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Christmas completion date for dock?

It will be at least four months before regular ferry service is restored between Vesuvius Bay and Crofton on Vancouver Island, the B.C. Ferry Corporation said last week.

BCFC spokesman Betty Nicholson said Friday an independent engineering firm hired by the ferry corporation has now completed an "intensive site review"

of the Crofton dock. Damage to the facility, which was torched by an arsonist during the early morning hours of July 24, has been estimated at \$700,000.

"It (the damage estimate) could go higher once tenders are called for repairs to the ramp, berth and terminal areas," added Nicholson.

Tenders for the repair project will likely be requested "in the very near future," said the corporation spokesman. "Once the contract is awarded, and work begins, it will likely take approximately four months to complete the repairs."

Regular ferry service between Vesuvius Bay on Salt Spring and Crofton has been suspended since

the fire. At present, a water taxi service is operating six times daily between Salt Spring and Crofton for the convenience of foot passengers.

All vehicle traffic between Salt Spring and Vancouver Island is being handled on the ferry corporation's Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route.

Job delay 'unacceptable', Chamber president says

A minimum four-month wait for regular ferry service between Vesuvius and Crofton is unacceptable, the president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce said last week.

"Asking us to go four months without that link to Vancouver Island is unacceptable," Jack Cherry said. "The ferries claim to be an essential service — but how do they think the island can get by for four months without that essential link?"

Cherry said the B.C. Ferry Corporation should consider

other, less time-consuming methods to restore regular service between Salt Spring and Vancouver islands.

He added that the height of the tourist season on Salt Spring is masking the impact felt by the loss of regular service to Crofton. Once September arrives, he indicated, businesses will see a more noticeable dropoff in customers.

"Businesses say they're doing well right now," he said, "but what they don't realize is that they could be doing better."

Call goes out to engineers for dock repair assistance

Military engineers will be asked to help repair the B.C. Ferry Corporation dock at Crofton.

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week prepared a letter for the commanding officer of Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Chilliwack, asking that his engineers consider rigging a Bailey Bridge system at the Vancouver Island wharf.

The ferry dock and regular passenger and vehicle service between Vesuvius and Crofton have been out of commission since July 24, when a deliberately-set fire caused considerable damage to the structure.

The Chamber of Commerce, concerned about the impact the loss of regular ferry service is having on the island economy and

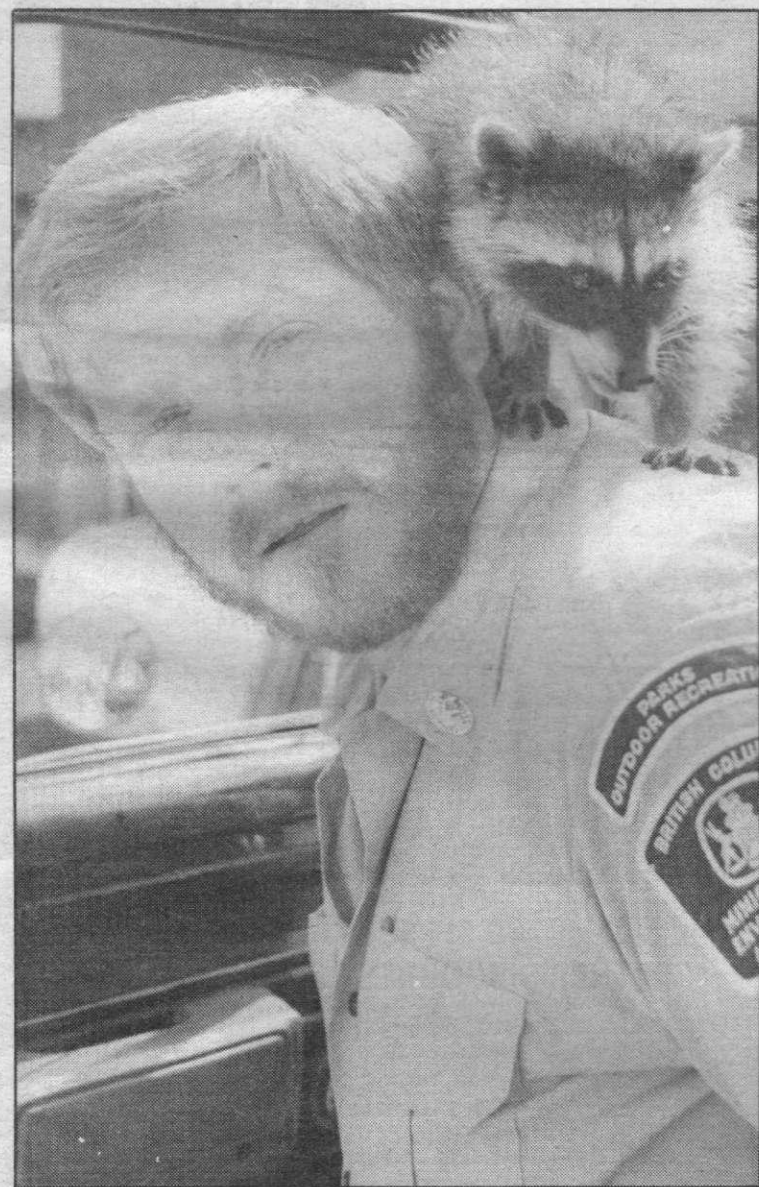
upset that the B.C. Ferry Corporation has not moved more quickly to begin restoration of regular service, last week asked the province to consider calling in military engineers to do the job.

Told by Victoria that any request for military assistance must come from private citizens, the Chamber contacted CFB Chilliwack, where the engineers are stationed.

A spokesman for CFB Chilliwack told *Driftwood* last week that a letter from a recognized island organization to his base commander would be enough "to get the ball rolling."

Once a request for assistance has been made, it is assessed from engineering and cost viewpoints and a decision on feasibility

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Curious coon

Park naturalist Dave Fraser shows off the orphan raccoon he found at Montague Provincial Park. Fraser, who gives talks on

parks throughout the Gulf Islands, has adopted the curious 3-month-old coon. The critter is well-behaved, according to Fraser.

Islanders give Trust ringing endorsement

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

There was no mistaking the word Salt Spring residents delivered last Saturday to members of a provincial government committee reviewing the Islands Trust.

"The overwhelming message is rah-rah Trust," observed MLA Dale Lovick (NDP — Nanaimo) in the midst of a day-long parade of islanders to Central Hall, where the all-party review committee heard submissions from 11 am to 9 pm.

Delivering oral or written opinions to the committee was a succession of private citizens and representatives from local groups like the Water Preservation Society, Trail and Nature Club and Community Planning Association. Also speaking were current and past members of the Design Panel, Advisory Planning Association, Islands Trust and Capital Regional District.

The main theme running through the flow of presentations

was that the Islands Trust has done an admirable job of meeting its mandate but would better serve local interests if given greater monetary and staffing resources, and an increased say in decisions made by agencies which affect island life — i.e., the B.C. Ferry Corporation and the department of highways.

Speakers noted that the Trust — and residents — suffers because planning staff is inadequate to meet constant and growing

demand, there is no permanent office, the Trust can be overruled by other provincial government agencies, and trustees are paid an "unrealistic" stipend considering the amount of work they are expected to perform.

Several speakers pointed out that the Trust plays a necessary role in allowing local residents to determine their own fate, and to ensure that development pressures are not permitted to ruin

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Swim it!

The Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society held its Swim for a Pool Day fundraiser on Saturday. Page 2.



Auction

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce raised more than \$1,700 through its goods and services auction. Page 9.



New boat

Co-owners of the newly-completed M.V. Powak held an open house on their new fishboat. Page 14.

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Employment Action Centre left with two last chances for office funding

Bill Best is down to two rolls of the dice.

The organizer and co-ordinator of Salt Spring Island's Employment Action Centre said last week that after months of trying to line up funding to support the office, he has come up dry and has but two avenues left to pursue.

If neither of the two potential sources produce the necessary funding, he added, the Action Centre is unlikely to reopen.

One possible source of money is MP Pat Crofton (PC, Esquimalt), who Best feels may find a way to loosen appropriate federal government purse strings. Best's optimism is based on Crofton's positive response to recent requests for additional berthage space in Ganges Harbour, and rumours that the MP may seek Salt Spring Island votes in the next federal election.

The second potential source of dollars also lies with the federal government. Best is in the process of applying for Job Development funding from Canada Employment and Immigration to cover office staff training and expenses.

The Salt Spring Island Employment Action Centre, a locally organized and operated centre, opened in April after collecting a Capital Regional District (CRD) grant-in-aid and donations of dollars and furnishings from island businesses and individuals. It closed its doors in August, for a summer vacation, but Best indicated it is unlikely to reopen unless funding arrives.

And Best is adamant that the

funding must come from off-island sources.

"The public here can't help us, and we certainly don't expect them to," he said. "Businesses and individuals here have already done their part — now it's up to the governments."

Best has been trying since April to line up money to continue the centre's operations. He has a one-inch-thick folder filled with letters from the Action Centre to each and every conceivable government and private agency that might offer funding. The replies, also included in the folder, are all pretty much the same: the centre is a worthwhile venture but does not qualify for monetary support.

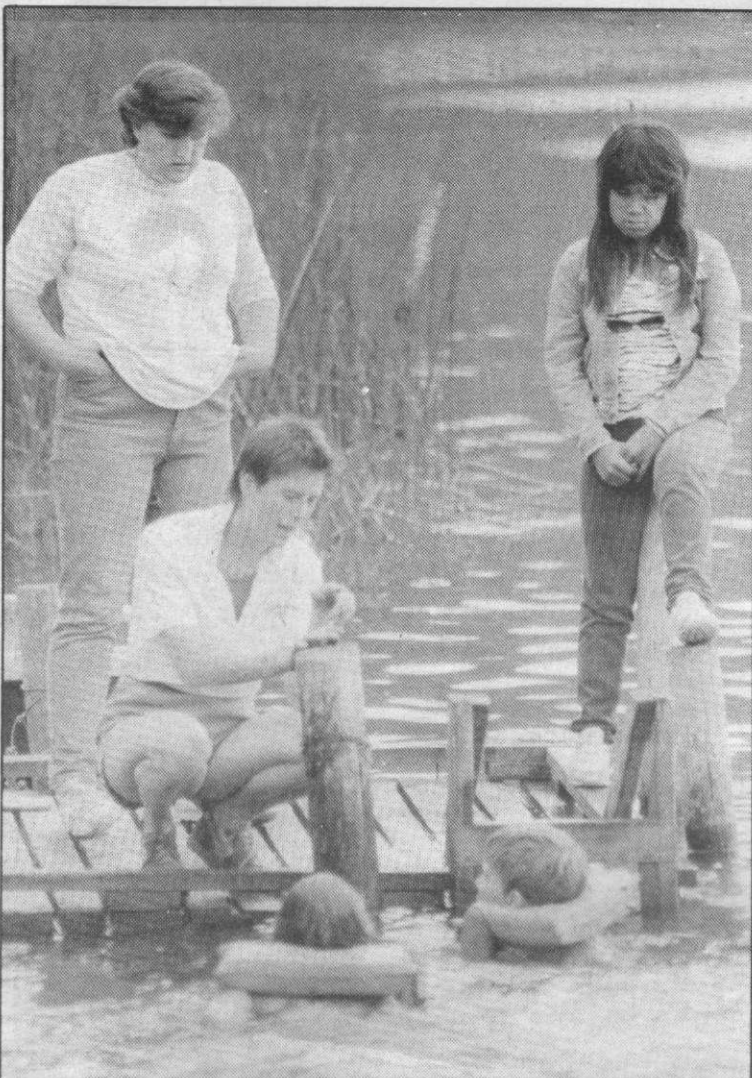
"So that leaves us with two shots — Pat Crofton and Job Development," Best said.

He estimates the centre requires about \$500 a month to remain in operation. The figure covers office overhead only; all staff are volunteer.

"Our only payoff was the satisfaction that came with finding job placements," Best explained.

The centre averaged close to nine job placements a week during the three-and-a-half months it was open. When it closed, there were approximately 100 job-seekers on its active list and the prospect of another 35 signing up as soon as their seasonal jobs expired, probably in September.

Figures compiled by the centre estimate there are 450 island residents unable to find work locally or in nearby urban centres.



Paddle power

Recreation program director Sandi Geiger (kneeling) gives instructions to two young swimmers at Saturday's Swim for a Pool event at the Cottage Resort on St. Mary Lake. Fourteen

swimmers participated in the fundraiser, which also featured a tug-of-war and greased watermelon contest for children. Proceeds from the event will go to the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society.

police report

The occupants of two automobiles involved in unrelated single vehicle accidents last week escaped without injury.

Cst. Jim Harrison of the Ganges RCMP detachment said Tuesday that a 1977 Dodge pick-up driven by John Caron sustained extensive damage in a single vehicle crash at approximately 11:45 pm August 16.

The accident occurred on Mobrae Road. Caron's vehicle left the road and struck a tree, then burst into flames. No injuries were reported.

In a separate accident on August 17, a 1986 Nissan Multi rolled into the sea while parked at a resort along Layard Road.

The vehicle was left unattended. Cst. Harrison said a four-year-old child released the vehicle's emergency brake, causing it to roll into the water.

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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Atten-Shun!

I failed the test. I do not come up to the standards expected of me by my government in Ottawa.

While my head hangs low over my typewriter to hide my shame I have to reveal my own shortcomings.

A member of my family asked me to pick up a passport in the great city. I gained the traveller's signature to a brief note I had penned myself. This note authorized "bearer" to collect the named passport.

What would happen, thundered my government's spokesman, if I had lost that note? Anybody could have been authorized to pick up the valuable document.

And I quaked in fear. Were I to say anything in reply I could well have lost my own passport for my mentor was in possession of mine.

So, you see, I didn't dare suggest to him that I were stupid enough to lose the letter of authority I would probably be stupid enough to lose the passport when I finally received it.

And it's all so secret!

It was not my week. For the past month or so I've been trying to track down the source of SIN. Some of us, like me, were born to SIN. Others need companions to lead them there. As another federal government spokesman told me the Social

Insurance Number is an essential to working.

A benevolent government sent me mine many years ago. For a time that same benevolent government made available to newcomers to the work force the necessary application forms. But this was not to be. The SIN is confidential and must not be available to stray un-Canadians strolling in off the beaches. To guarantee its security, the application forms were quietly withdrawn. Nobody knew where the numbers came from, like babies and the kindergarten.

Last week I cracked the code and discovered the federal government's dread secret: there are two offices in Victoria, the right one and the wrong one. I went to the wrong one.

Alas! The government likes two pieces of paper and we had but one. A birth certificate is not enough. It could be forged or stolen or something. So the government wants an irrefutable document like a student's card or a baptismal certificate to prove that the body standing there is truly a Canadian body, fully entitled to work.

The application may, of course, be mailed, I was informed. The supporting documents are valuable and should not be entrusted to the mails unless registered. If the applicant wants them returned under registered mail he must pay the cost, otherwise the benevolent government sends them home by ordinary mail; the route the department has already warned may not be secure.

Trouble is I always figured that the government was set up for my benefit, to look after my interests. I don't think they even know me!

Lady Minto given roof repair nod

The Capital Region District (CRD) hospital board approved \$115,000 in roofing repairs to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital at its regular meeting Thursday.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's representative on the CRD board, explained Friday that Lady Minto hospital has eight different roofs built between the years 1957 and 1981. Seven of the eight require replacement.

"Four need entirely new systems consisting of vapour barrier, fibreboard and membrane," said

Borsman. He added, however, that it may be possible to save some of the materials used in three other roofs.

Borsman noted that the hospital received two new roofs in 1981-82. The replacement work, however, was done during winter, and the materials were exposed to adverse weather conditions.

The \$115,000 awarded to Lady Minto hospital was one of the smallest allocations made by the CRD hospital board at its Thursday meeting. A number of other

hospitals in the Capital Region received funds in excess of \$200,000.

The largest allocation — \$675,000 — went to Victoria General Hospital for expansion of its neonatal intensive care nursery.

Borsman noted that the \$115,000 awarded to Lady Minto hospital is shared by all taxpayers in the Capital Region. It will cost Capital Region property owners eight cents per year for the next three years.

Army asked to help fix wharf

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made. "I'm not promising anything," the spokesman said, "but we sometimes do community-related work. It all depends on how busy we are."

Salt Spring resident Ken Byron was the first to suggest the military be called in to help repair the dock, arguing that engineers could rig a Bailey Bridge system at the wharf and restore regular service within 24 hours.

At present, service between Vesuvius and Crofton is being provided by a water taxi for foot passengers and bicycles only. Last week, the B.C. Ferry Corporation said a minimum of four months will pass before the Crofton dock is repaired.

"My letter to the army is in the mail," Cherry said when told of the time it will take to fix the Crofton wharf.

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No doubt, the thought of calling in Canadian Forces engineers to help fix the Crofton ferry wharf must seem absurd to some people. However, the idea is no less foolish than the four-month period that will pass before repairs are completed and service returned to normal.

The four-month repair period, which begins when work starts, was announced last week by the B.C. Ferry Corporation after it assessed the damage suffered by the dock in a July 24 fire caused by an arsonist. While no one can doubt that the damage is extensive, and that reconstruction will have to take some time, there is also no disputing that a minimum four-month wait for regular service is intolerable.

On the surface, the B.C. Ferry Corporation has no alternative but to proceed with repairs, no matter how long the reclamation project will take. The inconvenience the loss of the Crofton dock inflicts on the travelling public, and the financial hardship suffered by island businesses, dictates

Will our ship ever come in?

that a ferry link be retained between Vesuvius and Vancouver Island.

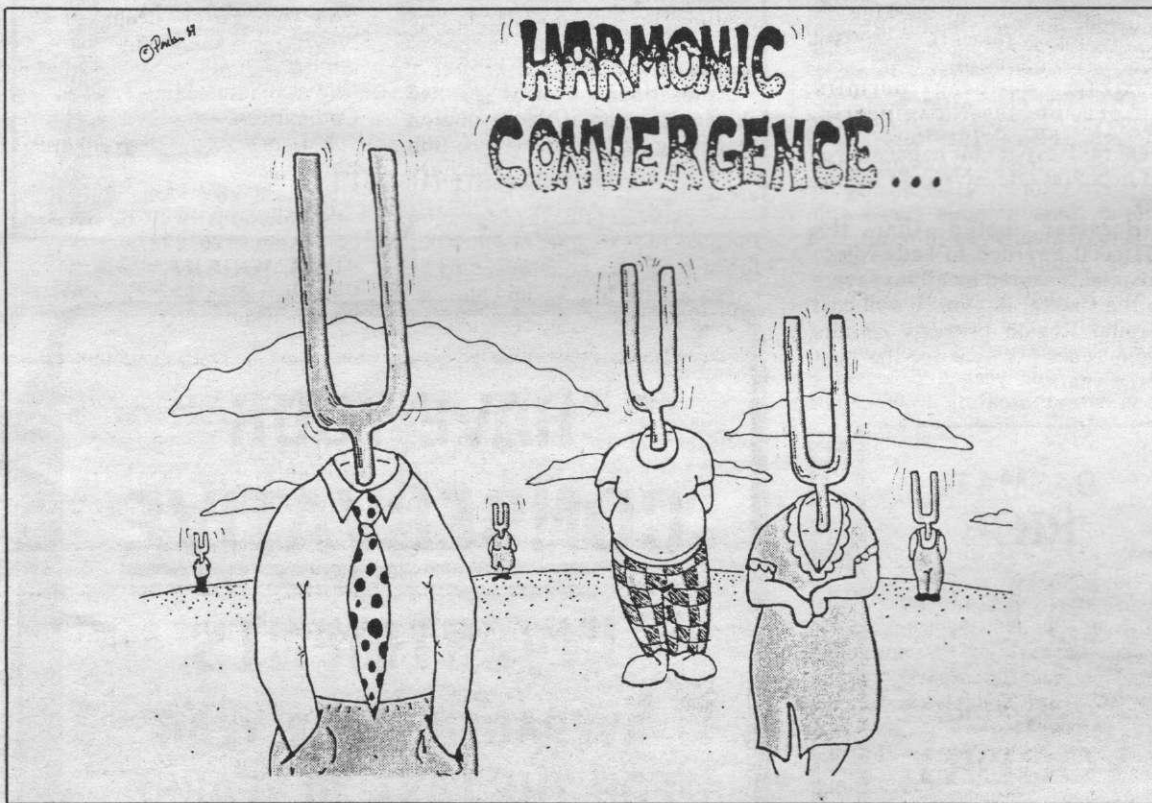
But is there no alternative to this lengthy extension of the inconvenience and hardship already suffered? Still unanswered by the Ferry Corporation are calls for examination of alternatives—specifically, whether the \$700,000 it will cost to repair the Crofton dock would be better spent modifying the dock at Chemainus to accept a vessel from the Vesuvius dock, and whether that work could be completed in much less time than the four months expected for the Crofton work.

The feasibility of a suggested permanent re-

routing of the Vesuvius ferry service to Chemainus is by no means certain. Problems of logistics surround the integration of such a service with the regular ferry runs to Thetis and Kuper Islands from Chemainus, and the amount of time it would take to sail between Vesuvius and Chemainus. There is also a political factor to consider, since the change would have to be endorsed by the provincial cabinet.

As much as that feasibility is questionable, however, a Vesuvius-Chemainus ferry link has yet to be knocked down as impractical or unworkable. Until such time as islanders hear details from the Ferry Corporation which explain why such a link is impossible, they must be left wondering whether a \$700,000 repair project at Crofton is the most sensible use of taxpayers' dollars, and whether they will be suffering unnecessarily over the next five-plus months.

More to the point, islanders will also be wondering when the cavalry . . . er, engineers . . . arrive.



More than a stamp

Overlooked in the flow of partisan charges and counter-charges prompted by the Canadian Senate's handling of proposed changes to Patent Act regulations is that, for the first time in living memory, the upper house is acting as more than the mere rubber stamp it all-too-often impersonates.

The legislation, which would affect drug prices paid by Canadians, has been modified by the Senate and sent back to the Commons for further consideration. Whether the Senate's actions are, as critics claim, more deeply rooted in partisan politics than genuine feeling for the ill and elderly, is a moot point. What matters is that the Senate has taken its required "sober second look" and found the proposed new law lacking.

What the upper house's handling of this issue really points out, however, is the vastness of the gulf between what the Senate is, and what it could and should become. Canadians deserve a Senate that makes stern review of Commons legislation a common occurrence, not a rarity.

All of which begs us to repeat prior calls for the establishment of the so-called Triple-E Senate—elected, effective and equal. Now that we've seen the possible benefits, we want them even more.

'Suspicious' islanders put review committee on spot

While the all-party standing committee which visited Salt Spring last Saturday received a hefty dose of local opinion on the Islands Trust, it did not receive an equivalent measure of respect. Islanders, it seems, are a suspicious lot.

At several points during the day-long hearing, the committee members had to deflect dark innuendos about preconceived political intentions *vis a vis* the Trust. Simply put, the islanders were worried that a fix was in.

A fix? It's a fear that no matter how strongly support is shown for the Islands Trust, both here and at the other hearings on the circuit, there exists a hidden agenda which calls for the Trust to be neutered. The next logical step in that argument, then, is

that the current process of public review is mere window-dressing before the axe falls.

Given the history of Premier Bill Vander Zalm's feelings towards the Trust, it's not an implausible scenario. Several speakers, in fact, opened their remarks with reference to past statements or actions by Vander Zalm which indicated a healthy disregard for the Trust.

Faced with those references, and by so many people questioning his committee's integrity, chairman David Mercier (SC — Burnaby-Edmonds) was several times prompted to explain that members have no preconceived idea of what their final report will contain, and that their findings will depend entirely on what the committee hears.

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

At one point, Mercier said: "If there is someone within the government with a preconception, he isn't on this committee."

To which Dale Lovick (NDP — Nanaimo) added: "If I thought the fix was in, I would have refused to serve on this committee."

Something was missed in the translation, however. While Mer-

cier was delivering assurances that his committee was going to listen first and decide later — and I believe him — the fear being expressed by islanders was that high-level politics, and not views expressed at the hearings, will determine what happens to the Trust.

Lovick, the lone NDP member among four Socredits at this stop on the hearings trail, addressed that point later in private conversation. The gist of his remarks was that the intentions of the committee members are as they appear: they are committed to listening to islanders and delivering an honest report. None believes there is any plot to pave the way for dismantling the Trust.

At the same time, Lovick conceded there is another side to

the equation. The committee cannot hope to know what will happen to its report or recommendations when both move up the chain of command. The political side of government may, indeed, promote a weakening of the Trust no matter what the public says.

However, Lovick also pointed out that the strong feelings islanders expressed in support of the Trust, and their fears that it may face dismantling, should rate prominent mention in the committee's report. And if the province takes any action against the stated wishes of islanders, the report would give him the ammunition needed to fight that move on the floor of the House.

In which case, it's a good thing islanders laid their suspicions on the table last Saturday.

Reunited

Sir,
 "The easiest way is the smartest way." Principal John B. Foubister impressed that maxim on us at least once a week for the two years that he taught us English and social studies at Salt Spring High. Sometimes, as he struggled with a motley assortment of lively students, I wasn't always certain who he was trying to convince—himself or us—but it made sense to a half-naïve 17-year-old.

On Saturday, August 1, the classes of '56 and '57 met at Pat and Marguerite Lee's splendid home to compare memories, and just a few grey hairs and wrinkles. Surprise—we all looked great. After coping with gaining employment, getting married, begetting children and pushing them out of the nest, we were now ready for the good times of middle age, still fresh and optimistic.

How did we do it—survive the toughest 30 years of our lives? John Foubister's adage was always at the back of my mind in a crisis, and I couldn't wait to find out how many others relied upon it.

John and Mrs. Foubister, and dear Olive Mouat, our former gym teacher (still ready to lead the class, in shorts and with her whistle handy), were the first to greet us as we arrived. The years had been kind to them, too. I wasted no time in asking John did he remember his maxim. "Which one?" he replied.

Not too crushed, I next questioned several classmates. Again negative. I didn't bother to pursue maxims any further. Time was too precious to waste on futile questions.

Thank you, Pat and Marguerite, for your splendid hospitality; and to Pat and Les Fraser, even more gratitude for the efficient job of tracking down old grads, and planning and executing the occasion. And thank you, John Foubister, for being there and putting all our 30 years in perspective. Obviously, there are many philosophies to help one get through the years, but since it's not in heavy demand, I offer my favourite to anyone looking for good Gulf Islands common sense. Here's to John, and here's to the next 30.

MARIE (BENNETT) ELLIOTT,
 Victoria.

Thank you

Sir,
 On behalf of the summer recreation staff, I would like to thank the Salt Spring Island community for its support during the summer of 1987!

The Recreation Commission provided guidance and knowledge as I was programming the summer activities. I would especially like to thank Jocelyn Holmes and Wayne Taylor for their continued support during my work term on the island.

Mike Turcki from *Driftwood* was always more than willing to photograph and report on the summer programs; his co-operative attitude assisted in keeping the public informed.

Barbara Jordan-Knox, the Community Society executive director, readily permitted the Rec Commission to rent office space in the building, which was a perfect location.

I must also thank the staff and volunteers at the Community Society who so patiently answered the phone, took messages and assisted in registering people for me during these past four months.

As well, the day camp staff greatly appreciated the RCMP and Fire Department's support by coming to camp to discuss safety principles with the children. The

letters

staff and children also enjoyed refreshing recreation swims at Bill and Don DeLong's pool when the camp was located at Fernwood Elementary School.

Marianne and Lee McColl freely donated the use of their Shell Station for the Teen Leadership Car Wash on July 25. Furthermore, the McColls also contributed ice for the 'Teen Twist' and provided the pop at cost for the dance.

(Speaking of dance, Mary Williamson rented Central Hall to the Rec Commission for the Teen Twist at a very reasonable rate, which was greatly appreciated).

The owners of 'The Cottage Resort' gladly donated their property and waterfront area to host the aqua-challenge and pool society swim-a-thon on August 15.

Last but not least, I would like to extend a warm thank you to the camp director, Maria Mahoney, counsellors Leah Kitchen and David Medler, aquatic director Mark Dodd, and the Teen Leadership group, who all did a fabulous job providing quality recreation opportunities on Salt Spring Island.

SANDI GEIGER,
 Ganges.

Helping out

Sir,
 On behalf of the Recreation Commission and Teen Leadership Group, I would like to extend a warm thank-you to the following businesses and restaurants for generously donating prizes for the Teen Twist on July 31:

Rodrigo's, Glad's Ice-Cream Shoppe, Luigi's, Video Ranch, Gulf Island Video, Mouat's Store, and The General Store.

We appreciated your support.
SANDI GEIGER,
 Recreation Program Director,
 Salt Spring Island.

Preserve it

Sir,
 Over the past months I have been reading with interest the ongoing efforts to preserve the wheelhouse of the *Cy Peck*, most recently there was some talk of receiving funding through the Job-Trac program.

As I understand it, the main effort is at this time to incorporate the wheelhouse in a walkway—partial *Cy Peck* reproduction in Ganges.

Considering the strongest connection the *Cy Peck* has with Salt Spring Island is in Fulford Harbour, has any consideration been made towards preserving the wheelhouse in the village of Fulford? Perhaps consideration

must also go towards restoring the wheelhouse and placing it inside, rather than exposing it once again to the elements and almost certain vandalism.

I am certain that many artifacts pertaining to the *Cy Peck* might be made available by local residents if a proper indoor display was created. Consideration might be given to using this large artifact as a start towards establishing a small maritime museum in Fulford as a tourist attraction.

In the end, I hope that the memory of the *Cy Peck* will live on through this outstanding community project.

DAVID MAUDE,
 Sidney.

Doubtful

Sir,
 On Page 11 of the August 12 issue of *Driftwood*, there is an article by Mike Turcki stating that Wendy Vine and Lois Phillips visited a new swimming pool facility in Grand Forks, B. C. in July of this year (1987).

I am asking Wendy Vine to report through the next issue of *Driftwood*, to the people of Salt Spring Island, the total cost of this pool to the people within the pool area at Grand Forks. The total cost includes the tender cost, contingency fund, shallow utilities, landscaping, sidewalk construction, roadway and parking lot (including pavement), sewer and water connections, materials testing, building permits, inspection fees, engineering design, office furniture, pool cleaning equipment, and on and on and etc., and etc. Also what is the population (in thousands) within the pool area who will be affected by taxation?

I visited a new 25-metre swimming pool in Alberta in July of this year that was opened in June of this year and serves a population area of 13,000. The feasibility study showed a pool for that population was not recommended.

Salt Spring Island has only half of that population and I do not believe we can afford a similar pool.

I have all the figures for the total cost of the Alberta pool report from the desk of the municipal manager, and the deficit projection for this year and next year, the cost for the people to use the pool on a daily or yearly basis, and the schedule of use for families, couples, singles, swim clubs and etc., and etc.

Let's hear from you, Wendy Vine.
J. BENNETT,
 Ganges.

Hardship

Editor's Note: The following is an open letter to the general manager, B. C. Ferry Corporation, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
 I am writing to make you aware of the hardship we are encountering as a result of the shutdown of the Crofton-Vesuvius ferry service, a vital link for us to the Duncan-Nanaimo area.

We make several trips to the Duncan area each week for business purposes. All of our farm machinery parts come from Duncan, plus artificial insemination supplies, some feed materials, fertilizers and specialized veterinary assistance. Moreover our herdsman supervisor lives in Chemainus and brings chutes and cattle equipment on to our island as part of his job.

The Vesuvius-Crofton ferry service is an essential part of our business. We hope ferry service can be resumed as soon as possible.
TOM GOSSETT,
 Ganges.

Withdrawal

Sir,
 As your letter writer Harold Knutson suggested on July 22, I have indeed seen the ravages that continue on Galiano Island. This on land so accessible to Lower Mainland residents and visitors.

As an islander I am as appalled as Mr. Knutson at the desolation remaining after the vegetation gobblers have retreated from huge areas.

As a citizen of B. C., I question the give-away manner in which our forest resources are allowed to be exploited by MacMillan-Bloedel. Do we need a change of

government before some sense is applied here?

As a stockholder of MacMillan-Bloedel, I am withdrawing my investment.

As a voter, I shall withhold my vote, awaiting a better logging plan.

If such cutting is allowed to continue, it will surely result in a hideous, sprawling, highly visible error indeed.

MAVIS A. CLARK,
 Galiano Island.

Hearings

Sir,
 The Select Standing Committee conducting a comprehensive review of the Islands Trust Act will not be holding any hearings on the Outer Gulf Islands. Persons who would like to submit their comments and concerns and were not able to attend the hearings in Victoria or Salt Spring may send a written submission.

Since the hearings are being held in the more populated and urban areas, I believe it is important that a voice be heard from the smaller and more isolated communities in the Trust area.

If you believe the Trust is a valid form of local government and support its objectives, please say so. If you have any criticisms of the Trust or any suggestions which you believe would strengthen the Trust or improve its service to the public, include those as well.

This review is a timely and important opportunity for public input, and it is my hope that a stronger, more effective and efficient Islands Trust will evolve from your participation.

Written submissions may be sent to:

Mr. Craig James, Clerk of Committees,
 Room 236, Parliament Buildings,
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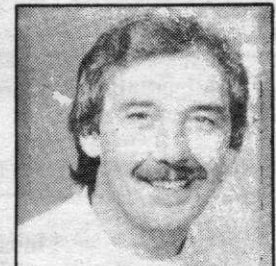
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Sir,
I would like to thank the committee of the Old-Timers Reunion for a good job well done. It brought back many memories long tucked in the memory bank. To greet old friends and realize that although the hair has changed to grey, the corporations enlarged in some cases and the faces just a bit different, the hearts have not changed. We were all kids in high school once again when we greeted Florence Hepburn and J. B. Foubister.

Thanks again organizing committee.
KEN EATON,
Nelson, B. C.

Fund-raiser

Sir,
The weather was appalling; we were competing with the usual half-dozen other fund-raising events, but enough hardy souls assembled on the lake to make our *Swim For A Pool* day a success.

Six determined swimmers "swam the whole thing", the two kilometre distance in St. Mary Lake. All 14 participants will be out collecting the money the rest of you pledged this week. We'll announce the total received by the Pool Society as soon as collections are all in. We are confident the sum will be worth the effort put forward by all the swimmers.

Special thanks to Diane Cook for hosting the event at the Cottage Resort; Mike Tyson at G.V.M. for refreshments; Marcotte's Garage for lending inner tubes; T. Curtis Masonry for delivering bricks; Windsor Plywood for markers; Western Cyclogical for valves; Dave Zandvliet, Vanessa de Jong, John Swabey and Alex Brighton for lifeguarding and organizing; Rosemary Trump and her girls for performing under adverse conditions; Sandi Geiger and Mark Dodd for working beyond the limits of their Rec. Commission jobs; and Helen Varzeliotis for her hot chocolate "rescue".

The Pool Society thanks you.
LOIS PHILLIPS,
Ganges.

Barbecue

Sir,
The Lions Club annual Salmon Barbecue on August 2, 1987, was an outstanding success. It was a credit to the many people who worked together to bring it to us. It also complemented the other

community festivities on Salt Spring Island that weekend.

Unfortunately after serving over 400 Salmon dinners there were still some hungry people at the gate and we ran out of food. A big thanks goes out to all those who helped out and supported our efforts.

The annual Salmon Barbecue is a major fund-raising event for the Salt Spring Island Lions Club. The proceeds go back into our community in the funding of such projects as Pioneer Village and Croftonbrook, the Lions Minibus, scholarships for deserving high school graduates and many other projects. Much of the work done by the Lions Club goes unnoticed by most of us, but those who benefit from it I know really appreciate it.

We are now planning a pancake breakfast on the Labour Day weekend, so keep your eye out for that one.
BARRY URQUHART,
President,
Salt Spring Island
Lions Club.

Missed

Sir,
The *Festival of the Arts* is over for another year and we should say a thank you to those people who put so much time and effort into its organization and presentation. While I enjoyed several of the musical evenings, I do not think I was alone in wishing there had been some classical performances included in the program. I'm sure there was a whole segment of music lovers on Salt Spring who missed out on the fun because of this unfortunate oversight.
JO LUNDSTROM,
Ganges.

Well-spent

Sir,
I am surprised that so many people, who live in close proximity to the sea, do not feel "at home" in the water.

Young children are fascinated by water and enjoy playing on logs, rafts and boats and often fish off piers. If these children or their companions should fall into deep water, would they be able to save themselves from drowning? Parents' worries would be eased if they knew their children were swimmers. We need an indoor swimming pool.

We are not all tennis players,

golfers or hikers, but we all need exercise to keep fit. Obviously, not all of us will become Olympic swimmers, but if we had a pool, persons of every age could learn the rudimentary techniques of swimming and life-saving skills for fun and safety. Anyone with a disability would benefit from therapy in the water.

Yes, it will cost us more on our taxes, but you don't get anything for nothing. And money spent on establishing a pool on Salt Spring Island, will be money well spent.
M. KAUFMAN,
Ganges.

Successful

Sir,
The Salt Spring Festival of the Arts would like to report a succesful summer season and give thanks to all of our many loyal supporters and volunteers. Some volunteers who signed up weren't called—yet—but we're already planning for next year and we appreciate that your names are on the list.

The Salt Spring Festival of the Arts' working board welcomes comments and suggestions to help us plan for an even better Festival next year. They say you can't please everybody all of the time, but our small committee works hard to try, and invites other island arts groups and societies to

participate in helping us offer as wide a variety of events as we feasibly can. Special thanks to the Community Arts Council for co-sponsoring our program of children's performances.

Perhaps I should explain that this year we did not have the financial backing that was donated for our first festival, and since our four "classical evenings" last year lost us money, this year we had only booked one classical group—which, unfortunately, cancelled at the last minute when it was too late for them to be replaced by another

available classical music performer. (We did, however, have our April Afternoon benefit concert featuring classical music).

We would like to continue to try to offer something for everyone so please write to the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts (Box 1425, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0) and share your ideas for next year's festival.

Memberships to the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts Society are still only \$10 and your contribution will be put towards a continuing annual summer festival and our society's goal of establishing a much-needed theatre and arts centre on Salt Spring Island.

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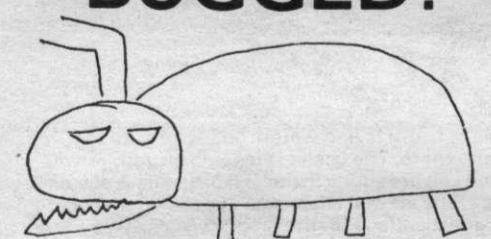
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Reaction to Sikhs borders on racist

VICTORIA — Canadian society has been developing a nasty streak these past few years, and the politicians have responded with their usual lack of intestinal and moral fortitude.

To turn away boatloads of would-be refugees was "totally appropriate," Prime Minister Brian Mulroney said after Immigration Minister Benoit Bouchard introduced the Deterrents and Detention Bill in the Commons, giving the government the power to crack down on what the rednecks like to call illegal immigrants.

Just when it looked as if we had learned a lesson from the aberration that prompted Canadians in the early 1940s to throw their fellow citizens of Japanese origin into prison camps, deny them their rights and confiscate their property, we're at it again.

The vengence with which many Canadians have been denouncing the recent arrival of would-be immigrants from Asia gives rise to the suspicion that we're about to write another chapter in our history of racial intolerance.

The only difference between then and now is that in 1942, there was a war on, and many bizarre decisions are made in times of war. Afraid that Canadians of Japanese origin might be tempted to bear greater allegiance to their former homeland than to Canada, the government panicked and moved all Japanese

'The racist overtones in the public's reaction to the arrival of . . . Tamils and Sikhs cannot be excused.'

from the coast to the interior of B.C.

In retrospect, the decision doesn't stand up to even mild scrutiny, but then, neither do many other things happening in war time. In any case, there was at least a reason, if no justification, for the shabby treatment accorded our fellow citizens of Japanese origin, although that doesn't explain why Canada has never made amends to the Japanese families affected by the action. To this day, they have not been compensated for what was taken from them 45 years ago.

The racist overtones in the public's reaction to the arrival of several boatloads of Tamils and Sikhs, on the other hand, cannot be excused in the same manner. Canada is at peace. The Tamils and Sikhs pose no threat to the country, perceived or real.

The public's reaction has ranged all the way from a mild conviction that the arrivals at our shore are not refugees at all, but

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

simply would-be immigrants who have jumped the waiting line, to outright racial intolerance.

True, the Sikhs who arrived a few weeks ago weren't refugees by any stretch of the imagination. The Tamils who preceded them probably weren't, either. But what difference does it make? They are people who want to make a better life for themselves, and there are few countries with greater opportunities than Canada to do just that.

At the heart of the outcry that has greeted the Sikhs and the Tamils in Canada is not a sense of fairness that would prefer to see potential immigrants wait their turn. At the heart of the clamor is racial discrimination.

I'll give you ten-to-one odds there would be far less of an outcry if those people had white skin and wore baseball caps instead of turbans. All those good citizens yelling for a tougher immigration policy are really in favor of one thing only — keeping Asians out of Canada.

Funny thing is if Canada's original inhabitants had had the opportunity and inclination to use those yardsticks, Asians would probably have been the only people allowed to settle here.

The early white settlers weren't subject to any immigration policies dreamed up by politicians and bureaucrats. Nor did they give much of a damn about aspirations of the native Indians. They came here in much the same manner as did the Tamils and the Sikhs. They wanted a better life for themselves and their families. They simply came and settled.

Alas, it seems I'm in the minority. Wherever I go, I hear otherwise reasonable and normal people agitate against letting the Sikhs and the Tamils stay. Maybe I'm on the wrong track, but I don't think so.

I know one thing though, if I had been met with such hostility when I immigrated in 1957, I wouldn't have stuck around very long. The lure of Canada must be strong, indeed, and life back home pretty dreadful for these people to want to stay, despite all the dirt that's being thrown in their faces.

To those who might think my accusations of discrimination are exaggerated, I'd like to say that every ultimate horror you can imagine begins with a first and often innocuous step.

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Refugees deserve equal treatment

By ALAN WEBB

On hotline shows, in news reports, the tone has changed. Compassionate reporters tell the huddled masses the sorry plight of three cute little Eastern-block wrestlers hiding out in a strange free land with but \$100 between them. Concerned citizens await further developments while discussing the situation calmly in restaurants, on street corners, and over backyard fences. Bill Vander Zalm is curiously silent.

Is this the same country that was outraged by an Atlantic tide that deposited fleeing Sikhs amongst the foam and assorted debris of our Eastern shores? Will Premier Vander Zalm refuse to foot the bill for these latest illegal refugees? Will this matter be discussed in the same light as the Sikh situation, in the emergency immigration debates on Parliament Hill? Likely not.

This country was driven into a xenophobic frenzy by 174 Sikhs escaping what, for all intents and purposes, amounts to a Holy civil war. Flames of outrage, fanned by politicians with both eyes on the ballot box and no sensory apparatus left to consult the Constitution, licked across the country. These 174 refugees, whatever their alleged background, are escaping a country where children of both political stripes are born to live and die fighting each other. Both sides indulge in the worst excesses in this battle. Such is the country these people seek to escape.

In contrast the Bulgarians, being young world-class athletes, were guaranteed a standard of living significantly better than their fellow countrymen. Their futures included special privileges such as better homes, larger salaries, positions of authority and various other perks denied the average citizen of a Communist country. The three would-be Kiniskis are escaping a future, while not totally devoid of hardships, hardly containing long queues in bread lines or extended stays in labour camps.

The three Bulgarian wrestlers seek freedom, so do the 174 Sikhs. All 177 of them should be dealt with equally. They are all entitled to due process and protection under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The Bulgarians, despite their ill-timing, have received a fairly warm reception from the people of their new land. The Sikhs deserve no less.

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director's report

A major problem for almost all of us is a distinct possibility. I had a phone call from the operator of the Gulf Island Septic Tank Service confirming that the present disposal site will no longer be available after September 1. An alternate site on a temporary basis may be available, but it is imperative that a new suitable permanent site is found.

The Capital Regional District does not have the function for septic disposal on the Gulf Islands and the present arrangement is a private operation. Nonetheless, it is an essential service. We could apply to the CRD to have them prepare supplementary letters-

patent to forward to the government. This would take at least six months for approval and then the CRD would have to find and prepare a site. There are advantages to having it remain a local business, not the least being cost.

Therefore, once again, on behalf of the operator, and in our own interests, could anyone who has a piece of land, accessible by road, and somewhat remote from neighbours, get in touch with Mr. Marcotte at 537-9353, as well as myself at 537-2669. The land could presumably be purchased or leased. The waste management branch would have to assess it for

suitability, but all the preparation and fencing, etc. could be done by the operator.

It is perhaps a good time to remind everyone, and particularly those living on watershed, that septic tanks should, ideally, be emptied every three years and certainly no longer than five. This is not only to forestall contamination of adjoining property, including the lake, but to avoid destruction of the tile field, which is expensive to replace.

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James Bay landing pad loss won't curtail Helijet flights

Victoria City council's decision against renewing Helijet Airways' lease at Camel Point won't end the company's helicopter passenger service between downtown Victoria and Vancouver.

The Gulf Islands lie directly under Helijet's flight path between the two major cities. Residents of Saturna and Pender islands have complained to Transport Canada and the company about the noise created by the machines.

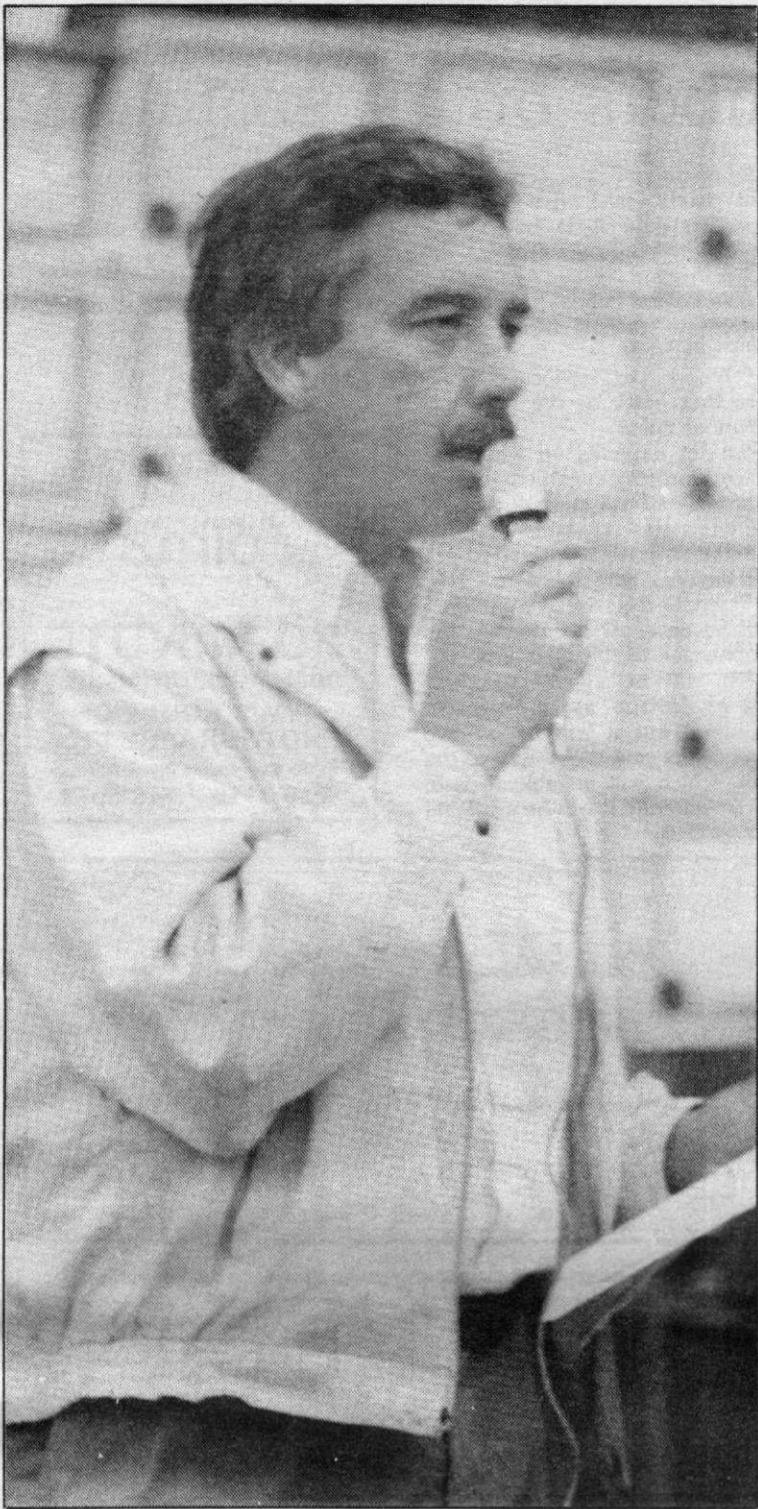
Similar complaints, voiced by James Bay residents opposed to the Camel Point heliport, last Thursday prompted Victoria City Council to vote unanimously against renewing Helijet's lease on the site. The first's original six-month lease had already been renewed twice.

However, Helijet president Danny Sitnam told *Driftwood* it will be "business as usual" for

his company during the weeks ahead. The full schedule of helicopter passenger services between downtown Victoria and Vancouver will continue, he said.

Sitnam said Helijet anticipated the decision by Victoria City council and has been looking at alternative pad sites. He said the final decision on a new site is "in the hands of others" — including Transport Canada.

Sitnam said Helijet has made every effort to co-operate fully with Transport Canada and other levels of government involved in the issue, and will continue to do so in an effort to "find a suitable solution." He feels it is in Victoria's best interests, as well as those of Helijet's customers, for the company to continue offering its service between Victoria and Vancouver.



Auction fever?

Auctioneer Arvid Chalmers calls out bids at Saturday's Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce goods and services auction. Despite a small turnout, the event raised \$1,767.25 for the chamber and its many activities on the island.



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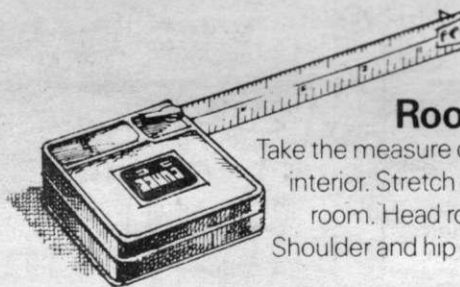


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Ladies' Legion Auxiliary president Freda Maguire (left), Legion president Ron Seymour (centre) and first vice-president Steve Wawryk dig the first shovel of dirt on the new Legion hall site.

At site of new hall

Legion members break ground

Officials of the Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 92) and its ladies' auxiliary held an August 5 sod-turning ceremony on the future site of their new hall.

Legion President Ron Seymour, first vice-president Steve Wawryk and ladies' auxiliary president Freda Maguire dug the first shovel of dirt at the Blain Road site. A backhoe continues excavation work to determine the type of soil and rock material underlying the 3.25-acre property, which was donated to the Legion by Ted Meaden.

Legion members have approved construction of the new building. The organization's current hall, located on Hereford Avenue, has a shortage of parking. It is also limited in terms of what can be done by way of expansion, Seymour said.

Seymour added that the Legion already has plans drawn up for the new building. The veterans' organization has given itself a budget of \$362,000 to completely finish the approximately 4,000-square-foot building, which will include kitchen facilities and a hall capable of accommodating 200 people.

"We'll be selling debentures to members (to raise money for the new facility)," added Seymour. "The membership has given us the okay to go that route."

Tenders for construction of the new Legion hall will likely be opened soon. Although it has

been estimated that construction will likely take five months, Seymour said it is not known exactly when the project will begin.

The Legion hopes, however, to move into its new facility some time next year.

"We want to give local contractors first crack at the project," Seymour noted.

"A lot depends on when the place here (the current building) is sold. We have enough cash on hand to start work, but we feel the membership would prefer to see the building here sold first."

Seymour feels the new building will be an asset not only to the Legion, but to the community.

"It will be about the same square footage as our present building, but it will be on two floors," he said. "We'll have the hall, which will be able to hold about 200, and it will be available

for use by the community for a nominal sum. There's not many places on the island capable of handling that many people.

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Trust receives high marks from Salt Spring residents

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what they described as a fragile, pastoral environment.

Summing up the first point was one speaker who declared that while the Trust will inevitably make planning and zoning mistakes — what we fear is mistakes — what we fear is someone from off-island meddling in our affairs."

Colin Nicholson, who delivered a critical appraisal of the Trust, said that while flaws in its performance make him "ambivalent about supporting the Trust," he is "far less supportive of the CRD," primarily because the latter government body is not local.

Sam Liche, a former member of the Design Panel, added that "any step taken away from local control will be a step in the wrong direction; any watering down of the Trust mandate will be retrogressive."

Liche also addressed local fears about development pressures by noting that many island residents arrived from "paved, overpopulated, polluted places" and believe the Trust is the proper mechanism to ensure the same fate does not befall Salt Spring.

"Atrocities committed by developers led the government, in 1973, to say these islands are worthy of protection," Liche said, noting that the Islands Trust was created as a result. "Now, the islands are treated with respect."

However, he said he would not believe the Trust is meeting its mandate until "the day the department of highways comes to the Islands Trust and asks if it's okay to drench downtown Ganges with more blacktop."

The subservient role the Trust plays to other government agencies was a popular topic with other speakers, some of whom argued that the Trust's wishes should be given precedence. Tom Gossett, in a brief for the Water Preservation Society, said the precedence should apply in matters affecting the environment and amenities, while others singled out the B. C. Ferry Corporation and the department of highways as provincial government bodies which should give more weight to the Trust's views.

On the whole, residents advocated strengthening the Trust to help it cope with increased pressures. Committee chairman David Mercier (SC — Burnaby-



David Mercier

Edmonds) noted a "major contradiction" in the submissions, however. He told the meeting that while speakers wanted a "beefed-up" Trust, to provide better service to islanders, it did not seem to mesh with calls for preservation of the island's aesthetic appeal. "There is a diversity of opinion here," he said. "Some of you want more, some less."

To that remark, Bev Unger replied that services to islanders — and the strength of the Trust — have been diminished in recent years, and that all islanders desire is a level of service that meets the needs of the current population.

The request for an increased level of services was also noted by committee member Nick Loenen (SC — Richmond), who asked several speakers if they felt islanders are prepared to should-

der a higher tax burden if the increased levy was used to raise the level of Trust funding.

Patricia Massy, a former CRD director, answered the question by outlining the tax levy on her home: "We pay \$75 for the CRD, \$72 for regional hospitals, \$129 for rural taxes and \$15.78 for the Trust. That (\$15.78) is not enough to run the Trust in an advantageous way."

Ian Fraser, a member of the Advisory Planning Commission, told the hearing he felt islanders would be willing to pay increased taxes in support of the Trust.

"If the Islands Trust had the voice it deserves, there would be no problem raising the necessary funds through local taxation," he said. "The Trust should have the ability to make decisions affecting people on the islands, and if more money is going to help them make those decisions, we should be willing to pay."

Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, in his submission, advocated giving the Trust the ability to approach taxpayers, via referendum, to request an increased levy.

Another major point addressed by speakers and committee members was enactment of Section 3 of the Islands Trust Act, which will allow the Trust to accept and hold donations of land and money. While speakers endorsed the concept in principle, several said they desired clarification of the section's terms of reference, which Mercier said would be contained in the committee's report to the provincial legislature this October.

The standing committee left Salt Spring on Sunday for further hearings on Gabriola, Denman and Bowen islands before wrapping up in Richmond later this month.

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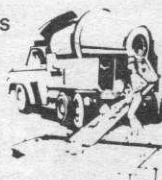
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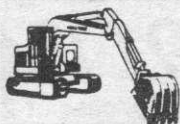
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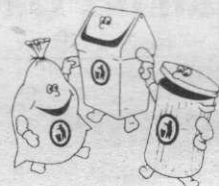


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Accused found not guilty of stealing vehicle

A Ganges youth was fined \$250 and ordered to make restitution after Ganges provincial court last week found him guilty of theft.

Eric Damian Meyers, of 414 Beddis Road, will also serve a two month term of probation.

Meyers pleaded guilty to three counts of stealing gas from the Esso Oil Company in Ganges between June 5 and 10 of this year. Meyers admitted to jumping the fence on three occasions and siphoning a total of 82 litres from within the locked compound.

Meyers did not name his accomplice, describing himself as the 'instigator.' He said he was drunk on each occasion.

Meyers was given four months to pay the \$250 fine and must make restitution to the value of 82 litres of gas to the Esso Oil Company.

In other court matters, Judge R.E. Hudson found Ganges resident Steven Victor Marleau, of 114 Long Harbour Road, not guilty in the theft of a vehicle belonging to Donna McWhirter.

During a trial which called on seven witnesses, the Crown was unable to prove intent of theft on Marleau's part.

The theft occurred December 20, 1986, after Barbara McWhirter parked her mother's 1977 Datsun at 201 Booth Canal Road. McWhirter said she left a spare set of keys in a compartment inside the vehicle, after parking it at approximately 1:30 am. She noted the vehicle gone at 10:15 am the same day and found it approximately 45 minutes later in a ditch on Lower Ganges Road.

Donna McWhirter testified the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) paid between \$350 and \$450 in damages. The towing cost was assumed by the McWhirters.

Timothy Duke, who has already been tried in relation to the same incident, told the court it was his idea to take the car. He also said that he drove and he had control of the keys.

The two key testimonies came from Patrick Mack, who saw Marleau emerging from the damaged vehicle, and Inga Mainwaring, who testified Marleau was intoxicated.

Mack said he approached the vehicle when he saw it in the ditch at approximately 2:45 am. He told the court that when he asked Marleau if McWhirter was all right, Marleau replied the vehicle belonged to him.

Under cross-examination by defence counsel Jim Pasuta, Mack said he saw Marleau emerge from the passenger side of the vehicle. When questioned by the Crown, he said it was the driver's side.

Marleau said he does not remember seeing or speaking to Mack.

Marleau said he had numerous

drinks at the Harbour House before going to a party on Booth Canal Road. Mainwaring, who was at the party as "designated driver" and who was not drinking, described Marleau as "very intoxicated — not himself."

Marleau met Duke at the bottom of the driveway and got into the car with him "because it was a ride." Marleau told the

court he remembers very little about the drive or the accident.

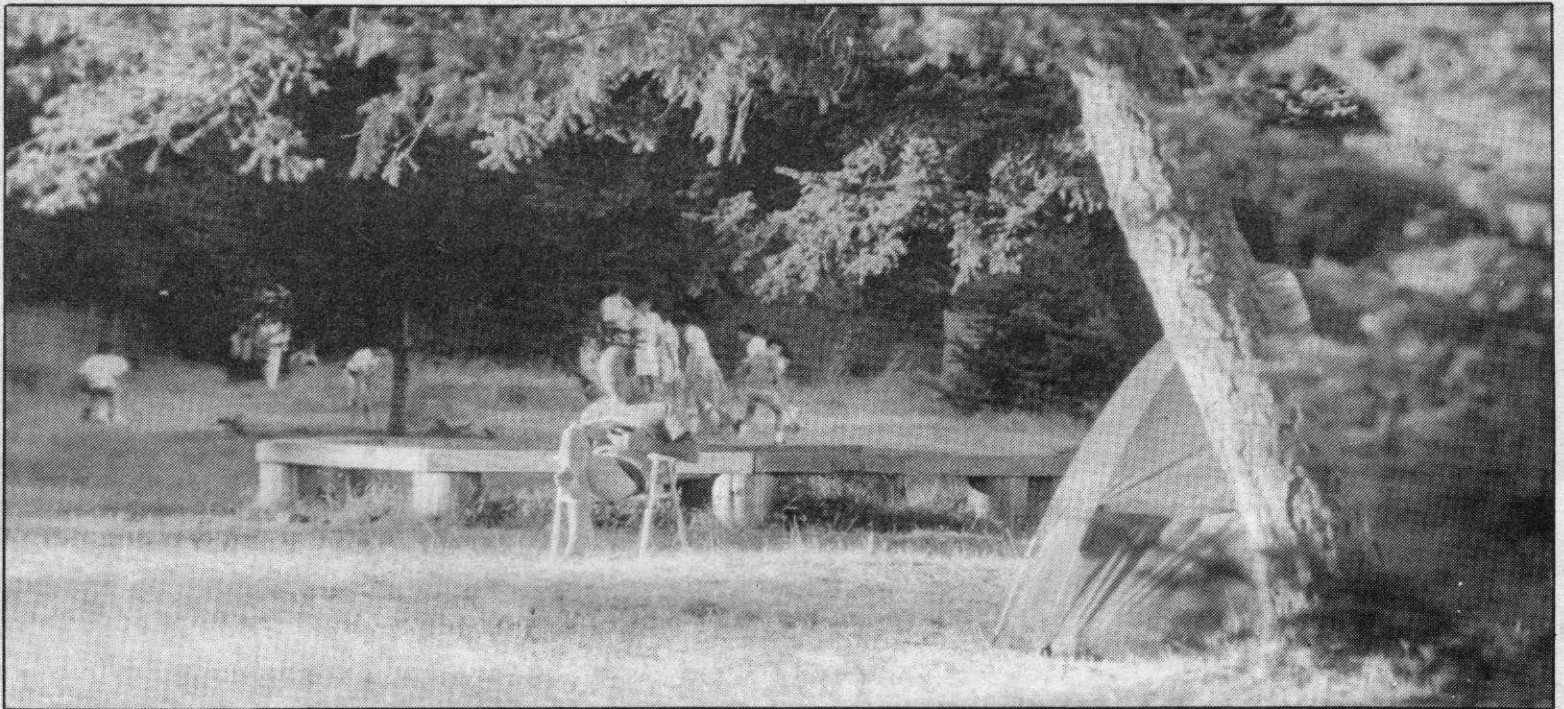
In determining the verdict, Judge Hudson recounted Mainwaring's testimony of Marleau's level of intoxication, and the disparity in Mack's testimonies. He found Marleau not guilty.

Judge Hudson found Phillip Edward Kitchen guilty of im-

paired driving.

The 21-year-old, now living in Gold River, will pay a \$450 fine and lose his driver's license for six months.

The incident occurred at 2 am on April 12, when Ganges RCMP stopped Kitchen on the corner of Fulford-Ganges and Bittancourt roads. Kitchen admitted to having consumed 10 beer.



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Decision reserved in picnic table 'theft' case

Judge R.E. Hudson delayed passing verdict on a theft charge in Ganges provincial court last week, indicating more time is needed to consider the charge.

Allan Lionel Pratt, of Duncan, pleaded not guilty to theft after a picnic table was taken from the property of Salt Spring Island resident Lorne Martin. Pratt told the court he took the table in lieu of a \$100 debt owed to him by Martin.

Pratt's defence counsel called on the "colour of right" — the honest belief one is not committing a crime — on his client's behalf. The Crown, meanwhile, suggested the act was a case of "taking the law into his own

hands."

The incident occurred late last year when Pratt and two other men arrived at the home of Martin and his common-law wife, Gladys Hanifan. Pratt told the court he intended to obtain the \$100 Martin owed him for a clutch he received several months earlier. Pratt said he had visited Martin's residence on four occasions. Upon finding no one home this time, he said he and the other men loaded the picnic table onto their truck. Pratt said he estimated the table's value at \$200.

Hanifan told the court she was nearing their home on foot when she saw Pratt and the others in the truck. According to Hanifan,

Pratt shouted: "tell Lorne when he gives me my \$100 dollars, he can have his picnic table back."

Hanifan testified that when Martin arrived home, they went to the Vesuvius ferry to try and retrieve the table. They then phoned Pratt in Duncan and threatened to call the police if the table was not returned.

According to Martin, the cedar table is worth \$400. He told the court he is willing to repay the \$100 as soon as he has his table back. He said he is unable to retrieve the table himself, as he does not own a suitable vehicle.

In trying to establish 'colour of right,' the defence called on several witnesses who said they

had recovered debts in similar ways without police interference. They told the court they had discussed these methods with Pratt.

"I believed I had some way of recouping the money," Pratt said. "It had been done by many others." He said he did not believe it was a criminal act.

But the Crown argued the act was taking the law into one's own hands. It was also pointed out that while Martin's debt was \$100, Pratt took something he believed was worth twice that amount.

Judge Hudson will deliver his verdict on the case October 13 in Sidney.

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The new penalties include fines of up to \$50,000 for repeat offenders.

For convictions involving violations like out-of-season hunting, illegal sale of game meat or hunting threatened and endangered species, fines will range from \$200 to \$10,000 for a first offence, and from \$1,000 to \$50,000 for repeat offences. The previous maximum fine was \$10,000.

The new penalties, outlined in amendments to the Wildlife Act, also increase other maximum fines from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for a first offence, and from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for repeat offences.

In all cases, offenders also risk imprisonment for up to six months.

In announcing the increases, the province cited recent "large-scale" poaching of elk on Vancouver Island as one motivation for introducing "a much stronger deterrent" for Wildlife Act offenders.

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Ladies' Aid Society helped Burgoyne Church to grow

By MARY DAVIDSON
Fifth In A Series

In the midst of the Great Depression, a society was organized at Burgoyne Bay United Church which would have a great impact on the church's continuing fortunes. The Ladies Aid Society — first noted in an April 10, 1935, minister's report to the board — was born under Mrs. Margaret F. Reid and welcomed with the hope that it "would be of considerable help to the work of the church at the South End."

One of the society's first challenges arose later in the same year. Funds had earlier been raised for repairs to the church, but there was still a need for further work. The Ladies Aid group immediately began working to secure funds for the project.

In January, 1938, it was reported that work on the church would be completed before summer. In early May, the work was "proceeding in a very satisfactory way. (The) completed building would be a credit to the community and the members of the Ladies Aid (of Fulford Harbour)."

(Church members today believe that the 1938 renovation project removed the 'bell tower' from the building. Earlier this year, in preparation for the centennial celebration, member Cameron Leask constructed and installed a replica.)

In July, 1938, the church board met and moved "congratulations to the Ladies Aid at Fulford Harbour United Church on the completion of rebuilding the church in so satisfactory a manner."

To further prove their worth, society members cleared the debt on the church rebuilding by the end of 1939. Over the ensuing years, they became an active force in the South End, holding a steady membership and regular meetings. The group raised money by sales and teas, which paid the insurance and maintained Burgoyne Church. They also managed to contribute unfailingly to the combined church funds.

Society members whose names appear in various minute books kept at that time include Mrs. Helen Townsend, Lily Mollet, Kinder, Cearley, Betty Brigden, Haynes, Graham, Forsen, Mrs. David Maxwell, Mrs. Thomas Reid, Mrs. F. Jackson, Mrs. Fergus Reid, Mrs. J. Campbell, Mr. Frank Campbell, McLennan, Brigden.

While the Ladies Aid Society was active, however, the same could not be said of the church. In

The 'Little Church in the Burgoyne Valley' is 100 years old this spring.

Built during the summer of 1887, in the shadow of Mt. Bruce, Burgoyne Bay United Church is the oldest Protestant Church on Salt Spring Island — and among all local churches is predated only by St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church at Fulford Harbour.

In celebration of the centennial this year, the Burgoyne Bay United Church Women [UCW] have scheduled a re-dedication ceremony and open house on August 28. The public is invited to attend, look back on the past 100 years and help the UCW "begin the second century."

Rev. Allister Skinner will officiate at the August 28 re-dedication, at 2 pm in the church. Following the ceremony, historic documents and a gallery of photographs will be displayed.

1935, when the society was formed, Burgoyne Bay United Church was reported to have a "small but sustained" attendance and interest. In the 1940s, it had no official congregation or organization, due to a lack of committed membership, and held few services beyond a monthly preaching and communion once quarterly.

Burgoyne Bay United Church parishioners were able to join the Ganges congregation for the extra fellowship of weekly services, Sunday School, Bible classes, CGIT, boy's club and choir. Many of the South End people were actively involved at both the Burgoyne and Ganges appointments.

At the same time, there was a continuing problem of raising enough funds to pay the minister and maintain the churches at Ganges and Burgoyne. The Salt Spring United Church remained dependent on the Home Mission Board during the war and beyond. (During the Second World War, a favoured means of raising money against the church debt was through War Savings Certificates.)


In 1945, the minutes from the quarterly and annual board meetings of the joint appointments

note that Burgoyne Church has eight members — seven residents and one non-resident. The small group was active, however, having earlier undertaken the clean-up of the church lot and completing a new fence fronting on the road. They also organized a committee to supervise the Burgoyne cemetery (the charge for each plot was \$5) and in 1948 presented a new pulpit cover to the church.

By 1950, new members had been added to the roll and regular services were being held twice monthly. The Burgoyne Sunday School was organized in the fall of 1951 and quickly showed an enrollment of 13 children under four teachers.

One year later, however, the church was having trouble finding enough teachers to staff the Sunday School. According to Mrs. Betty Brigden, the difficulty eventually led to the demise of the Sunday School, even though it served a growing number of children. In 1954, for instance, it held 37 sessions for an enrollment of 23 pupils from 11 families. Some of the children who attended included six Bennetts, seven Twas, five Brigdens, three Reids, six Lees (from two families), a Fraser and a Mortison.

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Ministry officials announced last month that some submersible pumps manufactured between

Province fields PCB pump calls

1964 and 1980 may be leaking the toxic substance into well water. The pumps in question were those with oil-filled motors, and those with capacitors located at the bottom of the well.

A statement issued last week by the environment ministry said 805 pump owners have contacted its offices since the first pump warning was issued July 2. Forty pumps suspected of containing

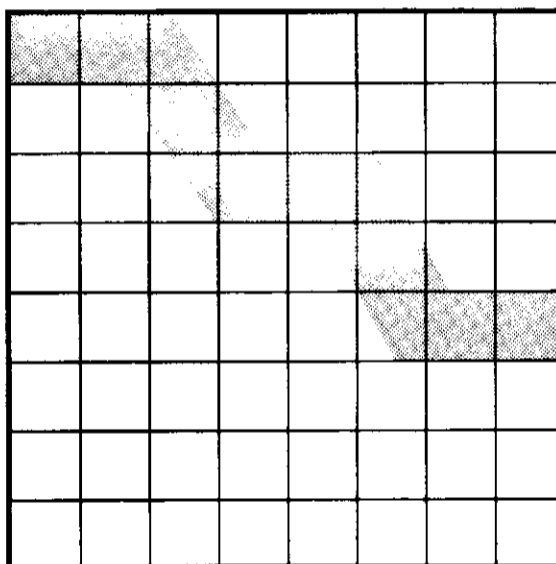
PCBs were turned in to the ministry, and all 23 well water samples tested showed PCB levels within allowable guidelines.

Despite the test results, the ministry is urging owners of

submersible pumps to call for advice and assistance. The ministry is also accepting 'dangerous' pumps for disposal, and provides free well testing.

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Hope seen for people with brain damage, memory loss

By MIKE TURKKI

Help is available to the elderly and individuals suffering from brain damage under a revolutionary new program initiated by Salt Spring neurotherapist Ariadne Sawyer.

Sawyer, who possess a master's degree in psychology, is now working with individuals suffering from loss of memory and brain damage. Seven individuals, some of them stroke victims, are learning to lead fuller lives by using techniques learned at Sawyer's Inner Resources Learning Centre.

Sawyer began seeing the potential to help individuals suffering brain damage and memory loss while working with Barry Wells, a local man who doctors categorized as a "non-functional," brain-damaged stroke victim. Using techniques geared to exercise the mind, she was able to help Wells maximize his abilities.

Sawyer's success with Wells convinced her that others can benefit from the same therapy. Her new program is entitled Project Brain Power.

"I've been presented with the opportunity to work with other people," she said in a recent interview. "A lot of them are in their mid-70s, and many have brain damage or have just lost it (mental capacity)."

Many of the people who come to Sawyer for help have "given up." Deeply depressed by the loss of mental capacity, they feel there is no hope for them.

Sawyer does her best to help improve these individuals' quality of life. She uses a variety of techniques, many of them geared to improving memory, and is finding that elderly people respond well to memory skills because of their many and varied experiences. Association, the neurotherapist noted, is a key to memory.

"These people are able to make a wealth of associations," she explained. "Some of them are going back and drawing on things that happened 50 years ago, pairing them with what they are trying to remember now. Research has shown that a 70-year-old man can actually learn twice as fast and retain it better than a 20-year-old."

"I have a fellow who was in here doing sequencing," she continued. "I would do some things in a certain order, and he would have to do the same. He was amazing. He could do six different sequences using three objects. It's just one game that exercises, stimulates the brain."

Although many of the techniques she uses are relatively simple, Sawyer is experiencing considerable success with them.

"Some of these memory skills are up to 3,000 years old," she notes, "and these people take to them like ducks to water. You can almost see their brain light up."

"Many of them come in here claiming they have no memory. They're depressed. But the progress they make, even in the first session, is incredible. One fellow in his mid-70s is now doing cartooning, another musical improvisation. Neither of them did these things until now."

Sawyer has found that art and music seem to stimulate the mind more than many other activities. She tries to involve one or both of them in her work.

"The things that activate the brain most seem to be art and music," she noted. "There is one gentleman who comes to me who has what I call *word salad*. He speaks too fast, and it all comes out mumbo jumbo. I lent him a musical instrument that has a nice sound. He uses it to practice his speech, plays it at a certain speed to get an easy rhythm. That way, he gets a rhythm, the feel of speaking, before he tries it."

Sawyer, who also teaches sports psychology, is even using her knowledge of this field to help stroke victims improve their movement.

"This one gentleman has trouble moving," she noted. "I've taught him how to preprogram his mind prior to trying to move, so that he will flow. I have him visualizing himself, for example, rising up out of his chair. When he does it, his actions are much more fluid, and his movement has improved."

Sawyer derives a great deal of satisfaction from working with her clients. "It's exciting," she notes, "to work with these people. When they do something they never thought they could, it's as if their minds light up."

Research work like the type now being done by Sawyer is new, but not unique. Stanford University and UCLA have similar programs underway. Sawyer, however, does not have the same wealth of resources to draw upon as these two post-secondary institutions, and as a result is now seeking help with her work.

The Salt Spring therapist is looking for volunteers to help work with brain-damaged individuals and elderly people who claim to have "lost their memories." She will train these helpers in her techniques, and would be willing to consider them as employees if a research centre is eventually developed.

Sawyer is also looking for a medical doctor willing to document her work.

"I can see the progress these individuals are making, and so can they and their families," she noted. "But if a doctor was to document it, it would have much more credibility. And it wouldn't take a lot of time or effort, either."

Anyone willing to volunteer their time to this project should contact Sawyer at 537-2125 (home) or 537-4556 (office).

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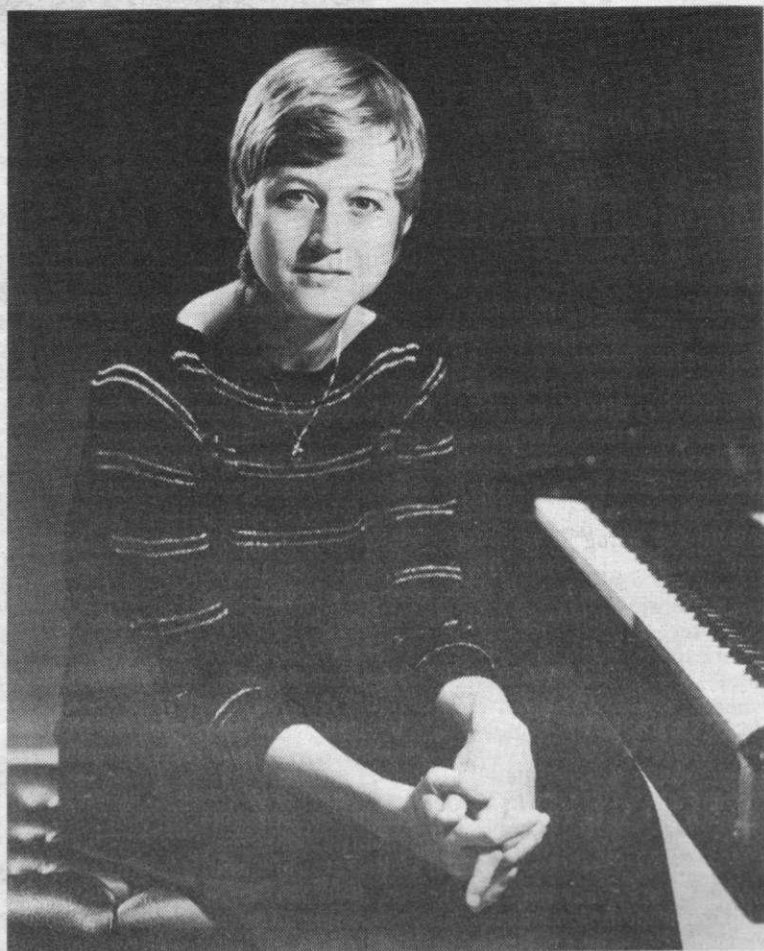
Pianist slates island concert

Noted Canadian pianist Jane Coop will offer a recital on Salt Spring Island this Sunday, August 23. The performance will be held at Ganges United Church, beginning at 8 pm.

Coop, who has been invited to tour the Soviet Union in September, is professor of piano at the University of British Columbia. She has given numerous recitals in major North American centres and in Europe, and is heard regularly on the CBC, BBC and NPR radio networks.

According to the Salt Spring Island Concert Society, which is sponsoring Coop's appearance here, the pianist's performances "have an elegance and vitality which is utterly compelling — underneath a rhythmic intensity and stunning technique is an unforgettable element of poetry which has deeply impressed audiences all over North America and in both Eastern and Western Europe."

Tickets for the recital are \$8 general and \$2 for students. They are available at *et cetera* or at the door.



Jane Coop

Music-making workshop set for kids

Tippy A-Go-Go will conduct a music-making workshop for children at Off Centre Stage on Saturday, August 22, beginning at 2 pm.

The workshop format will include three parts, beginning with a singalong warmup. Children are encouraged to bring along materials for the second phase, an instrument-construction session — clean straws for pan pipes, plastic or metal containers for shakers and empty paper towel containers for kazoo's.

The final part of the two-hour workshop will involve trying out all of the made or found instruments "in a cacophany symphony."

On Saturday evening, Tippy will perform a selection of his music, described as "a unique brand of musical explorations . . . nouveau folk with an emphasis on percussion." Showtime is 8 pm.

Cost of the music-making workshop is \$3, while the evening concert is priced at \$4. For further information, contact Off Centre

Stage at 537-5211.

Other upcoming events at Off Centre Stage include:

- Neo Tribal Vision will perform in concert on Saturday, August 29, beginning at 8:30 pm. The Vancouver Island trio will present "an artful mix of Latin, jazz and new-age music."

- Anna Hawthorne will open a show at the Off Centre Stage gallery on Saturday, August 22. Featured will be a new series of works inspired by her recent travels.

Books arrive at local library

Several new books have arrived at the Salt Spring Island public library. They include:

- FICTION — *The Other Side of Paradise*, by Noel Barber; *The Hunt for Red October*, by Tom Clancy; *Sphere*, by Michael Chrichton; *Pale Kings and Princes*, by Robert B. Parker; *Presumed Innocent*, by Scott Turow; and *Embassy*, by Leslie Waller.

- NON-FICTION — *Voices for Freedom*, by Amnesty International; *A Traveller in China*, by Christina Dodwell; *Whale Songs and Wasp Maps: The Mystery of Animal Thinking*, by J. Mortensen; *Brazilian Diary*, by P.K. Page; *Nobel Dreams: Power, Deceit and the Ultimate Experiment*, by G. Taubes; and *Much Depends On Dinner*, by Margaret Visser.

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By GARY CHERNEFF

Okay fun seekers, where did I leave you last week? Seattle, right?

We did the tour of the University district, had dinner overlooking the Pike Place Market and a late night snack at the Stage Left Cafe, which, by its proximity to a theatre, suggested the next evening's entertainment.

It's now Saturday morning and what else do you do but sleep in — just a little bit. About 10 am we aroused our languid bodies and cruised into the Saturday market at Pike Place. To my surprise, as we arrive, there are still vendors setting up their wares. Hmm? There must be some bureaucracy at work here. It is very un-Ganges.

First things first—we make a pass through throngs gathered to soak in the atmosphere and friendly conversation in this old, established institution. My enthusiasm is for one particular artist who paints one-of-a-kind tee-shirts and sweatshirts in an expressionist style.

Among the vendors are to be found potters, fabric artists and, most notably, metal smiths who make a variety of jewellery. The copper and brass, treated with various patinas, reflect a popular trend towards a more primitive look.

Fruits, vegetables and seafood abound in the market and all sorts of specialties are available in the permanent stores in the area — from Italian to East Indian foods.

It's getting close to noon and we haven't had breakfast. So we choose a bakery as American as apple pie—sit on stools at the counter and watch people flow by, sucking in foreign culture and sampling market fare.

The whole area is infused with an eclectic mixture of cappucino bars, ethnic restaurants, fashion boutiques, a fantastic cooking ware store and the odd gallery or two plus a pawn shop and a movie theatre of the alternate variety.

After some productive shopping, it's time to plan the evening, so the girls split for shopping and the boys make the phone arrangements and a pit stop for dessert. *Angry Housewives* at Pioneer Square Theatre mainstage has only three separate seats left, so we opt for the northwest premiere of *Greek* at the Newstage Theatre in Pioneer Square.

Decision made we savour rich delectables at the "Dilettante", a

art seen

dessert palace of prodigious reputation. Sweeter but poorer we reunite with our travelling mates and drive the long walk to Pioneer Square.

There are many fine galleries in this area. The Fireworks Gallery specializes in ceramics from across the USA, the Foster-White Gallery exhibits art glass by national artists and there are photographic galleries and galleries of Native art.

The Greg Kucera Gallery is high on the priority list. The first exhibition I saw there was by the major American artist, Frank Stella. Recently, Helen Frankenthaler had a show and this time there was an exhibit of paintings and prints by Mimmo Paladino, and Italian artist of international stature who was at one time bagged and labelled philosophically with other artists as the "Transavantgarde." This group included other well known Europeans such as Enzo Cucchi, Sandro Chia and Francesco Clemente, all of whom had minor contributions to the show.

The Paladino images are severe magico-religious icons, some of which leave us with the awareness of tortured souls. His work is forceful and inventive in technique and imagery. From painted bronze sculpture to watercolour to lino prints to mixed media and oil on paper, wood and canvas, his endless manipulations continue to return us to dark and somber themes. Of course there are the prices—\$15,000 for a 20-inch by 30-inch painting on paper and \$5,000 for a lino print, and they were selling. Very educational, so without adieu we searched for something lightweight.

How about *Ruby Montana's Pinto Pony*, a bizarre mixture of 50's nostalgia, classic kitsch and dimestore gags. Walking into this shop is like entering a time warp. Spud guns, rubber chickens and a swordfish for your mantel—or how about a "lava lite," an inflatable shark, or any one of over a dozen novelty items of the flamingo persuasion.

A little more touring around in the area's many antique stores and we are getting hot and running out of poop. So back to the University Inn to recuperate. Next week—the final installment: clip and save!

Four bands lined up to play at Salt Spring Jazz Festival

A number of groups are slated to perform at this weekend's Salt Spring Island Jazz Festival.

The August 21-23 event — to be held at the Farmers' Institute grounds — will feature not only Salt Spring's *Second Wind*, but the *Island City Jazz Band* from the San Juan Islands, *Razz Ma Jazz* from Vancouver, and Victoria's *Dixieland Express*.

Razz Ma Jazz will perform at a dance Friday evening, while the *Island City Jazz Band* headlines a dance Saturday night. All four groups are scheduled to play Saturday afternoon.

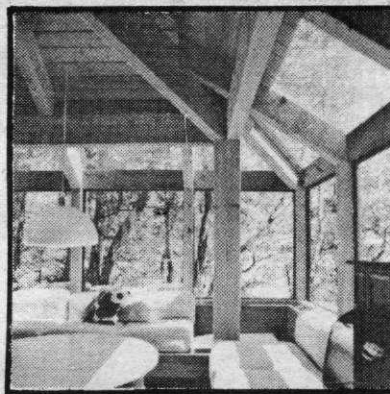
A gospel church service will be conducted at 11 am Sunday by Rev. Al Skinner of the Ganges United Church. *Second Wind* will

be featured at the service, which will be followed Sunday afternoon by a jam session.

Three-day passes for the festival are priced at \$20. Evening dance tickets will cost \$7 per person. Admission to Saturday's events, excluding the dance that evening, is \$10 per person.

Tickets and additional information on the festival can be obtained by contacting Vern Densmore (653-9426), Beth McDonald (537-2313) or Libby Jones (537-2923).

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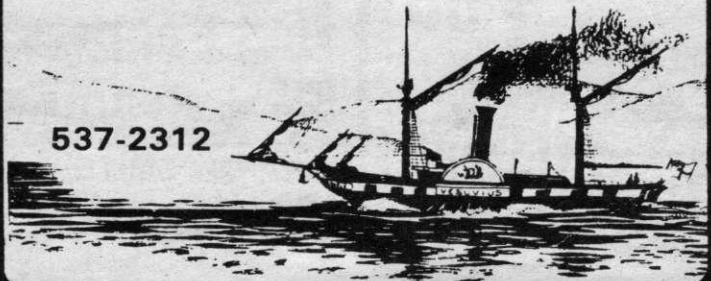
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ON TOP QUALITY
PRODUCE!

Radishes 27¢ bunch	Honeydew Melons 39¢ lb.
Celery 2 lbs. 69¢	Spinach 2 bunches 99¢
Green Peppers 1.08 kg 49¢ lb.	Red Peppers 1.25 lb.
Tropical Kiwi Fruit 2/75¢	FRESH ROASTED Peanuts 1.39 lb.
B.C. Prune Plums 45¢ lb.	GRANNY SMITH Apples 85¢ lb.

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