

## to be frank

by richards

### What's the time?

There was a power outage; but that's nothing! It went out in the middle of the night, so still fewer were worried about it.

I was awake in the night and made that great discovery. Then I went back to sleep. And that was it.

Except for one thing; the clocks had not marched in time with each other. Both clocks in the kitchen had withdrawn from the race when the power went off. But when I got up one clock said 3:30 and the other told me it was 4:10. Mind you, both were lying, because it was about eight o'clock.

I know it's impossible, so how did it happen?

### Never no more!

There was a sequel to that power failure.

Next day it was slow moving to get away from home. Two rigs occupied three-quarters of the road as they cut down brush and trees to safeguard the Hydro lines and avoid power outages.

They must have been cutting in the wrong place!

### They're safe fish!

I'm not well up on dioxins. It's simply a case of sins, si: Dioxins, no!

But I listened to a Salt Spring fisherman who assures me that the dioxins under investigation to the west side of Salt Spring Island do not represent a hazard when taking crabs or prawns. The poisonous substances do not reach the flesh in crustaceans, he explained and are restricted to that part of the creature that is discarded.

He was, however, a pessimistic fisherman. The fisheries branch will never make distinctions, he forecast, and the crustaceans will be lumped with the shellfish if any restrictions are imposed, he glumly made his prophecy.

### Weatherwise

What lovely ants we've seen this year! And the mosquitoes are brilliant! The wasps are busy building their paper nests and the termites are already laying out their navigation charts.

There's something about summer that we all enjoy. It's a funny thing, but when we look out of a winter window sheltering us from persistent rain or snow, we never look back with nostalgia on those lovely days of summer when we were bitten and stung to death and the ants made the butter look like a currant bun.

### Why a mosquito?

Once upon a time there were no mosquitoes, except in Spain and Portugal. When the Spanish explorers found gold in the Americas, they also found small flies which they termed mosquitoes, or small flies.

The anglophone explorers had grown up with gnats, but the Spanish term gained ascendancy and the simple gnat flies only over British territory.

Odd thing about it all is that the victim of constant attacks by small flies doesn't care overly much

whether he was attacked by a gnat or mosquito; they bit the same.

### What? No wood!

The move is away from wood. Many British Columbians are finding concern in the cutting of trees, and it's making me feel guilty. In my time I've planted more trees than I have cut, but I live in a house of wood.

Over my head and beneath my feet is laid wood. Wooden beams support the structure and wooden walls keep out the howling winter gales.

When I've designed and built my woodless house, maybe I'll enter the great forestry debate, but until then I'll find something else to grieve my soul.

### Another worry

All over the world a greater concern is evident over the emissions from automobile engines. New restrictions are on the boards in many countries of the world as air becomes more gas-laden.

Less than 100 years ago transportation was already presenting serious problems. A recent television documentary described the conditions in London, England, at the beginning of this century, when millions of tons of processed hay was dumped every year in the city. It was processed through the hay-burners in general use at that time. Traffic jams were common and congested streets were a problem to every engineer. More children died of infantile diarrhea at that time than suffered death on the roads decades later. The disease was spread by flies bred in stables and streets.

### The best things in life

Trade must be one of the best things, according to the old song:  
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### Burnt out already?

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### Fighting everybody

I don't mind taking on my own colleagues when it comes to abuse of language. For years I have protested the term, "break and enter" as a compound noun. Now it even shows up in these columns.

Breaking-and-entry was the original term, but break-and-enter has the mighty advantage of being shorter and easier to squeeze into limited space.

I would plead that no person was ever charged with "break and enter", let alone convicted. The offence is breaking and entering or breaking and entry. It's easy to find an alternative expression if the offence takes place at night. That's burglary. Daylight robbery might be breaking and entering. It might be breaking and entry but it can never be burglary. Burglars are nocturnal criminals, they only come out at night.

So there!

# Trust rejects bid for wider roads

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roads to erect proper signage, that enough foliage cover be removed to permit sun penetration (which helps dry roads in winter), and that width clearance be sufficient to allow safe placement of utility poles.

Jensen and Webb added that the ministry wants its roads to enjoy about 15 years of life before major maintenance is needed. "If we build them the way you want," Webb said, "we would have to come back in five years, and that costs the province money."

Webb also noted that the ministry has a legal responsibility to construct safe roads, and while the Trust would like lessened standards which might compromise safety margins, it is the ministry which must defend those standards in a court of law.

"We have to live with it, legally and fiscally," he said of the standards.

Trustees were unmoved by the arguments, however. They said current standards maintain the rural nature of the islands — a nature appreciated and desired by residents — and that while expanded standards would lead to better-engineered roads, they would also encourage people to

drive their vehicles at higher speeds.

Trust vice-chairman Steve Wright (South Pender) said that as a resident, he did not want to see road standards upgraded to "meet the expectations of two-week visitors."

"I think roads will be the biggest threat to the Trust's preserve-and-protect mandate," Wright continued. "A 66-foot right-of-way will do more damage than development."

He added that the example of school children walking half a mile along narrow roads used by logging trucks — cited by Jensen as a rationale for wider roads — was a worst-case scenario that should not be employed to determine the standards for all roads on all islands.

Trustee Jim Campbell (Saturna) added that road standards should be determined by residents of the islands according to their wishes, rather than by engineering specifications drawn up by the ministry.

At the conclusion of discussion, trustees approved a motion which said the ministry had not presented an adequate-enough case to warrant the raising of existing standards. They also said they stand in opposition to the raising of those standards.

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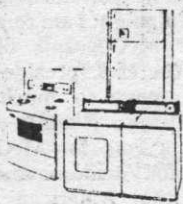
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## Inspection rules must not harm local supplies

New regional controls, which say home-killed meat may no longer be permitted in the Capital Regional District, are close to the islands. The bylaw requiring that all meat sold must be inspected also provides that cats, dogs and rodents are unacceptable as food.

This is a piece of legislation that benefits few and imposes an unwanted and unnecessary restriction on island tables. It is legislation that considers only one aspect of food contamination and ignores others. It is legislation that is introduced as a whim of administrators, rather than as a proven necessity.

The control of home-killing served a valuable purpose in many parts of the country and the rest of the world when diseased meat was common. Had controls not been necessary in many areas and in many instances, Upton Sinclair's grim novel of the meat industry, *The Jungle*, would never have been written, or read.

Today, in the islands, there are a number of small farmers who have been killing and selling carcasses for years. The conditions under which the animals are dispatched are inspected, and certainly should be. The health of the animals immediately prior to killing may well be ascertained by local inspection, and if the end product — the meat — cannot be inspected at any time, then the regional government which seeks to impose stricter controls surely must accept responsibility.

The value of local meat — locally-raised, locally-fed and locally-killed — lies not so much in its character as food as in its purity. The island housewife buying meat for the freezer knows full well that the animal has not been contaminated with injections and harmful additives in order to render the meat more attractive or to produce an unnatural colour when the flesh is carved up.

The quality of meat from a healthy animal which has undertaken chemical feeding is unacceptable to many, here on the islands and elsewhere. There are many islanders and others elsewhere in the region who would expect the



health authorities to maintain a proper supervision of conditions and quality at all times, while sharing their concern for a greater freedom from scientific feeding than prevails in many areas.

This bylaw should be very carefully examined before it is put into effect. There must be provision for local inspection of meat and inspection of local abattoirs. It is unthinkable that this valuable source of pure food should be abandoned in favour of sending animals away for slaughter.

If the region were to provide for local inspection of all features of animal slaughter and thereby ensure that the high-quality local meat is available

to the local community, there would be a valuable service retained at home. To simply close down the system that has successfully prevailed since the first human being appeared on island soil is an insult to farmers and breeders here, and a slap in the face to the meat-consuming public.

That is the only possible reply to the bylaw proposal.

We want local meat: we want it here ready for island freezers and we want the local health authority to evolve some program of inspection that ensures that we enjoy, perhaps forever, this policy of island meat for island consumers.

## New party dwelling too much on what it isn't?

Former U.S. president Lyndon Baines Johnson was an acknowledged master of political tricks. One story has it that when he was seeking an elected office in his home state of Texas, Johnson instructed an aide to begin spreading false and malicious rumours about his opponent. One of those stories alleged that the other candidate enjoyed carnal relations with his barnyard animals.

"You can't say that," the aide replied. "Besides, no one will believe it."

"I know that," Johnson said. "But let's make him deny it."

Variations on the denial theme are played out during all election campaigns. Handled properly, use of the tactic means your

opponent wastes time and energy telling audiences what he or she isn't, and not what they stand for. And no matter how effective the denials might seem, a kernel of doubt always remains in the public's mind.

I was reminded of the denial theme last Saturday at a public meeting staged in the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre by the fledgling Reform Party of Canada. The session, held before an audience of about 60 people, was meant to explain the aims and objectives of the western-based party in hopes of garnering voter support in the next federal election.

At several points during the afternoon, however, I couldn't help but notice that explanations

### my word

by duncan macdonnell

of party platforms were prefaced by denials. Before the planks of the movement's immigration policy were explained, for instance, the speaker cautioned that the party was not racist. Before its stand on language rights was outlined, the speaker noted that the party was not made up of "a bunch of rednecks."

The effect of those denials, to this listener anyway, was to turn the policy statements over in the mind and weigh each to see if

there really were any racist or redneck overtones present. Instead of examining the planks for what they were, the mind's eye sought evidence of something that was said to be absent. Just to be sure.

It's a minor point, I know, and it's safe to assume that the denials are necessary given the waves of disinformation and misinformation the party seems to be battling. But it irks me to see the clearing up of the public's apparent misconceptions begin with explanations of what you're not, instead of what you are. It's counter-productive.

This is no slight on the Reform Party. Its executive knows, better than I, what strategy will best serve to spread its message.

Obviously, the executive has decided that a defensive posture is needed to spruce up the party's image before it can take the offensive.

The strategy may be fine — even necessary — in the here and now, given the right-wing labels that have been slapped on the party by outsiders, but my guess is it will prove to be a tremendous handicap if it continues into an election campaign. I am reminded of George McGovern's ill-fated quest for the U.S. presidency in 1972: he spent so much time denying Richard Nixon's allegations that a vote for McGovern was a vote for "acid, amnesty and abortion" that American voters never knew what McGovern really stood for.

## Appreciative

Sir,  
The Fernwood Parents Group would like to thank all those who helped make our Fun Fair a success. Over \$1,000 was raised.

The money will be used for ongoing projects such as improving playground equipment, installing full-spectrum lights and funding the artists in the school program.

A special thanks to Chuck and Kitty Beasley of Dagwoods, the Fire Department (it was wet and wonderful), Gord Dafoc, the Karate Club and the RCMP for making the day special.

Our raffle draw may have been the longest in Salt Spring history with donations from Hastings House, the Bay Window, Vesuvius Inn, Golden Island Restaurant, Humberdinks, Harbour House Hotel, the Deli Shoppe, Embe Bakery, Heritage Boutique, GVM, Esso, Sooz, Salt Spring Natureworks, Pharmasave, Shell, Salt Spring Autoparts, Mouat's, Petro-Canada, Stonegate, the General Store, Flowers and Wine, Pegasus Gallery, Rainbow Crafts, Susan Borland, Foxglove, Village Cobbler, Fernwood Store, Radio Shack, Parcels Unlimited, Rodrigo's La Salsa, Loom Room, Topsy's, et cetera, Salt Spring Precision Jewellers, Kanaka Place, Tom Hamer and *Driftwood*.

Thanks also to Greenwoods for letting us borrow the bingo equipment, and to all those who responded to our Grade Six and Seven students' requests for bingo prizes. We received donations from Seaside Kitchen, Foxglove, Susan Blagborne, the Hamers, Matt's Meats, Knoth's, Vesuvius Store, Lickety Sip, Watkins, Gulfstream, Island Cinema, Salty Shop, Island Magic Touch, GVM, Rodrigo's La Salsa, Embe Bakery, Glad's, Fernwood Store, Video Ranch, Luigi's, Butcher Shoppe and Deli, Video Visions, Volume II Books and Nibbles, Scribbles and News. Hopefully, we haven't missed anyone.

We understand the difficulty local businesses must have in answering so many requests for donations to fund-raisers; your generosity is very much appreciated.

**THE FERNWOOD PARENTS GROUP.**

## Leaders?

Sir,  
Where oh where has our leadership gone? With a director who sets up his own committees whenever the decisions of elected groups displease, and with wimps who willingly vote to hand over their teeny-weensy bit of power to the vultures, I can't decide whether we are in Wonderland with Alice, or in an Ibsen play (characters reversed, of course).

Does "preserve and protect" operate only against the little guy? Will the Municipal Act be bent to allow, for the first time, people who don't live in an area to vote for Ganges incorporation? It would not be surprising, since a B.C. cabinet decided, uniquely in the history of Canada, regardless of what the courts should say, that Ganges shall have a sewer. When, or who, will truly preserve and protect?

Perhaps the whole issue will be put to rest if Ganges' own unprotected propane bomb gets hit by a Bloedel/Salt Spring Lands/Cyprus truck.  
**BEVERLY UNGER,**  
Fulford Harbour.

## Fundamental

Sir,  
Whatever is suppressed by force is bound to reappear sometime, somewhere, in a more lethal and deviant form.

I am sure Julia Atkins and Doug Atkins mean well by objecting to the May 25 *Driftwood* picture of a young gun-totting, trophy-winning marksman, but this principle is as fundamental to human affairs as sunlight is to plant life.

Certainly, guns may seem a strange pastime to some, but considering humanity's long and intense involvement with weaponry over the centuries, is it so strange that implements of war continue to fascinate?

There is not a thing humans are interested in which does not have some measure of strangeness. However seemingly reasonable or aberrant that thing may be, the idea is always to channel our interest in it in a way that is progressively more constructive, wholesome and healing.

The very fact that something interests us is proof that it contains an element that is valuable to us. Therefore, to deny that valuable element is to invite trouble — often deep, deep trouble, as our pain-racked world will attest.

Surely, target-shooting stands a long way from firing at live trees, which is itself a number of steps removed from the killing of human beings. But to deny target-shooting as an outlet for people who enjoy handling guns, sometimes for reasons that are not obvious at all, is in effect to fuel a fire which can only burn in the wrong direction.

Artificially instilling and farming an interest is not the same as uncovering one which lies dormant and which awaits expression, all too often, in a sheath of bitter and virulent frustration.

It is only by bringing any and all interests into the light that one can have a good look at them and appreciate them for what they are, then extracting whatever is valuable in them and enhancing that value in a way that can benefit us all.

If people could realize the enormous amount of repression, oppression and suppression that went into the making of a global crisis as disastrous as say, AIDS, our world would go a long way toward healing itself by applying that awareness to the myriad other

## letters

crises that are choking the life out of it.

The point is for us to help each other uncover the pearl that is buried in our individual and collective mudpies, whatever these interests may be, and to apply our released ingenuity to discovering increasingly kinder ways of being creative.

**FRANCOIS JAUBERT,**  
Beaver Point.

If the public knows what it wants, we don't need to put up with advertising where each company swears its product is different and better, when often all that is different is the seller. My mailbox is a window to the world; keep it clean and stop wasting paper.

**KEITH MacHATTIE,**  
Ganges.

## Thank you

Sir,  
I would like to thank the many people who have helped and lent their support as *Under the Rainbow* Nursery School has struggled and strived to become a licensed child-care facility.

Thanks to the following people: Patrick and Jessica Mack; Avi Bill and Nana Doreen, Steve and Aaron Sigurgeirson, Christine, Roger and Trinity Donnelly, Gloria Cameron, Lillian Mack, Bob Ellison, Charlie Byron, Daryl Jensen, Blain Pharis, Mark Scarfe, Christine Rush, Isabel and Conhor Hunt, Mickey McLeod and Danny O'Donnell.

Also, many thanks to all the parents of the playgroup over the past couple of years who've lived through the growing pains and been supportive along the way.

And thank you, *Driftwood*, for running the article on *Under The*

## Junk mail

Sir,  
I'd like to take this moment to commend the purveyors of "art for the normal guy" for sending me big pictures of chickens and hams (deals — deals — deals, etc.) in the mail every second day.

Junk mail, by the ton. I don't read one-third of it; the coloured ones don't burn worth a damn but the pictures are great. I'm doing the walls in my living room with hams and the TV room with vegetables.

But seriously folks, if we're so fickle and/or naive as to need this kind of persuasion to go to a different store every week, we're getting what we deserve. A good quality product is the best advertisement, and supporting your local businesses the best way to ensure it.

*Rainbow* and letting people know "we've done it!". The coffee house and open house were both fun and successful. Maybe we'll do another coffee house in the fall — "back by popular demand".

Anyone interested in summer and/or autumn programs for preschoolers should call me at 537-2830.  
**LISA SIGURGEIRSON,**  
Ganges.

## Answers

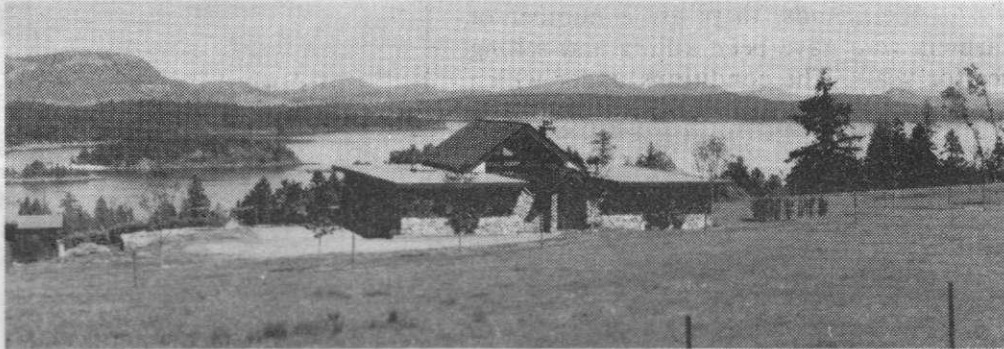
Sir,  
There is a defening roar of silence coming from the majority of islanders as the traditional urban growth hangs like a shadow overhead. Not unlike the eye of the tornado which is said to be dark and silent.

Historically the white man has a horrendous record for the destruction of his true mother — earth. It is this track record that each of us brought with us to this island. Some have turned it around, some are in the process of doing so. The key is simplicity. Simple solutions are available to complex problems; however, they are hardly ever really seen — and, if at times glimpsed, are quickly discarded. "No one would agree with this solution, why bother". "Leave it to the experts".

It is difficult for some to realize that the majority of those who

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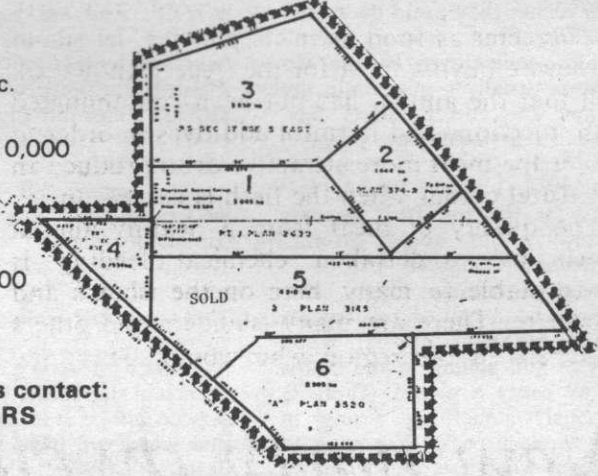
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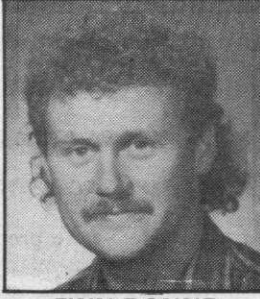
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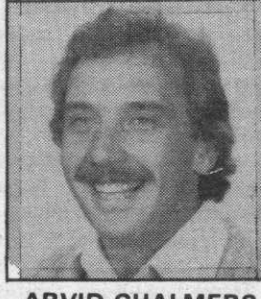


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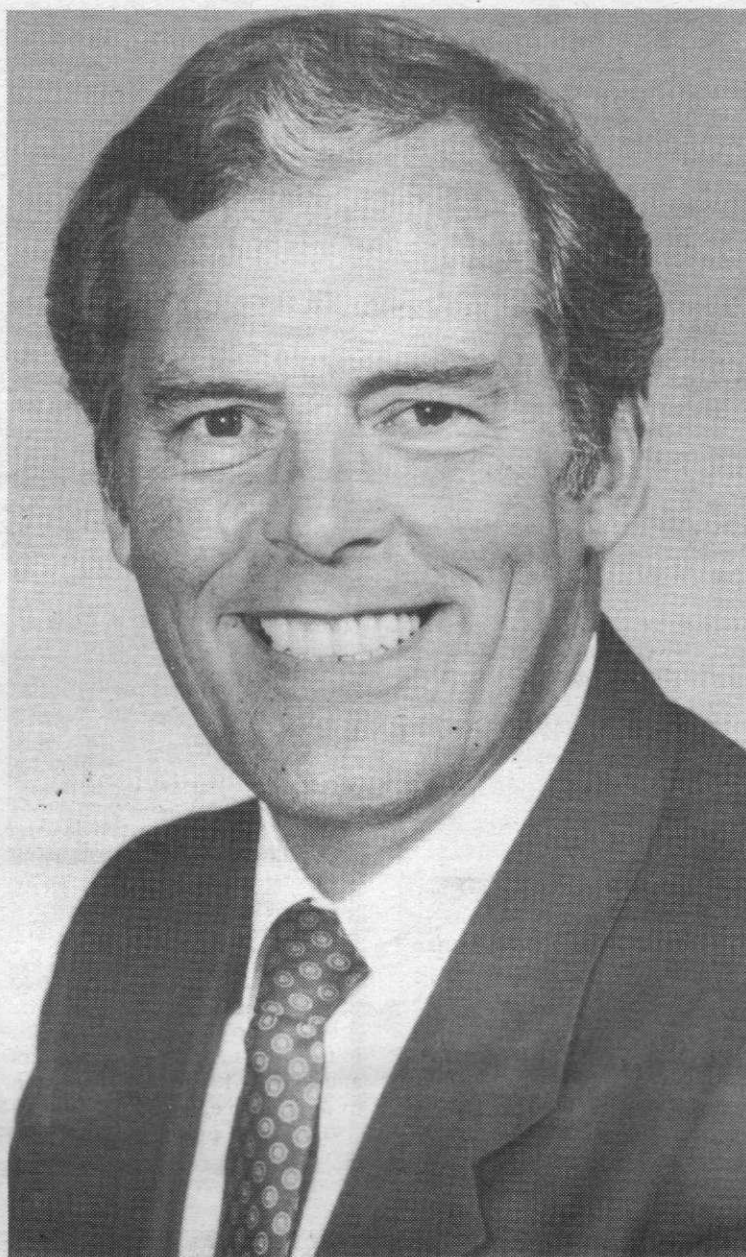
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*Interview held before byelection loss*

# Policy decisions explained by premier

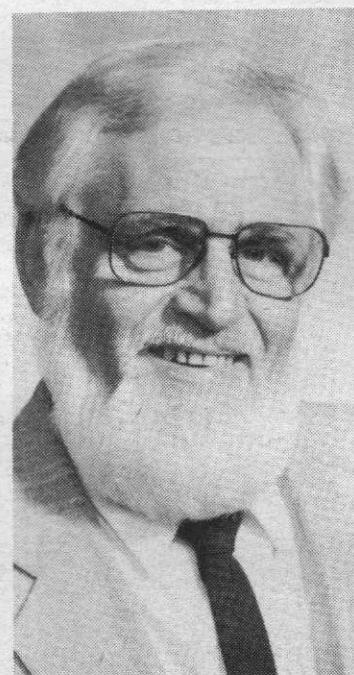
BEYER: Are you a betting man?  
 PREMIER: Not particularly. I'm not really a gambler, but I'll take a bet.  
 BEYER: How about a cup of coffee. This is the eve of the byelection in Boundary-Similkameen. What's your prediction? Not that I expect you to say the Socreds will lose that seat.  
 PREMIER: It'll be close. I believe I can say that objectively. I have been in the constituency a number of times, and every time I've been there, the reception has been good, but as is so often the case in byelections, the opposition will drag up issues they can best create controversies with. They've had a fairly effective campaign that way. They haven't gone after Russ Fox; they have gone after Bill Vander Zalm. And in fairness, that's what one might expect in a byelection.  
 BEYER: Considering that, don't you think you went out on the limb, campaigning so heavily in this byelection? Traditionally, leaders stay away from byelections where the outcome might be in doubt, because they will invariably be tarred with the brush of defeat if things go wrong.  
 PREMIER: Well, I suppose if you lose they'll say it's because you were there. If you weren't there and you lose, they'll say you were afraid. It's a bit of a no-win situation.  
 BEYER: Regardless of the byelection outcome, your government has problems in that area. The grape growers are worried, and I don't think they've bought your assurances.  
 PREMIER: Well, there hasn't been too much opposition on that issue. The policy, while not perfect and obviously lacking numbers, has been reasonably well received. There are a number of people who see this as an opportunity to expand their operation. If they're smart and find their niche, they could do well.  
 BEYER: Fruit growers aren't doing so well, either. The marketplace is usually a good indicator of how the entrepreneurs feel. Prices for orchards have dropped alarmingly.  
 PREMIER: I know. I really feel sorry for the tree-fruit growers generally, but apple growers particularly. They've just come through a terribly tough year. They've been getting two cents a pound for their apples, while they're still selling in the stores for 69 cents a pound. There is obviously something wrong in that whole process. We need to find out what it is and what we can do about it. We intend to get on with that very quickly after the byelection. We will have meetings with the growers and the marketing board, the wholesalers and the retailers to find out where it's gone wrong.  
 BEYER: Another bone of contention in that particular area is the moratorium on uranium mining. The public remembers your promise that you would listen to the people. There have been a number of referenda on the matter, but you haven't listened very well.  
 PREMIER: Well, there has been no application for uranium mining, either. So, we really haven't had to deal with it yet. We know the views of the people and they will certainly be listened to, should we get an application for uranium mining. When you institute a ban, you eliminate, in fact,

the opportunity for mining whole areas where there is a uranium presence. We think we have the best control of the situation. If we could stop uranium mining without really diminishing the amount of prospecting or mining for other minerals, I would have no objection to banning uranium mining. I don't think uranium will be mined here for as long as I can foresee. It's so readily available and plentiful in places like Saskatchewan and Manitoba.  
 BEYER: Given that, why doesn't the government simply allow for the mining of other minerals in areas that show a uranium presence, but explicitly ban the exploration and mining for uranium?  
 PREMIER: I suppose from a simple reading of it, we could, although, mind you, these regulations were prepared by the ministry of energy, mines and petroleum resources after considerable consultation and research. I have to believe that of all the options, the one we chose is the best one. Politically, of course, it may not have been the best one.  
 BEYER: You don't think some bureaucrat might have put one over on you?  
 PREMIER: Well, I don't know for sure, and it's not been a problem, except politically. You're right, it probably will be held against us, because some people still think there could be uranium mining.  
 BEYER: I take it that the privatization of highways maintenance is still going full steam ahead.  
 PREMIER: It's still proceeding. We'll be getting our proposals back staring at about the middle of July. We should be ready to let the first contract within six weeks after that. Much of it will proceed fairly quickly.  
 BEYER: Will it go fast enough to have the private sector look after our highways this winter?  
 PREMIER: Yes, absolutely.  
 BEYER: And are you prepared for the fallout that may be triggered by this move?  
 PREMIER: There will be some difficult times initially. I suppose every time a car goes into the ditch it will be the fault of the private sector. I'll grant you, we've not had those types of complaints under the present system, but we will continue to insist on those high standards. That will be spelled out very specifically. We'll demand that the work be done in a certain way, to certain standards. We hope the service will be at least as good as that which we have seen in the past.  
 BEYER: What's the bottom line? How much can the taxpayers save by turning this service over to the private sector?  
 PREMIER: Till all of the proposals are in, we won't really know. In all fairness, we're groping a wee bit at this time, because it has not been done before. We have nothing to compare it with.  
 BEYER: But you hope that the privatization of highways maintenance will go a long way towards eliminating the deficit.  
 PREMIER: It certainly is to play a great part in it. I think there will be considerable savings. There will also be a potential return to government if we were to sell certain components, like highways equipment, sheds and the like, but we may not do that. We may keep all of that in place.  
 BEYER: You've said more than once that perception is as import-



Premier Bill Vander Zalm

ant as reality. If that is so, you must be aware that a large segment of the public believes the highways maintenance caper will end up in total disaster. This issue could lose you the next election on public perception alone. If the whole thing actually ends in disaster, you'll get your butt kicked with even greater certainty.  
 PREMIER: We need to move very quickly. It has to be done this year, so we have a few years to prove that it's successful. But you're right, people can probably relate more easily to the snowplowing or the cutting of the weeds or the picking up of the litter or the patching of the potholes than they can to the dollars saved. So, if we have problems in that regard, \$200 million in the budget wouldn't mean that much.  
 BEYER: I'd like to move on to one my favorite pet peeves — decentralization. Like a lot of other people, I regard it as a smoke-and-mirror show. You have really further centralized the provincial government's power, not decentralized it, haven't you? You have centralized it in cabinet and in your office. Your MLAs support you, not surprisingly, but the NDP has made a good case against your decentralization scheme.  
 PREMIER: Well, that's been the position of the NDP, although I noticed that recently in Boundary-Similkameen, in a meeting with the mayors, Mike Harcourt said that he is not really opposed to decentralization. The only differ-



Columnist Hubert Beyer

ence is they would do it in another way.  
 BEYER: Come now, you know what Harcourt meant. He said he is in favor of real decentralization, which would involve the transfer of central power to other, lesser levels of government.  
 PREMIER: Whatever, I believe it's coming together. We get a good deal of favourable comment from the outlying regions. It's a grassroots movement. We have been concentrating on economic development. Hopefully, in the

near future, we'll be looking at health programs, social services and educational programs.  
 BEYER: But so far, you haven't got much to show for the \$8 million allocated to the decentralization program.  
 PREMIER: Yes, we have. To give you an example, there is a new tree-fruit processing plant in Summerland. Here was a party that had an idea of how to better process fruit and get it to market. The party was lacking some money. By providing a simple guarantee, we were able to get this plant operational. They now have \$4 million worth of orders. That was made possible through the minister of state for the region. He heard about it from a local group and was able to take it directly to cabinet and get approval for the guarantees, all in the course of a couple of weeks.  
 BEYER: But the infrastructure to get these things done has always been in place. It isn't the first time in B.C.'s history that a plant was established, fruit-processing or any other. You have a minister of economic development. Grace McCarthy is a great booster of anything economic, or anything else she's been in charge of, for that matter. If anyone in any community has a good idea and needs a bit of a boost from the government, I'm sure Grace would be more than willing to go to bat for them. She could have handled the fruit-processing plant deal just as well as your minister of state. If you really want to decentralize, give local government more autonomy.  
 PREMIER: That's happening. You'll see a number of legislative changes that grant more autonomy to regional districts and to municipal councils. Hopefully, you'll also soon see greater autonomy given to school boards.  
 BEYER: You have been scrapping with the media lately. What's come over you?  
 PREMIER: I've been having meetings throughout the province with the editors, the reporters and the people representing community newspapers. Those meetings have been very effective. After all, community newspapers have the largest circulation in B.C. They also do a much better job than the big city newspapers.  
 BEYER: You get no argument from me on that.  
 PREMIER: Two weeks ago, I decided that I should meet with the editorial people of the big papers and the Canadian Press people in Vancouver. I pointed out to them some examples of what I considered to be dangerous trends such as editorials and columns presented as news. You may see, for example, a front page story in the Vancouver Sun with a bold-type teaser, directing you to page whatever for further comment by a columnist. So, they're tying the column into the news story. The average person reading that sees what's on the front page as news. If they turn to the columnist on page 11 or whatever, they tie the two together. I thought that was a dangerous trend. It's very misleading at best.  
 BEYER: How did the media representatives with whom you conferred respond to that?  
 PREMIER: Well, I didn't get an awful lot of response from the worst offenders, unfortunately,

# Blame byelection defeat on resentment of major policy

VICTORIA — If Premier Vander Zalm was under any illusion that the public is largely satisfied with his government, the Boundary-Similkameen byelection should set him straight.

The message couldn't have been louder and clearer: the public is not satisfied at all. The NDP victory was decisive. Bill Barlee whipped the pants off Socred candidate Russ Fox.

Most observers expected a close race. It was a reasonable expectation. Although the riding has been in existence in its present form only since 1956, the area had been a Socred bastion ever since W.A.C. Bennett exploded onto the province's political scene in 1952, sweeping a tired and corrupt coalition government off the map.

The NDP knew it would take considerable dissatisfaction with the Socred government to make voters in the area turn to them. The overwhelming victory indicates more than dissatisfaction, however: it signifies disenchantment and resentment.

The premier blames the defeat on his strong moral views. That may be part of it, but it doesn't account for the magnitude of the rout. The public may resist the premier's attempts to impose his moral views on them, but it took more — much more — for voters in that former Socred stronghold to support the NDP.

What defeated the government in that byelection was widespread resentment of some major cornerstones of Vander Zalm's administration.

The people of Boundary-Similkameen want nothing to do with uranium mining, for instance. Yet the government lifted the moratorium on uranium exploration and mining and refuses to reinstate it. They remembered the premier's promise to listen to the people — a promise he broke.

The voters of Boundary-Similkameen are also skeptical of the free trade deal, which will wipe out their grape growing industry. They remember that Vander Zalm is one of the most ardent supporters of the deal.

The voters remembered that the government did nothing for the tree fruit growers, who got a couple of cents a pound for their apples and saw them being sold for 69 cents at supermarkets.

But there was more to the defeat than local gripes. The defeat is also the first report card on the government's privatization

## capital comment

by hubert beyer

of highways maintenance. People in the big cities probably don't care too much about the issue, but they do in the remote areas.

If W.A.C. Bennett left one legacy, it is the network of highways and bridges that spans the province. The elder Bennett turned B.C. from a have-not backwater into one of the richest provinces by creating a first-class

The voters also remembered the increase in user fees for seniors. They didn't think the elderly — particularly those on a limited income — should be used to eliminate the deficit which was, if not created, then certainly increased by ambitious megaprojects such as the Coquihalla Highway.

The voters remembered the \$8 million spent on what the government confidently continues to call decentralization. They knew the difference between decentralization and flim flam.

They remembered the creative budget exercise that resulted in the Budget Stabilization Fund, referred to by critics as the B.S. fund. They figured out that it makes no sense to borrow money to pay back your debts.

The general belief is that in a byelection people will often vote against the government candidate because they run no risk of defeating the government. The premier would be very ill-advised to attribute the defeat in Boundary-Similkameen to such sentiments. The margin of the defeat was too big for that.

The premier doesn't have much more than two years left before he must call a general election. He'll have one heck of a job to repair the damage in time.

If he wants to have any chance of winning the next election, the premier must start listening to people other than himself. His first order of business should be to find a number of good advisers and, having found them, to listen to their advice.

Unless the premier dramatically changes his style of government, the province will go the way of Boundary-Similkameen. The clock is ticking. Time is running out for Premier Vander Zalm and the Socred government.

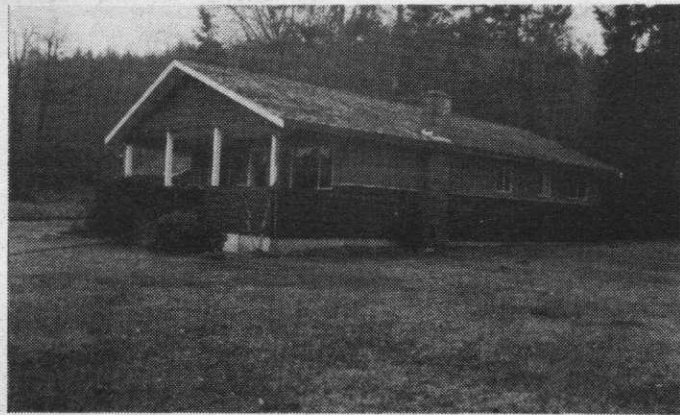
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transportation system that gave access to the province's vast resources. By privatizing the maintenance of the same system, Vander Zalm is chipping away at that legacy.

Alex Fraser's predictions are coming true. The former highways minister and current MLA for the Cariboo has said the government could lose up to 15 seats in the next election as a result of privatizing highways maintenance.

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chose to be here did so deliberately. The existing pulse of the island was initially set by those who came before us. This pulse was what attracted the back-to-the-landers of the 1960s and 1970s and in a large way increased the pulse.

Simplistic, low-tech lifestyles have been a natural commodity to the island and, in many ways, still are. Those who chose to be here and do not recognize this pulse are at odds with it, agitated.

In this state they look around for something to blame and criticize. Then come the accusations, all based on their internal state of discomfort. The imposition on the environment produces not only what is being done to the island at present, but, for what is being planned: all silent turmoil.

The only way out is for changing the internal state. A moment of stillness can change the habitual reactive nature. What was it? Count to 10? No, that is called stewing. Be still, empty out. What

rushes in is fresh and fitting to the moment.

Anyone with the slightest modicum of intelligence knows that "more of the same produces more of the same". Can we as islanders break away from the "I wants" and "we should haves" long enough to look at what will be produced as a result. From out of the sewer comes all kinds of opportunities or crises. Only our attitudes will determine which. **GARY LUNDY, Ganges.**

**Discouraging**

Sir,

What have you done?

This question is being posed to the members of the Islands Trust and the CRD who pride themselves in looking out for the

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well-being of island interests. I must admit that I am more than a little fed up with the hypocrisy they offer in the name of law and order, like many bureaucratic agencies.

Instead of patting yourselves on the backs and giving yourselves increases in pay, why don't you pay more attention to finding answers to current problems that can do without the aid of sophisticated computer equipment and high priced technical help? Whatever happened to the island attitude of helping islanders on a human basis, and not a blatant, the-law-is-the-law, city attitude which I heard quoted in the courtroom not long ago. Come on people, you are here to help out; give some feasible alternative answers to the problem.

I refer specifically to the outright discouragement of a very good member of the community to

operate a much-needed transportation service on our developing island. During the past several years I have met many operators of trucks, buses, and heavy equipment, out of which Hal Wright falls into the top three and certainly the best on Salt Spring. I have yet to see anyone put in more time to ensure heavy equipment is moved promptly and correctly, that general goods are transported with the best of care, and people are moved by bus in a courteous manner, and above all, to ensure maximum safety is adhered to in mechanical care and operation of all equipment.

The powers-that-be certainly cannot have asked themselves what they have done. We the people, the working people, who rely on Hal for equipment and goods moved, anyone (including the not so mobile elderly who go

on bus trips) in need of landscape or aggregate materials, and even the normal everyday person who may want machine work done in a hurry or goods from the local store at a reasonable price — we all have lost one of the best resource people this island could have ever asked for.

That's right! In the very near future, because of the short-sightedness of a few, we will all lose with the departure of Hal and his family to the Kootenays. I would also like to point out the chances of this island ever seeing another operator as versatile and dedicated to supplying good safe service, will be mightily close to a snowball's chance you-know-where.

At this point in time I would like to say to Hal Wright and family, good luck in every endeavour you go on to. Thank you from all the people you have helped here on Salt Spring and may you not be plagued by short-sighted people in the future.

**ROBERT OWEN, Ganges.**

**Premier finds fault with major media**

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but I did get some interesting remarks from some of the other people there, from some of the other dailies, and certainly from the people that were there from Toronto, who understood my concern. Whether I gain anything by this is questionable, I suppose, but at least it makes me feel better when I can vent a little on the subject. I should add that there is an awareness developing out there that the big city media have gone overboard. I think we saw evidence of that on a television program last week which made it clear that more and more people are turning to their community newspapers, which are growing in strength and are picking up much of the advertising.

**BEYER:** Let's move to a different topic. An awful lot of seniors are upset about the increases in user fees for long-term care.

**PREMIER:** I'm glad you mention that. That's probably the best example of poor packaging, poor selling and poor presentation on our part. We unfortunately let the program get out in bits and pieces. So, the first thing people saw was where we increased the fees from \$16.70 a day to \$19.20 a day. Then, within days, we brought in a provision for increases in the GAIN supplement for those in need.

**BEYER:** That wasn't a voluntary

**'Negativity' provides wrong focus**

move. You know as well as I do that this later change wasn't planned. That was pure damage control. The GAIN increases were quickly introduced in response to the outcry over the increases in user fees.

**PREMIER:** No, that was overlooked. What we're really trying to do is move towards a system where those with insufficient means are left with enough comfort money, but at the same time, those who can afford it will pay more. We must begin to address this whole problem of an aging population. In a few years, 70 per cent of the health care budget will go to those 60 years and over. People who can afford to contribute more should contribute more.

**BEYER:** There's just one problem. Taking all the changes into consideration, that is the increase in user fees for long-term care and the increase in the GAIN supplement for those with insufficient means, those at the bottom end of the income scale are still about \$28 a month poorer than they were before. You're not just hitting the ones who can afford to pay. You're hurting the ones who have got little or nothing to start with. To those people, \$28 a

month means the difference between being able to buy the odd little bottle of perfume or doing without it. So, somewhere along the line, you or whoever, goofed, and you should take another look at the problem.

**PREMIER:** If there's a hardship, certainly it needs to be addressed. I don't know all the details of what people have left in the way of a comfort allowance, but it's not unreasonable.

**BEYER:** What's so reasonable about it? The poorest of the poor are still about \$28 poorer than

they were before you raised the fees. I suggest that when you have worked all your life, part of your productivity has gone to the betterment of society. When that society takes another \$28 from the very limited income that's left you, something is very wrong. It just isn't fair. I think you should take another look at it. Someone should.

**PREMIER:** The minimum, as I understand it, a person is left with is about \$5 or \$6 a day in comfort money. Yes, we may definitely have to see how all this is coming together. I'm not saying that we shouldn't reassess it.

**BEYER:** Thank you for this interview, premier.

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ALL CONTEMPORARY FORCES of change validate this view. The proofs can be discerned in the many examples already cited of the favourable signs towards world peace in current international movements and developments. The army of men and women, drawn from virtually every culture, race and nation on earth, who serve the multifarious agencies of the United Nations, represent a planetary "civil service" whose impressive accomplishments are indicative of the degree of co-operation that can be attained even under discouraging conditions. An urge towards unity, like a spiritual springtime, struggles to express itself through countless international congresses that bring together people from a vast array of disciplines. It motivates appeals for international projects involving children and youth. Indeed, it is the real source of the remarkable movement towards ecumenism by which members of historically antagonistic religions and sects seem irresistibly drawn towards one another. Together with the opposing tendency to warfare and self-aggrandizement against which it ceaselessly struggles, the drive towards world unity is one of the dominant, pervasive features of life on the planet during the closing year of the twentieth century.

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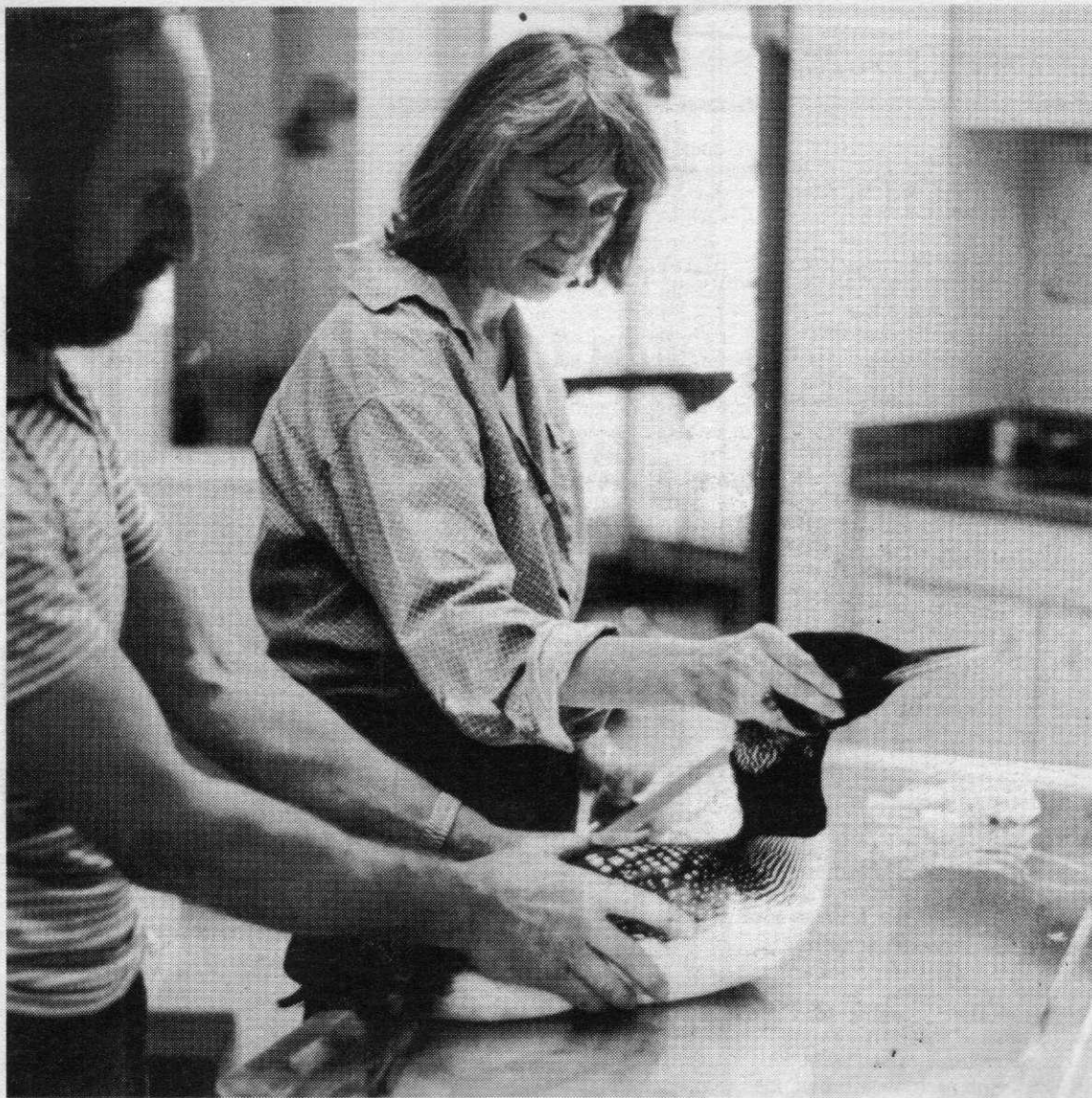
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Dr. Bill Vanderwekken and wife Donna examine injured loon

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# Loon injured by shots from rifle

An injured loon found at Vesuvius Beach had to be destroyed by the SPCA after it was found the bird had been shot.

Christine Wooldridge, SPCA field officer for Salt Spring Island, said the bird was found on the public beach by a group of visiting school children. It was an unusual find, she said, because loons spend their entire life in the water, emerging only to nest.

"To find a loon sitting close to the high water mark when the tide is low indicates the bird is in serious trouble."

The loon was examined by Dr. Bill Vanderwekken at the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic. On handling, the bird seemed strong and fairly aggressive, Wooldridge said. No broken bones were found but there appeared to be a minor injury to the third eyelid of one eye.

It was decided to keep the bird confined and attempt to release it close to the water at dusk, on a quiet beach at the end of Rainbow Road. The following morning, however, the bird remained on

the beach although the tide had come to within two feet.

Wooldridge said the loon was again captured and examined. This time, an X-Ray was taken and a .22 calibre bullet was discovered in the skull.

"This had caused major damage in both eyes," Wooldridge said. "It was decided that the bird would not recover its vision, which was severely reduced in both eyes. Due to this and brain damage, the bird was euthanised."

Wooldridge said the shooting of the loon was "obviously an intentional act" — and one that broke several laws. She noted that it is illegal to shoot loons, since they are classified as a non-game migratory bird. Also, the Wildlife Act makes it an offence to injure any bird or animal and fail to retrieve that bird or animal. Lastly, it is illegal to discharge a firearm either on a public beach or from a boat.

"How sad that this beautiful bird became the victim of such an irresponsible act," Wooldridge said.



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# Anti-smoking sentiments gaining support of public

All of us find it difficult to change old habits, even when we know they hurt us. Tobacco smokers face additional difficulty because the nicotine in tobacco is addictive. The Canadian Cancer Society estimates that 35,000 Canadians die each year from the effects of cigarette smoking through diseases such as cancer, emphysema and heart disease. Individual smokers know these facts and know how smoking is destroying their own health, yet they continue to smoke.

Twenty years ago in Prince Rupert, I used to visit in hospital a woman who had emphysema and also a form of paralysis which made it impossible for her to hold a cigarette in her hands. Whenever I visited, part of my job was to light a cigarette and hold it to her lips so she could gasp a few breaths of nicotine. In my own case, I was smoking well over a pack and a half a day at that time and tried many times to quit before I succeeded.

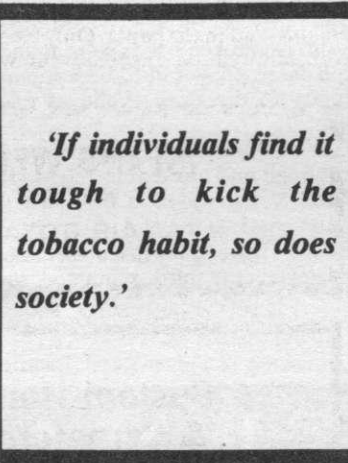
If individuals find it tough to kick the tobacco habit, so does society. We seem to be caught between contradictory forces. On the one hand, organizations representing doctors, nurses, chiropractors, dentists, druggists, optometrists, hospitals and teachers as well as public interest groups like the Canadian Cancer Society and the Canadian Heart Foundation have warned of the danger to our health and our children's health. These groups pushed for legislation to restrict tobacco advertising and to require explicit warnings on the dangers of tobacco use. On the other hand, a powerful and rich tobacco lobby,

*from ottawa*

*by jim manly*

using the argument of free speech, opposed any such restriction.

All the more remarkable, then, that on May 31 the House of Commons passed two bills; one sponsored by Jake Epp, the minister of health, and the other by Lynn McDonald, the NDP



*'If individuals find it tough to kick the tobacco habit, so does society.'*

member for Broadview Greenwood.

In presenting his bill for third and final reading, Epp spoke of the need "to strip tobacco of its falsely alluring image." He went on to talk of possible challenges to the bill under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms: "I say, challenge us. Challenge the Parliament of Canada. Challenge Canadians. At

the same time, explain why you want to protect an industry responsible for more self-induced illness and death than any other in Canada today."

And Mr. Epp paid generous tribute to the work of Lynn McDonald: "Without her personal tenacity on this issue, this item may not have been brought to the point at which it is today. It is important, regardless of our partisan differences from time to time, to recognize the contributions of others on the other side of the House."

McDonald pointed out that, in spite of increased awareness of the danger of smoking, "we are not winning the battle. Consumption continues to rise. Anyone who looks at the billboards will see a new wave of cigarette advertising using culture, sports, the outdoors, the environment, to give the impression that smoking is still good for us and that it is something that is part of the good life."

Epp's bill passed without a recorded vote, but the vote on McDonald's bill was fairly close (77 to 58). Her bill limits the places where smoking is permitted. Some of those who voted for the bill were themselves heavy smokers; at least two of them had suffered serious heart attacks. Like the rest of us they hope that these bills will slow down the rate at which many young people take up smoking.

I believe these bills represent an important step for society as it tries to deal with one of our most serious health problems. But we still have a long way to go before we can say we have kicked the habit.

## Three island students attend youth conference

Three Gulf Island Secondary School students attended a three-day Youth Global Awareness convention in Vancouver, school board trustees learned at a recent meeting.

Tara Martin and Grace Graham provided school trustees with a brief overview of their experience and called for global education in the schools.

"We have sex education," the girls said, "but there are no courses on environmental pollution, which is all around us."

Martin and Graham, along with David Jacquest, were three of some 200 students participating in the convention, which heard numerous speakers. The three-day event focused on human rights, pollution, and nuclear

war. Peace education — teaching participants about conflict resolution — was attained through various methods, including a simulated summit exercise.

The group formed five main resolutions to send to the United Nations.

The Gulf Islands representatives, who belong to a peace group at the high school, raised funds at a Peace Group dance to cover their convention expenses. The convention offered them a chance to establish relations with other youth peace groups.

The girls told the board that the teaching of global issues must begin in the schools, if everybody is to learn of them.

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# Teens seeking support for youth activity centre

By **DESIREE HOLT**

Many of the teens of Salt Spring Island are willing to put out as much energy as is needed to make a place for us to be. A place to do art, be creative, to jam, a place to do what we want most — not just to party all of the time, but a place to do our own trip.

You see all of us so-called "crazy teens" hanging out at the arcade, at Luigi's, in the park and just about everywhere else, but the truth is — we need a place to be.

We want to get things moving towards creating ourselves a centre. We would like stores, clubs, and associations to donate energy and materials to help us build our "place to be." We need art supplies, instruments, food, dishes, building supplies, etc. Without help from the public, it won't be possible to do anything. You'll see our posters in town. Please look for them. You've heard about us now. We are Salt Spring Island's Youth Centre To Be.

During the past few weeks we have put together a couple of bands to play for a dance the night before Sea Capers. A teen band from Vancouver will also be playing. This is a teen dance; it will be held at Central Hall and admission is free.

We want to be seen in the public eye, so you will know what we are like and what we are willing to do. We want all the teens to attend our dance so that everyone has a chance to say what they want to happen in a Youth Centre, and so more teens can find a way to help make our dream come true.

There are many adults in this community who are willing to help make a Youth Centre happen if they see the teen support is there, and if they know what we want. So if everybody attends, everybody will have a say in what happens.

We've already had meetings and gatherings to talk about our ideas.

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One recent Saturday, a group of us went down to Beaver Point Hall and spent the afternoon planning and making posters. Another day, we went to the old Ganges Village Market store and donated our time to clean up the garbage left after the move. (GVM has decided to donate refreshments for our dance at Sea Capers. We are grateful to the GVM. We also want to thank Pharmasave for selling us art materials at half-price.)

We are also putting on a dance the night of the after-grad, on June 25, at Fulford Hall. We have called it Benefit Jam and Strawberry. Anyone can book a spot to play music or do a comedy routine by

calling 653-9576 or 537-9536. We hope everyone attends, to support us and to have a good time.

Student admission is free because we want to encourage people not to go to the after-grad. In fact, we are holding the dance this night because the grad committee asked us to help make something else happen for teens who are not grads.

Many people in the community are upset about younger teens going to the grad party, and this year only grads and escorts will be allowed on the beach. There will be chaperones on the beach, and an adult patrol at the entrance, so we hope all teens will attend our dance instead.

A bus will do a run from Fernwood to Fulford and back again during the evening. The schedule will be posted in the school and in the paper. Only teens are allowed on the bus, but we

would like everyone to come to the dance.

Adult admission is \$6. We need all of our friends to attend, and we need funds to create our centre. Fresh strawberries and whipped cream will be on sale. Most of the best acts on the island will be on the stage.

I am not just speaking for myself but for the entire Youth Centre. There have been many groups of teens who have tried to get this idea together but now we are all starting to work on the same thing and we think it can happen. We need adults to help us with the business ends of the deal and in organization. A few adults have been helping us very much, and now more are starting to be interested. We want to thank everybody and we hope that if you didn't know about us before, you will now want to be part of what we are doing.

# Federal, B.C. government action urged to fight 'chemical warfare'

By **JIM WRIGHT**

Dioxins (the most toxic chemical known to man), ozone-depleting chemicals, acid rain and the greenhouse effect are currently in the news. These are just the tip of the iceberg, however: the combined effect of multiple toxins can be much more hazardous to health than individual toxins.

We need to see a reduction in — and ultimate elimination or recycling of — all potentially toxic chemicals introduced to the environment by man. We should demand that our governments take immediate action to reduce and ultimately eliminate this chemical warfare being inflicted on us for profit.

Some steps are being taken. The Environmental Protection Act (EPA), which is the strongest regulating document in the west-

## guest column

ern world, has been adopted by the House of Commons and is currently before the Senate.

I was also pleased to hear Environment Minister Tom MacMillan's recent statement that Canada will reduce its use of ozone-depleting substances by more than 50 per cent, and that scientists say a cut of 85 per cent is necessary.

Other steps are possible, including strong regulations for emission recapture; recycling and labelling; a public campaign to eliminate bleached paper from use; and a campaign to recycle and conserve paper. Remember: paper is trees.

The governments could stimulate the safe environmental ap-

proach to industry by tax subsidy and research and development grants to those working to find safer practices.

We are told that one letter is worth 800 signatures on a petition. If you want to help make a difference, write to one or more of the following: Prime Minister Brian Mulroney; Fisheries and Oceans Minister Tom Siddon; Environment Minister Tom MacMillan; provincial Environment Minister Bruce Strachan; your MLAs and MP (Jim Manly is the NDP environment critic). Demand a safer environment; make you welfare a number one priority.

*Jim Wright is a member of the Salt Spring Island branch of the Sierra Club, a non-profit organization "striving for a healthy environment."*

## more letters

### Moratorium

Sir,  
 The following letter expressing our concerns has been sent to the minister of the environment:

As chairman of the Salt Spring Island Sierra Club branch, and after studying the toxic contamination and failure of waste permits to adequately monitor the Crofton Mill in B.C., I would like to issue the following statement:

The Salt Spring and Victoria chapter of the Sierra Club of Western Canada and Vancouver Island, and concerned citizens of Crofton, request a moratorium on the expansion or "modernization" of the Crofton mill until it is clearly established that the toxic waste and effluent from the mill no longer pollute local waters in accordance with clean water standards.

This puts the onus on the company, in conjunction with the federal and provincial governments, to provide the required

information in an open public forum. Our position is that government legislation must prevent any chemicals from being produced and introduced into the environment until proven safe (in a similar fashion to the pharmaceutical laws).

Specifically, on the Crofton site:  
 • no new sawmill construction, as this would add to an already over-contaminated situation;  
 • storage of treated lumber — no leading into waterways. Preferred elimination of toxic treatment of wood with pesticides or sapstains;  
 • clarifier sludge should not be

burned as it is contaminated with effluent toxins;

- prefer use of cleaner fuel than wood in recovery boilers;
- elimination of chlorine compounds from the process;
- conversion to non-bleached paper process; and
- laws to make these things mandatory.

We request prompt action in the passage of the necessary legislation to ensure the quality of the health and water standards in this environment.  
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## Injustice

Sir,  
It was not without a small amount of wry humour that I read the letter by the solicitors of Limberis Seafoods Ltd. in last week's *Driftwood* in which they threatened litigation against Dietrich Luth for alleging that the clams in B.C. Ferry clam chowder originate in the dioxin-polluted waters near Crofton instead of the pristine-pure region east of Port Hardy (all those who have been near there, please don't hurt yourselves laughing).

As this letter was published the same week that the Alberta Supreme Court reversed the decision on the Keegstra conviction for spreading hate, one can conclude that our legal system will go to any measure to prosecute and punish Mr. Luth for defaming the character of a clam chowder, but it's perfectly all right for Mr. Keegstra to slander an entire race and teach his odious lies within the school system. Blind Justice, indeed!

And then there are the recent angry tirades against "Zionist Israel" by Chris Littler (May 25) in *Driftwood*. Mr. Littler cites the *Encyclopedia Britannica* as the source of his historical claims of Israel's "terrorist occupation" of the Palestinian land. It seems he has accidentally overlooked some relevant facts in his thorough research on the subject.

Among his omissions, for instance (also gleaned from the same encyclopedia), is the fact that Jews have lived in these lands since 1280 B.C. Even when they were conquered and driven off into slavery (in 587 B.C. by the Babylonians and again in 135 A.D. by the Romans), some Jews continued to live in these lands and practice their religion in secret and under risk of torture and death.

It is difficult to establish the indigenous population in any region of this planet, since humankind has indulged in conquest of neighbours since first crawling out of the cave. However, if Mr. Littler is serious about the population of Israel "choos(ing) to return to the countries of their origin where they or their parents were born," he can practice what he preaches by putting his feet where his mouth is, packing his bags and leaving this country (to which non-native citizens have absolutely no historical claim.)

No, the point is not "who belongs where" or "who was here first," but can we live together in dignity, tolerance and understanding? Can we preserve our heritage, practise our beliefs, and live our lives while at the same time allow our neighbours to do the same?

Hopefully, the citizens of Israel will vote out the right wing, ultra-paranoid government and elect one that is more open to negotiate a lasting peace amongst all the people in the region — one that ensures power and dignity for all.

In this light, Mr. Littler's "solutions" appear trite at best, and further divisive at worst.  
**SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,**  
Fulford Harbour.

## Thanks

Sir,  
On Friday, May 27, Salt Spring Elementary School held its annual Spring Carnival. The event was very successful, but especially so because of the generosity of Mike Tyson and Ganges Village Market, who donated the fruit drinks sold by the students council at this event.

A special thanks to Mr. Tyson and his staff for their community spirit.  
**KEVIN VINE,**  
Salt Spring Elementary.

## Success

Sir,  
I'm writing on behalf of the Salt Spring Island and Ometepe Friendship Society, Tools for Peace and 10 Days for World Development, to thank everyone who participated in or contributed to the benefit luncheon at St. George's Church on Thursday.

It raised \$448.75 toward the cost of pumps and pipe to bring clean water to three villages which presently have only contaminated water.

Many children get gastro-enteritis from impure water and some of them die, so this is most necessary help.

Special thanks go to George Harris who came by open boat from Galiano to bring his videotape of Ometepe and tell of their situation from his first-hand experience there.

Thanks also to ladies of the churches who helped or baked and made soup and sandwiches. Thanks to those people who couldn't come but sent gifts and donations.

Thanks also to GISS teachers and students who added their support. It was really super to have the young people helping us with serving and clean up.

For those who wish to add their support, see the display in Centennial Park during Sea Capers and look for our float in the parade.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
Fulford Harbour.

## Locked

Sir,  
For 103 years the Little Red Schoolhouse at Beaver Point has had an open-door policy. As the schoolhouse is a heritage building, there is a guest book inside for visitors to sign. Last summer, one visitor left a comment which read: "It's wonderful to see the open-door policy just like the island people's open hearts."

## more letters

It is disheartening that all of this must change. But change it must. And only because a few neighbourhood children (and their parents) have shown little or no respect for our request to "enjoy your visit but please leave our schoolhouse as you found it."

During the past two summers and again this spring there have been a few minor thefts, evidence of fire-play — burned matches, candle wax and cigarette butts — use of the art supplies bought for and used by the nursery school group which uses the building for 10 months of the year, and general havoc left behind by these disrespectful visitors (as it turns out, most of them are island residents).

The teachers of the Beaver Point Nursery School have put up with the inconvenience and disruption of these "visitors" for nearly three years. And now the inevitable has happened: a lock and key has been purchased and is in use.

The inevitable: our heritage is being locked and hidden away.

The inevitable: we are losing some of the trust we have felt in our "open hearts".

The inevitable? We wonder if this is how it must really be, after 103 years.

**LISA SIGURGEIRSON,**  
Ganges.

## No plastic

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the B.C. Ferries Corporation, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

Sir,  
I'm writing on behalf of the Salt Spring Island chapter of the Voice of Women; at a recent meeting we discussed the alarming proliferation of plastic packaging in our daily lives.

Most of us travel a fair bit on our own Long Harbour ferry, and we are really shocked at the way most paper products (recyclable materials) and china/metal cutlery (reusable materials) have almost disappeared from the cafeteria.

The production of plastics creates dioxins, the burning of plastics does the same, and the pollution of sea and land by styrofoam-plastic bags is reaching mammoth proportions.

Please re-consider your extensive use of this dangerous material.

**VIRGINIA NEWMAN,**  
Voice of Women,  
Salt Spring Island.

## Come off it

Sir,  
I didn't appreciate the patronising attitude of Highways Minister Stephen Rogers as reported last week by Hubert

Beyer. His "little idea" of the islands and the people who live here and want, according to him, a ferry service to suit us but not good enough to attract newcomers, came over as insulting.

Those of us, as he must realize, who came here from the city are prepared to put up with some inconveniences in return for the benefits and pleasures of living here, but we do need a decent ferry service and consider we deserve one.

We must continue to develop tourism to make the islands viable and we've been led to believe Victoria is encouraging this. How are visitors to arrive without a ferry from the mainland? We already have complaints about the schedule. Not many strangers, for

instance, wish to arrive at a Bed and Breakfast after midnight on a Friday. Please don't exacerbate the problems, Mr. Rogers, and, at the very least, treat us and our special needs seriously.

It is not only those of us directly involved in the tourism industry who need our visitors. Sure, we grumble when parking lots are full on Saturdays, but we know that without the dollars brought by tourists, many of our businesses would fold.

Come off it, Mr. Rogers. Stop talking about us as so many childish (or is it senile?) weirdos who have opted out of modern life by living in the back of beyond. We are mostly hardworking people who need a good ferry system in the same way as those living on Vancouver Island or the lower mainland need expensive roads and bridges.

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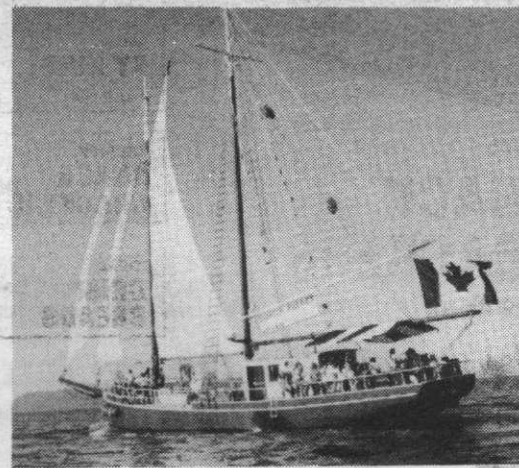
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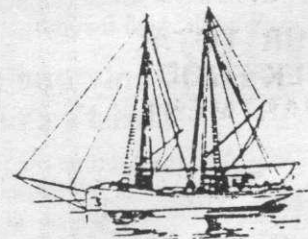


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# Summer reading selections perfect for rainy days, too

By PEGGY WHITTAKER

This was to have been a column devoted to books to read while soaking up the rays on the beach, but, alas, due to the current state of affairs at the weather office, I have re-titled the article "Books to curl up with in front of the fire on a rainy Sunday afternoon."

Fortunately, the selections are equally adaptable to either situation; they are "light" enough to make a pleasant captivating read, but "deep" enough that you won't blush at being caught reading them by friends or work acquaintances. What more could anyone ask of their summertime reading?

**The Woman Who Was God**, by Francis King, Little, Brown and Company (Canada) Limited, Toronto, \$23.95 hardcover.

Hot off the presses this month is Francis King's first full-length novel in four years, and it's been well worth the wait.

King writes of a woman's quest to discover the truth behind her son's "accidental" death in Africa, and her journey which leads her to the questionable embrace of the small religious cult in whose community her son met his end.

On a personal note, I always find it interesting to study the manner in which female characters are portrayed by male authors. Ever take a look at any of Sidney Sheldon's heroines? A sensationalist example, to be sure, but one must agree that his females are either castrating you-know-whats or abnormally angelic, with a little happy medium.

Francis King, however, knows people. All of the characters, especially the mother, are multifaceted individuals who are each struggling in their own web of interpersonal relationships against the background of their own oddities and characteristics.

This isn't a blood-and-gore novel, but it delves into the psychological macabre in a manner designed to keep the reader pleasantly titillated right to the well-engineered climax.

**Murder Behind Locked Doors**, by Ellen Godfrey, Penguin Books, Markham, Ont., \$19.95 hardcover.

The building blocks on which this mystery is structured are computer software, corporate mergers and boardroom politics. Not the business type? Don't let that turn you off.

The plot here is almost secondary to the development of the main character, a personnel consultant who takes it upon herself to find the killer of the man for whom she was hired to find a replacement. In doing so, of course, she becomes a target

## book review

herself for the increasingly-nervous murderer.

The plot is secondary not because it is poor, but because it is overshadowed by the interesting characters not normally present in a murder mystery.

Although billed on one press release as a "feminist murder mystery" (regular *Driftwood* readers may recall my intense dissatisfaction with one of that ilk in a previous column), there is no strident "message" blasting out from between the pages. Women and men alike are alive, real, fallible. And ain't that what it's all about?

**Dictionary of Demons**, by Fred Gettings, Little, Brown and Company, Toronto, \$34.95 hardcover.

When I ordered this book, I didn't expect it would be of the lie on the beach/curl up in front of the fire genre, but such is the case.

I was disappointed that the 256-page volume does little to explore the psychological (there's that word again) essence of these ageless symbols of the human dark side, something I consider to be a fascinating and important study.

However, my preconceptions aside, the book does make a very good reference for anyone interested in the devils, demons and dragons of a variety of cultures and historical periods, and would be especially useful for students of art or literature.

Profusely illustrated in colour and black and white line drawings, this is a perfect book for dipping into when you don't want to commit yourself to a lengthy read.

### LOCAL BOOK NEWS

If this rainy summer really starts getting you down, think about entering Salt Spring's Horsdal and Schubart Publishers' *Win a Wonderful Weekend* contest.

To win one of four weekend getaways at coastal B.C. resorts, just submit the answers to three questions based on their book *Upcoast Summers* (no purchase necessary).

The book is based on the journals of Francis Barrow, who, along with his wife Amy, was one of the first people to cruise the B.C. coast early in the century, recording places and impressions, taking photographs and sketching Indian pictographs.

Entries must be in by July 31. Contact your local bookstore for more details.

And congratulations to Harbour Publishing which recently won the Roderick Haig-Brown Regional History Prize at the B.C. Book Awards for *Whalers No More*.

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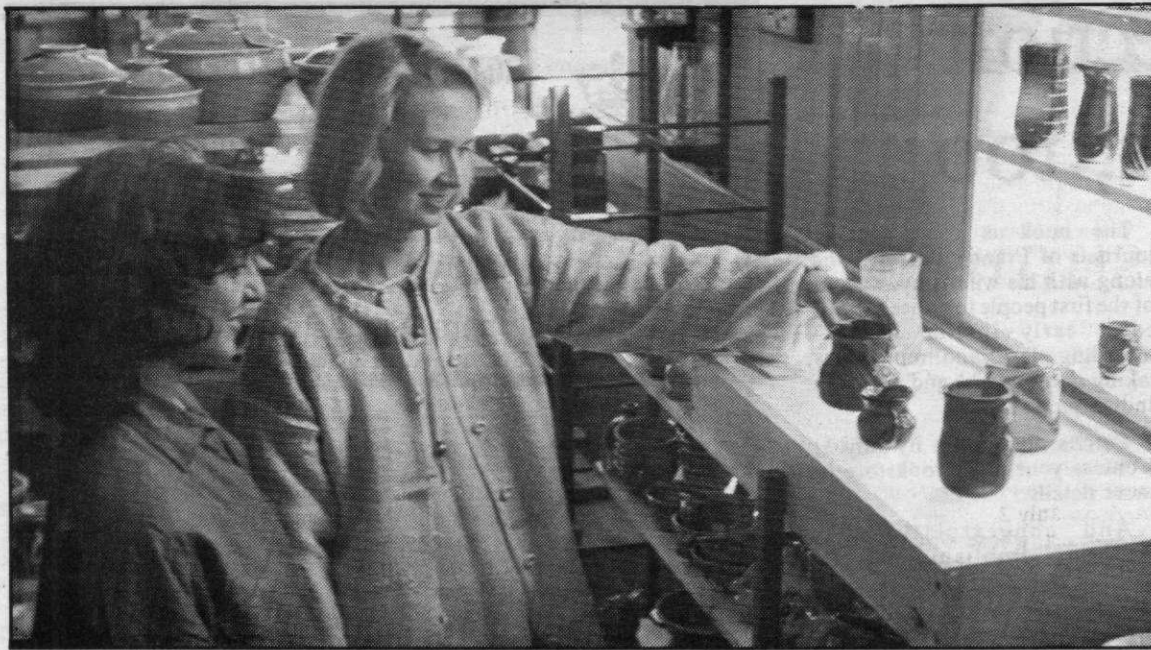
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13 AC \$6 Chris Kodaly	14 AC \$6 Bob's Your Uncle	15 OCS \$5 Comedy Night	16 AC \$7 Brain Damage & Party Fever	17 AC \$3 Kaleidoscope: Visiting Dragons
20 AC \$8 Nancy White	21 OCS \$6 Robin Skelton & Susan Musgrave	22 AC \$6 Metropolis Dance & S.S.I Dancers	23 AC \$7 Jamie Sieber & Charlie Murphy Rumors of the Big Wave	24 AC \$3 Snake in the Grass Moving Theatre
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Artcraft co-ordinator/manager Penny George, right, and assistant Carolina Tudela view glassworks by David Borrowman and Michael Robb. Annual show and sale of local arts and crafts opened last week and continues until Labour Day. Mahon Hall venue is open seven days a week from 11 am to 5 pm.

## Works by new contributors make for exciting Artcraft

By GARY CHERNEFF

The opening days of Artcraft this year have shown us that quality and style have really begun to blossom in the crafts of the Lower Gulf Islands. Mahon Hall is full to overloaded with a staggering variety of finely made objects of art and function.

So let's take a tour of the summer-long market and talk about some of the high points, as I see them.

Among the newest of craft enterprises to find wings on the island is the glassworks built and operated by Michael Robb and David Borrowman. Glass is a supercooled liquid, its syrupy consistency frozen in time when reduced to room temperature. Michael Robb has feeling for the material's random rhythms. The handles on his glass mugs taper from high to low with a viscous sinuousness. David Borrowman's work reveals a more discreet sensibility, the etched lines caressing unpretentious forms.

Also new this year are the cedar and pine strip baskets of Island Basketweavers, a trade name which conceals the identities of Bonnie and Don Kreye. Do you remember the lightweight baskets in which strawberries and cherries were once purchased. These represent the same genre, spruced up in

### artseen

by gary cherneff

modern colours of teal and rose to match the natural wood tone in the warp and weft.

Cynthia Minden of Pender Island has some equally exciting baskets. Using reeds, sea grass, coco mat, leather feathers and an assortment of other compatible substances, her designs reflect nature-inspired themes.

Another Pender Islander has something to say about inspiration this time in the field of fabric and clothing design. Sabrina Capune of Left Coast Designs shows that she is not only at home with silk painting and block printing but also with the native cultures of the Americas. The charcoal block printing on her white skirt and top reveal Central American influences. She credits the Inuit as the source for her silk painted jacket with shades of grey and charcoal and lemon yellow. However, there are some marked parallels between this work and those of the constructivist movement early in the century.

Speaking of contemporary themes, make sure you look at the

inexpensive lacquer boxes made by Connie Addario and Stephen Berry. There is a post-modern thread woven into these simple designs, which combine rectangular construction with references to past times in their pastel colours and uniquely detailed turned knobs.

Quilters are definitely out in force this year. Excellent composition and bold colour and contrast are the mark of both Lesley McCormick and Jennifer Wiebe-Haas. Of the latter, her quilt of angles in blue, mauve and purple read like a kaleidoscope, a fractured image of geometric patterns, randomly ordered.

Elaine Potter, another well-known fabric artist has broken out of her more traditional work to present us with garments reflecting urban graffiti art, an unexpected and delightful change to contemporary themes.

This year Mahon Hall has an energetic and optimistic countenance. Displays look great but with the exception of Anna Hawthorne and Michael Aronoff, the framed artwork is truly disappointing. How about working on that side of things for next year?

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Mahri Sherlock and daughter Gethen

# Stewart to open summer festival

Recording artist Al Stewart will open Salt Spring Island's third annual *Summer Festival of the Arts* on July 2.

Stewart, whose albums *Year of the Cat* and *Time Passages* earned platinum and gold status, will appear at the Salt Spring Elementary School's Activity Centre.

Other well-known names on this year's program include Paul Horn, poets Robin Skelton and Susan Musgrave, Shari Ulrich, classical baritone Ian Geller, Jamie Sieber and Charlie Murphy and *Rumors of the Big Wave*, the Rick Scott Band, musical satirist Nancy White, and Paul Hann. Popular local acts to be featured include Ray Newman and Friends, and Chris Kodaly.

The festival, which runs this year until July 31, will stage a pre-opening dance on Friday, July 1, featuring Julio Cabrera and *Brazil*, also at the Activity Centre.

The format for this year's festival will see performances from Wednesdays through Sundays. All acts will be staged at either the Activity Centre or Off Centre Stage. All shows begin at 8:30 pm, except for the series of programs for children, which start at 7 pm.

Festival co-ordinator Trish Nobile said last week the festival's 24 performances will offer something for everyone. The program includes poetry, dance, theatre, jazz and Latin music, two classical music performances and the program for children.

Unlike last year, when the children's program featured performances on Saturday afternoons, the 1988 schedule has reserved Sunday evenings for youngsters. Nobile said extra attention was paid to booking acts which would also appeal to parents.

Advance tickets for all events will be available June 25 at the farmers' market. Advance tickets carry a \$1 discount.

Prices for this year's festival range from a high of \$10 for Al Stewart to lows of \$3.

## Concert aids fund for playground equipment

Mahri Sherlock sings about seagulls and sand-castles. She creates visions of the beach, of rainy weather, of sunshine. Her songs speak to the children she performs before, in a language they know and see.

The Victoria woman, whose record *Sing a Rainbow* received rave reviews, will demonstrate her "magic" at a special concert on June 18 at the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre. All proceeds from the 2 pm concert will be directed to the purchase of playground equipment for Centennial Park.

"My songs are about the world children see around them," Sherlock was quoted as saying shortly after the 1984 release of *Sing a Rainbow*. "Children notice things most adults miss. They are, after all, closer to the ground."

Born in Scotland and trained in the folk tradition, Sherlock has been singing professionally for about 16 years. Her performances

have taken her to Greece, England, Mexico, Hawaii, mainland U.S.A. and Canada.

Sherlock became interested in children's music while teaching children's education at Camosun College. Sherlock incorporates her own children into some performances, and all three took part in some way in the songs on *Singing a Rainbow*.

The Parents for Playgrounds group on Salt Spring has organized the performance.

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### THIS WEEK IN RECREATION

**LITTLE LEAGUE:** All games start 6 pm; home team is first named.  
**LITTLE LEAGUE (11-13):** Thursday, June 16: Brown's vs GVM; Tuesday, June 21: NRS vs Brown's. Little League field, Ganges.  
**LITTLE LEAGUE (8-10):** Monday, June 20: Brown's vs Butcher Shoppe, Little League; Driftwood vs NRS, Hydro. Wednesday, June 22: NRS vs Driftwood, Little League; Butcher Shoppe vs Brown's, Hydro.  
**COACH PITCH:** Monday, June 20: G.I. Trucking vs Brown's; Wednesday, June 22: G.I. Trucking vs Patterson's. Field 2, Ganges.  
**T-BALL:** Monday, June 22: Windsor Plywood vs Brown's; Wednesday, June 27: Windsor Plywood vs Miller & Toynbee. Field 1, Ganges.  
**MEN'S COMPETITIVE SLOWPITCH:** Thurs., June 16: Islanders vs Barflies, Fulford #1. Sun., June 19: 5:30 - Barflies vs Islanders, Fulford #1; Rebs vs Mobile, Fulford #2. 7:00 pm - Mobile vs Islanders, Fulford #1; Rebs vs Barflies, Fulford #2. Tues., June 21: Islanders vs Rebs, Portlock.  
**LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE:** Mon., June 20: Driftwood vs Leisure Lanes, Fulford; Byrons vs Inn, Portlock. Wed., June 22: Inn vs Driftwood, Fulford; Leisure Lanes vs Ladies, Portlock.  
**MEN'S FASTPITCH LEAGUE:** Thurs, June 16, 6:30: Fulford vs Patterson's, Fulford; ump Vesuvius. Sunday, June 19, 3:00 Sea Capers Weekend. Tuesday, June 21, 6:30: Rainout-makeup date.

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# Barbara Hastings led campaign for new hospital

Barbara Hastings, a woman known on Salt Spring as the prime force behind the building of the present Lady Minto Hospital, died last week in Sidney.

The 83-year-old died June 3, 1988, following a stroke.

Barbara Hastings earned her place in Salt Spring history as the previous owner, along with former husband Warren, of the renowned Hastings House. She was an accomplished pianist, loved animals, and used a horse-and-buggy to transport dignitaries such as W.A.C. Bennett around the island.

But beyond everything else, Barbara Hastings is best remembered for the extensive amount of time and energy she channeled into the construction of Lady Minto Hospital at its present site.

"I don't think anyone has any idea how hard she worked," Warren Hastings recalled last week from his home in Sidney. "She wouldn't rest until the new hospital was built."

Barbara and Warren Hastings moved from Britain to Salt Spring Island in 1937. They learned of the area from Barbara's parents, who pioneered in the province before returning to England to give birth to Barbara in 1905.

According to a history of the Hastings House compiled by Gwen Althouse, the Hastings chose the location of their home by combining Barbara's affection for rural surroundings with Warren's love of the sea. The couple enjoyed a rural lifestyle, keeping a number of animals on the property.

Long-time friend Betty Carroll remembers Barbara's love for horses and boxer dogs. She also recalls a photograph of Barbara driving W.A.C. Bennett in a horse-drawn buggy. "She used to ride very well," Carroll says.

Warren Hastings recalls the memory as well, indicating that the then-premier of B.C. found those rides relaxing and reminiscent of his boyhood.

Barbara's piano-playing is also well-remembered by those who once gathered in the Hastings House sitting room, to listen to her entertain. Barbara, who at one time played with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, contin-

## Late islander also known as Hastings House owner

ued as a pianist late into her life.

For her active and lengthy participation in the hospital board, and especially for her work towards construction of a new building, Barbara was awarded an honorary life membership to the board.

According to Warren Hastings, Barbara's interest in the hospital was aroused through two doctors who said their work was handicapped at the old hospital building. Barbara Hastings considered the building a fire trap — it was "dry as kindling" and heated by a wood fire in the basement. Operations were conducted in a "funny little operating room," with inadequate lighting.

Barbara joined a special committee, formed to consider plans for a new hospital, in 1945. She became a board member in 1946, and chairman of the board the following year. Barbara held the chair until 1959, when an altered bylaw forced her to take a year off. She was re-elected to the board in 1961, serving for the following nine years.

In a speech at the official opening of the hospital in 1958, Barbara described the "trials and tribulations," hospital board members went through to establish the new facility.

"There were the public, private, official, legal, technical questions, negotiations and permits, on which hung success or failure," she said, sharing the stage with the health minister of the day, Eric Martin.

Opposition to the move mostly focused around monetary issues. The residents of North Pender Island proved most hostile and, although people on the other Outer Islands were more agreeable, it took Barbara and other board members more than a year of meetings before a majority vote was attained.

Lady Minto Hospital records (compiled by Gordon Brown) reiterate Warren Hastings' recollection of "stormy" Outer Island meetings, accompanied by equally-stormy inter-island travel. Board members underwent num-

erous adventures during their "small fishing boat" travels, remaining lost for most of the night on one occasion, and ending up near the San Jaun Islands on another.

Most of the board members

resigned or gave up on the new hospital, Lady Minto records show; however, Barbara Hastings, W. M. Mouat and Joseph Jones "never gave up sight of their goal." In July, 1956, the second referendum passed with a 69.75 per

cent majority.

Warren Hastings says Barbara maintained life-long satisfaction through knowing her efforts resulted in the building of a quality hospital on Salt Spring, and that many people continue to benefit from it.

The Hastings left Salt Spring in 1980, moving separately to the Sidney area.



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# Bette Stone remembered for smile, lively spirit

Bette Stone, who was born at the Cranberry Marsh and spent almost all of her years on Salt Spring, died on the island on June 6, 1988.

Described by her friends as "an elegant and lovely lady" who will be greatly missed by childhood friends and island residents,

Bette Stone was born Bette Kingsbury on October 9, 1912. She left the island only for some schooling, and during the early days of her marriage to Capt. Walter G. Stone (MC), who died in 1985.

An enthusiastic Girl Guide, Bette Stone became the telephone

operator in Ganges at the age of 16. The telephone office was then a popular place, and Bette soon found herself arranging parties for visiting yachtsmen and tennis players.

During the Second World War, she joined the IODE and, shortly afterwards, met Capt. Stone. The

courtship flourished as he pursued her by rowboat from Crofton. The couple was married in 1947 and made a home at Welbury Point.

Friends say Bette Stone was a fun-loving and much-loved person will be remembered for her

delightful sense of humour and for her kindness to others.

Among her childhood friends who mourn her passing are Doreen Morris (nee Crofton), Denise Crofton, Nora Kropinski (nee Turner), and Edna Winsby (nee Morris).

## Drummond gave land for park

Mary Elizabeth Drummond, who, along with her husband, was responsible for the establishment of Drummond Park at Fulford Harbour on Salt Spring Island, died last week in Ganges.

"Betty" Drummond, who lived more than three-quarters of a century on Salt Spring Island, died on Thursday, June 9, at the age of 86 years.

Mrs. Drummond and her husband, the late Captain L.D.B. Drummond, will be remembered on Salt Spring for their community-minded activities, which led them to donate a prime piece of their property for the establishment of a park.

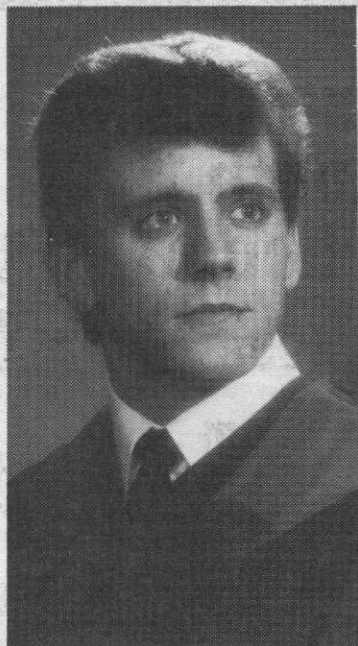
The Drummonds donated their Fulford waterfront property to the community in 1969, for the purpose of creating a children's park.

The eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Shaw, Mrs. Drummond was born in Japan on October 19, 1901. She moved with her family to Victoria in 1908, and to Fulford Harbour the following year.

Mrs. Drummond moved to Ganges in 1971.

She is survived by her brother William Shaw, and sisters Gladys and May Cree Shaw, of Ganges; second cousins in Scotland and England; numerous Drummond nephews in Spain, England and Edmonton; great nephews in England and great nieces in Surrey and Vancouver; a great-great nephew in Vancouver; and two great-great nieces in Surrey.

A private cremation will be followed by the scattering of ashes by the Reverend James Koester in St. Mary's cemetery. By request, there are to be no flowers; instead, donations may be made to the Bessie Dane Foundation.



Michael Allard

## Degrees given by universities

Michael Allard, grandson of a long-time Salt Spring family, graduated from the University of Victoria in late May.

Allard received a Bachelor of Arts degree. He majored in Canadian history, with emphasis on Canadian politics and the labour movement.

He is the grandson of Bob and Molly Akerman, and the son of Max and Roberta Allard of Nanaimo.

Alistair L.W. Cook of Ganges graduated from Michigan Tech in late May.

Cook was one of 881 students to receive degrees from the technological university. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in business administration.

## Navigator's wings earned

The son of a Salt Spring Island couple has graduated from the Canadian military's air navigation training school in Winnipeg.

David Owen, son of Dennis and Betty Owen, received his navigator's wings at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Winnipeg on May 13, 1988.

At the same time, Owen re-

ceived his Queen's Commission and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant. He is now a member of 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron stationed at CFB Comox.

Owen, a graduate of Gulf Islands Secondary School, received a bursary for \$500 from the Salt Spring Island Lions Club when he completed Grade 12.

## CWL adjourns to September

Members of the Salt Spring Island chapter of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) attended mass with Father Bergin at Our Lady of Grace church in Ganges on June 8.

Following mass, Father Bergin joined the 30 CWL members for a luncheon at the Harbour House Hotel, where guest speaker Beryl Sheard (past CWL Diocesan president) addressed the group.

The next CWL meeting is set for early September.

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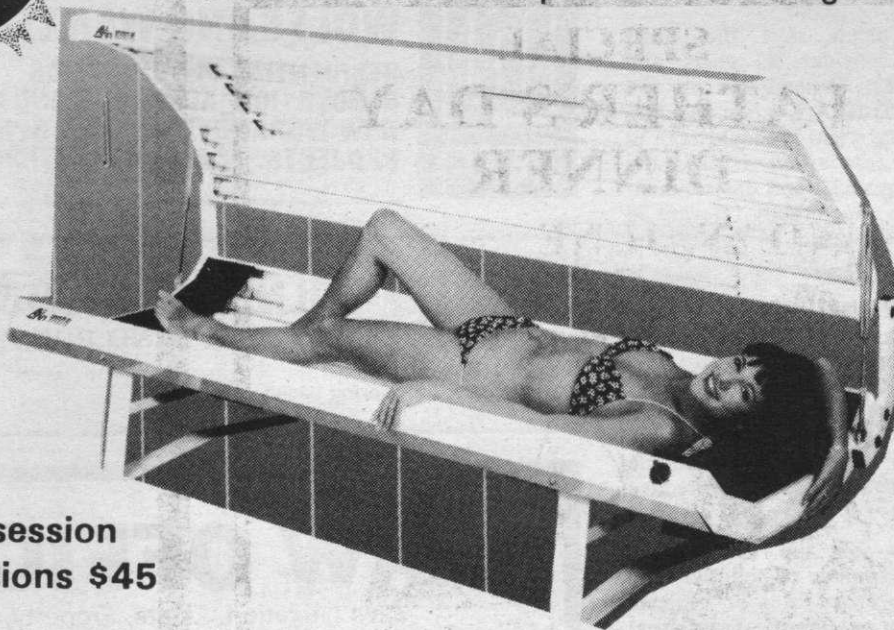
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**Single-vehicle crash**

# Accident sends woman to hospital

A Salt Spring woman suffered extensive injuries following a single-vehicle accident on North End Road last week.

Anne Marie Delaney was taken by ambulance to Lady Minto Hospital after the June 9 accident, then transferred to Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

The accident occurred when Delaney apparently lost control of her vehicle on North End Road. The wheels of her car hit the shoulder of the road, sending the

vehicle through a fence and into a tree.

Police say the vehicle was "written off."

In other police matters, local RCMP received a report of a boat stolen from a Southey Point moorage.

The theft, reported by Elaine Fraser on June 8, led to the subsequent recovery of the boat, which was found abandoned near Mowgli Island.

Police say the boat had been stripped of all moveable parts. They are continuing their investigation.

A Ganges man has been charged with failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

Jay Small was charged with the offence after allegedly striking a vehicle parked on Elizabeth Drive on June 5.

An incident involving a dog hit

by a car on Fulford-Ganges Road has prompted a reminder from police for dog-owners to keep their pets tied up.

Tracy Fulton of New Westminster reported the loss of her wedding ring on a B.C. Ferry.

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## Discussion of tourism industry will help shape policy document

Tourism on the Gulf Islands must be managed carefully, "to ensure that the industry continues to have positive impacts for the islands and does not diminish" the local quality of life, according to a draft position paper prepared by the Islands Trust.

The paper was presented at the June 3-4 Trust Council meeting on Thetis Island and is expected to be discussed fully when trustees meet again in September, on Gambier Island.

Benefits of tourism, according to the paper, must be balanced against the problems the industry can cause. It describes tourism as a traditional economic activity within the Trust area, and one that provides valuable contributions to island communities — i.e., employment and income.

Tourism can also help to promote the rural qualities of island living and, in turn, assist the Trust in its efforts to preserve and protect those qualities, it notes.

On the down side, the paper says tourism can lead to congestion, damage to fragile ecosystems, depletion of natural resources, and pollution. It also creates employment dependent on relatively unskilled and low-paying jobs.

The paper says the Trust should consider its goals and objectives, as laid out in the Islands Trust Act, when deciding the policy stand it should take in regards to tourism. It says the following social and environmental goals are directly relevant in the consideration of appropriate tourism development:

**ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS**

- preserve the unique natural environment of land, water and air, and the life it supports;
- preserve the natural beauty of the Trust area and recognize that areas of sensitivity of unique value require special protective measures;
- encourage the removal of existing sources of pollution and discourage activities or projects (inside or outside the Trust area) which would reduce the natural and aesthetic values of the area;
- encourage only the selective and careful use of renewable natural resources in ways consistent with the goals and policies; and
- recognize the provincial and national significance of the unique social and physical diversities of the Trust area.

**SOCIAL GOALS**

- preserve the rural character and atmosphere of settlements in the Trust area and ensure that communities remain viable, healthful places in which to live, providing for a variety of lifestyles in harmony with the natural environment;
- ensure that access and opportunity, now and in the future, provided for the public to enjoy and appreciate the Trust are in harmony with the natural environment and existing communities;
- ensure that options for future generations to make land-use decisions are not jeopardized;
- encourage gradual and appropriate — rather than rapid — change and growth;
- recognize that physical and cultural diversity of the Trust are reflected by variations in local policy within this framework; and
- recognize co-operation and communication with government de-

partments, other agencies and public involvement in the decision-making process as essential to the fulfilment of these goals.

In that context, the tourism-related issues to be discussed by the Trust will include what type of tourism is most appropriate to the Trust area, what types of tourism accommodation is desired, what level of marina development is wanted, whether tourism-oriented facilities should be concentrated in one area or spread around an island, whether public access and recreation areas should be clearly marked (thus encouraging heavier use), the types of public facilities that should be encouraged, whether tourism-oriented celebrations should be encouraged, and which special areas should be protected from use by visitors.

It is expected that discussion of those points will lead to specific objectives or policies being drafted into a final position paper.

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**SENIORS FOR SENIORS**...Next meeting is at Croftonbrook, June 22, at 2:00 p.m. All Seniors are welcome to attend.

**JOBS NEEDED** ... Please list your work needs with us at the Community Centre, 537-9212 or 537-9522. We have a file of people looking for work.

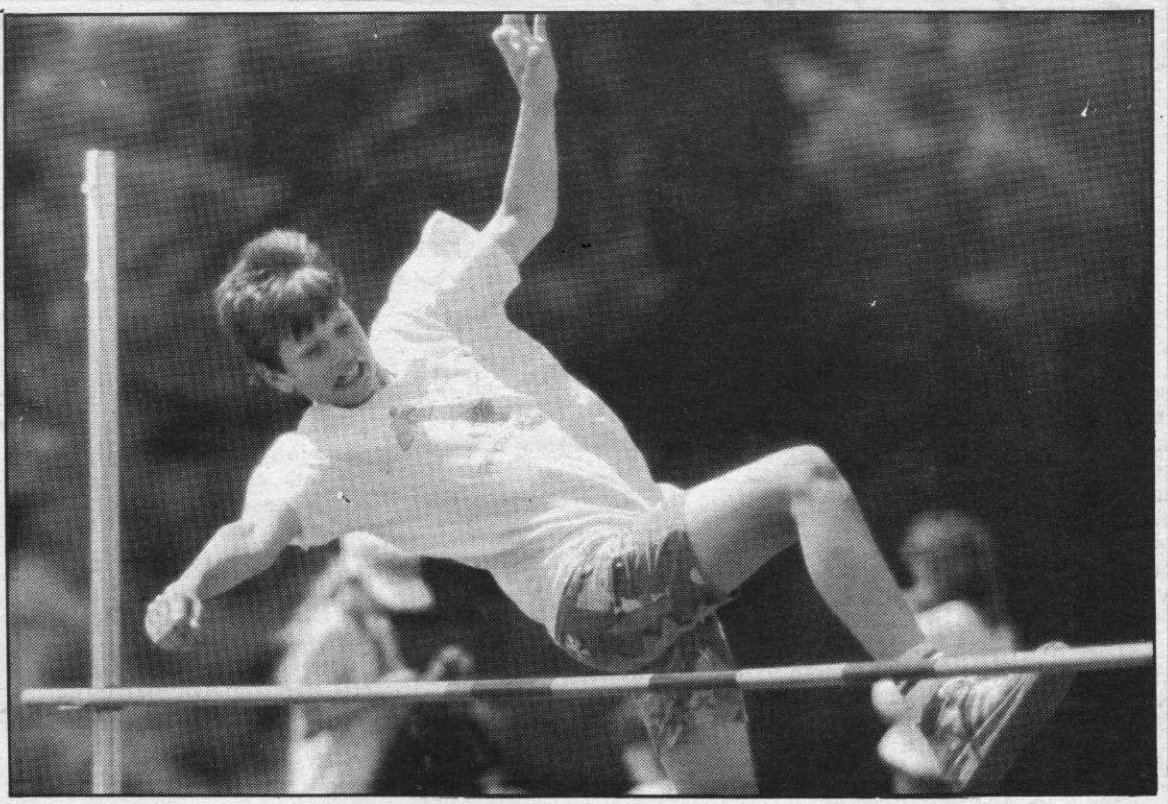
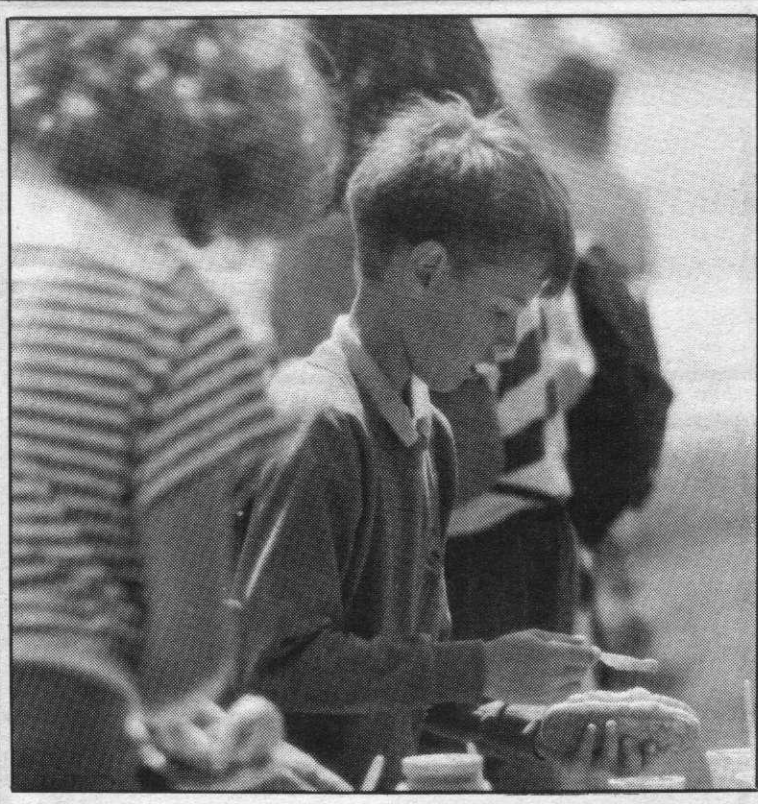
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### Police issue gun reminder

Local RCMP have recommended a "perfect" Father's Day present. A gun lock, says Const. Trevor Turner, is the "perfect gift" for gun owners. The mechanism fits in behind the trigger, preventing an accidental firing. Turner said promotion of the gun lock is in keeping with the RCMP's firearms safety program. The gun locks are available at Mouat's and through Bill Simpkin's Keeper Locks Ltd.

A number of liquor-related charges laid last weekend have prompted an RCMP reminder. RCMP note that it is an offence to consume alcohol in a public place. This includes any location other than a private residence or licensed establishment. Police have the authority to remove the alcohol and to charge the offender.

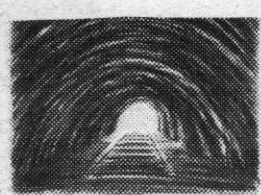
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# Variety of plants available to help accent water bodies

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All too often pools and ponds aren't considered as part of the landscape, and find themselves relegated to a hidden spot or out-of-the-way location, when in fact with proper grading and planting they can be a beautiful feature in any garden.

Over the last couple of articles, we've been discussing various aspects of garden pools and water in the garden, so this week I'd like to deal with gardening in water.

For general discussion there are a few different types of water plants — namely submerged or oxygenating, floating, emergent, bog, marginals, and the loosely associated group of plants which simply look good around pools and ponds (for example, weeping willows and Japanese maples).

For virtually all of these plant groups, a fairly rich loamy garden soil with some bonemeal mixed in will produce optimal growth. Refrain from mixing in any peat moss or sawdust, as it will only float around the pool and foul the water as it breaks down.

When planting up, all water plants should have their crowns set even with the soil surface, not deeper, and then a half inch of sand or fine gravel should be sprinkled on the soil surface to reduce any disturbance or digging by fish.

Submerged or oxygenating plants spend most, if not all of their lives entirely below the water's surface, only thrusting their flowers out of the water, and, as such, aren't generally considered to be too much of a big thing in water gardening. But for filling in the depths of the pool, providing hiding places for fish and for balancing the pool, they are vital. Oxygenators help to reduce

**your garden**

by *chris schmah*

algae buildup in the water by competing for light and soluble nutrients, and also generate oxygen for the well-being of the fish. In addition they have a wide range of leaf textures which are quite beautiful to gaze down into. Suitable plants for our region include Vallisneria, Cabomba, Elodea, hornwort and several other indigenous lake dwellers.

In the floating plant group, one of the best-known is duckweed (*Lemna* species) which eventually produces a complete blanket of small lime green leaves which are actually individual plantlets. While this plant looks just great in small patches, it can get out of hand and is eventually hard to get rid of.

On the up side it has a very high protein content, cleans the water, makes a great food for chickens (and ducks, of course) and does loads of good for your compost. In the balance, for small pools, I would not recommend its use, unless you want it almost exclusively.

For a more controlled plant with larger leaves, a spreading habit, and fringed yellow flowers that are one and a half to two inches across, you should try floating heart. The leaves get to be two to three inches in diameter, with chocolate spotting, and the plant can be used in pools of any size.

For tropical looks, the frost-sensitive water lettuce and water hyacinth are two choices which will do well here once the weather warms up. The water hyacinth produces bulbous floating leaves with long trailing roots which draw

minerals and nutrients from the water, and, best of all, it gives unique-looking two-inch-wide azure-to-sky blue blossoms. Water hyacinth also provides the best possible nesting, egg-laying sites for goldfish and koi.

Probably the best known floating plant for water gardens is the noble water lily. While both frost-hardy lilies and exotic tropical lilies are available, you are best off to start with the hardy ones and, once you have mastered them, you might want to venture into the realm of the tropics. There are dwarf varieties which can grow in just a couple of inches of water, and then they run right on through up to the giants which can grow in up to five feet of water which make massive leaves and gorgeous blooms.

Hopefully we can dabble a bit more on these and other water garden topics next week.

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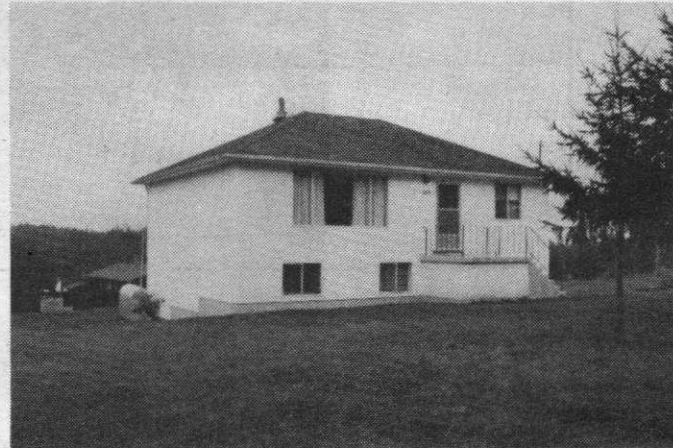


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