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Douglas Box (left), Andy Zoltay, Damaris Rumsby and Valerie Fraser tune up for September 18 Terry Fox Run by attending free fitness classes

held each Monday and Wednesday at 6 pm. in Portlock Park. More Terry Fox Run details on Page A16.

## Local clam limits urged

For the past year, Richard Goodhue has "lived intimately" with commercial clam diggers who, day and night, scour the beach outside his Booth Bay home for clams.

He says he has cleaned litter and human excrement from his property — used as an access to the beach — and from the beach itself. He and his family have suffered lantern lights beaming through their windows at night, diggers yelling from one end of the beach to another and people living from vans parked near their home.

"The nuisance factor is out of control . . . and I want something done about it," Goodhue told a meeting held last week in Ganges to discuss commercial clam digging.

Goodhue's story and his sentiments were echoed by the majority of 50-plus islanders who gathered last Wednesday in the high school band room to vent their concerns about "rampant" commercial clam harvesting on Salt Spring.

The meeting was called by Island Trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne, and attended by federal representatives Francis Dixon and Kit Slater, and by provincial representative Bob Cox.

MP Pat Crofton (Esquimalt-Saanich) also attended the meeting.

The federal and provincial officials are part of a committee studying clam digging practices and regulations. At present, commercial diggers must hold a \$10 licence, which entitles them to an unlimited number of clams; the only restriction they face is one of size.

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## Cancer victims support Fox Run goal

A group of Salt Spring Island residents affected by cancer is hoping the September 18 Terry Fox Run will help to make its work redundant.

The run, sponsored by *Driftwood* to raise funds in aid of cancer research projects, is welcomed by the Community Cancer Resource Group, an ad-hoc organization of cancer victims formed to lend emotional support to others who share their plight.

"If it hadn't been for the money given to cancer research, most of us probably wouldn't even be alive today," says Julia Forbes, a spokesman for the group.

Members of the Community Cancer Resource Group are people who are suffering from cancer or whose cancer is in remission, Forbes said. Most of them have been assisted by new techniques or medications developed by can-

### Support group furnishes self-help

cer research scientists whose work was funded by proceeds from the Terry Fox Runs held across Canada for the past seven years.

Those runs contribute 20 per cent of the total funding available for cancer research in this country. Including the money raised in the original *Marathon of Hope* launched by Terry Fox, the runs have contributed \$67 million towards research funding.

"All of us support the funding of research," Forbes said. "All of us have been touched by cancer and received treatment developed as a result of research. Research means even more for people like us who are hoping for a cure."

Supported by the Community



Society, the Community Cancer Resource Group is an organization formed last year to help its members deal with their cancer, and to assist any other sufferers in the community.

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## To water quality questions

### Fish plant operator seeks answers

The operator of Salt Spring Sea Products is contemplating legal action over a Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) order requiring the water used at his plant to be chlorinated.

John Christianson indicated last week that he is not challenging the legitimacy of the order, but the regulatory quirk that sees water from Maxwell Lake considered fit for domestic use while

being deemed unsuitable for fish processing.

Christianson was handed an order to install a chlorination system after DFO tests found unacceptably high levels in the count of coliforms in water used at the plant. Fluctuations in the levels are an annual occurrence, Christianson and DFO agreed, but fisheries staff said the situation had finally reached a point

requiring remedial action.

Later tests conducted by DFO and the Capital Regional District (CRD) community health office showed the water to be within acceptable limits. However, the DFO order is still in effect and gives Christianson until late September to install his chlorination system.

Failure to comply with the

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# Legal steps contemplated over plant order

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order will cause the plant to be shut down. It currently employs about 20 workers.

Christianson said he is puzzled by the apparent discrepancies between DFO tests which show problems with the quality of his water and CRD tests which reportedly show no problems.

"Something's haywire here, and I don't think it's our fault," he said last Friday.

Water for Christianson's plant is piped from Maxwell Lake by the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWWD). The water is untreated which, according to the

CRD, means some fluctuations in coliform counts are to be expected.

(Water from St. Mary Lake, the district's other source, is treated. However, the fish plant cannot be connected to St. Mary Lake water, Christianson said.)

NSSWWD superintendent Mike Larmour told *Driftwood* recently that while Maxwell Lake water is tested regularly by the CRD, the results of those tests are not forwarded to the district unless problems are uncovered. In the past three years, he said, no reports have been forwarded.

Larmour also indicated that if tests showed problems with

Maxwell Lake water, the waterworks district would be required — and would be prepared — to install a chlorination system. Local CRD representative Hugh Borsman, however, said the regional district would be unlikely to make such an order unless the water was declared a health hazard, and that such a declaration is unlikely to be made on the basis of a few tests.

All of which has Christianson puzzled. "Fisheries shows an ever-increasing problem but the CRD never sees a problem — that's hard for me to understand," he said.

The fish plant operator is upset

that he now faces a bill of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for installation of a chlorination system to cure a problem he doesn't believe is the fault of his plant. He also wonders why he must shoulder a bill to purify water that is clean according to CRD tests.

Christianson also said he believes that Maxwell Lake water will eventually have to be chlorinated to ensure purity, and wonders why he must pay now for assurances of quality that may be provided free of charge to future users.

"None of this makes any sense to me," the fish plant operator said.

Christianson said he will seek a legal opinion and consult with the CRD to see if there is any way he can prompt an admission of fault from any of the parties involved. If he decides to pursue legal action and his plant is shut down for failing to comply with the DFO order, Christianson added, he plans to launch an additional lawsuit to recover monetary damages from the party deemed to be at fault.

"I just have a real problem figuring out how Salt Spring Sea Products got stuck for a problem that's not our fault," he said. "It's ridiculous. I want to find out what the hell it's all about."

## Collision sends five to hospital; two later transferred to Victoria

Calling it a "mini-disaster," Lady Minto Hospital staff brought in extra personnel following a motor vehicle accident involving five Salt Spring Island residents early last Saturday morning.

Six individuals, including a witness to the two-car crash, were treated for injuries at Lady Minto Hospital. Two were later transferred via water taxi to Victoria General Hospital.

The accident took place at approximately 2 am on August 27. Nelson Graham, 22, was southbound in a Honda Civic when he collided on Fulford-Ganges Road with a vehicle

driven by 21-year-old Mike Fisker.

Police say witnesses allege that Graham's vehicle was approaching in the wrong lane; Fisker then reportedly moved into the left-hand lane to avoid a collision. RCMP say Graham then returned to his lane at the last minute, and a near head-on crash ensued.

Police said two ambulances and the fire department attended the scene. The fire department was called out to clean up a gas leak.

Passengers in the Fisker vehicle — Barbara Graham, 17, Morven Neish, 19, and Scott Fraser, 22 — were taken to hospital along with Graham and a

witness who suffered shock. There were no passengers in Graham's vehicle.

The accident victims were treated for lacerations, shock and broken bones.

Barbara Graham and Scott Fraser were later transferred by water taxi to Victoria General Hospital. Barbara Graham was discharged August 29, while Fraser was described Monday as being in "fairly good" condition.

The other accident victims were kept overnight at Lady Minto Hospital.

Police said the accident is still under investigation and that charges are being contemplated.

## Clam-diggers ticketed by RCMP after setting up camp near beach

Approximately 30 clam diggers were told to leave Bader's Beach last Friday night.

Local RCMP told the commercial clam diggers that camping is not permitted on the beach. Several individuals were issued \$75 fines under the litter act for "establishing camp without proper toilet facilities."

Police say they receive approximately five complaints each week concerning clam digging on Salt Spring. The industry is largely unregulated and has prompted a number of environmental and civil concerns to be voiced by local residents.

RCMP Const. Brian Brack said licence checks are made once or twice a week; however, he noted the RCMP's "hands are tied" on the issue.

"It's as frustrating for us as everyone else," he said.

In other police matters, local

RCMP responded to two incidents of break, enter and theft last week.

Tom Georgas, of Burnaby, told police his Rainbow Road cabin was broken into between August 1 and 23.

Stolen from the premises were a Honda generator, a submersible pump and a quantity of liquor.

Police, who have a suspect in mind, are investigating the incident.

Local RCMP are also investigating a break, enter and theft at the former Ganges Village Market site. Thieves broke into the work site and stole a portable

AM/FM radio valued at approximately \$300.

The incident took place sometime during the night of August 24.

A visitor to Galiano Island suffered a possible fracture after he disobeyed signs in Montague Park.

Robert Dell of Vancouver chose to ride a bicycle through park trails, disregarding signs which prohibit cycling.

The 26-year-old lost control of the bike, plunging 15 feet over a cliff and onto the beach. The incident occurred August 24 at approximately 5 pm.

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**to be frank**

by richards



**Slow progress**

All roads lead to Victoria, which is for the birds. There's a slogan something like that, but last week it was for real. I went into the city on the 2:15 ferry from Fulford. At Swartz Bay we came off the *Bowen Queen* without incident. Traffic slowed to a crawl and, finally, to a standstill as the discharge from two ferries created a bottleneck discharging onto the highway. I was in no hurry and the line of cars varied its pace from slow to stop. After running around Victoria I was heading to the airport at Pat Bay around six o'clock in the evening. Northbound traffic slowly reached the Saanich municipal hall before all vehicles were standing still. It was stop and go from the hall to McKenzie Avenue. The McKenzie traffic lights are not able to handle the volume of vehicles when it peaks. It was almost as tough as driving through Ganges on a holiday weekend.

**To be a farmer's boy!**

The cow was on a long lead and the farmer's wife was new to the game. To her horror, the marauding animal had reached an apple tree and was enjoying the time of her life. There she was, one cow with a voracious appetite, accompanied by one calf, shorter of reach. The cow had twisted her rope around the tree, but that didn't affect her appetite. Added to the pastoral scene in the Little Boy Blue picture was the box of apples freshly picked. Farmer's wife hauled on the rope and dragged the offending cow away from its supper of Gravensteins. "It has such big horns," she was to relate, later. The hungry gourmet was indignant and she made it clear once the rope was disentangled. Where several hands had been hauling on the rope, the positions were reversed and the cow started to chase her captors. They ran, all three, farmer's wife and mother and her offspring. The owners retired, worn out. The cow returned to the apple tree. Number Three offspring hurried to shout to her weary Mum that the calf was eating the apples they had just picked. For all I know, the pattern hasn't changed yet.

**"When we come to Berlin ..."**

I know it all now. I had a call from Tom Wright who explained that Fred Karno, so spelt, was an Edwardian comedian, or music-hall star. He was uncertain of exactly who his army might have been, but hazarded a guess that Fred Karno's Army was part of a music hall skit. Mickey Jones recognized him as a First War comedian, but was not sure of anything beyond that. He just wished his parents were around to tell him more, because both were associated with the theatre. And that's as far as he knew anything for sure. Harry Pickstone remembered Fred Karno as a comedian and he remembered his army. It was a skit on the forces in the Great War and the stage army couldn't fight and couldn't do anything in a military pattern. Harry remembered the theme song of the illustrious army. And that rang a bell. I had an uncle who died in his Colorado home last year and who was a First War veteran. He used to sing a ditty from the war years and I remembered the closing bars, when the Fulford veteran sang them: "And when we come to Berlin The Kaiser he will say: Hoch! Hoch! Mein Gott! You're a blanky fine lot, The boys of the A.S.C." It was Pickstone who identified the A.S.C., or Army Service Corps. I suspect that the identity of the boys varied according to where the comedian was presenting his show. Fred Karno's Army? They were the stage soliders who won the First World War!

**Roads deal made**

Victoria Highways Maintenance Corporation has been awarded the provincial government contract for road maintenance in Southern Vancouver Island — a region that includes the Gulf Islands.

The bridge and road contract, the first negotiated under the province's highways privatization program, is effective September 1 and covers three years.

The province said last week that the region's 88 highways ministry employees affected by the privatization move have received job offers from the new company, at their present position and salary. Thirteen auxiliary employees have also been offered jobs — as auxiliaries.

Victoria Highways, in turn, has agreed to guarantee successorship for B.C. Government Employees Union (BCGEU) employees, and to give employees wage increases and other monetary benefits that the union may negotiate on behalf of government workers over the next few months, the province said.

In addition, employees will have the option of obtaining shares in the company.

The highways ministry said it will monitor contract performance to ensure safety and service standards are met. The ministry will also continue to maintain staff at all existing offices to ensure the public has access to regular services.

The new firm represents five joint partners: John Chew of Chew Excavating, Allen Vanderkerhove of Pay Less Gas Co., Ray Cunliffe of Delcan Corporation, Art Kool of Aral Holdings and Roland Beaulieu of Sea Isle Management.

One of the 88 regular employees noted in a recent magazine article that it would be hard to find a more acceptable bidder from the community's and workers' viewpoint.

The agreement includes the asset sale of light equipment, small tools and materials for \$1 million. The maintenance contract is priced at \$29.9 million over the three-year term of the contract. The figure is \$1.1 million less than projected ministry costs.

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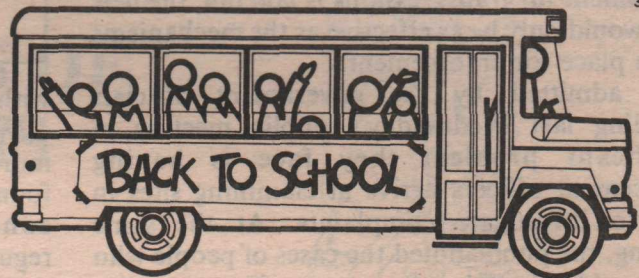
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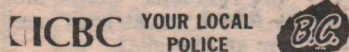
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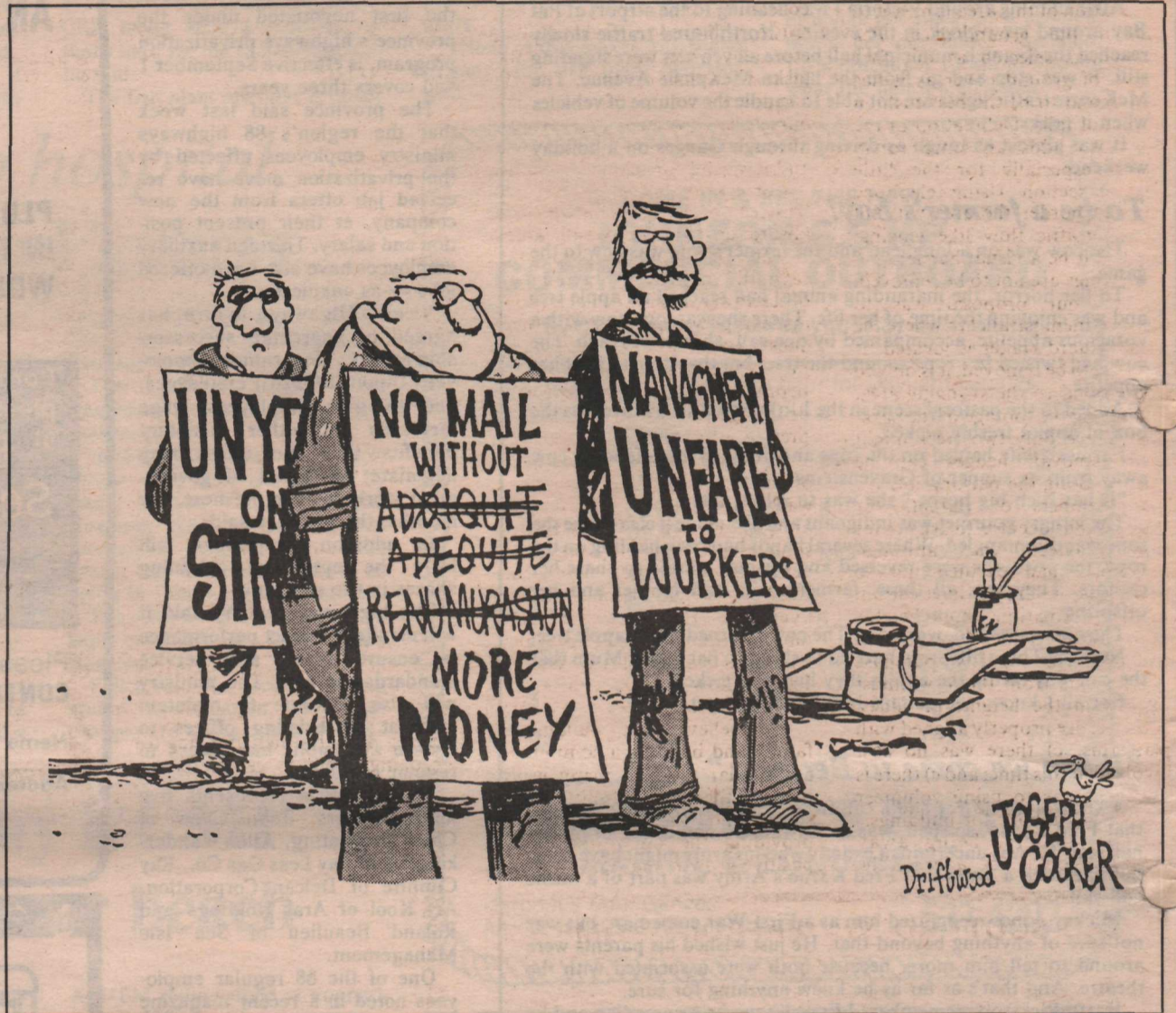
While the tribulations suffered by Salt Spring's clam resource, and the disruptions faced by islanders living near those beds, may justify last week's public request to close local beaches to commercial harvesting, federal and provincial officials must look to their regulations for a wider solution. Closures may curb problems in one area, but the so-called rape of the resource will continue wherever else commercial digging is given an unlimited hand.

Federal and provincial officials attending the meeting called last Wednesday in Ganges to discuss commercial clamming are apparently aware of the larger need, since their stated task is to review the laxity of current regulations and the shortcomings of jurisdictional overlaps, and then to propose regulatory measures which would deal fairly with the interests of both recreational and commercial harvesters.

By themselves, regulatory changes are not enough, however. No matter how stringent the licensing procedures become, or how severe the punishment for transgressions is laid out, the new rules would only be as effective as the mechanisms put in place for enforcement.

As admitted by the government officials attending last Wednesday's public meeting, a significant problem they face is having enforcement officers arrive at clamming sites in time to investigate complaints. At the same meeting, the public noted the cases of people who were unable to reach enforcement officers to voice their complaints of transgressions.

Add it up and it would appear that any move to beef up clamming regulations must be accompanied by an increase in the number of field officers charged with policing the industry's compliance



with the new rules.

We should also remember that enforcement is more than the interpretation of bold and fine print found in a rule book. Educating diggers about the conservational imperatives behind the regulations, and about the practical meaning of the rules, should also receive a high priority.

In the case of the segment of the commercial clamming industry singled out for its ethnic background, it would be wise to translate the new regulations into their mother tongue. For instance, similar charges of non-compliance with

rules, levied against Vietnamese fishermen operating on the West Coast, have prompted a promise from the federal department of fisheries and oceans to have available in 1989 a set of regulations translated into the Vietnamese language.

Still, we see the root of the solution to be an assurance that field officers will be given the resources necessary to implement and enforce any new rules which may be written. Without that, the review now underway can amount to little more than a bureaucratic exercise.

## Strength of linguistic barriers to be tested again

The Highland Scots heritage evident in my family name represents only one-half of my ancestry. The other portion is down-home, Eastern Townships French-Canadian, personified by the appellation *St.-Pierre*.


The rich cultural diversity of these two national groups did not flow into me, however. While I was still in a play-pen, my father, a Cape Bretoner, advised my mother that his house was not to be sullied by the presence of French words. My mother, equally hard-nosed, replied that if such was the case, she would retaliate by prohibiting the use of Gaelic in the same house.

So I grew up as a unilingual *Anglais*. At first, a one-dimensional tongue posed no

**my word**

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**by duncan macdonnell**



hardships: after all, it is rare, in B.C., to be forced to grope for the correct French or Gaelic word for *hamburger*.

But one cannot live in cultural isolation forever. Some years back, a journey taken across Canada brought me into the homes of assorted relations on both sides of the family. As might

be expected, the aunts and uncles living near Montreal maintained they spoke no English, which made for a short and silent visit, while those on the Cape sadly shook their heads in my direction after a few Gaelic words of greeting returned a dull, uncomprehending stare.

Although each set of relations

attached the blame for this sad state of cultural affairs on whichever parent was on the other side of the language barrier, it was clear they had little conversational use for this poor sod from the West Coast. My only consolation was the knowledge that the families lived a continent away and rarely visited my home province: they could be spared frequent exposure to my feeble attempts to communicate.

Or so I thought. Now that they are advancing in years, the relations are making pilgrimages to the family's West Coast bastion. Today (Wednesday), a shipment of three is due in from Montreal, no doubt to gather even more evidence of my linguis-

ic shortcomings.

A spiteful person would likely view this scenario with glee. I could easily offer the same welcome as was received in their homes, by chattering away in English and casting pitiful glances at their limited attempts to comprehend my words. Except it would be a hollow victory, and my mother would doubtless administer a colourful tongue-lashing that only her brothers and sisters would understand.

So I am looking for a crash course in rudimentary French, something that will allow me to pick out a word or two here and there and perhaps show the relations that I am at least one step above an imbecile.

*Hambourgeois*, anyone?

# Playground

Sir,  
I hope this letter will clarify points raised in the August 17 *Driftwood*, regarding the Centennial Park playground plans. Parents for Playgrounds will also be speaking directly with the Recreation Commission.

• We have always intended to consult the public with all plans for the playground. As soon as an accurate drawing and cost estimate are obtained, it will be hard to avoid looking at the playground proposal.

• At our first Parks and Recreation presentation, the commission told us to use the existing play area as our boundary. Delimitation of this area is meant to contain the groundcover. Pea gravel was selected as our first choice of ground cover as it has been found to be the best cushion in case of falls. Delimitation of the area also adds an extra safety factor, especially for the little people's section. Using telephone poles to border the area will not restrict traffic flow like fencing, nor will it be a visual barrier.

• Swings are not to be removed. Rather, our proposal was to relocate them parallel to where the Coast Guard trailer is located. If trees are to be removed, it is only to ground to the swinging area, minimizing the footage of the park. We believe only two trees might need removal; hedges can be planted along the parking lot.

• Members of Parents for Playgrounds decided to ask advice from Playtech, Inc., although previously had decided not to because: a) we did not have certain safety information about heights of overhead ladders, cargo nets and platforms; b) if we purchase components from them, we must be certain the heights of slides, nets, etc. are properly aligned with platforms; c) there was no cost involved at this time; and c) there is no change as to using volunteer Salt Spring labour for buildings.

Unfortunately, being away meant I could not address the

commission directly at the August 8 meeting. Hopefully, all points will be cleared up and we can continue planning a facility which will be a big plus for our children and community.

**DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,**  
Parents For Playgrounds,  
Ganges.

## Ingredients

Sir,  
*Preserve and Protect* is the Islands Trust anthem, which is constantly sung by our present trustees. The tune is loud and clear, especially when they're put to the task of explaining their job. As islanders we ought to ask ourselves: "Preserve and protect means exactly what, where, when and why and for whom?"

Correct me, but when have our trustees been inundated with absurd development applications — i.e., to build a pulp mill, sawmill, high rise apartment, office tower, international airport, nuclear power plant, etc? Where does it state that our trustees *must not* encourage, embellish or promote positive growth and development? Why then, the present attitude of our trustees?

In Victoria, at the Islands Trust office, there is a sign posted on the wall. It reads like a public caution or warning sign and it is written something like this: "Without legal verification, do not make any financial commitments whatsoever on the basis of the interpretations which are provided by the Islands Trust Staff." Exactly how confident does that make you feel?

We believe that building a family and building a community are similar tasks in many ways. You can't feed your family anthem soup, and the importance of providing the opportunities for positive growth and prosperity for

# letters

our community should be an integral part of the trustee's job. After all, they advocate open public debate and they should be obligated to speak to this issue.

I say, they can't! Our present trustees seem to ignore the basic ingredients required to nurture positive growth — rather, they always tend to favour the special interest groups and they do it fervently in the name of preserve and protect. For the benefit of our collective futures, isn't it time for a change?

**MURRAY CYPRUS,**  
Ganges.

## Fragile

Sir,  
We are told that the Islands Trust mandate is to preserve and protect the islands. I find this hard to believe when so much of Ganges has been rezoned to allow the density of buildings, another pub and goodness knows what else will appear in our once unique village — all in the name of progress.

Is our island or one of the other islands slated to become another Coney Island — all in the name of tourist attractions?

I think all those involved have dollar signs in place of eyes, and no 'cents' either.

Applications for rezoning are published in this paper but how many read, or understand, the legal descriptions of the properties or even attend the public hearings unless it involves them personally?

What can be done to wake up the residents of these islands before we are rezoned out of our homes?

Newcomers with big money, buying property then applying for rezoning, seem to get preference

over our own local people who wish to do likewise.

A few months ago a family was forced to move from the island because of petty complaints from a few neighbours for operating a business and parking the trucks in a rural residential area. The owners of this property had used this land since 1970 for the same purpose, and when application for temporary rezoning was requested, they were refused. Why?

They were there before any bylaw or complainants, so what

happens now if they lose the case against them — will it mean all others operating a business and parking vehicles for same on their own property will be forced to move from the island?

Maybe the Island Watch Society will do a better job of protecting and preserving our Islands, as well as the islanders.

Let us keep in mind that an island is an island and can tolerate just so much abuse before it's fragile beauty and resources are ruined forever.

**ELVIE HISLOP,**  
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## andrew gibson



We were watching the Republican National Convention playing in New Orleans. Mr. Bush, the vice-president and simple barefoot former head of the CIA, was directing waves of rhetoric at us, proclaiming that while the Reagan years have been almost blinding in their glory, the Promised Land will finally be attained in a Bush presidency.

In this happy drug-free land, without homeless or hungry people, private entrepreneurship will be unleashed so effectively that government need only get out of the way of the flood of goods and services.

Abroad, the terrorists will be given their comeuppance in such operations as Grenada and Tripoli, and the Soviets, driven from Afghanistan and forced to disarm, will slink back to their steppes, powerless against the Star Wars shield. The cameras panned to the shining eyes and uplifted faces of the delegates as their lips formed the words, "I believe, I believe."

Contrast this, they were told, with the machinations of the Democrats who, led by the inexperienced arch-fiend Dukakis, want to take it all away by raising taxes, stifling growth, and returning the country to the Dirty Thirties. "But," he promised, his eyes glittering in the Klieg lights, "J. Danforth Quayle and I won't let you fall into the clutches of these ... out-and-out liberals." Gasps, then cheers from the faithful.

Until this point it had been ho-hum, only slightly less enervating than we are accustomed to when election fever grips our own land. But the last words raised my eyebrows. They were uttered with such scorn that it was immediately clear that the word 'liberal' has, south of the 49th, become an epithet. How could this be? I rushed to the dictionary.

**LIBERAL:** Having, expressing or following social or political views or policies that favour non-revolutionary progress and reform, or that favour the freedom of individuals to act or express themselves in a manner of their own choosing. Characteristic of representational forms of government. Tolerant of the ideas or behaviour of others."

It is to weep; here's another perfectly good word, ruined because of this passion for pejoratives. Furthermore, in this case it is a matter of some importance to Canada. All three of our major parties would describe themselves in the above terms, although they would differ on the means to those ends. One has even adopted the word itself.

Should it become a term of abuse in the U.S., equivalent to ... shudder ... *socialist*, would that not be an interference, if inadvertent, in our domestic affairs? The progression is clear — satanist, communist, marxist, socialist, liberal. Especially if Free Trade is inflicted on us there will be nothing respectable to belong to except the Far Right, otherwise known as the National Rifle Association Party of God.

Since clarity of language is essential for informed decision-making, it is important to stop this packrat theft and replacement of words (it can occasionally backfire; here in B.C., where for decades the NDP has been equated at election time with muzhiks thundering over the Polar Cap to take over the Legislature, members are laughingly referred to as *the hordes*.)

Usually, of course, the transformation is careless rather than sinister. The word *gay* is now lost. So is *decimate*, which is now understood to mean near-obliteration, rather than the destruction of a tenth. *Celibate* is probably also beyond retrieval; its meaning has changed to *without sexual contact* from *unmarried*, so to use it in its original meaning would fail to distinguish between the Pope and Hugh Hefner.

What to do? Perhaps we need a language academy, such as Spain created a couple of centuries ago when its language was getting out of hand. The result was the beautiful and unambiguous Spanish of today. Such a body could publicize and correct misuse. It wouldn't cost very much, and it would stop our thought processes from being led astray by such fraudulent words as Bush's *liberal*.

**Note:** A couple of months ago I wrote about a column in the *Elmira Independent*, in which a teacher had been cruelly attacked for a trifling mistake in spelling. I sent a copy of it to that paper, and also to the teacher. I have heard nothing from the former, although the columns have been somewhat less sulphurous lately. But I did get a letter from the teacher, who tells me that although she was much disturbed at first by the attack, her confreres and others who wrote, had allowed her to put it behind her.

## Tasteful

Sir,

I would like to recommend two newly relocated businesses in Ganges for their good taste in signage restraint. A corner service station is one business which seems to have difficulty in avoiding a forest of needless signs. The new Esso Station should be congratulated for the restraint shown in its signage, both in scale and quality. The conservative colours of the building also help a great deal to settle the building into its location.

The other business that has done an excellent job of taking a good island approach to restrained signage is the Ganges Village Market. With the few signs of good scale and quality, they have left no doubt as to the products being sold there.

There have been many studies made that indicate one or two well-designed and located signs are far more effective and easier to read than many junky plywood signs nailed helter skelter over and around a building.

An example of visual pollution is the signage along Kingsway in Vancouver. It is impossible to remember the quality of the architecture, good or bad, which exists behind the signs which seem to be there for the sole purpose of outscaling each other.

Many of these signs are second or third party — i.e., large Coke signs that have a small shop name printed at the bottom. Probably less Coke is sold than anything else in the store.

This type of pollution happens in Ganges from time to time but lately has been improving in certain locations. I hope some of the newer developments now under construction will show more taste in the use of graphics than in the Prairie Depression architecture that appears to be growing from the parking lot.

I trust that people contemplating either renovations or new construction remember that when designing signs and graphics, less is more.

ARTHUR S. HOPPING,  
Ganges.

## Burning

Sir,

I am writing in response to Hubert Beyer's recent column on the Stein Valley. In his column, he writes that nature will burn down the whole Stein Valley sometime in the next few hundred years, and not selectively; she will burn down every tree. He sees nothing wrong with the logging industry beating nature to it.

Where he gets his information from, I don't know. I work in the Stein Valley and over the past three years I have spent more than

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130 days in the Stein.

Fire is common in this valley, as it is in many interior forest areas and evidence of previous fires is common. The Stein Valley is also very rugged with many alpine ridges and rock faces acting as firebreaks, keeping the size of the fires small. Many of the Douglas firs and Ponderosa pines develop a thick bark that insulates them from the heat during a fire, allowing them to survive through many fires. I have taken samples from trees of up to 1.2 metres in diameter, dating them at 300 to 400 years old. The tool we use to sample the trees isn't long enough to sample trees larger than this,

some of them are over two metres in diameter, and possibly 700 years old. The bark on those trees is black from the many fires they have lived through. Many forested areas in the Stein consist of 50 to 90 per cent of the trees being fairly young, 100 to 200 years old, with the remaining 10 to 50 per cent being 200 to possibly 700 years old.

Any notion that the Stein is, one of these years, just going to burn down completely, is ridiculous. The valley has been forested since sometime after the last ice age retreated about 10,000 years ago, and is doing quite well.

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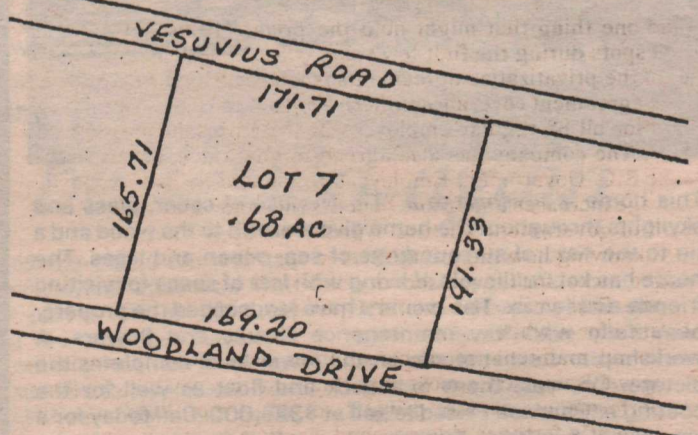


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by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA — There's nothing the Vander Zalm government dreads more than the prospect of heavy snow and ice in the coming winter. The Socreds' very survival could depend on just what kind of winter wonderland B.C. is going to be later this year.

By the time the snow falls, the province's entire highways and bridge maintenance will have been privatized, and the government's derriere will be on the line.

A cold winter with lots of snow could do the Socreds in. If the new, private-sector guardians of our highways fail to deliver the service we've been accustomed to, British Columbians could be very miffed.

The program of privatizing the maintenance of highways and bridges is well under way. The first contract went to a group that calls itself the Victoria Highways Maintenance Corporation. It will look after the highways on southern Vancouver Island.

Principals of the group are John Chew, owner of an excavating Company, Allen Vandekerkhove, owner of the Payless Gas Company, Ray Cunliffe of Delcan Corporation, Art Kool of Aral Holdings and Roland Beaulieu, a former car dealer who sold his business to Jim Pattison.

For \$29.9 million, these gentlemen have agreed to keep the highways and bridges of southern Vancouver Island free of ice and snow and in good driving condition for a year.

With all respect to the government's enthusiasm for privatizing and selling everything that isn't nailed down, that agreement falls short of the big savings the government has led us to believe will be achieved if the private sector looks after the highways.

**'A million bucks saved is nothing to spit at.'**

According to the highways' ministry's own estimates, the cost of maintaining the highways and bridges of southern Vancouver Island would have been \$31.9 million. True, a million bucks saved is nothing to spit at, but we haven't saved it yet.

Ever heard of cost-plus, the catch-all for unforeseen circumstances? You will. Maybe not with respect to the cost of maintaining highways in the warm climate of the south, but certainly up north, where the weather is less dependable.

One of the reasons for privatizing the maintenance of highways was to reduce the annual budget deficits and perhaps even pay off the province's accumulated debt. At a savings of \$1 million in each of the 28 contract areas, we are not going to pay off a lot of debts.

The premier told me earlier this year that he's quite aware of the dangers inherent in this privatization experiment. He admitted that the government could well face defeat over this issue. He's betting on a mild or at least normal first post-privatization winter, and that's a reckless bet.

A couple of good blizzards in northern B.C. could play havoc with the best intentions of the private sector to do a good job on our highways. They simply don't have the experience the highways ministry has amassed during decades of battling the elements.

The highways ministry also wasn't hamstrung by the need to turn a profit. It could draw on additional funds during particularly bad winters. The same goes for the private sector. It, too, can and will ask the government for more money to deal with extraordinary circumstances. But no matter how justified these requests for additional money might be, they will look bad. The public won't be amused.

**'The public won't be amused.'**

The one thing that might help the private firms get over the rough spots during the first few years is the expertise of the staff. Part of the privatization agreements is job security for employees.

The agreement covering southern Vancouver Island contains job offers for all 88 regular employees at their present position and salary. The company has also agreed to guarantee successorship for the B.C. Government Employees Union and to give employees any wage increases and fringe benefits the union may negotiate on behalf of government workers over the next few months.

But knowing how the private sector operates, I wouldn't give a plugged nickel for the job security of former highways employees past the first year. Nor would I put any bets on future wage increases for a while.

After all maintenance responsibilities have been transferred, the highways ministry's most important function will be to monitor the performance of the private sector. From then on, the government's fortunes ride on good weather.

Former highways minister Alex Fraser has said the government could lose at least a dozen seats — maybe as many as 15 — over this move. Even allowing for Fraser's own axe-grinding, his predictions may well turn out to be right.

As for my own hopes, they're in total conflict with those of the government. As an avid skier, I am looking forward to a banner year for snow.

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Sir,  
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**GARY LUNDY,**  
Ganges.

**No plastics**

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

Sir,  
I enjoy the B.C. ferry system and my family and I appreciate the polite and cheerful crew members, the relaxing journey and the scenic views.

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I own a service-oriented business and talk to a lot of people throughout the day. Everyone prefers to eat and drink from real dishes and stainless steel cutlery and real cups, and not be faced with a mountain of plastics, styrofoam and packaging at the end of an otherwise enjoyable meal.

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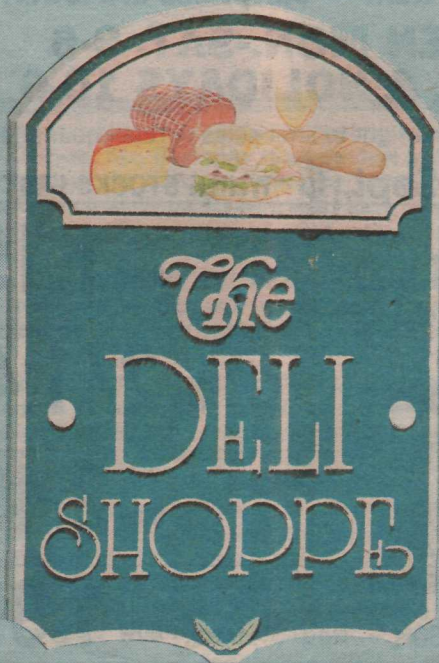
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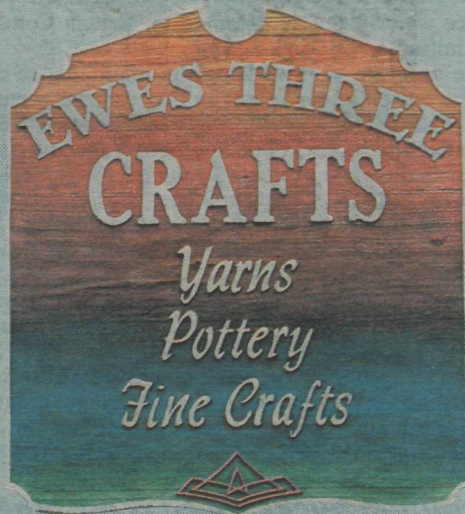
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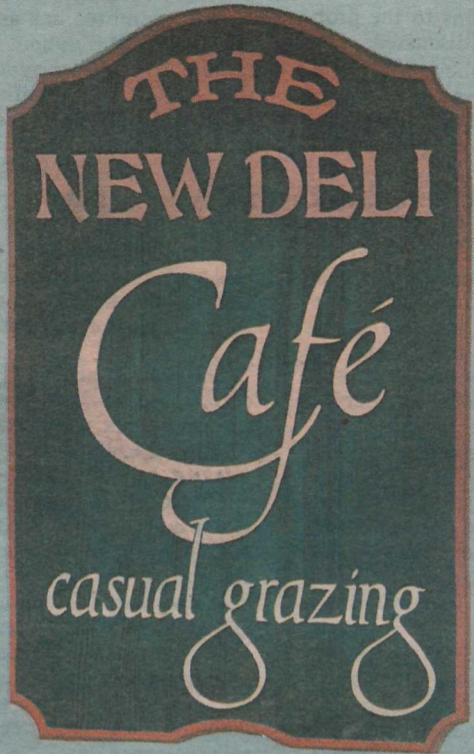


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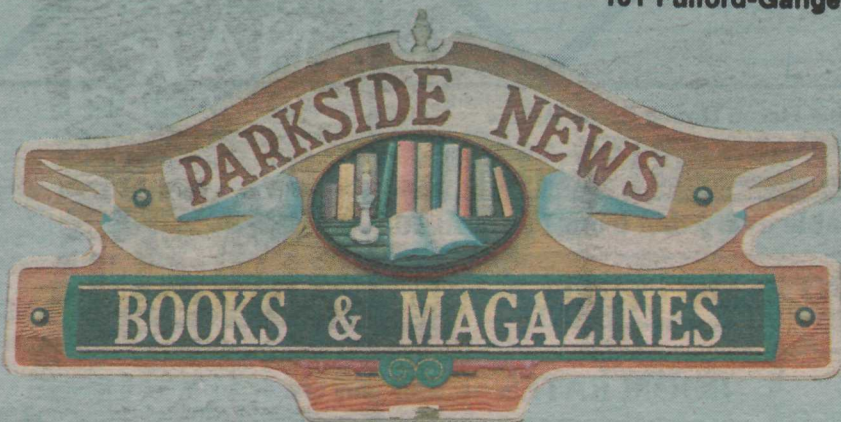
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### Recreation-only status suggested

# Harvesting limits urged for island's clam beds

From Page A1

The problems faced on Salt Spring are common to the coast of B.C., the meeting was told. But while beaches in some areas are closed to harvesting at this time of the year — i.e., on the Saanich Peninsula — no such ban is in place on Salt Spring.

Among the solutions being considered by the committee are the creation of recreational shellfish reserves, and the introduction of more stringent licensing requirements.

The audience at last week's meeting, however, felt those two proposals did not go far enough. They voted unanimously to close island beaches to commercial clam digging, with an exception being granted to the Native Indian population.

The meeting heard that the largest concern was the quantity of clams being left for recreational diggers, and the threat large-scale digging posed to conservation efforts.

"The biggest feeling is that they're (commercial clam diggers) raping the beaches and that there will be none left," one islander offered.

A Sunset Drive resident said diggers have stopped visiting that area — they quit after gathering only two half-full buckets of clams in a long shift.

According to Dixon, research scientists believe the clam population is safe as long as diggers adhere to the size limit and leave the smaller clams. The three representatives said that when there are no legal-sized clams left, beaches are closed while the population grows and expands.

"That's not conservation," was the audience's response. "There are no clams left for us."

The problem is larger than it appears, the group told the committee representatives. Some individuals said the diggers are taking under-sized clams as well. Others noted that under-sized clams are being tossed back onto the beach and not adequately covered: instead of growing into legal-sized shellfish, they are dying in the sun.

Others expressed concern that more than clams are being taken from the beach. Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society member Kathy Reimer said she was "concerned about all the sea creatures." Reimer told the meeting that snails, eels and sea cucumbers are among other inter-tidal life forms being taken.

"We're not going to have any coastal life left," said one woman. "My grandchildren won't have the opportunity to see the things I saw when I was growing up."

The oyster population is also suffering at the hands of clam diggers, the meeting was told. In areas where there are oyster leases, people come in, take the clams and drown the oysters in the process. One individual had oysters brought onto his beach — and now, he said, they are all gone.

The health factor and potential contamination of clams was also discussed. Several individuals expressed concern over large bags of clams being left in the sun for hours at a time, while diggers spent the entire day at their task.

Committee representatives res-

ponded by noting that clams are extremely resilient. Slater explained that federal fisheries works closely with inspection offices — all clams must go through a plant before being sold and all plants undergo weekly, random inspections.

Slater said the sale of under-sized clams is prohibited in the same way. Companies caught buying the small clams can be fined up to \$5,000.

**'Snails, eels and sea cucumbers are among other inter-tidal life forms being taken.'**

But some members of the audience said they were concerned the clams were going out of the province, due to the number of Alberta licence plates on vehicles owned by diggers.

Slater told the group fishery wardens are available to deal with complaints. He said a number of convictions have occurred. The problem, he noted, is getting someone there in time. Some

people at the meeting said they had contacted the office, but had received no response to their complaints. Others noted that the problem is "much bigger than enforcement officers can take on."

Possible solutions to the problem were also discussed. One individual questioned the feasibility of homeowners taking out a commercial licence of their own and creating a cottage industry, enabling them to control the activity in front of their homes. Cox said he had no objection to that step in principle; however, he noted an agreement between the federal and provincial governments says that where there is commercial clam harvesting, the foreshore is not to be alienated, a move that would deny the harvesters' rights.

The committee members responded favourably to a suggestion to make commercial diggers wear a fluorescent licence number on the back of their jackets. This would help enforcement officers determine which individuals are causing problems.

The committee members also described short-term plans already agreed upon. Next year, clam diggers will have to obtain a separate clam digging licence, giving the fisheries department some idea of the numbers it is dealing with.

The audience, however, want-

ed to see a higher price tag placed on a clam digging licence. The price is still set at \$10 (this licence, combined with the former licence, will make the total cost \$20 — still not enough, the audience agreed).

The committee has asked local governments throughout the coastal regions to recommend beaches that should be classified as recreational shellfish reserves. Of an original list of 29 potential beaches, the committee has shortlisted 13. There are no Salt Spring beaches on the list as yet. Gilbert explained that the Trust was waiting for public input from last week's meeting before forwarding a list of suggested beaches.

The beach at Booth Bay received the most attention, and Gilbert said it would most likely be a top priority for a recreational reserve.

The meeting concluded with a resolution to prohibit commercial clam digging on the whole of Salt Spring. Others wanted to see that boundary extended to include the entire Islands Trust area.

Gilbert said he will pass on the recommendations to the committee, accompanied with a fall-back plan of two or three priority reserve areas.

In the meantime, audience members said something must be done soon before matters become violent.

## Tory MP promises to take islanders' views to Ottawa

Federal Member of Parliament Pat Crofton told last week's meeting on clam digging that he would do "his darndest" to bring about changes that would ease the problems the industry is causing in Salt Spring Island.

Crofton, MP for Esquimalt-Saanich and Tory candidate for the revamped federal riding which includes Salt Spring, told the audience he would relay their messages of concern to Tom Siddon, the federal minister of fisheries and oceans.

After listening to islanders describe the problems posed by the largely unregulated commercial clam digging industry, Crofton added some concerns. He said the commercial diggers travel here from off-island and "are taking — taking selfishly — and putting nothing back into the pot."

Crofton said islanders must voice their objections to elected officials — the blame cannot be

placed on unelected bureaucrats, who must deal with the bureaucratic system. Crofton said the political will must be in place to change the situation.

"And I can assure you," he said, "I'm going to do my darndest to see that the political will is there."

Crofton later told the meeting he would like to see the entire Trust area restricted to recreational clam digging only, except under stringent conditions.

The meeting agreed with Crofton. Most people felt, however, that Native Indians, who have been harvesting the beaches for centuries, should be excluded from such a prohibition.

Crofton encouraged the group to write individual letters to elected representatives (clam digging is under federal jurisdiction), expressing their concerns on the issue. He said mail could be forwarded to him by his cousin — John Crofton — who lives on the island.

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by gary cherneff



Here it comes, direct to you from Portland, Oregon, via the *Driftwood Fax Machine*. "Golly, gee Molly, who talked me into this?" Here I am in one of the Red Lion Inns. The air conditioner in our room sounds like a cross between a six-lane freeway and someone blowing into a milkshake through a straw. The temperature reads 90° F, but me and my honey spent the afternoon in the refrigerated coliseum at a trade show for the horticultural industry.

Art is where you find it, and as we were registering, strange but true, we discovered an artist friend from Vancouver who was doing exactly the same thing. Setsuko Piroche is a Japanese-Canadian artist who, for many years, has used hand-woven yarns and wire to make sculpture.

**Art is where you find it**

Her pieces are sometimes ephemeral, ghostly fantasy figures that perhaps ride a horse or camel, or they may be mysterious precious women enclosed in silk cocoons. There are also lighter-than-air flying machines of metallic see-through mesh, comedies and parodies of man's infatuation with tinker toys and flying. Piroche's paintings are in the same vein and recently she has begun to experiment with a new sculptural relief technique.

Beginning first with clay she organizes her thoughts into the forms and ideas she is seeking. She then applies paper pulp which more or less corresponds to the underlayer but which gradually assumes a life of its own. Once dry, it can be removed from the clay and painted.

Piroche has had many gallery shows in the Vancouver area, including at the Surrey Art Gallery and the Grace Gallery on Granville Island. She has also had significant exhibitions in Japan and is looking forward to another in the new year.

Horticulture is horticulture except when you start talking about landscape design and the related Chinese and Japanese art of Bonzai. Gardens both large and small require the same dedication to understanding composition, form and colour as any work of art. As in painting, we may be creating an illusion or merely making some abstract design as in some formal European gardens. People have been known to construct "ruins" in their gardens to capture an historic place and time.

**Gardens reconstruct natural beauty**

Japanese gardens meticulously reconstruct the natural beauty of forests and streams; a sort of tamed wilderness. They also make gardens out of so many little stones raked into waves and concentric circles. Both become the focus for uncontrived meditation, just as any work of art should.

Although there wasn't much time for exploring in Portland we did spend a Sunday morning in the Nob Hill area (Northwest 23rd Street), which sports a combination of three-storey brick walkups and some wood-frame Victorian or arts and crafts style homes, interspersed with cappucino bars, restaurants and boutiques, third world crafts, imaginative pop culture jewellery and design stores. This area still has a neighbourhood quality which has not yet been overrun by mercantile greed.

If you're heading south this week, be reminded that the Seattle Arts Festival *Bumbershoot* is on at the Seattle Center from September 2 to 5.

**Artcraft**

**Healthy results expected**

As the 1988 version of Artcraft winds to a close, co-ordinators of the annual show and sale of local arts and crafts are predicting another banner season.

"It has been very successful," Kishori Hutchings said last week. "It looks like we'll do as well as last year."

Artcraft, now sponsored by the Community Arts Council (CAC), has been held for 21 summers on Salt Spring. This year, it is scheduled to close on Monday, September 5.

Since its June 10 opening, Artcraft has seen numerous browsers and buyers through its doors. Hutchings says the group has included a good mix of local residents and visitors, with the large majority coming from off-island.

The arts and crafts at the sale represent the works of close to 170 artists from Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands. Many of these artists — who receive 79 per cent of the total price of a work sold — depend on Artcraft for at least part of their income.

The 21 per cent of sales collected by the CAC is returned to the community in the form of grants.

Throughout the show and sale, artists constantly replenish their artwork. Hutchings said it is only now, as the show and sale winds down, that stock is beginning to "dwindle."



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*Female Parts*, described as the "hottest" production at this year's Edmonton Fringe Festival, will appear at Off Centre Stage from Friday, September 2, to Sunday, September 4. Show time each night is 8:30 pm.

Written by Dario Fo and Franca Rame, *Female Parts* stars Anna Barry, an outstanding actress from England. Last year, Barry won best actress and best show awards at the Edmonton festival.

Like *Annie Wobbler*, the sample of the Edmonton Fringe Festival presented by Off Centre Stage last year, *Female Parts* is a one-woman show. It concerns a young wife locked in her apartment and pursued by a peeping Tom, by the outstretched hands of a sometimes-welcome lover, and by a never-welcome brother-in-law.

The production is described as "rude, raucous fun." Advance tickets are available at *et cetera* for \$6. Tickets at the door are \$8. For reservations, call 537-5211.

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book review

by peggy whittaker



It is said that there are many paths to the same truth, and the two books offered for review in today's column are a good example of that adage.

While both of these recent releases from Talonbooks are designed to promote a greater knowledge of B.C.'s Native culture, they go about it in very different ways and target very different reading audiences.

Wayne Suttle's *Coast Salish Essays* is truly the work of a scholar. Sixteen essays span three decades of the author's dedicated study in the field of Northwest Coast cultures, and the result is a compilation of a wealth of data.

However, the work unfortunately stays on a level too academic to be appreciated by the average reader.

While the information contained on such topics as inter-village ties, sea mammal-hunting, the sasquatch and tribal social classes is no doubt fascinating, it is hidden behind a fog of ethnographer's jargon in which, for example, the Natives interviewed are called "informants."

Academic references and footnotes run rife throughout the pages; the first paragraph in the first essay manages to make note of the varying arguments put forward on a topic by five different anthropologists.

**'There are many paths to the same truth.'**

While this is obviously a work of great scholarship, I believe it will be only the most persistent of readers who are able to give the essays the full attention they perhaps deserve.

An exception is Suttles' essay entitled "Spirit Dancing and the Persistence of Native Culture among the Coast Salish." Because this is a personal account of the author's experience at a tribal ceremony, the imagery is much more vivid; the mood is well conveyed to the reader. On the whole, however, I suspect the book will appear more often on university class reading lists than on Christmas gift lists.

As I alluded to at the beginning of this column, however, not everyone will agree with me. Some may find that this book captures their interest in Native cultures in a way that the next book doesn't.

*The Chilliwacks and their Neighbors* is a compilation of the taped interviews and notes of the Chilliwack pioneer Oliver N. Wells, put together in book form by his daughter and Native Studies scholars after Wells' untimely death.

The large paperback is full of photographs, local legends told in the words of Wells' Native friends, his interviews with tribal elders and Wells' brief background of the historical geography of the Chilliwack area and notes on the Native language.

**'His enthusiasm proved infectious.'**

It becomes obvious that Wells took a genuine delight in learning everything he could about local Native culture, and according to those who knew him he was constantly encouraging Indians he knew to teach their legends and art techniques to their children so this knowledge would not die out.

His enthusiasm proved infectious. In a warm and vibrant manner, Wells, a farmer, took Natives out of the pages of history books and federal government reports and brings their culture alive for readers who now have access to his work.

When Wells died in 1970 following a car crash in Scotland, he was mourned by both the Native and non-Native communities around Chilliwack. The Natives of the district held a great feast to mark his passing, and in tribute Chief Richard Malloway noted that Wells had been the only white man to be invited to certain spiritual dances held throughout the year by the Natives.

If there can be any purpose to Wells' tragic death, perhaps it was to forestall the writing of his book. A footnote by his daughter mentions that he had planned to compile the works of several noted scholars in his volume, and that "modesty would have prevented him from including much of his own researches."

Now, however, due to the sensitive editing of daughter Marie Weeden, Ralph Maud and Brent Galloway, Wells' work can be given the full recognition that he might not have allowed it, and benefit those who might otherwise have never seen it.

# Comics headed 'south'

A troupe of Ganges comics will venture south of Salt Spring's "Marvin-Texan Line" this weekend for their first-ever show at the island's southern extremity.

The Salt Spring Hysterical Society has scheduled a Saturday, September 3, appearance at the Beaver Point Hall. Show time is 8 pm, and tickets are available at Rodrigo's and at Patterson's Store.

"It's no big deal," says society spokesman Arvid Chalmers. "Actually, three of our members — Shilo Zylbergold, James Wilkinson and Reid Collins — are south-enders anyway. It's not like we'll be in a foreign country."

The show will mostly reprise the society's sold-out comedy double-date held at Off Centre Stage in Ganges on August 19 and 20. Other performers will include Mike Hayes, Anne Lyon, Sid Filkow and Keith MacHattie.

In recent months the troupe has played Galiano, Gabriola, Rodrigo's and Saturna. "Beaver Point has always been at the top of our list," Chalmers said. "We want to visit all the islands."



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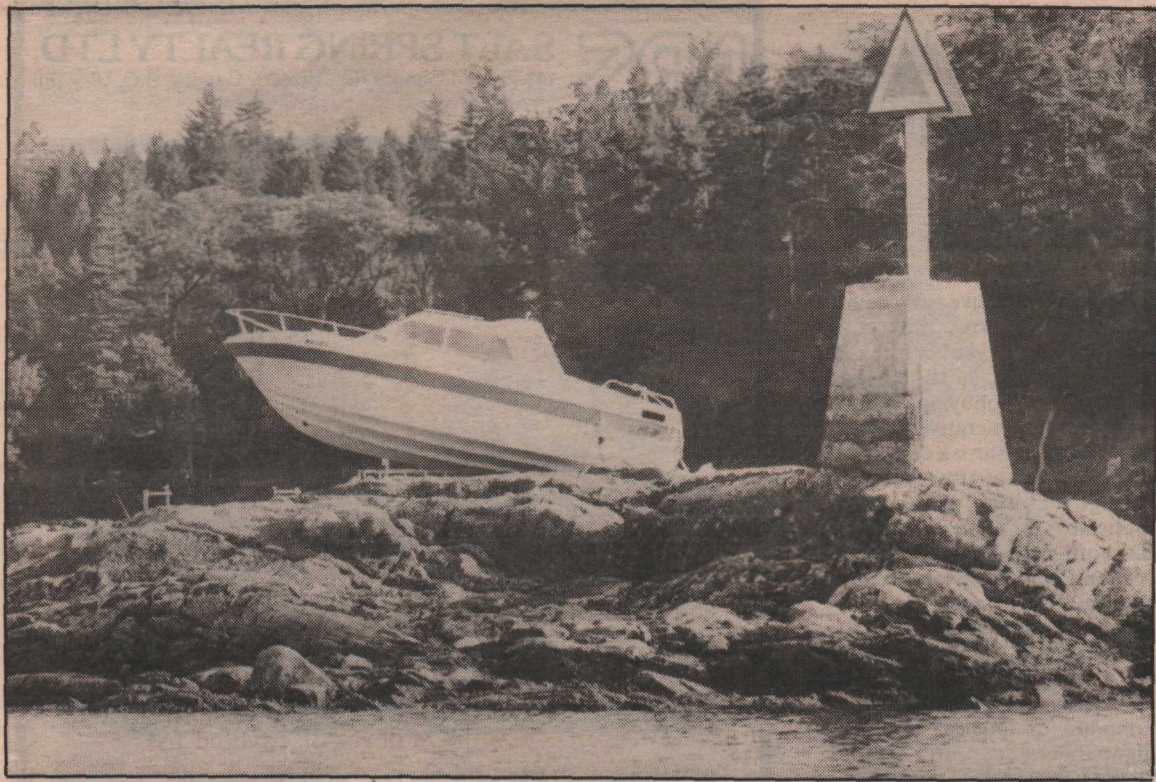
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## Tourism operators seek greater input into policy development

An Islands Trust questionnaire drafted to help prepare for development of a position paper on tourism has drawn objections from the Approved Accommodation Association of Salt Spring.

Association president Rosemary Boehringer has written to the Trust to express her group's concern with the way the government body is preparing its position paper. Her group feels the Trust questionnaire is suspect because it contains "ambiguous, biased and leading" questions and was developed without consultation with the Advisory Planning Association, the Chamber of Commerce or tourism industry representatives.

"The Islands Trust seems to act as if they are the only ones concerned about the future of the Gulf Islands, and the only ones qualified to make decisions without consultation," Boehringer's letter says.

The tourism association's letter calls for development of another questionnaire, drafted by an independent body, and a separate position paper on tourism that deals with the unique factors of Salt Spring Island as opposed to the entire Trust area.

The letter adds: "We would suggest that in the approach to the future of tourism and the preservation of the Gulf Islands, the Trust start a policy of consultation and prudent planning, with a goal to completely reviewing the official community plan of Salt Spring Island and the develop-

ment of a comprehensive strategy paper on tourism that is realistic and reflects both the present and future needs of the tourists and islanders alike."

Meanwhile, Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said Friday he believes the tourism association has "misconstrued" the intent of the questionnaire. It was developed for internal use only, he said, in order to sample the opinions of trustees for a preliminary position paper that would later provide the basis for consultation with tourism industry representatives.

"We would like to produce a document, a direction, that everyone feels is acceptable — but it hasn't been started yet, it hasn't been written," Gilbert said of the preliminary position paper.

Tourism policy was to have been discussed at the Trust's September council meeting on Gambier Island, but trustee response to the questionnaire has been slight, Gilbert said. With the December council meeting set aside as a familiarization session for the new slate of trustees elected this November, the draft position paper itself will probably not be ready for perusal before next March.

The Trust questionnaire was presented publicly at an early-August meeting on Galiano Island with Trust officials and representatives from tourism associations on the various Gulf Islands. Also in attendance was Peter Maundrell from the provincial tourism

ministry, who outlined ways his agency could help the industry.

Following that meeting, representatives of tourism associations on each of the Gulf Islands filed a letter with the Trust asking that its members "be present where the Islands Trust discusses and reaches decisions concerning the future of tourism in the Gulf Islands."

The letter said that while many of the tourism industry concerns voiced by the Trust are shared by tourism operators, "it is felt that care should be exercised in approaching these concerns . . . it is our feeling that because of the stakes all of us have in the islands and our businesses, we should be allowed to contribute to decisions relating to tourism which the Islands Trust makes and which could and probably will influence our lives and futures."

The Trust's move to draft a position paper on tourism arose earlier this year when a Trust council meeting discussed the relative benefits and drawbacks posed by the industry, particularly as it affects preservation and protection of natural island amenities.



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**Despite treaties, assurances**

# Questions continue about chemical, biological arms

By PETER PENTZ

Victoria residents recently objected to "deadly germ research" at the University of Victoria despite the prospect that it would earn "hundreds of thousands of dollars in U.S. military funding." Only one research biologist was said to be involved, and public concern seemed limited to local harm from accidental escape.

In Alberta many organizations and some politicians are protesting at the largely secret work of DRES, the Defence Research Establishment at Suffield, near Medicine Hat. Preparation and testing of chemical warfare agents has been going on there since the 1940s, and work on biological weapons ("germ warfare,") from the 1970s, in both cases largely for the U.S. and the U.K.

Are the protests justified? Apart from the risk, probably fairly slight, that the poisons or diseases being tested might escape from DRES and harm neighbouring Albertans, is there any rational basis for the feeling most of us share: that poison gases and germ warfare are somehow worse than other ways of mutilating and killing our "enemies?" We are horrified by the pictures of young soldiers blistered by mustard gas in the Iraq-Iran war. Are they really more to be pitied than the other soldiers and civilians shredded by the "conventional" weapons of that futile conflict?

Through the long history of man's climb from savagery, every major advance in killing-efficiency has been condemned as unfair, a foul in the game of war. But the "improved" weapons always got into the arsenals, provided they actually worked. Is the general loathing of chemical and biological weapons just traditional conservatism?

Chemical warfare in the form of chlorine, phosgene and mustard gases killed and injured a million people in the 1914-18 war. Forty nations signed the Geneva Protocol in 1925, banning first use of chemical and biological warfare. But research, development and stock-piling continued.

**'Chemical warfare killed and injured a million people in the 1914-18 war.'**

By the end of the Second World War Germany had produced 250,000 tonnes of nerve gas (unused), which the U.S., the USSR and the U.K. confiscated together with the technology.

The British experimented with anthrax spores (Gruinard Island off the northwest coast of Scotland is still contaminated); the Japanese experimented on Chinese and American POWs, infecting them with anthrax, plague and cholera. Soviet efforts to have them tried for war crimes were blocked by the

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U.S., which had the Japanese researchers sent to the U.S. chemical-biological warfare centre at Fort Detrick, Maryland.

Porton Down, the British equivalent of Canada's Suffield, came up with a new generation of nerve gases, a new tear gas, and the defoliant they used in Malaya in the 1950s. The anti-war movement created by the invasion of Vietnam led to the 1972 Convention to cease research and development on all biological (but *not* chemical) weapons, and to destroy all stocks. Porton Down stopped work on biological weapons. If Suffield has

**'Our federal authorities refuse to give details of what goes on at Suffield.'**

replaced it, Canada is breaking the 1972 Convention, unless it can prove that the offensive agents are being produced only on a small scale for *defensive* studies. Our federal authorities refuse to give details of what goes on at Suffield, using the well-worn excuse of "national security."

U.S. Department of Defense plans for 1987 included \$150 million on chemical and biological warfare including use of genetic engineering which accounts for nearly half the contracts placed with universities and other research institutions. The excuse offered for some of this is that the object is to provide protection (for the military) against chemical and biological agents an enemy might use against them. To that supposed enemy, of course, the secret protective system is a threat: those possessing it can attack with impunity. The excuse is as flawed as is SDI, for the same reasons.

Despite unproven claims made to secure funds for biological warfare research, there is no evidence that it has yet been used. Most military experts regard it as impractical, unreliable and uncontrollable. Chemical weapons, however, are being actively promoted. Since 1918 the big industrial powers that make them have seen fit to use them only against peasants or Third World opponents; but NATO agreed in 1986 to U.S. plans for including new chemical weapons in its war-fighting strategy.

The U.S. stores some 30,000 tonnes, and in December 1987 started making the new "binary" nerve gases that are safer in storage and so more practical. At that time the USSR admitted to having 50,000 tonnes of chemical agents, but had stopped production and begun destruction with international inspection. Negotiations

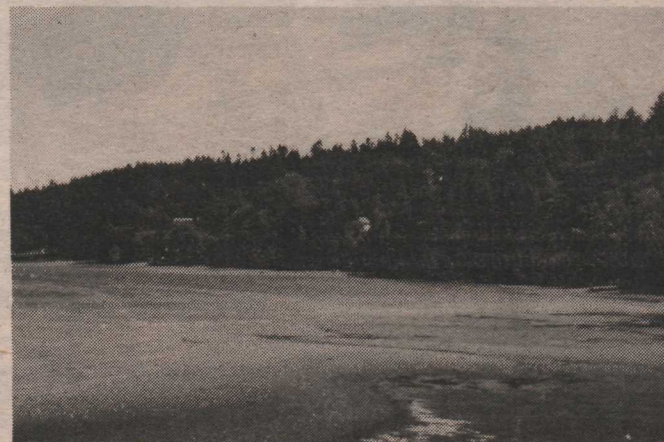
in Geneva to achieve real chemical disarmament now look more hopeful than ever before; but powerful forces in the chemical industry are lobbying hard to maintain the lucrative cost-plus contracts that keep them profitable and the arms race active. Enough public pressure on politicians in power can ensure that both chemical and biological weapons are effectively excluded from military arsenals.

But is it not time we faced up to the question — why ban chemical and biological warfare weapons but keep spending a million dollars a minute on nuclear and other "proper" ways of blasting, burning, poisoning and starving billions of women and children (and incidentally some men in military uniform)? Should we not learn the whole lesson, not just part of it? Is the human species clever enough to split atoms and juggle genes, but too stupid to realise it can no longer afford to play games of war?

Eliminate these weapons, by all means, and the sooner the better; but complete the job by taking all the other life-threatening toys from the boys — the boffins in the back rooms, the analysts in the think-tanks and the lads in the barracks. If we cannot soon replace offensive weapons of all kinds by systems of genuine, non-provocative defence, and establish the rule of law and justice for all, our species will neither deserve, nor be able, to survive.

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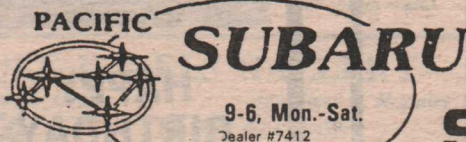
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## Recreation programs enjoy 'summer of strong support'

The 1988 Summer Discovery Day Camp showed an increase of 114 participants over last year's program, according to Sandi Geiger, Salt Spring's recreational program director.

The day camp, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Commission, drew 185 "drop-ins" and 95 weekly registrants. The program wrapped up its summer schedule last Friday.

Geiger said highlights of the day camp included the carnival day, Christmas in July, fishing at Fernwood Beach, the sand castle competition, the Olympic games and a tour of the Harkema farm.

Salt Spring Islander Leah Kitchen directed the day camp, and a

number of locals contributed to its success, Geiger said: Mrs. Cudmore provided recruiting support in Fulford, Mrs. Hazenboom donated her home for baking and a barbecue, and the Harkemas gave campers a guided tour of their farm.

In other recreational summaries, a total of 15 tennis classes were held from May through August.

The beginner, intermediate and advanced classes were held at Portlock and Fulford parks.

The recreation program's Tumble Time for pre-school children proved highly successful.

Throughout July and August some 26 children tumbled, jum-

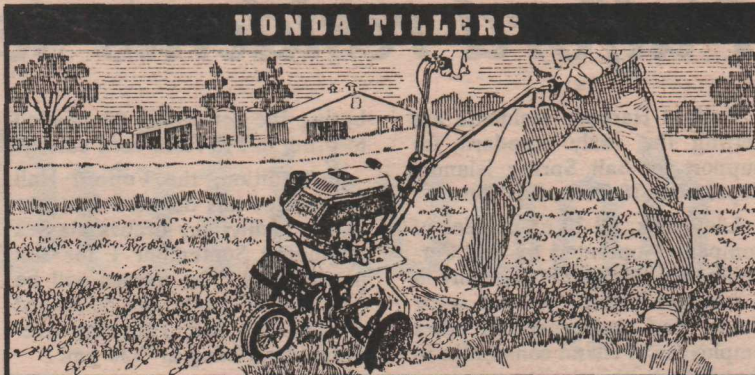
ped, climbed and sang their way through the program.

The Red Cross babysitting course was another popular event this summer.

Fifteen youths attended the two-day workshop, which was instructed by Yvonne Fee. The group discussed child care, first aid, child behaviours, and had a bath and diaper demonstration with two babies. Participants were tested in each area.

Some 200 individuals participated in the aquatic program this summer.

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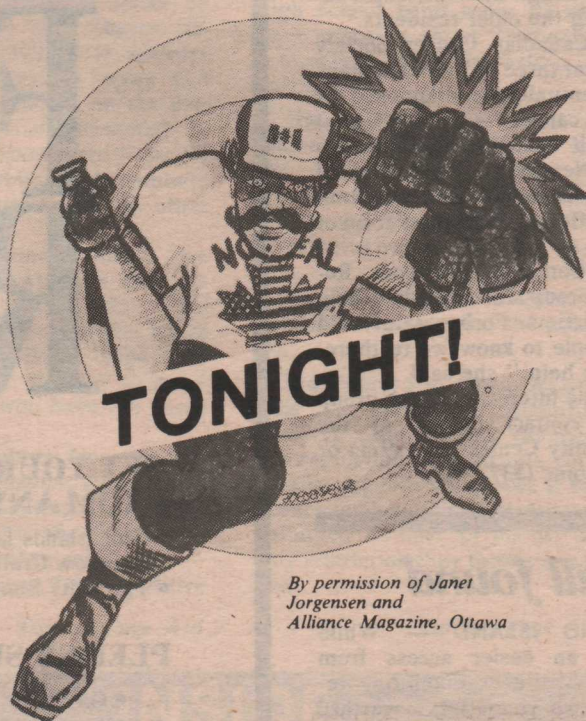


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# Fulford residents set Fox Run support pace

Fulford Harbour residents are setting the early standard for support for Salt Spring Island's September 18 Terry Fox Run.

Last week, all 20 employees of companies operated by Pat Corneille each pledged \$10 or more to a run participant. At the same time, they challenged all other employees of island companies to match their generosity.

Corneille, who operates Salt Spring Log Sort, Cowichan Marine and the Fulford Marina, earlier pledged \$100 towards the run.

Also in Fulford, Patterson's Store has marked down the purchase price of tee-shirts being sold in support of the run. The *Catch The Dream* tee-shirts are being sold for \$12, and store owner Bruce Patterson is contri-

buted the remaining \$3 needed to bring in \$15 from each sale.

In addition, the Fulford Hall Committee has donated free use of the facility for fitness classes beginning September 1 for run participants. The classes will be held free of charge and be staged on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, beginning at 7:30 pm.

(At the north end of the island, free fitness classes for run participants are held each Monday and Wednesday at Portlock Park, beginning at 6 pm.)

The show of support from Fulford Harbour was welcomed last week by local Terry Fox Run co-ordinator Damaris Rumsby, who pointed out that the 1987 version of the event saw only three Fulford residents included in the field of 123 run entrants.

Rumsby is also pleased with the support shown elsewhere on the island. She noted that local businesses are selling *Catch The Dream* tee-shirts and distributing pledge sheets, that the Ganges Village Market has contributed refreshments for the day of the run, and that local police and ambulance attendants have agreed to assist during the run.

The Terry Fox Run, sponsored by *Driftwood*, aims to raise \$10,000 for cancer research from Salt Spring residents. Last year, the event contributed almost \$6,000 to the \$350,000 raised in B.C. — a total that made Salt Spring one of the most generous communities, per capita, in B.C.

Last week, Rumsby appeared at the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club meeting to enlist the support

of its members. Also in attendance was island resident Peter McAllister, administrator of the Victoria Cancer Clinic, who delivered a talk and slide show concerning that facility. At the close of the meeting, Rumsby said, she collected pledges of financial support for the run.

However, the co-ordinator noted that the run is in need of volunteers to help on September 18. People interested in assisting with registrations, tee-shirt sales and distribution of refreshments should contact Rumsby at 537-9933 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Mondays to Fridays.

Rumsby is also hoping to hear from organizations wishing to stage other events that would raise funds for cancer research. She noted that the Vesuvius Inn is holding a horseshoe pitch tourna-

ment on Saturday, September 3, with registration fees being directed to the fund.

"I want to stress the fact that this isn't just a run," she said. "It's an annual fund-raising event, and people can participate in any way they wish — through a car wash or a tournament or whatever. Contact me for information."

The importance of fund-raising can be found in figures which show that Terry Fox Runs held across Canada each year contribute 20 per cent of the money used to finance cancer research projects, Rumsby said. To date, the original *Marathon of Hope* launched by Terry Fox and the seven runs held in his name have contributed \$67 million to the cause.

## New group aids people with cancer

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attitude is very important," she said. "Denial doesn't help; that's when negativity sets in."

Meetings, held once each month in the home of a member, are open to people with cancer or their spouses. Confidentiality is assured, Forbes stressed.

The group has been in contact with various cancer clinics, with the medical profession and with the Canadian Cancer Society. From those individuals and agencies, it hopes to receive support and referrals.

On average, the group is helping about 20 local cancer victims at any one time. Forbes said that while the group has no idea of the total number of local residents suffering from some form of cancer, "we keep hearing that it's a high number, especially among the older residents."

The Canadian Cancer Society notes that three in five Canadians will eventually be diagnosed as having cancer — a total that makes it society's number two killer. Next year, an estimated 300,000 Canadians will be found to be suffering from some form of cancer.

The Community Cancer Research Group stands ready to help those victims, Forbes said. "I'd like people to know we're there, ready to help," she said.

Anyone interested in the group should contact Forbes at the Community Centre (537-9971) or at her home (537-2768).

## Skull found

GALIANO ISLAND — While cutting an easier access from their campsite at Coon Bay recently, two youngsters unearthed pieces of a human skull.

The skull fragments were found along the sandy bank on the west side of the lagoon at the bay. The site of the find is about 60 feet south of a similar discovery made last year.

In June, 1987, two students from Simon Fraser University found two skeletons protruding from the constantly-eroding bank. The bones were excavated, sent to a Lower Mainland laboratory for dating, and later believed to be about 300 years old.

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