a wide range of plants, including Lady's Mantle, (*Alchemilla mollis*), Zinnias, French marigolds (*Tagetes*), *Viburnum davidii* and snapdragons.

Dramatic effects can be achieved by grouping these prolific bloomers among evergreen shrubs, along stream banks, near pools or planted in borders to complement shasta daisies, bearded iris and dusty miller.

The Chinese saute the unopened buds of the day-lily, while some gardeners prefer to pick the flowers in the evening of their single day's blossoming to use whole for a garnish or to shred into salads. The taste is quite unique, somewhat like a sweet lettuce.

The day-lily makes a delightful contribution to almost any garden, pleasing both the eye and the palate.



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'Looking after our assets,' says spokesman

Catholic Church approves logging on its property near Charlesworth

The logging of more than 30 acres of timberland between Drake and Charlesworth Roads near Ganges is "simply a matter of looking after our assets," a spokesman for the Catholic Diocese of Victoria said Thursday.

The property, located west of Fulford-Ganges Road, is part of the Roman Catholic Church's holdings on Salt Spring. It has been logged by a private contractor under an agreement with the Catholic Diocese of Victoria.

"There was getting to be some root rot in the fir," said the church spokesman. "We're just logging it, and then it will be replanted . . . If we had left it, it wouldn't have been worth anything, and I don't think it would have been good for property alongside — not if there was root rot there."

Dan O'Donnell Logging of Fulford has been hired to do the work. The church spokesman said special care is being taken to ensure that a creek draw and an alder stand are retained.

The area, which was first logged approximately 50 years

ago, will be replanted when clean-up is complete. There are no immediate plans to develop the land further.

"The last time (approximately 50 years ago), it was not properly logged, or at least that's what the forestry people tell us," continued the church official. "So this time, it's going to cost us something, but we want to do it properly. We want it to regenerate."

"Nothing is going to happen to the land. Anything like that would be a long way down the road."

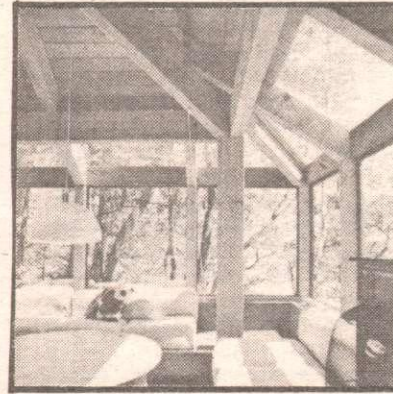
Local residents have expressed concern over the logging and its impact on adjoining properties. Some feel that in addition to destroying the area's aesthetics, the cutting may create flooding problems on properties located below the site.

Salt Spring Islands Trust representative Pat Byrne said that although the Trust shares those concerns, there is nothing it can do to regulate the project.

"The Trust has no legislated authority to regulate tree-cutting on private land," he explained.



Part of church property being logged



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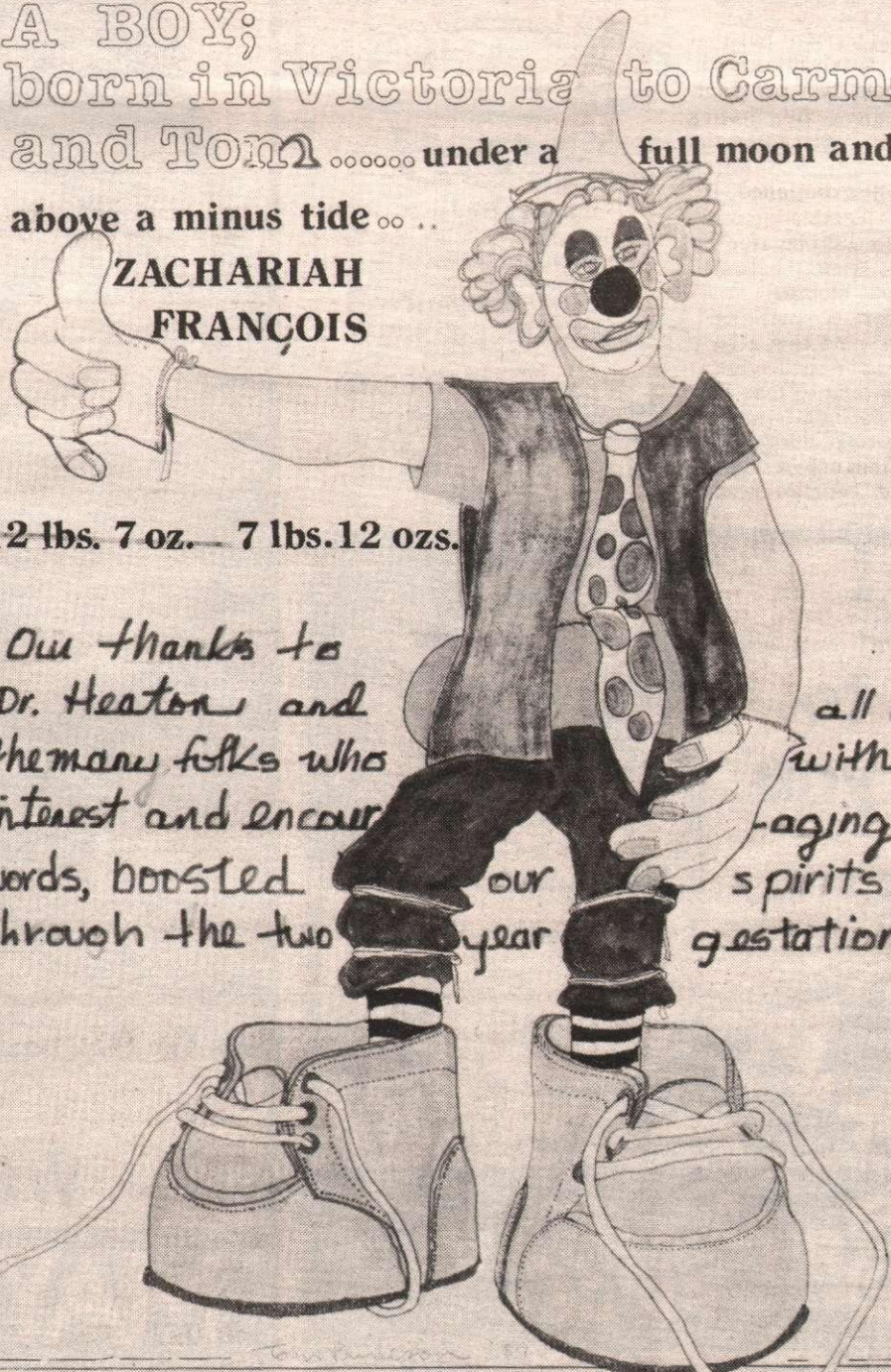
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River otter a hit with park-goers

'Pender,' a four-month-old river otter found recently on Pender Island, was a smash hit with youngsters — and adults — attending a lecture held last Friday night at Ruckle Provincial Park on Salt Spring.

The lecture, sponsored by B.C. Parks as part of a summer series of information sessions at both Ruckle and Montague Harbour parks, featured 'Pender,' biologist Tracy Michalsky and photographer Deborah Hodson. The three guests were from the Wildlife Reserve of Western Canada, in Sidney.

While Michalsky showed a series of slides concerning otters, Hodson and 'Pender' entertained groups of two, three — and sometimes more — people anxious to touch and pet the otter.

Pender was found in a ditch on that island by a couple out for a walk, Hodson said. Her mother had probably died and the otter was turned over to the Wildlife Reserve.

Its visit to Ruckle was the otter's first public appearance, but it showed no signs of being intimidated by people, Hodson noted.

Michalsky's slide show and talk concerned the habitat and life cycle of otters. She noted that otters had been kept as pets as far back as 600 AD (in China, where they assisted fishermen) but that their current survival rate in captivity is about two per cent. Michalsky said she hopes 'Pender' will be returned to the wild.

River otters, she continued, are extinct in many places around the world (northern Europe, for instance) and are close to being an endangered species in B.C. The chief threat to otters, she said, lies in their interaction with man — the otter's habitat is destroyed by man, and the animal is hunted by man for its fur.

"The otter is hunted for its fur, which is sent to Europe — where, ironically, they (river otters) are extinct," she said.

Michalsky added that otters are considered at the top of the aquatic food chain. Their presence in a river is an indicator of the health of that water system, she said, and explains why officials attempting to clean up rivers in Britain are trying to reintroduce otters.

"They believe that if the otter can survive there, the water and the ecology will be clean," she said.

Michalsky explained that river otters are active hunters who rely primarily on a keen sense of hearing to find their prey. Although they use their eyes on land, the sight organs are not well developed, she added.

It was also noted that otters have two layers of fur — a long overcoat and a dense undercoat — and "spend a lot of time caring for it" by rolling in grass and drying themselves.

Following the slide show and talk, the session was opened for questions-and-answers.



Deborah Hodson, photographer with Wildlife Reserve of Western Canada, feeds "Pender" during the otter's appearance last Friday night at Ruckle Provincial Park.

Interpretive talks continue at parks in Gulf Islands

A summer-long series of interpretive talks continues this week in local parks.

The sessions — held at Ruckle Provincial Park on Salt Spring Island and Montague Harbour Marine Park on Galiano Island — are free and open to the public.

This week's presentations are as follows:

- *Legless, Lungless and Ready to Croak.* An illustrated slide show about the most numerous terrestrial vertebrate in the park. Friday, July 17, at 9 pm in Ruckle Park.

- *Creatures of the Deep.* Divers Steve McConnell and Dave Kendall will bring animals up from subtidal waters. Saturday, July 18, at 1 pm in Ruckle Park.

- *Feeling Nature.* A game for the entire family. Sunday, July 19, at 2 pm in Montague Harbour Marine Park.

- *Legless, Lungless and Ready to Croak.* See above. Sunday, July 19, at 9 pm in Montague Harbour Marine Park.

- *Seaweeds of Our Coast.* A look

at the main groups of seaweeds on the B.C. coast, their ecology, life histories and what they look like. Monday, July 20, at 9 am in Montague Harbour Marine Park.

- *The Oldest Family Farm in B.C.* An evening stroll around some of the historic sites in Ruckle Park. Monday, July 20, at 7 pm in Ruckle Provincial Park.

The park presentations are co-ordinated by Salt Spring resident David Fraser, who holds a Master's degree in ecology and teaches courses in vertebrate biology and wildlife management at the University of Victoria.

Along with the sessions featuring guest speakers, Fraser has lined up a program of nature walks, slide shows, films and games for children.

In addition to the programs at Ruckle and Montague parks, Fraser is responsible for presentations at Sidney Spit Marine Park near Sidney, and aboard B.C. Ferry Corporation vessels travelling between Galiano Island and Tsawwassen on Mondays.

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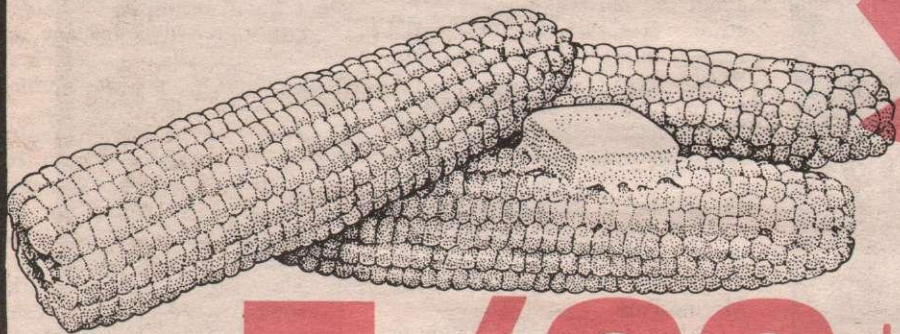
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