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Fisheries and Oceans Minister Tom Siddon arrives at the Coast Guard dock in Ganges.

Minister visits Salt Spring

Harbour projects to cost \$200,000

The federal government is expected to provide close to \$200,000 in funding for small craft harbour projects on Salt Spring Island.

Fisheries and Oceans Minister Tom Siddon was to announce the spending Tuesday in Fulford and Ganges Harbours as *Driftwood* went to press.

A spokesman for the ministry said Siddon would announce one project in Fulford valued at \$47,000 and two projects in Ganges costing \$143,000.

Repairs to harbour facilities in Fulford will involve an entire reconstruction of the pedestrian approach to the structure leading to the floats. The ministry feels the area has deteriorated so severely it is becoming unsafe for use.

The ministry feels it is import-

ant that fishermen and others using the facility have "safe and convenient" access to their vessels.

Repairs to the pedestrian access are expected to be complete in the spring of 1989.

At Ganges Harbour, replacement of the main wooden float with a wider, concrete structure will cost the government \$90,000. The second project will involve construction of a permanent harbour manager's office, for \$53,000. Both are expected to be completed by next April.

Siddon said in a prepared release that the Ganges projects would "increase the capability of the harbour, and contribute to the community's goal of beautifying the waterfront."

All three projects are part of the federal government's three-year harbour revitalization program, which began in June of last year. The program provides money "above and beyond" those funds available at small craft harbour program levels, in an attempt to catch up on a backlog of access damage and deterioration, and to meet increasing demands for service, the ministry said.

Siddon also announced improved facilities to the harbour in Crofton.

Ferries to consult first

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has refuted allegations that it is going ahead with plans for a ferry terminal at Isabella Point without consulting Salt Spring Islanders.

"I'm sure there are rumours and there could be more," said corporation spokesman Bill Bouchard, noting the sensitivity of the issue with islanders.

In a report carried in last week's *Driftwood*, local Transportation Committee chairman Dan Evanishen said he feared the corporation was proceeding with plans for the terminal without consulting islanders.

But according to Bouchard and Betty Nicholson — another corporation spokesman — B.C. Fer-

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Permit figures up 106 per cent

Construction industry boom continues

By SUSAN DICKER

A surge in building permits issued earlier this year has heralded a boom at every level of the construction industry on Salt Spring Island.

Building contractors and tradesmen are booked solidly on the island and many indicators sug-

gest that the pace of activity may continue for some time.

The trend started in the first quarter of this year when it became apparent that the number and value of building permits being issued far exceeded that of last year. In January alone, permits issued for work on Salt

Spring totalled over \$2.6 million. This compared to a total of \$462,449 the previous January, and was seven times higher than the level reached in any other community in the Capital Regional District (CRD).

A quarterly building summary, issued in June by the CRD,

indicated activity in the first part of the year had jumped 106 per cent over the previous year, for a total of \$3.6 million. While many of those projects, such as the new Ganges Village Market building, have been completed, some are

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Contractors booked as activity remains high

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still under way and others have yet to begin.

As the report indicated, even subdivision applications in the first quarter of the year had doubled (from five to 10) over the previous year. Eleven final approvals had been given (compared to five in 1987), and a total of 17 lots had been created (eight the year before).

As Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert noted, the area of subdivision applications is still very active.

"We've had a wad of them," he said, referring to the approximately 28 recent subdivision requests. Many of these, he noted, are spin-offs of the MacMillan Bloedel land sales several months ago. Some are for five-acre lots, but the Trust is also receiving requests for smaller parcels.

At the building supply level, Gordon McEwan of Windsor Plywood said that although this is usually the busiest time of year, the store is noticeably busier now than it has been in recent years.

"There is definitely more commercial activity," he said, noting a "surge" in the area of custom-built houses as well.

"It (activity) is very close to the state it was in in 1980-81," said John Langston at B.C. Hydro. Workers at Hydro have seen increased activity over the past two months, and not just in the area of new connections. Langston said the office is also being swamped with plans and queries from those preparing to build.

Requests for hook-ups which do not involve pole and transformer installations can usually be met within 10 days of completing the paper work, Langston said. However, individuals needing pole work should expect to wait some time, as the company has to

Co-ordinating subcontractors requires time

co-ordinate the blasting and backhoe work.

"The co-ordination can be tough — they're busy too," said the district manager of the subcontractors.

Plans and queries are usually brought to Hydro by those who have purchased a lot and have decided to build. The task for Hydro workers involves a trip to the site to consider surveying, staking and tree clearing needs. This has workers "running steadily back and forth," Langston said.

The stories of increased business at Windsor Plywood and B.C. Hydro corroborate what others are saying. Building contractor and carpenter Shaun Adams, for instance, said the boom seems to be occurring right across North America, according to trade magazines.

Adams does not want to attribute his increase in work entirely to the boom, but feels it has definitely sped things up. At this time last year, Adams was hiring out for sub-tradesmen. Now he still hires out, but he also has four full-time employees.

"We're pretty firmly booked ahead for a month to six weeks," he said.

Much of Adams' work has been in the area of renovations. Be-

cause rental accommodation is tight, he said, a number of people appear to be fixing up areas for rental units.

Another popular area of renovation is upgrading for older homes. Many of these homes have features which are not necessarily attractive to the eye or were built "sub-standard" and have no insulation, for example.

Adams feels the busy real estate market may be partially responsible for this, as homeowners watch the booming market and keep the thought of selling at "the back of the mind."

Real estate prices up 10 per cent

Real estate sales have certainly prompted some of the building activity, people seem to agree. As far back as February, realtors were predicting a busy year on Salt Spring. As principal agent at Century 21 Tom Hoover noted, the Victoria area has witnessed a 10 per cent price increase in real estate over the past year. Market trends in Victoria usually rub off on the Gulf Islands, he said, and "the traditional indicators point towards a buoyant market on the Gulf Islands for 1988."

Island realtors agree that many real estate transactions here are taking place with buyers from Eastern Canada and the United States. This appears to be occurring for two reasons. On the one hand a lower Canadian dollar and high-priced real estate market in the East make this area attractive to those buyers. Secondly, the Gulf Islands seem to have found their place on the map.

As Langston suggests, having the world fair—Expo '86—in Vancouver two years ago may have introduced this area to a number of people.

Several indicators seem to suggest the building boom will



Marina work under way

Dredging equipment has been busy in Ganges Harbour as Grace Point marina development gets under way. Private marina will cater to owners of the 21 new luxury townhomes now under construction on

adjacent Grace Point. Marina will sit between the housing development and existing moorage facilities of Ganges boat basin.

continue for some time, but some people are skeptical.

At Windsor Plywood, McEwan thinks the activity will have slowed down by fall. He calls it a "cycle", comparing it to the boom in 1980 and 1981.

The most recent building permit statistics, released from the CRD, indicate a slight decline in value over the previous year for the April to June period. While the number of permits issued between April and June of 1987 and during the same period of 1988 (147 and 144 respectively) remains close, the value for this year has dropped from \$3 million to \$2.6 million. Totals for the year to date still remain much higher in 1988—\$6.2 million this year, and \$4.3 million in 1987.

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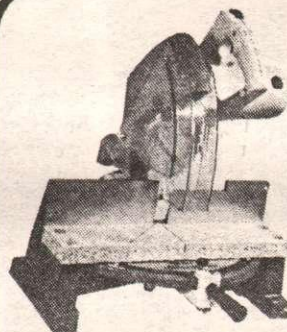
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Boats and riders

She had been looking for me, explained the lakeshore resident. She was concerned at the number of ski-boats manned by only one operator, she told me.

The regulation requiring that a boat pulling skis be provided with one operator and one other person to keep in touch with the joy rider was instituted for the safety of the ski team as well as other members of the waterfront public. It has no value unless it is enforced. If it is not enforceable, it should not be required.

Many residents of lakeshore property are acutely aware of the presence of ski-boats on St. Mary Lake and, as a result, are closely watching such activities.

The only response to this concern must come from the ski fans: they would do well to ensure that such safety provisions are not neglected. It should be simple enough to have a second observer aboard.

And in another water scene

Boating is a thirsty job. At least one boater has been stirred up by the effects of a heavy thirst on a vulnerable environment. His complaint is the number of beer cans floating around the islands.

Too many boaters are using the sea as a giant garbage can, which it ain't.

Even apart from the damage to the Gulf waters, said the indignant boater, is the waste of natural resources. Aluminum is an energy-expensive product and its abandonment to the deep six is expensively wasteful.

If beer cans are not to be returned and merely clutter up the local waters they might well be prohibited for use in this coastal province, he urged, and beer might then be distributed only in the less offensive glass bottles. The main advantage, says the beeper, is that bottles come in their convenient cases and are usually returned.

Maybe the province should be examining his plea.

It's what you eat

He expected that I only ate fried food, explained a cynical friend who feeds his own lonely face. I was indignant. Not simply because he attacked my basic menu, but because he said it with that insufferable air of superiority that is the trade mark of the man who can boil meat with vegetables.

On Monday I wrote down, for my own satisfaction, the meals I had prepared. I figured I hadn't done badly.

Breakfast was porridge. I looked at the microwave and then went back to the stove. I know what happens on the stove, but I'm not yet sure what I'm going to end up with in the gadget. At midday I ate bacon and eggs and tomato, all fried.

For my evening meal I made a stew. That gave me carrots, onions, tomatoes, beans, Brussels sprouts and potatoes. And thence on to fruit and cream.

Now I'm getting hungry again.

Remember those days?

Do you remember the BCRIC shares that were distributed to every British Columbian who staked a claim? There were five each and you could buy more at \$6 a share. I never did, but Women's Lib fell for it and ended up with a spare set of shares which steadily went down after some initial happy signs of good health.

How many readers still have those free-issue shares? I don't know where my five went. Do you know where yours are stashed away?

Of course, if they suddenly leap in value and start paying substantial dividends, won't there ever be a frantic search of drawer and closet for the long-lost five freebies!

At my age I have little hope of living to that day. But my grandchildren might see a recovery with their inherited ones.

Awarding of roads contract said to be few weeks away

A public sector contract for bridge and road maintenance in the Gulf Islands area could be awarded within the next few weeks.

Deputy highways minister Bob Flitton said last Friday that contract negotiations are "proceeding well" between the province and a private company that would assume maintenance responsibilities for the southern Vancouver Island area.

The region in question would include the Gulf Islands.

Flitton acknowledged that some reports have identified Bob Chew of Victoria as the bidder for the contract. "It's amazing how often rumours are true," he said while declining to confirm or deny the reports.

The southern Vancouver Island region is poised to be the first in the province to have its highways maintenance operations turned over to the private sector. Flitton said that once the contract for this

region is settled, attention will turn to the central and northern Vancouver Island areas.

In all, he added, negotiations are currently underway to award private sector maintenance contracts in 16 B.C. regions.

Negotiations with a private sector bidder in this region follow an earlier failed attempt by an employee group to secure the area contract. Led by John Stepaniuk, the now-retired Salt Spring Island roads foreman, the bid was

turned down by the province over concerns about the employee group's proposed management structure and financing arrangements.

The group had reportedly lined up \$5 million in financing and drawn up a company structure de-emphasizing top-level management. At the time the bid was rejected, Stepaniuk expressed surprise and reported disillusionment among members of the employee group.

New lid

are many varieties of PFDs, personal flotation devices, on market. Choose the one appropriate for your boating activity and make sure it's approved by the Department of Sport. Red Cross recommends that you wear your life jacket or PFD at all times while on water.

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Words of Charles Dickens hold true to this day

A Prince Edward Island lobster supper is a well known feature of Canada's island province. Church groups and others serve up succulent Atlantic lobster to locals and visitors in an atmosphere that can be enjoyed by the entire family. But on the other side of the country the lobster supper would not be the same.

In this progressive province of ours the law does not permit such a gathering because the serving of alcoholic beverages must take place within the confines of a cattle pen, beyond the reach of thirsty children.

Monday's Salt Spring Island salmon barbecue could have been a family affair. It could have been a place to take the children and enjoy either a late lunch or dinner of barbecued salmon, accompanied by a (dare we say it?) cold beer. Unfortunately, British Columbia law doesn't permit the gathering of family groups for dinner when beverages such as beer are being served.

There is some irony to the situation.

Victoria has spent upwards of \$20,000 promoting "the family." We have read and heard the advertising in print and on TV and radio

reminding us of the importance of the family unit. But when it comes to sitting down to dinner at an event such as the Lions Club's barbecue, forget it.

Kids to the right, parents to the left. The former are herded into a smaller version of the adults' cattle pen and the latter are sequestered elsewhere in Ganges' Centennial Park. Thus segregated they may consume their beer away from the prying eyes of their offspring.

It was in 1837 that Charles Dickens wrote in *Oliver Twist*, "The law is a ass, a idiot."

It still is.

raspberries and for me they possess a lingering, wistful aftertaste

Al Skinner's departure will be felt by many

Rev. Al Skinner will be missed when he relocates from Salt Spring Island to the Victoria area. In the eight years he spent in the community, the United Church minister earned a deserved reputation for kindness and empathy — and a host of friends who cannot help but notice his absence.

Anyone who ever heard Rev. Skinner deliver a sermon, preside over the jazz-gospel church service featured each year at the Jazz Festival, conduct a funeral or address gatherings concerned with the moral and ethical questions of the day had to be impressed with the minister's ability to communicate, with his strength of purpose and with his obvious sincerity.

A loving man, Rev. Skinner saw his feelings for his fellow citizens returned to him in spades. We now feel a certain sadness knowing that he will no longer be a focal point of this community — but we should also enjoy a sense of pleasure in realizing that our loss is someone else's gain.

We are sure the members of the new congregation to be led by Rev. Skinner will benefit as much as Salt Spring has from its association with the minister.

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Support

Sir,
The Salt Spring Island Pre-school parents spent a good many hours this spring co-operatively making a double bed quilt. This beautiful hand-made item, along with a Salt Spring Island lamb, is to be raffled off at the Fall Fair on September 17.

The lamb, donated by the Donald Baker family, will be given to one of the winners either on the hoof or cut and wrapped for the freezer (winner's choice). The quilt is currently on display at Sooz Sewing Company in Ganges.

Tickets are available at the Saturday Farmers' Market (look for the booth with the pillow and the toy lamb) and at Sooz. Remember — there are two chances to win and proceeds will go to supporting the Salt Spring Island Pre-school.

Thank you for your support.
WENDY VINE,
Salt Spring Island
Pre-School.

Project

Sir,
On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Softball Association, I would like to update the matter of the replacement of the outfield fence at the Fulford ballpark. The Softball Association, with the co-operation of all the leagues on the island, has undertaken the project and is presently raising the required funds by selling advertising space on the new fence.

At this date, 18 of the 52 fence panels are still available, and businesses or individuals wishing to obtain one of the remaining spots may contact Pat Jacquest (home: 537-5650; office: 537-9981). The purchaser is entitled to affix a sign on the designated fence panel, and has leased that spot for two years with an option to renew.

To clear up any confusion that may exist, the signs must be no larger than three feet by six feet and must be affixed onto the designated plywood panel (i.e., no painting directly on the fence). Advertisers are responsible for the production of the signs and are reminded that the long part of the sign must be horizontal so that it will fit on the plywood panel.

The extreme activity in construction work on the island has so far delayed the erection of the new fence. However, it is hoped that the necessary manpower will become available for the work party, and the project will be completed in August.

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,
Fulford Harbour.

Leverage

Sir,
The Islands Trust was elected with the mandate to preserve and protect. Clear-cut logging is becoming increasingly evident and visible and many people are wondering what can be done about it. To prevent any further clear-cut logging, perhaps it would be possible for those in charge of subdividing and permits to establish a policy disallowing subdividing and permits to clear-cut logged areas.

This could be used as a financial leverage to persuade developers and owners to pursue alternatives to clear-cut logging. Rumour has it that the Islands Trust may be looking for support on a large scale before taking action. You may wish to contact Nick Gilbert or send a letter of concern addressed to the Sierra Club c/o C-9, Ontario Place, Ganges, B.C.
JIM WIGHT,
Ganges.

Torn

Sir,
During the break between the performance of the Vusiszwe Players and the discussion period that followed, I was asked if I enjoyed the show. My answer was a vague, "you could say that."

Honestly though, I was and, still am, torn between the richness of the excellent presentation and my feelings of empathy for the plight of ALL oppressed people. By discarding my own biases and blind sense of nationalism, it is much easier to see the many similarities between apartheid and Canada's treatment of its Native peoples, the poor and the disadvantaged. That we use indifference and apathy instead of guns and clubs is of little consequence.

Before we shake our fingers at South Africa, let's be honest about Canada's history of human rights violations. Our history details the glory of the early explorers but skips over the exploitation that followed.

Cruelty and indifference were shown to the legitimate inhabitants of this country while their lands were seized, resources plundered and the people subjected to disease, humiliation and indifference. The great dream to join two coasts by rail saw thousands of Chinese, blacks and poor whites sacrificed to make the dream come true. Their families were torn apart, and their bodies used up and discarded in shallow graves.

What about the Second World War, which gave the greedy and selfish the opportunity to use racism and hatred to humiliate and plunder the beautiful homes of the innocent Japanese Canadians who had worked so hard and given so much to this indifferent country?
So here we are on the threshold

of another new and great century, carrying all the old problems with us. Oppression is indifferent to race, colour, creed or sex. It is the dark side of us that abdicates self-responsibility in exchange for self-indulgence, and which continually puts cost factors before social responsibility.

Let us not look to the horrors of apartheid but instead to the need to deal with Canada's social responsibility to compensate the Japanese-Canadians now, instead of waiting for them to die off or disappear; to address the legitimate issues of the Native people regarding self-government, land claims, resource compensation and many more issues. There are poor and disadvantaged people all over Canada and, yes, even on Salt Spring. Let's help to improve the quality of their lives.

When we have our own house in order, we can then go to South Africa — not with anger and condemnation, but with the very best form of assistance. We can show them that change is possible and be the role models of how to integrate and grow rather than segregate and degenerate.

To this end, in my own small way, I am involved in counselling and therapy to overcome my own biases, aggression and apathy. I have tried to forego my tendency towards self-indulgence and have become involved in volunteer groups.

I have a long way to go in overcoming my own negative conditions, but even the longest journey requires the initial steps to be taken.

Will you please join me on this rewarding and enriching journey of change into the next century? Will you write letters to your MLAs and MPs and help lobby towards Canada's need to deal — now — with these urgent issues? Will you become involved in some small way?
DAVE CLEGG,
Ganges.

Ruined

Sir,
The pleasure of last Sunday was rudely shattered for me by some bonehead who drove his high-powered motor boat so near the edge of St. Mary Lake, where I was swimming, that my towel and pile of clothes, left a full eight feet from the water's edge, were soaked through by his spectacular bow wave.

I hope the aforementioned bonehead is afflicted by a severe

case of power-boat driver's armpit and that the rest of his summer is spoiled.

Would it not be prudent to install a series of buoys on the lake marking out those areas forbidden to power-boats and being safer for swimmers? Markers could also be laid out to enclose areas reserved for water skiing. Outboard engines and swimmers do not mix. Twice I have attended unfortunate individuals who have been run over by water-ski boats. The results are not nice. The victim's day is ruined.

DAVID R. AMIES,
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It's hard to hang on to self-esteem these days. Just because we don't go the hook, line and sinker route for their policies, large-diameter government wheels make a noise that we are idiots, dupes, cowards, nerds, subversives or a combination thereof.

My travail started with Meech Lake. It seemed so bizarre that the prime minister, primarily responsible for keeping us together as one nation, should lock all the premiers up in one room and tell them that they couldn't come out unless they agreed to take some federal powers. "You can't go to the bathroom," they were told sternly, "unless you will accept cash in lieu of federal programs. And no sandwiches until you submit to choosing senators, and admit that you are all distinct societies with vetoes. No don't argue. My mind is made up." The seconds stretched into minutes before they gave in.

Although second to none in my reverence for our elected leaders, I thought it time to send a letter to Ottawa. Very respectfully, conceding that I was but a humble citizen able to deliver only my own vote, I suggested that it was futile to try to buy off Quebec in such a Canada-fragmenting manner. Rene Levesque, an able, charismatic leader, had failed to split Canada, but dull Robert Bourassa was succeeding by strengthening Quebec while the country was being obligingly weakened. The anglophones, like the francophones in the rest of the country, were to be abandoned. Canada, a nation which needed, like Scandinavia, to be a country of multilingual traders, would be, linguistically, two solitudes, and, governmentally, 10.5.

The usual *we thank you for your opinion* letter came back, disguised, thanks to the miracle of microchips, as a reply. I paid no attention to it, of course, but when I heard the Meech Lake naysayers described as anti-Quebec pink-necks, Trudeaumaniacs and visionless vipers I knew that they were replying to my letter. I was shattered. I took to my bed, resolved to read nothing but nurse novels.

Then one day, despite my earplugs, I heard that free trade, derided by the Prime Minister before the election, was now on the fast track. I listened to the euphoric forecasts of the government and those who would win, and the murmurs of those who might lose. The matter was being treated as if Canada were a company, not a country. I tottered to the typewriter.

"Your Excellency," I began, hoping to curry favour with the Prime Minister, "for Meech Lake you locked the premiers in. Now, for free trade, you're locking the people out. Is this any way to deal with the most important issues of this century?"

To my dismay, all I got at first was the usual letter from the microchip. Then, devastated, I heard what could only have been the government's reply. *Gutless, cowardly, insecure, naive, anti-Canadian and un-American* were just some of the epithets used by spokespersons. I seem to remember Mr. Crosbie roaring something about "nattering nincompoops of negativism," or was it "squalling squid-jigging squealers?" Again I collapsed under the emotional strain, and went back to bed, refusing all food between midnight and 6 am, and confining my reading to McGregor's *Evolution of the Bagpipe*.

But, as before, the outside world intruded when I heard that the government is going ahead with plans to purchase a membership for the RCN in the Submarine Club, for \$20 billion (I use the usual 2.5 multiplier standard for such estimates). I hadn't taken the rumour seriously before, thinking it to be a scare tactic, but when the French seemed ready to give up trying to claim everything within 500 miles of St. Pierre and Miquelon, if we would buy a *Force de Frappe* from them, and more particularly when Madame Thatcher came over and fluted to us that we were wets if we didn't (a) shut up and embrace Free Trade, and (b) buy a fleet of British Vickers occasionally upside-down submarines, I realized that the threat was real.

Too weak by now to type, I put pen to paper. "Hi, how ya doin'?" I began, hoping to put the Prime Minister at ease. "About those submarines — we've got a crisis of hungry homeless people in the cities, massive unemployment in the east, a drought in the west, Indian and Metis unrest, French-English polarization, a central government at risk because of Meech Lake and free trade, and you think that the danger to Canada is from armed invasion from the north?"

"More than a century ago Macdonald knew that whatever lines cartographers draw on maps of Canada, it is eventually a matter of use it or lose it. He didn't create armies — he built railroads. In the Canadian Arctic today icebreakers and ships are the equivalent of railways. We should protect, use and manage our Arctic. The money that we would use to make it into a nuclear-attack U-boat pen should be used to give Canada an ice-capable maritime presence, and end the ridiculous situation in which we, with a huge 3-ocean coastline, are totally dependent on such maritime giants as Liberia and Panama."

I intended to write more — about how defence, with a flag-draped pipeline to public funds, is being used to buy jobs and votes, and how, if free trade comes, the continental arms industry will rip us off as they do the U.S., but I remembered that brevity is the soul of at least half wit. I sent the letter off, subsided on my pillow, and dreamed of a lucrative career as a defence consultant.

I have now had another relapse. Enraged by my letter, the government let fly with *Woolly-headed wonders, Iodiotic idealists* and *Bubble-headed bustards*. The minister of veterans' affairs made a stirring speech about being ready to get our merchant ships through wolf packs, and our farm equipment industries, forced out of tractors and combines, are to be kept busy making frigates, minesweepers, tanks and troop carriers.

I intend to send no more letters to Ottawa. When I regain my health I will give the Provincial government my opinions about highway privatization, the U.S. of B.C., and the other cockamamie ideas coming out of Victoria. I am sure that Mr. Vander Zalm will appreciate it. I'm awash in moxie.

Police investigate break-in

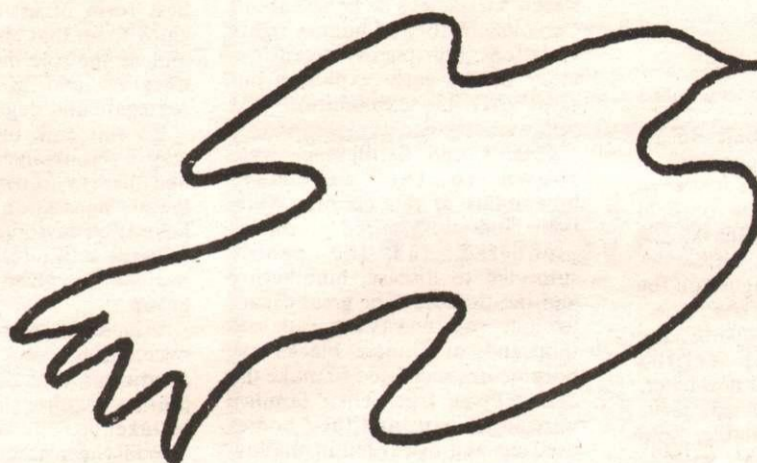
Local RCMP are investigating a break-in which resulted in a loss of more than \$5,700 in cash and merchandise.

Christine Rainsford told police the incident occurred July 29. Culprits gained entry to a house on Fulford-Ganges Road by cutting a screen on the back door.

Among the items taken from the residence were two fur coats, valued at \$3,900 and \$1,200, a Sony Walkman (\$200), a vintage bottle of wine (\$100), plus \$350 in cash. Thieves also walked away with a stainless steel cutlery set.

Investigation into the incident is continuing, police say.

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capital comment

by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA — In the world of Watergates and Iran-Contra scandals, the infiltration last year of one of B.C.'s largest pro-choice abortion movements by private investigators working for the provincial government may not seem earth-shaking.

But in our little corner, where citizens should have the right to expect the best a parliamentary democracy can offer, it will do very nicely, thank you, as an object lesson of what a government should not do.

Here are the facts, according to former attorney general Brian Smith in the Vancouver Sun last week.

In January, 1987, Smith authorized an operation that resulted in undercover private eyes infiltrating Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortions, or CCCA for short.

At least four private investigators posed as pro-choice advocates and joined CCCA, which claims a B.C. membership of more than 1,000. The detectives worked for Newcombe and Associates Investigations Inc. of Burnaby. The firm was hired by Farris, Vaughan, Wills and Murphy, a high-powered Vancouver law firm which, in turn, was retained for the operation by the provincial government.

The detectives have said they taped private conversations during CCCA meetings and strategy sessions and obtained financial records, membership lists and names and addresses of donors to pro-choice causes.

Smith says he launched the operation to prepare for the possibility of free-standing abortion clinics being established in B.C. He says he didn't want to use the police, but needed information to issue an injunction in case someone opened an illegal abortion clinic.

Smith also says he authorized the strategy because Premier Vander Zalm had expressed concern over the prospect of free-standing abortion clinics in B.C. He says he reported to the premier on several occasions during the investigation.

In his defence, Smith says he feared that the establishment of abortion clinics would result in violence, as it did in other provinces.

Pardon me for being skeptical. It would take a considerable stretch of the imagination to come up with an excuse for this sordid little scheme. The one given by Smith doesn't hold water.

If Smith was, indeed, afraid that the establishment of abortion clinics would spark violence, the logical candidates for an investigation would have been the pro-life groups. They would have been the only ones to respond with violence to abortion clinics. It doesn't take violence to open an abortion clinic.

At the time, however, the premier and Smith were still on the same side — good buddies, comrades in arms. Investigating pro-life organizations to block potential violence would not have pleased the premier. Harassing pro-choice advocates, on the other hand, was bound to earn Smith some Brownie points. Cynical? Not really, just realistic.

I also have my own thoughts about Smith's eagerness to be so forthcoming and open about his role in the operation. He has nothing to lose. He is no longer attorney general. And since the word about the operation is out anyway, he might as well spill the beans and see what it does to the premier's already tarnished image. That's called political expediency, or getting even.

What Smith conveniently ignores is that he has to accept responsibility for his actions as attorney general. His initiation of the undercover operation can only be seen as a desire at the time on his part to please his master. And the premier has to share in the responsibility, even though he says he had no knowledge of the operation. The buck stops at his desk.

CCCA spokesman Norah Hutchinson says she is shocked and upset by the news that the organization had been infiltrated and spied upon on the orders of the former attorney general. So she should be.

If Smith's argument that he was prompted by fear of potential violence is deemed valid, there are an awful lot of groups that would be well-advised to look for government spies under their beds.

There are already indications that the government may have used the same law firm to co-ordinate the infiltration of the Solidarity movement in 1983, and even sent articling students to spy on NDP conventions.

Bud Smith, the new attorney general, compares the covert operation to a bungled Keystone Cop caper, but I think it's more than that. It's shameful and it's embarrassing. The escapade has a bad smell to it, and so does the politician who instigated it.

We not only deserve better, we should demand better from our politicians.

Maracaibo bylaw gets third reading

The Islands Trust has given three readings to a rezoning bylaw it says will reduce the potential for development at Maracaibo Estates.

The bylaw went to public hearing July 22. It will now be sent to the municipal affairs minister for signature, then be returned to the Trust for final consideration.

At the public hearing called to discuss the proposal, residents across Long Harbour from Maracaibo were at first concerned that a rezoning would mean additional development and an accompanying increase in boating traffic. However, those concerns were eased after trustee Nick Gilbert and a spokesman for Maracaibo Estates explained that the bylaw would lessen the potential scope of development on the property.

Gilbert explained that the land is currently zoned C-4, which places no limits on the number of units that could be constructed to serve "transients." The rezoning proposed for the 22 acre site would limit such units to a maximum of 35.

However, the applicant noted that Maracaibo is not open to the general public, meaning that accommodation for "transients" would be for members and their guests, and that the owners were prepared to register a restrictive covenant limiting such units to 17. The trade-off for agreeing to the limit, it was further explained, would be to allow "a low-density blend of one-family dwelling units that can be sold or leased, and low density of transient accommodation units."

It was also stressed that Maracaibo has no development plan in the works but had been encouraged by the Trust to consider preparing a plan that would best utilize the property while finding ways to limit large-scale commercial development.

The rezoning bylaw before the Trust would allow the 21-acre site to have a blend of commercial, recreational and residential uses, and give the owners "some flexibility" with planning, it was noted.

The meeting was told that any plan for further development would retain the site's open meadow and lagoons while reducing the visual impact of buildings by holding them back in well-treed areas.

"It appears that some form of cluster housing would fill a gap in the types of accommodation available at Maracaibo," the meetings was told.

Brindamour to head Liberals

Salt Spring Island Liberals named a new president at their recent meeting in Ganges.

Jane Brindamour will head up the island group. Vice-president is Eric Alderson, and Sandra Black will serve as secretary-treasurer.

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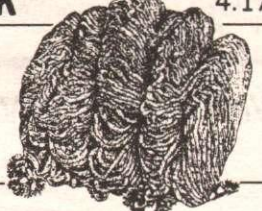
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

APC biased with representation by new society

By HUGH BORSMAN

I recently returned from a holiday and in catching up with the news, came across a report in *Driftwood* of July 6 on the inaugural meeting of the Island Watch Society. Since there were some discrepancies in the article, and since some of you might have wondered why I was so concerned with what appeared to be going on, I should elaborate.

The formation of the Island Watch Society was proposed by eight people, no doubt after discussions with others. This group arranged a meeting for June 28 and had presented, presumably for discussion and approval, four objectives. My objection at that meeting was not to the concept but to the implications arising from the wording of the objectives. These

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are listed below.

1. To preserve, protect and enhance the quality of the human and natural environment of Salt Spring Island.

2. To preserve and strengthen the mandate of the Islands Trust.

3. To facilitate public education and participation in all public issues affecting the quality of the human and natural environment of Salt Spring Island and thus enhance the ability of citizens to have a voice in our democratic process.

4. To conduct research programs with local citizens and qualified persons on important issues affecting the quality of island life and to monitor public and private programs and performance.

First of all, there had been some discussion in the community as to whether another group concerned with environmental grounds was needed. There are a good number of such groups already, and they have done a good job in representing our interests. At the meeting it was quite obvious that a significant number wanted a bigger, more powerful, more aggressive, and more militant organization to "protect" island values. One can easily understand how this comes about, but the danger is that very often such a group begins to feel that it does, in fact, represent the community. The executive elected, I think, can be relied upon to avoid such a pitfall and to remain ever mindful that the only mandate they have to

"monitor" is the authority they gave themselves.

My first complaint dealt with the name of the society. No elected representative of the people would have the effrontery to "monitor" or "watch" his or her constituents as described by the Island Watch Society. However, the title appeared to be popular with those attending the meeting, and if the society doesn't mind a title that will be anathema to many, then there are more important matters.

Objective 2 concerned preserving and strengthening the mandate of the Islands Trust. Fair enough. In passing it might be noted that the only body on the island having final authority over planning and zoning is the Trust. Since many of the "values" the proposed society talks about are under the aegis of the Trust, is the society dissatisfied with the work and decisions of the Trust? And, if that were so, would the society suggest someone should have greater influence over the decisions of the Trust?

Objective 3 talks about enhancing the ability of citizens to have a voice in our democratic process. If ever there was a place where one has more freedom to express views, any views, than on Salt Spring Island, I wouldn't know where it would be found; and after attending the meeting I'm not sure that the society's idea of democracy would coincide with that of the rest of us. That would remain to be seen.

But objectives 1 and 4 are of major concern. These aims refer to "the quality of the human and natural environment of Salt Spring Island". What is meant by human environment? To most of us that would refer to health matters, social services and housing. Since presumably these are not the objectives, what does the society have in mind? It could mean that they would "monitor" (their word) human behaviour, which appears to be confirmed when they go on to talk about monitoring "public and private programs and performance". It appears as though the group is giving itself the mandate to be monitors and critics of its island neighbours and their "programs, public and private".

It almost sounds as though we are setting up a Salt Spring version of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. I stress that all I asked for at the meeting was that these objectives be revised, since I, one of many, don't know the real intention. The society may have the best intentions in the world, but going by what is stated, absolutely no one could be sure. It is worthwhile to remember that the

American Ku Klux Klan was started to "protect our environment". While no comparison between the motives of the two groups is intended, I would like to point out that vaguely stated objectives are open not only to misinterpretation, but also misuse. As written, the objectives of the society are an affront to the people of the island.

Much could be said of the meeting itself. Memberships were solicited before any discussion of the rationale for the society could be discussed. Only members could vote, yet it was only a proposed society, i.e. there were no members. I was ruled out of order because I was not a member of this non-existent society. The chairman then reported that the meeting was private. Again there had been no mention of this in the information sheet, or previously in the meeting.

How could it be private since there were no members who could constitute a private group. There is no question that anyone had the right to assume that, at least for the night, the meeting was "public." Then the chairman, who seemed to be making up rules as he went along, reported that the *Driftwood* editor was present only as an observer, and not as a reporter. Information from the society, he said, would come in the form of news releases. News releases as we all know, only state what the person or persons want the public to know.

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So we have a private society (open, as other societies are, to membership by the public), holding private meetings, to discuss public business that concerns us all, but not reportable to the public, i.e. no independent reporter to be present. Fortunately the *Driftwood* editor, Mr. MacDonnell, did the right thing; he reported the meeting. All this seems trivial, but it is most important that matters of such grave concern to the community are handled in a proper and democratic fashion. The really important thing about the meeting was that after I raised objections to the objectives, Mr. Williams went on to say that these matters had been considered and all the decisions had been made. That is,

no dissent or differing opinions would be considered. This was particularly inappropriate when it is realized that an executive had been formed that evening, a very competent one I should think, but they had no involvement in the decisions that had been made by the organizers. A case in point was that the mailing received before the meeting suggested that the society would be opposing the possible incorporation of Ganges, and Mr. Williams referred to a meeting that would be set up to reinforce that opinion. Who made that decision, after how much study? It was certainly not the newly elected executive, nor was the general membership questioned. Recognizing many of the people present, I was amazed that not a single

question was asked, nor any of the irregular procedures questioned.

In summary, I believe there is much useful work for the IWS to do, and much of it they mentioned, all of which would gain wide acceptance: Persuade the provincial government to give increased support, finances, and staff, to the Trust. Increase the pressure on the ferry corporation for greater local input concerning the ferries. Continue to meet with highways officials to ensure that there is local decision making. Discuss logging practises with the ministries of municipal affairs, forests and environment. Even lobbying against incorporation of Ganges, if this should be suggested, is not unreasonable

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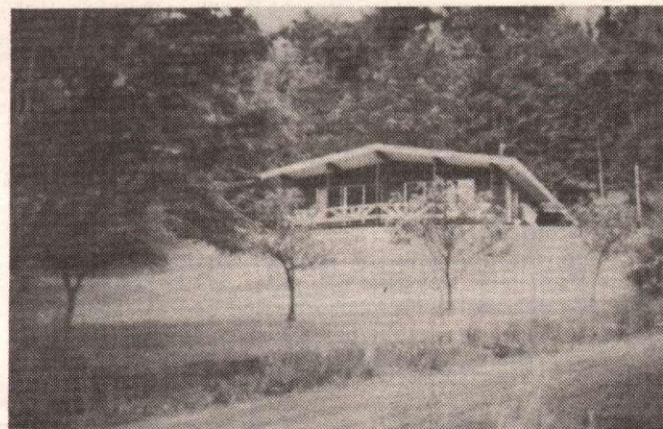
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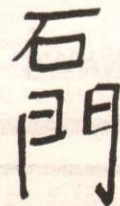
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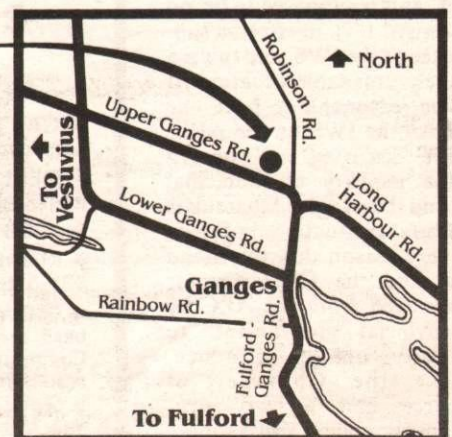


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Store manager receives award for provisions for disabled customers

Ganges Village Market manager Mike Tyson has been recognized for the "generous and thoughtful" provisions made for disabled customers at the new Ganges Village Market store.

Tyson was presented last week with a plaque on behalf of the National Access Awareness Week Committee, following the creation of the handicapped check-out lane at the newly-built supermarket on Lower Ganges Road.

The plaque expresses appreciation on behalf of the committee towards Tyson, "whose contribution exemplified the spirit of the week by facilitating disabled persons participating in the life of their community."

National Access Awareness Week ran from May 29 to June 4, with the purpose of increasing public awareness of the special needs of disabled people.

The express lane at the new

GVM complex is wide enough to allow passage of a wheelchair-bound individual.

"In my own case," said Bill Best, former regional representative of the B.C. Coalition of the Disabled, "this will mean a shorter wait in the line ... there are many others like me who may appear to be physically fit, but who have problems when standing or walking."

Best suffers from knees which

were "smashed" and rebuilt several years ago, but which still cause him pain.

"On behalf of the disabled population of Salt Spring, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for allowing us to use the express lane check out at your new store," said a letter from Best to Tyson.

Tyson was presented with the plaque last Friday at the GVM store.

Bill Best (left) honours Ganges Village Market manager Mike Tyson with a plaque acknowledging his help towards the disabled on Salt Spring. Presentation was made on behalf of National Access Awareness Week Committee.

Oyster plan dropped

A mariculture operation proposed for an island near Salt Spring will not be built.

An application to use Princess Cove on Wallace Island — which lies northwest of Fernwood — for an oyster farm was received by the provincial government but later withdrawn, Victoria said last week.

The proposal aroused concerns by boaters and was noted in a column about environment impacts published in the August edition of *Pacific Yachting*.

A mapping project initiated by the province in 1987 has since classified all possible sites in the Islands Trust area according to suitability for mariculture. In cases where the proposed "farm" may pose a conflict with other users — i.e., boaters — the applicant is required to satisfy those concerns before the project has any hope of approval.

The Gulf Islands have ceased to be a popular spot for would-be

mariculture projects, however. The provincial government has noted that the region's population and popularity for boaters has caused entrepreneurs to look at locating their operations in more-isolated areas on the north and west coasts of Vancouver Island.

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Commission situation undesirable

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provided it contributes to the debate, and resists the temptation to have meetings where only one point of view is heard.

Leaving the society objectives obscure, and apparently all-encompassing, is a serious mistake for many reasons.

The proposed formation of the society has, so far, created two problems in particular. The first and most important concerns the Advisory Planning Commission. Throughout the province, and elsewhere no doubt, advisory planning commissions have a high profile. In the Capital Regional District rarely does the general municipal service committee, or the board, ignore their recommendations. Every attempt is made to keep these commissions free from pressure groups of any sort.

A few years ago when the island trustees and the CRD director were voting members of the APC, we reorganized the APC to have wider representation throughout the community. In general, apart from a little in-breeding, the system has worked quite well. But it can no longer be considered an unbiased group of individuals who are free to make independent decisions. Four members of the APC were organizers of the IWS and likely other members of the APC joined the society. In essence, the APC as it is supposed to be, no longer exists. It is, in effect, a sub-committee of the IWS, and this is a completely untenable situation. It would be reasonable to have one member of the IWS on the APC.

I have discussed my concern with the ministry of municipal affairs and it was agreed that this is an undesirable situation. In fact, it is the very reason that the island trustees and the CRD director were removed from the APC by the provincial government, to avoid any undue influence. Suppose the Chamber of Commerce had a very pro-development policy, and suppose that the chamber found itself with five or six members on the APC

who espoused that policy. Would the Trust, for example, be concerned? You can be quite sure they would, and so they should. I would respectfully ask the chairman of the APC, Ian Fraser, for whom I have high regard, to immediately discuss the problem with the island trustees, and solve it forthwith. I would feel that until something is done, no decision of the APC should be valid.

One related problem concerns the Islands Trust. The Trust now has a "big brother/sister" to watch over it and protect it. Most of us feel that Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne have a difficult job and that they have done it well; certainly, that is my opinion. They have, in

general, made their decisions wisely. Can they now resist the influence of a supporting group which is "anti" development.

In *Driftwood* Mr. Williams stated that the society was not anti-development. Come now! Of course the society is anti-development, that is what most of this is all about. The society is quite entitled to such an opinion and it is probably one of the more logical reasons for its existence. But can the society resist trying to influence a decision of the trustees that they may see as being "pro" development?

In that situation, can the trustees ignore the advice of their avowed supporters? Again, time will tell.

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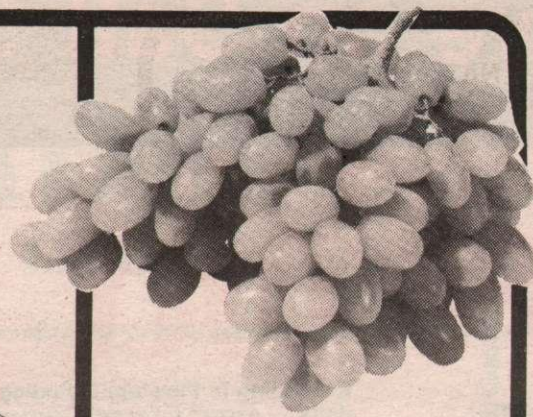
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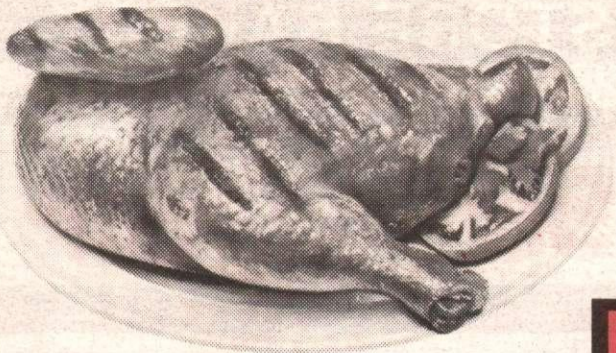
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by gary cherneff



We walk freely in this country. Because we have wealth we can afford to hear what we want to hear and to see what we want to see, to imagine how things are, to make romance and picturesque out of the poor. The poor have not the same liberties. They must see and hear what is real.

In her book of poems, *True Stories*, Margaret Atwood writes, "In this country, you can say what you like because no one will listen anyway, it's safe enough; in this country you can try to write the poem that has never been written, the poem that invents nothing and excuses nothing because you invent and excuse yourself every day. Elsewhere, this poem is not an invention. Elsewhere, this poem takes courage. Elsewhere, this poem must be written because the poets are already dead."

When the Vusisizwe Players visited Salt Spring last week, they encountered an audience who had come to express their solidarity for the liberation of the black people of South Africa. We know that the white minority prospers in its exploitation of the wealth of the land which it seems includes the labour of the technologically less sophisticated inhabitants. But this is not an unfamiliar song. Do not the rich nations prosper at the expense of the poor? Is it then so difficult to see why South Africa's situation has been so difficult to remedy. If a precedent is set for showing it must by logic be extended to other situations of inequality.

The question period after the performance "You Strike the Rock, You Strike the Woman" showed that the audience had a woeful lack of knowledge about the political and economic intricacies of a system which denies the majority of its people access to equal education and opportunity. There was sympathy but no comprehension of how to apply effective leverage towards effective change.

The Vusisizwe Players in their stories about every day life in a black woman's South Africa have brought us a little closer. Person to person they have come to tell us of the oppression and discrimination they contend with in daily life from the white rulers and the resistance to change they encounter from the surprisingly conservative black men. But if more is to be done we in this country must become more informed and more active in our resolve to see things change.

Rick Scott and his band were a perfect ending to the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts. He never stops short of bringing 100 per cent to his audience no matter how big or small. Scott is like jumping jack flash in yellow camouflage. Harris van Berkel is like Mister Magic on lead guitar, pumping out bluesy funky solos that remind me of the Climax Blues Band back down the road. They were having fun and so were we.

But let's not forget the great effort of all the people who kept the festival going: Trish Nobile and Lynda Jensen were there every night and so were many other faces too numerous to mention.

The Salt Spring Festival of the Arts is the beginning of what could eventually be a real arts centre for the community. It is not pie in the sky if you support it. I'm sending a \$10 membership contribution to the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts, P.O. Box 1425, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

Play, art show, workshop, comedy are slated by Off Centre Stage

Off Centre Stage has scheduled a play, gallery showing, massage workshop and comedy showcase for the first weeks of August.

• The play is *I Wasn't Born Here*, a collective work showcasing the stories of Latin American women recently arrived in Canada. The curtain rises at 8:30 pm this Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6.

Developed over six months, the play is based on the experiences voiced in interviews by over 60 immigrant Latin American women. It recently had a successful debut at Victoria's Belfry Theatre.

The company, directed by Lina de Guevara, consists of six women and their children — all of them immigrants. Action is presented in show scenes played with masks, minimal props and costumes, some mime, and original music.

• In the gallery from August 6 to 20 will be *Visions*, a collection of contemporary images by Vasa Sramek. The artist will be in attendance on August 6 from 1 pm to 3 pm.

A Canadian Ojibway Indian born on the Moose-Deer Reserve in Parry Sound, Ontario, Sramek was adopted as an infant and raised and educated in Toronto. His artwork has roots in Ojibway culture but, says Off Centre Stage, "extends beyond stereotypical conceptualizations of Native art."

Sramek, who now resides in Vancouver, is concerned "that the traditions and beliefs of his people be maintained and carried on through their art and spirituality, which are one."

Sramek is employed by the

Allied Indian and Metis Society as a prison liaison worker at Mission and Ferndale Institute.

• *Body within the Body*, an introduction to "energetic anatomy massage," is a two-day workshop set for August 12 and 13 from 11 am to 2 pm. Conducted by Valerie Riseley, the workshop requires advance registration (537-5211).

A nurse with a massage practice in San Francisco, Riseley will

introduce a method which derives from and uses aspects of Shiatsu and acupressure techniques. It focuses on using breath and specific acupressure points in conjunction with a specialized style.

• Comedy returns to Off Centre Stage on Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20, at 8:30 pm. Featured will be the Salt Spring Hysterical Society, and a new talent showcase.

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Ship to stop at Ganges

Salt Spring Islanders will have the opportunity to view the Greenpeace vessel *Vega*, when it makes a stop here next week.

The *Vega*, which is voyaging across the Pacific, will be in Ganges at 1 pm Wednesday, August 10. A number of environmentalist groups (including Salt Spring's Raging Grannies) will be

on hand to greet the ship.

Ganges is just one of a number of destinations for the ship. In its Victoria and Vancouver stops it is expected to be met by various dignitaries.

The *Vega* has participated in a number of activities, including the confrontation of Japanese whalers.

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At Off Centre Stage

The work of Canadian Ojibway Indian Vasa Sramek, above, will be featured in the gallery at Off Centre Stage from August 6 to August 20. The exhibit is entitled *Visions* and reflects through contemporary images the artist's

view of society and self. Above left, a scene from the play *I Wasn't Born Here* illustrates the plight of immigrant Latin American women. The play will run Friday and Saturday, August 5 & 6, at Off Centre Stage.

Jazz society schedules five bands for fourth annual music festival

The countdown has commenced for the fourth annual Salt Spring Island Jazz Festival, set for August 19 to 21 at the Farmers' Institute Grounds in Ganges.

Five bands will offer a weekend of musical activities, including outdoor jam sessions, two dances and a jazz-gospel church service.

Lined up to perform are the Dixieland Express, Al Pease Quartet, Bijoux Jazz Band, Second Wind and Razz-Ma-Jazz.

The festival opens Friday, August 19, with a dance from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am featuring Razz-Ma-Jazz. The event is set for outdoors at the Farmers' Institute Grounds, but provision has been made to move to the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School if the weather should take a turn for the worse.

On Saturday, the five bands will offer continuous music at the Farmers' Institute Grounds. That evening, Dixieland Express will headline the dance from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am — again, the event is outdoors but would move inside if rain strikes.

Also on Saturday, a barbecue and other concession stand offerings will be available at the grounds. The food continues Sunday with a pancake breakfast held before the jazz-gospel church

service from 11 am to noon. Music follows the service from 12:15 pm to 3:45 pm.

A free bus service will be operating from downtown Ganges to the Farmers' Institute Grounds.

Events are individually priced, or participants can purchase a weekend pass to all events. Further information is available at 537-9487, and tickets are available from Nibbles, Scribbles and News or the Mixer Shop.

Ray Newman to play at Sunday's park series

A series of free Sunday concerts in Centennial Park continues this week with an appearance by Ray Newman and Friends.

The group takes to the bandshell stage at 1:30 pm.

The concert series continues until early September. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

- August 14: Susan Cogan, John Akehurst, Richard Cross.
- August 21: Jazz Festival (to be held at the Farmers' Institute Grounds on Rainbow Road).
- August 28: *Nu Impressions*.
- September 4: *Les Four*.

The *Music In The Park* concert series is made possible by a grant from the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council and with a contribu-

tion from the Music Performance Trust Fund, which is administered in part by the Victoria Musicians' Association.

All performers are members of the Musicians' Association.

Community co-sponsorship has also been approved by the Salt Spring Lions and the Rotary Club. Organizers note that additional funds are needed to help cover advertising costs and bills for sound system rentals, transportation and operation.

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REVIEW

'Geller: extraordinary calibre'

By D. ANTOINE PROSK

The Salt Spring *Summer Festival of the Arts* last week presented a wide-ranging classical program in a recital by baritone Ian Geller and pianist Chris Kodaly. The evening featured romantic German *Lieder* by Schubert, Brahms and Mahler, contemporary music by Bela Bartok, Anton Webern and Maurice Ravel, and three songs by Geller. The program closed with Rossini's tarantella, *La Danza*.

Geller is a brilliant young baritone from Chicago who has been garnering rave notices and a growing international reputation as one of today's greatest singers. This reputation is well-founded.

Geller establishes himself, from the first note to the last, as a truly great artist with a truly great voice. His rich, full tones are infused with a velvety warm timbre that is intensely beautiful and deeply moving. In addition, he brings an unusually high level of intelligence and sensitivity to the interpretation of everything he sings.

In the first half of his program, Geller expertly captured the many moods, stylistic nuances and romantic images in *Lieder* by Schubert, Brahms and Mahler. After intermission, he painted vivid colours around Bartok's icy tone clusters and captured the overtones of sexual desire in *A vakyak ejjele*.

In Webern's *Four Songs Op. 12*, Geller proved his mettle, for these tiny wispy songs are

possibly among the most difficult of all to sing. One rarely encounters these songs being performed with such variety of colour, dynamism and rhythmic flexibility, precision of pitch and ensemble, and deeply felt musicality.

Special mention must be made of the splendid songs Geller wrote and performed. He sang three settings of texts by James Joyce and e.e. cummings. His compositions are filled with powerful originality, musical beauty and sensitivity to every nuance of the texts. It was a special treat for this reviewer to have heard them sung with such resplendent beauty by their composer.

With Maurice Ravel's *Don Quichottea Dulcinee* and Gioacchino Rossini's *La Danza*, Geller closed his program with brilliant dance-like exuberance.

Chris Kodaly was a superb accompanist. In a program that held extremely difficult piano parts, Kodaly played everything with great virtuosity, intense musicality and an expert sense of balance and ensemble. We are indeed fortunate to have so fine an artist as a resident on this island.

We stayed for two encores: Verdi arias. Judging from the performances, Geller must be an absolute knockout on the operatic stage. The cheering audience gave Geller and Kodaly a standing ovation, punctuated with *Bravos*.

The festival committee, and especially Trish Nobile, must be

commended for bringing us a professional of such extraordinary calibre. We trust they will re-engage Geller for next season, for he should not be missed.

D. Antoine Prosk holds a Bachelor of Music cum laude and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta, is a concert flautist and teaches at Gulf Islands Secondary School.



Facelift for second-hand store

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Although the activities take place among campers at Ruckle Park, the programs are offered free of charge to the entire community. Unless otherwise indicated, participants should gather at the Meeting Place.

This week's activities are as follows:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

• 4:30 pm, *Hide and Seek*: a children's program about camouflage and predators. Activities will involve games and lots of fun, Thompson says.

• 9 pm, *The Rocky Beach Picture Show*: a slide show featuring the intertidal life of Ruckle Park.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

• 5 pm, *Eagles, Ducks and Dickeybirds*: a walk with Thompson will focus on the birds of Ruckle Park.

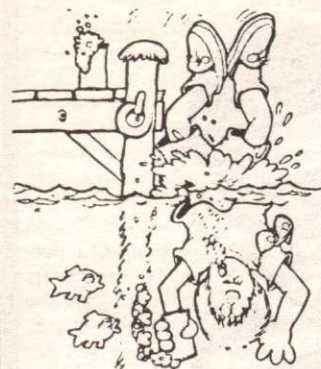
• 8:30 pm, *Whales Tales*: a talk and slide show about whales of the B.C. coast. A 10-minute slide show on grey whales has been added to this program.



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According to local Salmon Enhancement Society member Kathy Reimer, who is co-ordinating student workers and volunteers in the project, more creeks are likely to need attention in the next two weeks.

"There are thousands (of trout fry) in Duck Creek" which may have to be moved, she said.

The rescue project finds and removes the young trout from pools such as those left by the disappearing Cusheon Creek, where the workers have recently been working.

Reimer says two small creeks — McAffie, in the Booth Canal area, and Madrona, behind the Rod and Gun Club — are vulnerable to the hot weather and trout fry removal may be necessary there.

Reimer also requests that those

people presently irrigating leave some water for the fish.

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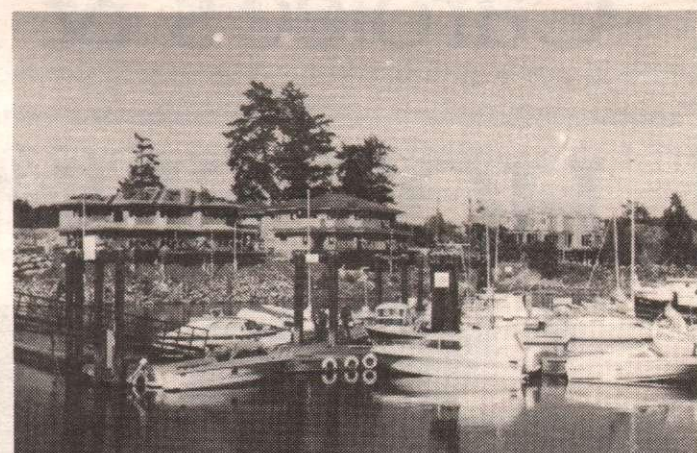


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The wedding ceremony, performed by the Rev. James Koester, was held amid floral arrangements on the altar and around the church, provided by the Altar Guild. Organist for the occasion was John Lomas.

Given in marriage by the groom's father, the bride wore a satin and lace Victorian-style gown with a three-foot train. Her veil was full-length, with a pearl-lined headpiece. She carried a bouquet of mini carnations and freesias, with baby's breath and ivy.

Matron of Honour was Katherine Harris, who wore a pale pink-and-white striped calf-length dress and carried a bouquet of pink mini-carnations, freesias and ivy nosegay. Ring-bearer was Paul Michael Sullivan, and best man was Brian Baile of Grande Prairie.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Sunset Drive home of the groom's parents. The home was decorated with many arrangements of roses and delphiniums.

At the reception, Don Jenkins of Mission proposed the toast to the bride.

Out-of-town and special guests attending the wedding and reception included Mrs. Cecelia Bur-

ridge of Victoria, the grandmother of the groom, and visitors from Alberta, Winnipeg, Victoria and Mission.

Following a honeymoon in the Gulf Islands, the newlyweds will reside in Queen Charlotte City.

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Sir,
The wonderful letter by Charlie Ross of San Francisco deserves a follow-up.

The story of how the Netboys discovered Salt Spring Island may interest your readers. Neither my late wife nor I ever heard of Salt Spring Island until she met Alan Best in Buenos Aires in the 1940s where she was with the U.S. Foreign Service and he was buying animals for zoos. She met him on a river cruise out of B.A. along with his fiancée who was accompanied by a chaperone.

When Elizabeth and I were married Alan offered us the use of his cabin on Goat Island, which he owned, and we were delighted to accept. Somehow we made our way with our car to this remote and unknown paradise. We took the small ferry *Cy Peck* from Steveston, a canning centre in decline, and landed at the village dock where now there is a sprawling, ugly, congested mall.

It was a dream. Alan loaned us a boat to paddle back and forth to Ganges for supplies and water. We felt heavenly. The gulls came to see us, an occasional deer popped in,

more letters

there was no telephone, no tap water, the stillness of the night was wonderful. Alan and his wife Diana came over in their motor boat from Pender where he had another cabin. We never forgot that week on the island.

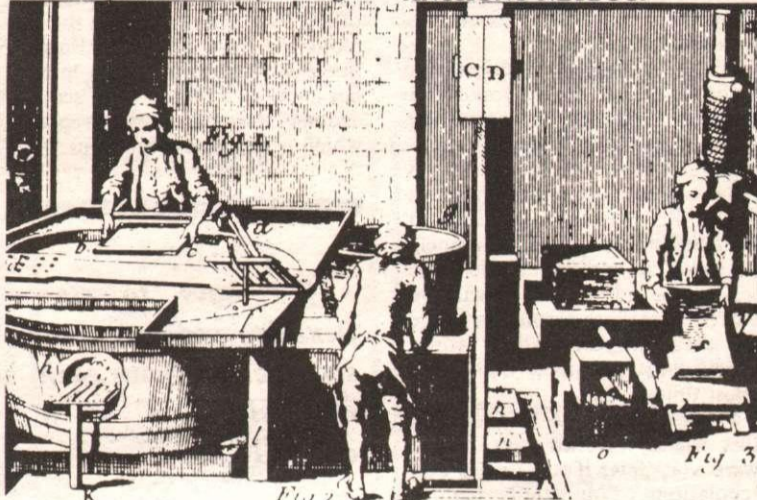
Within seven years we came and bought two lots on Scott Point where we planned to retire in 1971. By then we had built a package house on one lot but the summer we spent there proved to be disappointing as prices were high and the American dollar low, we had to pay a premium to get Canadian money. We could not afford to live here so we sold the house and went back to the States. But the pull of the island was still there every time we came, although

Ganges was changing rapidly.

Now the pro-growth people are running the island and the provincial government by giving MacDuff Forest Products unlimited licence to deforest it is sealing its fate — and that of neighbouring islands for they and others are determined apparently to cut nearly every tree that will bring money.

Rockliffe, *Driftwood's* hero, and his pals are in the forefront of the growthmania. My house, one of the most unique on the island, a Frank Lloyd Wright glass house over the water at Scott Point, is for sale, designed by Hank Schubart. National Realty Service is the agent.

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Growth of tourism industry aids development pressure

By CASEY O'CONNOR
PENDER ISLANDS — Until recently, the Outer Gulf Islands seemed immune to the influences of Vancouver and Victoria and an ever-increasing number of visitors and new residents from back east and down south. Now, a growing tourism industry is bringing development pressures to bear on those islands.

On Galiano, Mayne and Pender islands, the service industry is gearing up to accommodate the expected influx of visitors. In the process, questions are being raised about how and to what extent the islands are developed.

At the Bodega Resort on Galiano Island, Steve Ocsko and his wife Elizabeth have nine log guest homes and a main ranch-style facility surrounded by several miles of horse trails on eight acres in the hills above Porlier Pass and overlooking Trincomali Channel.

Ocsko, an immigrant who came to Canada in 1963, and his wife are currently seeking a zoning change for their property which would allow construction of additional guest units.

"When I came to Canada and this island," Ocsko says, "there were very few, if any, rules and regulations. You simply had to satisfy your neighbour. In those days, people talked to each other. They didn't always agree, but they hashed things out face to face.

"Things are different now," he continued. "There are rules and guidelines for everything, and there are people who make a career out of looking for loopholes."

Noting that islanders must expect people to visit and want to stay, Ocsko wonders if it is fair to look at the islands as a preserve. "People who say they are preserving for their children are kidding themselves," he said. "Who knows what their children will value? How do you decide what a person can or cannot do, and more than that, who will do the deciding? I believe we have to stay flexible and progressive, dealing with each new situation as it comes to us."

Donald Macdonald is a long-time Galiano resident and one of two Islands Trustees. "When I became a trustee," he says, "the rules on tourist accommodations were very lax. We have tried to adopt some standards that will work for the community but we don't go by majority rule, as some people would like us to. Like Steve Ocsko, I believe it is more important what the immediate neighbours think and feel."

GIVA, the Galiano Island Visitors Association, recently commissioned Ed Andrusiak to study the effect of tourism on that island's environment and economy. "There are still a couple of facts and figures that need to be plugged into Ed's equation before we have the final story," says former GIVA head Bill Callaway. "The plan is to take the Andrusiak report and come up with a tourism strategy. We can't keep people off the island but we can decide what type of visitor we want to attract. It would be safe to say we are after those who value the natural beauty and the outdoors — people who want to sail and fish and hike."

On Mayne Island, the issue is the same: where and to what extent development should be permitted. There are currently 20 building projects underway on Mayne. Twelve of those are new homes being built at various locations.

At Miners Bay, Jack Jensen is building what he refers to as a

small mall. "I bought the property last year with the idea of building something that would fit well with the local economy," Jensen said. "We have room for six shops or offices and plan to have an open patio type area where people can gather."

Across the island at Bennett Bay, the Mayne Inn is on the verge of returning to life under new owners Bill and Bonnie Whalen, university professors from Seattle. "We have been coming to Mayne for almost eight years now," said Bonnie Whalen from her Seattle office. "We plan to restore the inn along the lines of an Old English inn and restaurant, with a lounge designed as a library with seating around the old stone fireplace, which is absolutely fabulous."

'We have to stay flexible and progressive, dealing with each new situation as it comes to us.'

The inn was originally a dorm for brickyard workers on Mayne Island during the early part of this century and has since changed hands several times before falling into disrepair.

"We plan to move to Mayne full-time in January," says Bonnie Whalen, "and look forward to making our home there, but we have had to deal with rumours that we are rich Texans out to exploit the island. I heard there was a Bennett Bay Preservation Association and asked about joining but was told the group was formed to stop plans we have to build a small dock for our guests."

Marjorie Haggart lives on Bennett Bay and is a member of the Preservation Association. "We've had only one meeting," she said,

'If we don't work together, the marketplace will decide how the island develops.'

"and I don't know that we will have any more. We're simply concerned and want to know what the Whalens have planned for the inn. There was an Islands Trust information meeting on July 1 and there was a proposal put forth by the Trust to permit a dock to be built. It was the first any of us had heard about it. We simply want to know more."

"The problem is definitely lack of information," says Gerry Daignault, president of the Mayne Island Tourist Association. "We are fortunate to have people such as the Whalens who want to be part of the islands and help preserve the heritage and natural flavour. If we don't work together the marketplace will decide how the island develops."

He continued: "I could see the

day when some huge conglomerate will come in with multi-millions and a string of lawyers in tow and we will be hard pressed to stop them from doing whatever they want to do. There are so many people operating outside the Islands Trust bylaws now, they could make mince-meat of the Trust. The only answer is for us to get together and plan for a Mayne Island that we can all enjoy."

Jurgen Englehardt owns Tinkerer's Retreat Bed and Breakfast at Miners Bay. "Judith and I lived on Salt Spring when it was very much like Mayne is today. Then one day an architect stood up and stated that Salt Spring could support 50,000 people if the public transportation system was good enough. We packed our bags and left shortly afterward.

"There is no way to stop people coming to the islands short of stopping the ferries but we can decide what type of tourists we want and I don't think we want those who come on the three hour bus tours, spend \$15 and then leave. We want people who will come and stay a few days and enjoy the island and the people.

"The people here are hard people in some ways," continues Englehardt. "They attack each other, but it is really not personal — they are just fighting for a way of life."

Pender Island is the more developed of the Outer Island group with a permanent population rapidly approaching 1,500. These days Pender centres around the Driftwood Centre — the islands' first true shopping centre with a grocery, pharmacy, bank, post office and cafe.

Bob Albers is a furniture maker. "I grew up in Port Coquitlam when it was much like Pender is now. Take a look at what has happened up there. It won't be long before we'll be an island of strangers. I was down at the Otter Bay ferry terminal the other day and saw only three people I recognized. There was a time when you knew everyone."

"I think it is high time the CRD, Islands Trust and School District got together and put together a land use plan," says Pender school trustee Joy Ridley.

"We don't get a lot for our tax dollars," she continued. "There are too many committees and little arms of government. The real problem is two to five years down the road. Wealthy businessmen are coming into Vancouver from all parts of the world and they are paying high prices for Gulf Islands property with the idea of retiring here. The result is the assessments will rise and the current islanders will find it difficult to keep up with rising taxes."

Vern Roddick, the CRD representative for the Outer Islands, makes his home on South Pender Island. "Before the Driftwood Centre was built on Pender," he says, "there were those who came to me and said it was the greatest thing in the world. Now I'm hearing complaints that the island is forever changed. The decision we have to make is whether we want future development in one location or spread out over the entire island.


"I live off Boundary Pass Road and we all take turns cutting the grass along the road in front of our homes," Roddick continued, "but if someone else on some other part of the island wants his area to be another version of Burnaby — well, that's his choice."

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down the years

Twenty-five years ago

- Salt Spring Islanders were gearing up for Pirate Day celebrations, scheduled for the following week. Some 50 to 60 buccaneers were expected to invade the island, led by the Honourable Pirate Westwood.

Activities for the celebration were to include a water skiing exhibition, sky divers and square dancing.

- The new ferry service between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen made an additional run to accommodate severe summer overloads.

Word had just arrived that the additional *Queen of the Island* afternoon sailing would continue until further notice.

- A juvenile from a detention home in Victoria spent a number of hours fishing without the knowledge or consent of owners of the boats he used.

The youth stole a car and drove to Swartz Bay, where he took a boat. The boat lost its propeller off Beaver Point. From here he took several other boats, all of which turned up in different locations. The young skipper was picked up by local RCMP.

Twenty years ago

- Colin Cameron, member of parliament for the islands for many years and one of Canada's foremost Socialists, died suddenly of a stroke. Cameron entered Nanaimo Hospital, Saturday and died the next morning. He was 71 years old.

- The new United Church minister was Reverend Fred Anderson. Anderson came to the island with seven years' experience as a missionary in Zambia, plus a year of theological study in Victoria.

- A grass fire on Salt Spring Island brought the fire department to a blaze near the golf course.

Fire Chief Fred Donaghy had warned residents of the increas-

ing hazard of dry grass and vegetation. "The warning usually brings rain," he told *Driftwood*.

- Small boats and large vessels were still at cross purposes in Active Pass.

RCMP received constant complaints at the blockage of passage through the pass by small vessels. Police have warned that all operators of small craft must leave clear passage for ships through the pass.

Fifteen years ago

- Major changes in islands administration were being considered by the provincial government. The possibility that the Gulf Islands would be moved out of the Capital Regional District (CRD) had been suggested by Municipal Affairs Minister James Lorimer.

The islands probably should not belong to the regional district, Lorimer told a group of Lasqueti Islanders, who he met during a tour of the island.

- Helicopter police patrols were being initiated on the Gulf Islands.

The helicopter would enable the RCMP to make daily patrols to the islands and to respond immediately to calls when required.

- The Delta Community Band came to Salt Spring Island for the annual band picnic. The musicians played for more than one hour in Centennial Park to an audience of residents and visitors.

- Summer theatre was to open on Salt Spring Island. It was the pilot presentation of what sponsors hoped would be a regular summer feature here. The man behind the project was Stuart Margolin—Hollywood actor, writer and singer—who had purchased Salt Spring Island property several years previous.

Ten years ago

- The Gulf Islands school board planned to turn Mahon Hall over to the community. With the opening of the new school at Fernwood, the hall would no longer be needed for classes. The board intended to discuss take-over and running of the hall with different community groups.

- Local RCMP would have two boats in Active Pass to check that fishermen move out of the way of ferries. One of the police boats would be marked; however, the other would be less distinguishable.

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- The Islands Trust established ground rules for subdivision on Salt Spring Island.

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- Finding a solution to the sewage problem in Ganges had been put on hold by the Capital Regional District until September.

The CRD board met in a special session to discuss the status report of Underwood McLellan, the firm discussing ways of solving the sewage problem. Because only 12 of the 19 directors were present, the report was tabled until September.

- A driver who attempted to catch a butterfly lost control of his vehicle and struck a Hydro pole. No one was injured, but the car sustained an estimated \$2,500 damage. According to the report, the butterfly did not survive the ordeal.

- Islanders and visitors with an appetite and a thirst for beer flocked to the annual salmon barbecue at Ganges.

The event, staged by the Salt Spring Lions Club, was held behind the Salt Spring Lands office. Many local fishermen took to the water on the same day to compete in the Legion salmon derby.

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*Though other things grow fair against the sun,
Yet fruits that blossom first will first be ripe.*

Rhubarb is an iconoclast from Tibet. A breaker of images. This extraordinary plant treads on the heel of limping winter and actually likes a touch of frost. My father taught me to lay the corms, or roots, on the bare cold ground overnight before I split and reset them. Rhubarb ripens early in the garden, just ahead of the angelica, but will agreeably stay until summer if watered well.

Unlike apples and berries, rhubarb is a vegetable whose "fruit" is a red stalk, which is very odd. And be careful. The leaves are poisonous. They do, however, have a use: pans that make your elbows ache from scrubbing 'come clean' if you boil rhubarb leaves in them.

For me, rhubarb still carries the sting of a barbarous past. I love a dish of stewed rhubarb for dessert with a serving of hot custard, but at the first mouthful I brace myself for the inevitable minute of tingling lips and itching teeth this surprising plant never fails to exact as tribute from my palate. Rhubarb makes, as Shakespeare says, "a very bitter sweetening ... a most sharp sauce."

What can you do with rhubarb? The Scandinavians and the English, whose climates can seem as cold as Tibet, make wines from it. Rhubarb is an excellent base for chutney and goes well with chicken and lamb curries. Rhubarb jam makes a change from marmalade at breakfast and you can have it bitter or sweet to match your mood.

In pies and crumbles, rhubarb's favourite companions are apples, strawberries and raspberries. Chill a dish of stewed rhubarb and add a sliced banana. Rhubarb muffins. Rhubarb strudels. Even tapioca likes it. But why not be a little adventurous this summer? Cook a rhubarb pie made with wild black raspberries and seasoned with angelica.

Wild black raspberries are smaller and a little seedier than garden raspberries and for me they possess a lingering, wistful aftertaste, like good wine. The fruit comes on arching branches that produce compound leaves with white undersides and flowers in delicate white clusters. Best of all, their thorns and prickles repel the deer that live in our woods.

Berries best before they're darkest

Wild black raspberry bushes have characteristically waxy stems that turn from crimson to a fragile blue-grey in summer. I think the berries are tastiest just before they reach their darkest shade. An easy, rustic, method of determining ripeness is to wait until the robins take an interest in these berries, then beat them to the kitchen.

*Common greens and berries in bramble thickets ...
Only a fool complains of thirst beside a stream*

Angelica belongs, with parsley and carrots, to that most useful family of plants, the umbellifers. It grows alongside the rhubarb patch in our vegetable garden and is eight feet tall by July. As this marvellous plant rises, huge pouches form along the stem that open suddenly to release fresh bursts of leaves and, finally, at the very top, a constellation of seeds. The whole process, speeded up, reminds me of gesture drawing in art school.

Herbalists use angelica as a carminative, confectioners candy the fresh stalks in syrup, drinkers have angelica essence in their gin or, mixed with brandy, as a liqueur. I chop a small fresh angelica stalk in pieces and add it to rhubarb and wild black raspberry pie.

Rhubarb and Wild Black Raspberry Pie

- Pastry:
1 lb. good quality lard
5 C flour
2-1/2 t salt
1 T baking powder
1 egg
cold water
1 T lemon juice

Mix the dry ingredients, cutting in the lard. In a measuring bowl beat one egg, lightly. Add sufficient water to make 1-1/2 cups of liquid. Now pour in the lemon juice (some people prefer vinegar). Mix the dry and the wet ingredients with a fork and handle the pastry dough as little as you can. Chill for one hour.

- The pie:
nine inch double pie crust
3 C chopped rhubarb
1 C wild black raspberries
1 small angelica stalk
1 t cinnamon
1/4 t nutmeg
1 egg, beaten
2 T flour
3/4 C sugar

In a bowl mix the egg with the flour and sugar. Pick a small angelica stalk and cut six two-inch lengths. Fold the chopped rhubarb, wild raspberries and angelica into the egg mixture. Season with cinnamon and nutmeg. Now put this into the pie shell, cover with pastry and decorate as you wish. Bake at 425 for 10 minutes then finish at 350 for half an hour or until the pastry browns.

Having done their culinary duty the angelica pieces, which are used in this recipe as a condiment only, can be recognized with ease and removed as your guests enjoy their slices of this fine country pie. Serve with whipped cream and a final sprinkle of cinnamon.

Terry Fox event to feature number of related activities

Wide community involvement and an assortment of related activities are expected to characterize this year's Terry Fox Run on Salt Spring Island.

The run, sponsored by *Driftwood* to raise funds in aid of cancer research, is scheduled for September 18 along a 10-kilometre course that will begin and end at Gulf Islands Secondary School. The route will follow Rainbow Road, Canal Road, Lower Ganges Road, Upper Ganges Road and Fulford-Ganges Road.

In conjunction with the Sunday run, the preceding Friday will see all island schools hold mini-runs for their students. Each school is expected to set its own fund-raising target.

However, there is more in the plans for this year's fund-raising than travelling along a route. Initial feedback directed to Damaris Rumsby, organizer of the main event, indicates a number of local organizations are interested in helping meet the run's \$10,000 goal for contributions but may seek to raise funds by different means.

For instance, thought is reportedly being given to organizing a sailing race, with entry fees being donated to the Terry Fox fund, and holding a bowl-a-thon. Other groups have suggested staging events like a pool tournament.

In addition, Salty Sweat'rs will follow their warmup session for the September 18 run with a 90-minute aerobics workout for those participants who would prefer that activity to travelling the 10-kilometre route.

Rumsby said she has also contacted a number of groups whose members are interested in participating in fund-raising but have yet to consider what role they might play.

At the same time, attention is being paid to attract as many entrants as possible to the run itself, which last year drew 123 participants who raised close to \$6,000 from sponsors — a figure among the highest per capita in B.C. Athletes from various local softball organizations, for instance, are being approached and being asked to give their sport a high profile in the run.

Organizers also expect challenges from several island groups, including a group competition among the RCMP, volunteer firemen, Coast Guard employees and ambulance attendants. Another challenge might involve island pubs competing to see which can produce the highest total of contributions.

The first challenge has already been received. Pat Corneille, owner of the new marina in Fulford Harbour, has pledged \$100 to Rumsby, who in turn is challenging all other marina operators on Salt Spring to match or better the donation.

Work is also proceeding on preparations for the run, and on publicizing the event. Betty Fox, mother of Terry, is expected to visit Salt Spring Island in mid-August to discuss her late son's original cross-country run in aid of funds for cancer research — a run that failed when the cancer that claimed his leg returned in the middle of the campaign and later took his life, but not before his attempt inspired the annual Fox Run, which is now in its eighth year.

Arrangements are also being made to bring the film version of the Terry Fox story to Salt Spring Island in time to help promote the September 18 run.

Meanwhile, pledge sheets are available for run entrants. They are available through massage

therapist Susan Just, chiropractor Michael Buna, and Patterson's Store in Fulford Harbour, as well as from several island service and community organizations. Plans are to expand distributorship of sheets to the majority of local businesses.

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Terrorism

Sir,
As a 20-year permanent resident, I am concerned about the criminal intent obviously shown in certain statements contained in Charlie Ross's letter in the Wednesday, July 27, issue of *Driftwood*.

I was surprised that your paper would publish a letter that encourages the "concerned" public to spike trees, shoot tires, and put sugar in the fuel tanks of machines. These actions are nothing better than terrorism. Is Charlie Ross's idol Khomeini? This is Salt Spring Island, not the Persian Gulf.

Spiking trees (driving large spikes into living trees) does more than play havoc at the sawmill. Spikes are undetectable; they can cause the fallers' chainsaws to kick back or break chains, both of which can cause serious injuries or fatalities to the fallers. In the sawmills, the saw blades can shatter, sending shrapnel in all directions, injuring sawmill workers.

Shooting the tires on a loaded logging truck weighing upwards of 45 tons endangers not only the driver, but everyone else on the road.

Putting sugar in the fuel tanks of machines doesn't just stop machines — it ruins fuel pumps and engines. An engine rebuild can run into the tens of thousands of dollars.

All of these actions are criminal by definition of the law.

Loggers and sawmill workers are just trying to support their families, like everyone else. I wonder how Charlie Ross earns his living; I hope he does it without harm to the environment. I suggest we do not need his type on Salt Spring Island anyway.

Remember — not all machines in among the trees are logging machines, so let's just leave ALL machines alone. We do not have a vandalism problem with machines on Salt Spring now, let's not start one.

KEN TARA,
Fulford Harbour.

War obsolete

Sir,
Historians have tagged August 6, 1945, as the birth of the nuclear age — the day the bomb levelled Hiroshima. Now, there are nuclear power plants in many parts of the globe, and 50,000 to 60,000 nuclear

more letters

warheads mounted on various delivery systems, aimed at virtually all cities over 100,000 population, military bases, weapons manufacturing plants and anything else deemed worthy on the face of the Earth.

The bombs were supposed to

bring a peaceful, secure world, and the power plants were going to provide energy too cheap to meter. Instead, we have a world armed to the teeth, whose fate lies in the accuracy of a few thousand computer chips, and an energy system whose costs must include

disposal of the tons of radioactive wastes, and the thousands of acres of uninhabitable radioactive land.

From the mining of uranium, through processing, manufacturing, transportation, and ultimate use in reactors for power or bombs, the nuclear experiment

has failed. In all respects but one: by putting all life on earth at risk, it has made war obsolete. In light of that, why is Canada even considering purchasing nuclear subs?

RAY NEWMAN,
Ganges.

P.S. Thanks to Frank Richards for his recent column expressing his views on nuclear subs for Canada.

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With the summer's advancing heat, fewer and fewer shrubs are still in bloom as the attending drought hastens the completion of flowering, but of the shrubs which still show colour, the Cadillac of them all has to be the richly coloured, showy Hydrangeas. Before we get to a closer examination of this genus, let's briefly go over a few of the other shrubs that are in bloom at this time of year.

The broad-leaved evergreen Abelia is producing its mildly-fragrant, bell-shaped, pinkish blooms, and will carry on flowering right on through to the first fall frosts. The lavender has just finished flowering, but the mauve-lavender flower spikes still add colour and texture to the garden. The mauve and purple varieties of butterfly bush (Buddleia) are just at their peak and the white is soon to follow. For a deer-proof show at this time of the season, they are hard to beat, but in order to keep them healthy and tidy looking, a hard February pruning is mandatory.

The various escallonias are putting out their best floral show these summer months, and with the range of shrub sizes, coupled with colours of pale pink through richer tones to red, the selection is good for many situations and garden styles. The rich golden tones of the fragrant Spanish broom (Spartium junceum) are a most welcome sight, and if properly pruned in autumn the shrub will develop tight form, strong, self-supporting branches, and a most spectacular floral show.

As a matter of interest, the timing of the fall pruning will determine the relative commencement of the blooming period in the next growing season. The later the pruning, the later the start of flowering. In the shade garden, the fuchsias are going full tilt, and with the range of colours and heights a delightful showing can be had without too much effort.

The "Anthony Waterer", "shiro bana", and "goldflame" spireas are blooming nicely, as are several varieties of potentilla, but all of these shrubs pale when compared to the full, rich show of the Hydrangea.

The Hydrangea genus is a group of deciduous shrubs and vines with large bold leaves that often have serrated edges, and/or strong veins showing. Depending on the summer's drought and sun stresses, they may have some reddish tinting of the foliage and some fall colour as well.

Hydrangeas all produce large clusters of flowers at the outermost tips of their branches or stems (terminal clusters), and are available in a range of colours including pink, mauve, pale purple, almost red, pale blue, rich blue, white, pale pink, and any combination thereof. Depending on the soil treatment, the tones can be changed and the colour altered.

The bloom clusters are made up of two basic types of flowers; the large, showy, broad sterile type which make up the large familiar clusters, and the small, starry, inconspicuous fertile flowers which are visible in the centre of the clusters of the "lace-cap" type hydrangeas. The lace-cap clusters are made up of fertile flowers surrounded by a ring of the larger sterile flowers, a most delicate beauty. The blooms last for months, and can even be dried for indoor arrangements.

The shrubs range in heights from four to 10 feet or more, and the vine H. anomala petiolaris can grow to heights of 40 feet or more. Unfortunately, the vine is only available with white blooms. The genus prefers a partial sun situation where the hottest part of the day is spent in the shade, but they bloom best when given four or five hours of broken sun time.

In foundation plantings, an eastern, northeastern or northwestern exposure is best, and in mass plantings, high shade works fine. In our region, their only severe pests are deer (a favourite food), slugs, and occasional vine weevil attacks (never a serious problem).

The most life-threatening problem of all is water shortages, and the stresses created when they don't have access to ample moisture. To increase the water-holding capacity of the soil, add in as much as 25 to 30 per cent humus and peat moss or sawdust, and mix it in well. A rich, porous, well drained loamy soil with regular deep waterings will provide the best growing conditions.

For pruning of the hydrangeas, there are two basic types. Those which bloom on the new wood made in the same year will require pruning in late fall or early winter, leaving only two or three sets of buds on each stem, so that vigorous new growth will be encouraged for heavier, healthier blooming in the season which will follow.

The two main species in this pruning group are H. paniculata grandiflora also known as P.G. Hydrangea, and the "Hills of Snow" smooth hydrangea, H. arborescens. These grow to heights of 10 feet or more, and bear clusters of cone-shaped, whitish-cream blooms, which fade to pinkish-bronze tones by fall.

The other group of hydrangeas are the big-leaf or garden type, H. macrophylla or H. hortensia, which bloom from buds made the previous season. For this reason you should only remove the spent flower heads in the early spring, and do corrective pruning and thinning in March. Cut out the weaker young shoots, and the straggly rank growth, but take care to not prune off the fatter terminal buds, as they are the flowers yet to come.

There are literally hundreds of cultivated selections of hydrangeas, too numerous to mention, so we won't start in but rather cut to the chase, the most asked question: "How do I change the colour of my hydrangea?"

If you want a blue, bluish or bluer (or is that more blue) coloration, then use aluminum sulphate or alum at one tablespoon per gallon of water every two weeks. If you want a pink or more red colour then sprinkle on some lime or superphosphate and water in well. The colour change won't be immediate but with regular applications the desired effect will be forthcoming. An alkaline well will also yield a more pinkish hue as it tends to increase the pH. Well, regardless of the colour hydrangeas make a luxurious rich addition to any garden, even making a gorgeous showing in a large deck pot, tub, planter, or, for an Oriental flavour, an egg jar.

Hospital honours islander

A Salt Spring Island resident is to be honoured at the August opening of a new hospital in the Northwest Territories.

Ruth Stanton will be flown to Yellowknife to attend the opening of Stanton Yellowknife, a \$42 million facility named after her late husband, Dr. Oliver Stanton.

Dr. Stanton, who died on Salt Spring in 1970, 10 years after he and his wife retired to the island, is a legend in Yellowknife, according to the magazine *Up Here: Life In Canada's North*.

In a report on the new hospital, the magazine quoted the obituary which appeared in the Canadian Medical Association journal when Dr. Stanton died: "As the first and, for years, the only doctor in the region, Dr. Stanton performed the functions of physician, surgeon, radiologist, coroner, hospital administrator and medical officer of health over a vast area of rugged country."

Up Here added that Dr. Stanton was famed for his ability to inspire faith and optimism in his patients, which greatly enhanced their recoveries.

"Ollie had . . . therapeutic agents which science has difficulty assessing," it said. "Modern medicine with its gadgetry can keep the body alive, but it takes faith, and the optimism it produces, to make one live."

Dr. Stanton was also active in the formation of the first Anglican church in Yellowknife, and "easily topped the polls" when he sought election in the municipal election in 1949, *Up Here* said.

A graduate of the University of Toronto in 1929, Dr. Stanton arrived in Yellowknife in 1937 to take charge of medical services there and in the surrounding territory. Ruth Stanton was his nurse.

Before the couple's arrival, medical care for the community of 400 people was provided by a first aid man at Fort Resolution, on the other side of Great Slave Lake.

Yellowknife now boasts a population of 11,000 people. Its original six-bed hospital was replaced by a 72-bed facility. Stanton Yellowknife, the new and adjoining centre, will offer an additional 135 beds and be responsible for meeting the full medical needs of about 25,000 people in the north.

Ruth Stanton was unavailable for comment last week. However, family friend Jim Ballantyne said arrangements have been made to fly her to Yellowknife for the ceremony marking the opening of the new hospital. Also to be flown in for the event is her daughter, who now lives in England.



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