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Mindset

Fulford Elementary School hosted a Recycling Fair Friday, which included a display of items made from reusable materials and a trip to the imagination market set up in the gymnasium, where students were inspired

to create usable items from reusable materials provided to them. A concerted effort was required to produce this three-storey rocket ship created by Matt Byron (left), Eric Byron and Nathan Fraser.

Woodlands association to review its direction

The future of the Gulf Islands Woodlands Association will be determined at an October 17 general meeting.

Outgoing president Ken Renaud, who doubles as vice-president of the Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations, said last week the meeting will elect a new executive and discuss a number of concepts and issues that could determine the group's future direction.

The October 17 meeting will be held at 7:30 pm in the band room of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Among issues to be discussed is the current difficulties faced by islanders trying to gain woodlot status for their lands, Renaud said. The B.C. Assessment Authority has turned down at least three local applications for woodlot status, he said, ruling in two of those cases that the properties were in the Agricultural Land Reserve and could not be "rolled over" into a different land category.

A related problem, Renaud said, is that the 20-acre densities in place on most suitable Salt Spring properties is prompting the Assessment Authority to rule that the highest and best use of those lands is for residential development, not for growing trees.

"The 20-acre zoning on Gulf Islands forestlands has created market values and land taxes that decimate the economic value of holding and managing forest land, in favour of large-lot, minimal-service subdivision," he said.

Renaud pointed out that recent federal and provincial government surveys have found that over half of the prime forestland in B.C. is in private hands. Those lands grow the best trees, are easily accessible and close to markets. "The rest is in the hinterland," he said, noting the potential for private landowners

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Hopefuls outline election planks

Fairness, democracy, and continued initiatives are among the phrases candidates for the riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands will be expounding as they race for a seat in the November 21 federal election.

Each of the three candidates named to date — Conservative hopeful Pat Crofton, NDP candidate Lynn Hunter and the Reform Party's Bob Slavik (the Liberal Party nominated its candidate October 11 as *Driftwood* went to press) — have set their campaigns in motion.

While the candidates have set no definite dates for Salt Spring Island visits, each intends to travel through the Gulf Islands frequently in the six weeks leading up to election day.

Crofton, who has gone through several election campaigns and held the now-defunct Esquimalt-Saanich seat in the most recent

session of the House of Commons, says his campaign team is still in the process of setting up offices and "harnessing the work force."

He said his "continued initiatives" campaign will focus on a three-pronged message: the accomplishments and initiatives made by the Tory government over the past four years; Crofton's personal contributions as an MP; and the mandate of the Conservative government.

As far as the continued initiatives go, he said, the public can opt for or against the Tory defence program, the free trade deal between Canada and the United States, and its child care package.

New Democrat Lynn Hunter said she will also make the Tory record a part of her campaign. Door-to-door canvassing, she

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Insert included

Included with today's edition of *Driftwood* are donor cards and envelopes for the United Way fund-raising campaign on Salt Spring Island.

The inserted material lets recipients choose their payment method—i.e., cheque, VISA or Master Card, or automatic bank account withdrawal.

The Salt Spring Island Community Society is a member of the United Way and will receive financial support from the current campaign.

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Mining meeting format draws public objections

A group of Salt Spring residents is objecting to the format of a workshop set for this Saturday between Falconbridge Minerals Ltd. and representatives of community groups.

The group has sent a telegram to Falconbridge protesting the closed nature of the meeting, which has been called by the company to gather public concerns about its mineral exploration program near Fulford Harbour.

In a notice to 20 participants invited to the workshop, Falconbridge said that in order to foster "free and frank" discussion of its proposals, the media and the public will not be permitted to attend.

Objections to the meeting's format first surfaced in Fulford Harbour. Kathy Scarfo, one of two Fulford-area residents invited to attend the workshop (the other is Jim Fogarty), said last week that notice of the closed nature of the workshop prompted a Thursday night meeting that resulted in

the drafting of the telegram to Falconbridge.

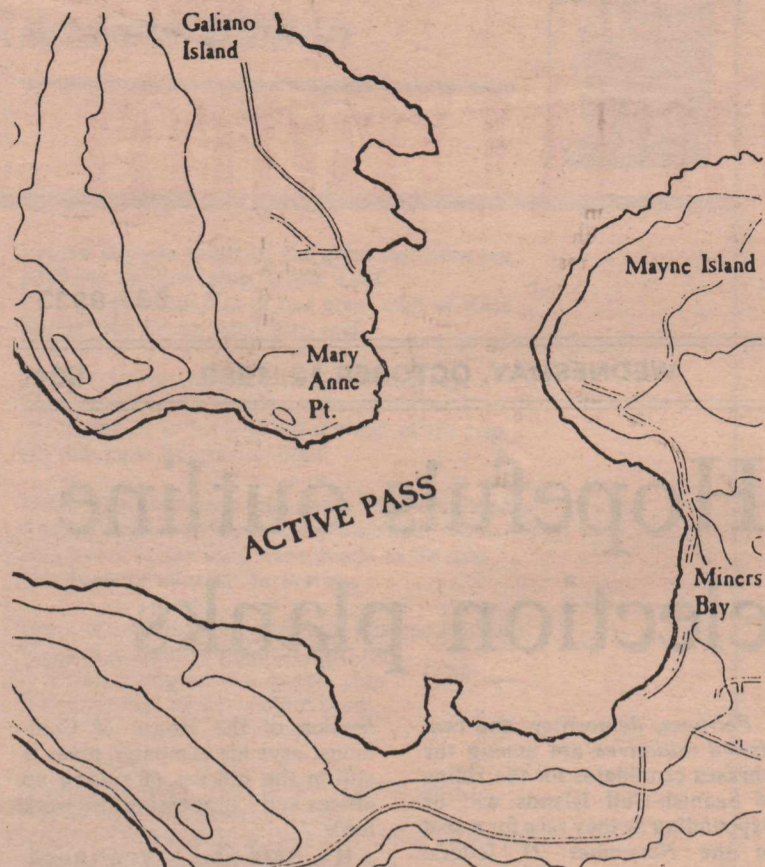
Scarfo said the meeting format has drawn objections from both the people who were invited and those who have been excluded. She indicated there is concern that an unfair burden of representation will be placed on those invited to attend, and that full public disclosure of the mining company's position will not be possible if press coverage is not permitted.

A telegram signed by the people invited to the workshop, asking that the session be opened to press and public, was to be sent to Falconbridge earlier this week.

Falconbridge representative Richard Moore said Tuesday he had not received the telegram and was in no position to comment on the request.

Moore noted that Falconbridge intends to hold two full public meetings following this Saturday's session. Open houses are

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Cries were heard off Mary Anne Pt.

RCMP describe owner of car abandoned on boat

Man may have fallen overboard in Active Pass

RCMP last week identified a man whose vehicle was found abandoned on a B.C. Ferries vessel and who may have fallen overboard in Active Pass.

Maurice Gardiner, 61, of New Westminster is the registered owner of a 1983 Nissan Centra found aboard the *Queen of Vancouver* when it docked at Swartz Bay at about 9 pm on Saturday, October 1.

Before Gardiner's vehicle was discovered on the ferry, residents of Mayne Island reported hearing a male voice calling for help from the vicinity of Galiano's Mary Anne Point. Those calls were heard at about 8:15 pm; the *Queen of Vancouver* would have passed the point at about 7:50 pm.

When the calls were heard, two Coast Guard cutters were dispatched to the scene. They were assisted by members of the Galiano Island Search and Rescue group, a Canadian Armed Forces helicopter and, later, by an RCMP helicopter. Nothing was found.

Police say it is not safe to assume the calls for help came from Gardiner just because he is the registered owner of the vehicle found abandoned on the *Queen of Vancouver*.

Attempts by police to locate Gardiner have failed. RCMP are now asking for the help of the public in trying to find the man, particularly from anyone who may

have seen him aboard the *Queen of Vancouver* when it sailed from Tsawwassen for Swartz Bay at 7 pm on October 1.

Gardiner is described as a large man standing six feet, four inches tall and weighing 286 pounds. He has blue eyes and short white hair — which may have been coloured blonde or light brown — wears glasses and dresses neatly. Police say it is possible Gardiner was ill and somewhat disoriented.

Gardiner may have been using the name Morris Gordon.

Anyone who may have seen Gardiner aboard the *Queen of Vancouver* is asked to contact the Ganges RCMP detachment at 537-5555.

Increased assessed values return lands to 1983 levels

By FRANK RICHARDS

Property values in the islands are harking back to their 1983 levels.

With recent increases in assessments ranging from 10 per cent to 25 per cent or more, many properties are now assessed at about the same taxable value as they were before the big slump in values five years ago.

It was in 1983 that property owners all over the province found themselves with depressed home values and high-flying assessed values. Courts of revision were swamped with appeals.

Last week, the new assessment notices were circulated and many property owners were surprised

to discover that their homes have gained thousands of dollars in value in the past 12 months.

The increase does not necessarily presage a sharp rise in taxes this year, although properties facing the higher increases will likely be hit the hardest.

In cases of a fixed levy, such as the Salt Spring Island recreation program, the tax will increase this year. In the case of other agencies, such as the Gulf Islands school district or the Capital Regional District, the only factor contributing to an increase in taxes is the budget established by the agency itself. If those boards do not increase their costs this year, then the increased assess-

ment would be balanced by a decreased tax rate.

The taxes levied in any area are the funds sought by every agency to conduct its public business during the ensuing year. Where demands remain constant, an increased assessment is balanced by a reduced tax rate.

Whether or not the various agencies collecting money from island property owners are to see more or less funds for 1989 has not yet been established. The spring budget will indicate the trend.

Owners of waterfront properties have reported the higher valuation hikes. Most owners of island property face an increase of more modest proportions.

Park labour plan explored

A meeting with the John Howard Society may result in free labour for the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The John Howard Society, which functions as a link between the courts and community work projects, may soon have someone assigned to work through the commission on Salt Spring.

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Request for open workshop made to minerals company

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set for November 1 at Mahon Hall in Ganges, from 2 pm to 9 pm, and for November 2 at the Fulford Community Hall, from 2 pm to 9 pm.

Moore said this Saturday's session is intended as an information-gathering session for the company. "It's for us to listen, to see if we can answer all concerns, and then to dig up the background information that will (later) help us respond better to those concerns," he said.

However, Scarfo said she feels that anything said at the Saturday meeting would be "free and frank" with or without press or public present, and that islanders and Falconbridge should be prepared to say in public what the company has indicated will be kept in private. "If it's worth saying, it should be said in the open," Scarfo said.

The Beaver Point resident stressed that Falconbridge is not

obligated by any law to hold an open forum with islanders. The fact that the company is willing to discuss its proposals with Salt Spring residents is commendable, she said, "but there are certain ways to do it, and it's up to us to register our disapproval if we don't agree with the way it's being done."

Falconbridge owns mineral exploration rights in the southwest corner of Salt Spring. It has done sampling and mapping work on the claim in preparation, it says, for a decision on the viability of resource extraction.

When sampling and mapping work was underway earlier this year, a consultant hired by the company visited Salt Spring to meet with community leaders and assess public reaction to Falconbridge's presence on the island. From those meetings came a company promise to consult with the community before deciding its long-range plans.

Meanwhile, a public meeting on the mining issue has been scheduled for this Friday night at the Beaver Point Hall, beginning at 7:30 pm. The meeting, called to allow an exchange of information about company plans and an airing of views, will proceed whether or not Falconbridge decides to open Saturday's meeting to the public.

The Saturday meeting will take place at the Harbour House Hotel. It is billed by Falconbridge as an opportunity for the public to review the company's exploration program, and to work towards the resolution of any concerns arising from the program.

Scarfo urged the public to attend the Friday session. Although Falconbridge's mineral claims are in the Fulford area, "this is not a north-south issue — it's an issue that affects all of Salt Spring," she said.

to be frank

by richards



Cheaper every day!

It was a good time to buy a car. Friend of mine was looking around and tried out a new car. Price was \$18,900. He drove into another dealer and priced the same car. He could have it for \$16,200, he learned. That was a saving of \$2,700.

He didn't commit himself, but he called the first dealer and told him of the newer offer.

"We can meet it," he was told. And they did!

Clean hair

I'm still searching for shampoo. It's a legacy from Women's Lib, who insisted that I should wash my hair in shampoo and not soap. It was less damaging to the hair, she explained.

Mind you, if I'd done that and taken her advice before I met her, when I was in the Royal Air Force, I can imagine the friendly look on the warrant officer's face when I explained I had to have shampoo for my hair.

But after long years of reasonably harmonious marriage I use shampoo. It used to be so easy. Barbara would buy it and I would use it. Then I was left on my own and I used up what was in the house. Last week I ran short. I valiantly used soap and I could see her face, pouting because I was ignoring her advice. So I had to buy some. That is one chore and a half!

You look at the shelves. There are hundreds of different types. Nearly 50 years ago I was in the manufacturing business and we made a shampoo of detergent, lanolin, perfume and something else. But today!

First bottle was part of a program of attack on dandruff. Ever since my great-grandfather died of dandruff we have avoided the stuff as a family pact. The white things that jump out of my hair usually crawl away, in any case. So I didn't need dandruff!

Another had extra body. I find the one I've got is playing up badly at times. What would I want with another body? Besides, that would be two heads to wash; so I set that aside quickly.

Then there was the 14-hour hold. Never was a half-nelson fan and I couldn't spare 14 hours just to hold my hair, so I looked again.

Now, what about conditioner? Do I need it. Then there's another question. Will it re-condition the condition of hair I already have or will it turn out to be a totally different condition when I've finished and how will I know whether I like my new condition better than I liked the old one?

I nearly quit at this point. It's easier with soap: and then I remembered that sad, neglected look on my late wife's face and I persevered.

I was offered a shampoo for thin limp hair but how could I tell whether my hair is thin and limp or fat and active? It scared me off.

Then I found the label that settled everything. It think it's flavoured with garlic, but I skipped the bush when I read the clincher: "900 ml. \$2.29." The price, at least, and at last, was right!

MP's office to be open for duration of election

Although he has decided against seeking re-election by Gulf Islands voters, MP Jim Manly will remain active in the riding until the current federal campaign ends with the November 21 vote.

Manly said last week his two offices in the riding will remain open during the campaign, to handle enquiries and cases for constituents, and that he is still available to represent those constituents in their dealings with the federal government.

A spokesman at Manly's constituency office in Duncan said Friday the only restriction placed on the retiring MP is that his free mailing privileges have been suspended.

Manly's offices are in Duncan (746-4721) and View Royal (474-1321).

The MP, a United Church minister who served Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands for eight years, decided against seeking another term in Ottawa after boundary redistribution combined portions of the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands and Esquimalt-Saanich to form the new federal riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands.

Tory Pat Crofton, MP for Esquimalt-Saanich in the last session of the House, was nominated by his party to seek election in Saanich-Gulf Islands.

Police seize large quantity of marijuana

For the second time in less than two weeks, local RCMP have confiscated a large amount of marijuana from an island property.

Last week, police used a search warrant to enter the property of a Cusheon Lake resident, where they seized 60 pounds of marijuana growing in a nearby field.

Sgt. Larry Wendel of the Salt Spring detachment said the seized drugs have an estimated street value of \$47,000 and that charges are pending against the property owner under the Narcotics Control Act.

No other details were released by RCMP.

Confiscation of the 60 pounds of marijuana came days after local police seized 13 pounds of pot worth an estimated \$30,000 from a Ganges residence. Ten plants were found in a greenhouse, and seven others were being dried.

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Firmer controls a laudable goal

The difficulties local moving company operator Bob McCully faces in trying to secure commercially zoned property for a mini-storage outlet is one more pressing argument in favour of better-defined land-use rules on Salt Spring Island.

As noted in last week's *Driftwood*, McCully purchased rural property he believed would be appropriate for a storage outlet and applied to have the parcel rezoned for commercial use, only to face objections from an Advisory Planning Commission (APC) concerned about the long-term ramifications.

The heart of the problem and the rationale behind the decision, APC chairman Ian Fraser says, is a need to decide beforehand where light-industrial or commercial lands should be located, instead of allowing the patchwork rezonings of individual properties that would cause a blurring of the lines between residential and commercial areas.

All well and good, but Fraser, who stressed he was speaking as a private citizen and not in his capacity as APC chairman, wins points by going one step further: he argues that designation of appropriate parcels must be accompanied by stringent interpretation and enforcement of zoning bylaws if there is to be any hope of discouraging the continued receipt of rezoning applications for here, there and everywhere.

The point we read into that is that real or apparent inconsistencies in the current approval process have created a land-use free-for-all that can only be halted by deciding some sort of order. Since shades of grey mean no one really knows what will or won't be accepted in any area of the island, people are liable to try just about anything. Once one rule is bent, the lack of clear definition prompts attempts to bend others.

Designation of appropriate areas, coupled with hard and fast rules interpreted and enforced in a



consistent manner, can only help. The APC and the Islands Trust appear to have recognized the root of the problem and are attempting to take corrective action. The question now is how much more time passes before steps are taken.

If a regulatory resolution is stalled, or even if the public denies the pressing need for commercial and light industrial properties outside the core area, the problem can only become more pronounced.

At worst, given no legal place to go, commercial and light-industrial users responding to the local marketplace will create demand for hidden, non-conforming parcels they can use. At best, the patchwork approach towards rezoning requests—the one where rules don't count—will continue.

Either way, the distinction between residential and other uses will vanish unless the Trust and APC follow their recognition of the problem towards a solution.

Wanted: one older boat, preferably derelict


My yard is shaping up. In the front, a half-hearted attempt at a rockery is improved somewhat by a concrete penguin, a beaver pelt nailed up in the background, and a traditional plastic flamingo. The scene is completed by an old stump used for a planter and a hollow round of wood spiked to a post.

Things are improving out back, where the garden has been a tangle of stick, string and assorted plant remnants ever since the night the clothesline snapped. Its bohemian look is now balanced nicely by the old derelict vehicle gently nestled under the branches of an aged maple tree.

On the far side of the house, there's work to be done. Except for two sawhorses, an old golf cart, rounds of wood, an empty

my word

by duncan macdonnell



cardboard box or two, and some odds and ends from what might have once been a weedeater, it looks kind of bare.

I like yards with character. It gives the pups plenty of choice for places to sniff about and play under, and it offers some interesting contrasts to the pastoral view of the land lying beyond the boundary posts. Best of all, the

sky is the limit: you can truck home just about anything you want and it won't look out of place no matter where it's stashed.

Or so I used to think. As much as the yard is shaping up, something essential is missing. The last few items trotted around to various spots in the near or far quarter have been, well, a tad disappointing when checked against the rest. The rhythm of

the yard is being disturbed for lack of a cornerstone.

The yard needs a boat. Not an honest-to-goodness real-life boat able to float in the water. If I had a boat like that, it would be in the water, where it belongs. No — I need a yard boat, one that will never know the meaning of the word buoyancy, and more to the point, always be waiting for one more touch-up job.

A yard boat would bring a sense of balance to all of the other things stacked around the property, and a sense of unity. Everything, from the sawhorses to the weedeater nuts and bolts, would instantly look like a boat part waiting only for its function to be defined. And I'd be too busy defining those parts and looking for their homes to spend any time

or effort cleaning up the yard. Heaven.

But it's the aesthetics I'm most concerned with. A yard boat is an underground rite of local residency, one of those points of ownership that has to be passed before you can feel like you really live here. I've got the derelict car, the splitting maul stuck in a stump and the deer-proof netting near the garden: now's the time to go for the boat.

Only one problem, though. I checked and found yard boats are being hoarded this year. It's a seller's market, and people are apparently lined up with money in hand to pick up their copies of Salt Spring's version of a lawn ornament. A fellow might have to break down and buy one out of the water . . .

Hidden burden

Sir,
Purchasers of land which has been logged recently may find their future tax assessments shockingly higher than they expected. At a recent woodlot technology conference in Courtenay, a representative of the B.C. Assessment Authority explained that new owners are responsible for the tax on cut timber values which have been harvested by previous owners. This situation results from the combination of two conditions.

To understand these conditions, one needs to realize that since January 1, 1987, the value of land is determined by two factors:

- its value as if it was bare land without trees; and
- the cut timber value based on the preceding year harvest.

Other factors such as geographic location, species of timber, topography, access to mill or log dump, and soil quality can further slide the assessment up or down the scale.

The two conditions mentioned above are namely:

- there is a two-year lag time between the harvest of the timber and the levy of the taxes against the land; and

If the land changes ownership during the two-year lag, the new owner assumes the financial burden of the taxes assessed by the timber harvest of the previous owner.

A possible scenario which will better illustrate the above situation reads as follows:

Suppose a developer purchases a piece of land and proceeds to clear-cut the timber in order to maximize the profits during a period of high market value for cut timber. If the land is logged in 1988, the taxes on the cut timber associated with the land will not be due until 1990. If the developer can transfer title of the land by selling it to new owner(s) before 1990, he can pass the tax debt arising from the increased assessment value (a substantial amount) on to the new owner(s).

It might even be advantageous for our hypothetical developer, if he cannot find a new purchaser in time, to default payment on the acquired land, thereby sending land title (with associated tax debts) back to the previous owner.

If you are purchasing property classed as managed or unmanaged land which has been logged in the last two years, it is well worth your time to consider the liabilities of this hidden tax burden.

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,
Fulford Harbour.

Confirmed

Sir,
A report just released by a national research group in Ottawa confirms our worst fears regarding the fate of disabled Canadians, following the inauguration of the Canada-U.S. free trade agreement in January, 1989.

The three-page report states that disability pension programs — i.e., **GAIN for handicapped** — would become one of the first victims of the FTA, leaving some 1.5 million disabled Canadians without any means of support whatsoever.

letters

The report also confirms that other handicapped benefits would also be phased out over time. These include medical and dental care, hospitalization and prescription drugs.

All of the above benefits could be expected to come under attack by the United States as being unfair practices.

An independent report of major importance now being distributed free of charge by the Canadian Senate (the Marjorie Bowker Report) confirms the statements made in the "Disabled and Free Trade" communique.

Bowker, a retired Edmonton judge with impeccable credentials and a non-partisan approach, has based her analysis on the actual text of the Free Trade Agreement. Under the heading *Canada's Social Programs*, she states that indirect hazards threaten:

- Canada's universal health and medical care system;
- unemployment insurance;
- Canada Pension; and
- Workers' Compensation.

She further states: "The risk is that all of these benefits, long enjoyed by Canadians, but unknown to American workers, could be challenged at some future time under the free trade agreement."

For those who believe that we should accept the FTA on blind

faith (we *already* enjoy 80 per cent duty-free trade with the U.S.), let's remember that one of the first initiatives of the Mulroney government following their election in 1984 was to attempt the elimination of the cost-of-living provision in senior citizens' pensions.

Should we fail to stop the FTA (which is nothing less than political and economic union with the United States) in its tracks, we may well become the first country in modern history to be taken over by an aggressor nation without having fired a shot in its own defence.

BILL BEST,
Salt Spring Handicapped Association,
Ganges.

Ludicrous

Sir,
A mine on Salt Spring, eh. Do you know how big a 100-ton truck is? You have to be fit just to get up into it before coffee time. Around an open pit mine, they run 24 hours a day.

Or there's the little 2 mm. jump the house takes when they blow one down there, and mothers think of their menfolk.

I suppose parents, on a Saturday, can take their children down to Fulford Harbour and

watch the big ship load up with ore concentrate while a fog of dust rolls up over Hilltop Road. (I knew a man who almost lost his life to cyanide poisoning in one of those concentrating plants.)

And for power, what? A new set of high tension lines across Sansum Narrows, or perhaps a generating station right here, fired by natural gas, creating a bonanza for the pipeline?

The whole idea seems so ludicrous, it makes one think: "What are they really up to? Maybe the ransoms we're paying for the release of special lands from the threat of industrialization are that lucrative." If they have to hire a public relations consulting firm to talk to selected members of the community, there can't be much heart in what they have to say.

So, if you really haven't made up your mind about mining on Salt Spring, think of the first time you drove by Sudbury.
TIM COLLINS,
Fulford Harbour.

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Sir,

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To the prominent members in our community who helped Erling in his endeavours to secure a career in the heart of his home — Tom Toynebee, Dr. H. Borsman, Les Ramsey, Ed Irwin, Karen Davies, Rita Dodds and Harlan Olson. Our words of appreciation were written but not delivered; so again, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your support.

To the community that cheers the man who walks on water — our appreciation goes out to you all. Without spectators, there'd be no sport.

To my friends and co-workers who are always there in time of need for support, comfort and in jubilation. I am the richest person in the world to have you all. I thank you and hope to be there for you also.

Throughout this last episode of crises, again; the community support has been insurmountable. Erling has a guardian angel watching over him and is recuperating well. Thanks to Dr. Malthouse, staff at Lady Minto Hospital, the ambulance service, Fire Department, Hazenboom Construction crew, and the RCMP. You were all there with your expertise and special support.

To Hans Hazenboom: our bosses and country leaders should take notice — if they took your example in the care and management of your crew, there would be no need for unions and strikes. Our family truly appreciates your help and support. This island is truly a special place with special people.

Our Thanksgiving will be complete having finally delivered our thanks to you all.
JORGENSEN FAMILY,
Ganges.

Ho hum

Sir,

I thought you and your readers might like to know about the meeting of the North Cowichan Environment Protection Group in Duncan on October 3. It featured a panel of experts to discuss the health hazards of the mill at Crofton.

It was all rather familiar. About 400 people heard the union and environment representatives explain some of the dangers to our health and environment from the massive, continuing release of poisons from pulp mills. Using many studies, they documented the dangers of these carcinogens and how they might affect Salt Spring Island.

Then a representative of the pulp and paper industry assured us all these studies did not exist.

A vice-president of Fletcher Challenge, the owners of the Crofton mill, explained that they were modernizing to reduce costs and, he hoped, reduce emissions. Considering the scale of their expansions, this will not be easy and will take a long, long time.

The sole panelist with any

connection to the government, a toxicologist, admitted that he didn't know very much but was able to assure us that many publicly-funded studies were under way.

It was all kind of dull, unless you happen to eat the food or breathe the air around here. Then you might wonder just why we have a government and civil service that studies everything and does nothing. And why we remain polite while industry makes record profits and stalls and stalls and the poisoning of us all goes on and on.
DAVID DENOVAN,
Fulford Harbour.

Sorry state

Sir,

This morning I saw a beautiful male pileated woodpecker — unable to fly, because its shoulder had been destroyed by a slug from an air rifle.

This bird will probably have to be killed to prevent further suffering. There is no doubt about the slug, which was found by x-ray.

Now we begin to wonder — literally, in amazement — at the idiocy of the person who could do such a thing. Woodpeckers are not predators, in the accepted sense: they live on insects and generally do good rather than harm.

I wish the same could be said of the thoughtless lunatic who fired the shot. What is his (or her) object? To show the virtues of manliness (?), or sportsmanship?

This form of so-called "sport" is nothing short of cruelty. Sporting, or manly, it certainly is not.

I suppose the excuse will be that there is nothing else to do on this beautiful island.

Truly mankind has come to a sorry state. I pray that the person who fired that shot will have every house he ever owns destroyed by boring insects!

COLIN NICHOLSON,
Ganges.

Free film

Sir,

On Friday, October 13, 1978, Island Cinema began screening movies for the island. Although we have been just breaking even for the last six or seven years, we like to think we will be operating forever. At the least, we provide a night out for the patrons (plus the best popcorn on the island), and a safe "clubhouse" for the volunteer staff.

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And more than thanks to the many members of my staff, who have enabled us to keep operating

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by volunteering their time and effort to keep us afloat.

Also, et cetera deserves a big thank you for operating as our reservation and information centre (open 10-5, Monday to Saturday, 537-5115).

So on this tenth anniversary, we're throwing our doors open to show you a free movie, with popcorn. Central Hall, a staunch supporter through all these years, is donating the hall, et cetera will handle the information, the movie company is giving us a deal on the film, and I will supply the popcorn.

The movie: our first-ever film, *Annie Hall*, by Woody Allen. Dates: Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16 at 8 pm. See you at the movies!
DANNY EVANISHEN,
Fulford Harbour.

Update

Sir,

Along with other Salt Springers, this writer attended the pollution panel meeting held in Duncan on October 3, and a West Coast Environmental Law Association meeting in Vancouver the following day where representatives from labour and consumer groups reported on the state of pulp mill pollution in B.C. on a mill by mill basis.

The gist of both meetings is that pollution is out of control, especially in areas like Howe Sound, and pollution abatement regulations are not enforced.

If pollution standards cannot be met, variances are given to mills to keep operating ... so much so that there is no real incentive to clean up their act.

The impression gained from a mill by mill survey of the province is that the forest companies are running the province, and not the provincial government. And for reasons best known to itself, the federal government chooses not to challenge the province on pollution matters. Under these circumstances it is hard to imagine, no matter how sincere they are, that your elected provincial and federal representatives can do much to rectify the situation.

Clearly, there is environmental dereliction of duty at the provincial level. There is no communication between provincial and federal environmental agencies ... so much so that the companies will report alternately to a provincial and then to a federal agency the same spill or accident, knowing there will be no comparison of notes or liaison between the two. So the lack of incentive to companies to clean up their acts becomes understandable. They are not being seriously monitored or challenged.

The monitoring system is such as to drive anybody, trained in testing procedures, up a wall. It is

designed to show compliance, not to establish levels of toxicity in discharged waters. There are no controls to ensure that monitoring information is comparable on a mill by mill basis, presumably to prevent invidious comparisons between mills from being made in the first place.

A key finding made by the West Coast Environmental Association is that the millions spent on mill modernization in B.C. serve to enhance output, not to reduce pollution in absolute terms. So when improvements in pollution control are cited, always remember

that this is not to mean there is less waste water flowing out of the pipes into the ocean, or a lesser volume of gases escaping into the air via the smokestacks.

Your Salt Spring and North Cowichan environmental groups intend to meet on a continuing basis with the West Coast Environmental Law Association and the coalition of environmentalists it is putting together. A number of action plans are in the works and their implementation is going to take time and money. If you can, send a contribution to the Environmental Law Association named above, and for more information, call them at 684-7378.

DIETRICH LUTH,
Ganges.

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VICTORIA — Like Julius Caesar, they came and they saw, but only one of them conquered; the other one didn't even get past the ramparts.

In the ongoing battle for the hearts, souls and votes of British Columbians, Premier Vander Zalm and NDP Leader Mike Harcourt launched an assault on the same objective last week — the annual convention of the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspaper Association (BCYCNA), which met at the Sheraton Landmark in Vancouver.

A mere six hours separated their campaigns. Harcourt was the guest speaker at lunch, the premier at dinner. When it was all over, the verdict was unanimous: Vander Zalm was the clear winner. Harcourt had blown it.

At worst, an insult

Harcourt gave the wrong speech to the wrong audience, and his delivery was awful. Vander Zalm, on the other hand, couldn't possibly have come up with a better speech. He should give a raise to the guy who wrote it.

Harcourt completely misjudged his audience, spending the first half of his speech lambasting the government and the second half on the province's tourism potential.

His attack on the government would have been better suited to an NDP convention; his foray into tourism might have interested a convention of travel agents. His audience wouldn't be found at either.

The people he addressed were publishers of community newspapers. They were businessmen and women whose skill is measured in how well they survive in a highly competitive business.

That isn't to say they don't take their journalistic obligations seriously. Most of them do, but they are managers first and foremost. And they have to be, for if they can't control the bottom line, the best journalism in the world won't keep their papers alive.

Considering all that, the first part of Harcourt's speech was, at best, wasted on the audience. At worst, it was an insult.

As for his remarks on tourism, they almost put the audience to sleep. Before he started speaking, Harcourt told someone at the head table he would give them a "thumper." Wow. I wonder what a dull Harcourt speech is like.

A few hours later, at the same place and in front of the same audience, Vander Zalm was at his best. He was upbeat, charming and, most of all, he had the right speech for the audience.

The whole address was an ode to community newspapers, and somehow he managed to find a way of saying that government and community papers have identical aims and similar problems. The logic sounds a bit fuzzy in the cold light of day, but boy, it sure sounded good at the time. Vander Zalm gave the speech Harcourt should have given — and could have given, because he was up first.

What Harcourt couldn't have matched was the premier's announcement that from now on, community newspapers would get a fair share of the government advertising dollar.

Until now, the lion's share of the government's advertising budget has always gone to the dailies and to the electronic media. That's to change.

The move is long overdue. Community newspapers reach an estimated 95 per cent of all British Columbians. Some of the publishers told me later the premier could perhaps have made the announcement at some other time. It looked a little too much like a bribe, they thought, but I don't foresee any of them turning down the ads.

Premier's image on the mend

During the past couple of months, I had been quite intrigued with the scenario of Vander Zalm's voluntary departure from the political scene. After last week's performance, I'm not so sure anymore.

It was quite obvious that the premier is not only receiving solid advice lately, but that he's actually following it. His image, tarnished by his own past mistakes and the terrible advice he got from David Poole, is undeniably on the mend.

Behind this change are none other than two former colleagues of mine, Ian Jessop, the premier's new press secretary, and Eli Sopow, who has been catapulted to associate deputy minister status in the government's beefed-up information apparatus.

Despite these obvious changes to the premier's image, he's by no means out of the woods yet. Until the public at large sees the difference and believes it, his name will still be mud with a lot of Sacred party faithful.

Vander Zalm has burned a lot of bridges between the party and himself in the past 12 months. It takes time to rebuild them. But if the Vander Zalm I saw last week at the Sheraton Landmark is any indication of things to come, Harcourt might wait at his own risk for the premier to self-destruct.

Before he knows it, Harcourt may be the one who will need an improved image. The least he will need is better speeches. He sure blew that one.

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Understanding

Sir,
I am trying to convince myself — despite the almost hourly, massive, Canadian and American barrage of political propaganda and comment that literally forces itself into every little niche of quiet refuge I find these days — that it is really better to try to sinter the hype into something recognizable, manageable and, hopefully, comprehensible, than to treat it all simply on a blind or emotional basis.

At times, it seems easier to depend on my gut feeling that the Conservatives and the Republicans have done so little to warrant trust that almost anything they "harmonize" on must be regarded with the highest degree of suspicion and outright voter rejection.

For me, one of the most important issues facing all Canadians, but especially young Canadians, is the free trade agreement. And yet, with a few exceptions, virtually no-one I have talked to seems able to discuss its implications for Canada's nationhood, to any reasonable depth.

What is so troubling is the fact that the FTA is not merely another political party promise, soon to be buried after the election; it looms menacingly on the November 21 horizon, awaiting only the Conservative's final push.

It surprised me that given the complexity of the agreement, only five people attended Continuing Education's current affairs discussion of the agreement, headed by Don Clarkson and assisted by John Wilcox, last week. One could assume that Islanders are either knowledgeable about the FTA or, perhaps, apathetic. If islander interest is a microcosm of Canadian interest, then we must expect the worst from this "Trojan Horse" that the Conservatives have drawn into our midst.

For those who wish to vote with

some understanding of the so-called "free" trade agreement, I would recommend Marjorie Bowker's analysis *What Will the Free Trade Agreement Mean to You and to Canada?* It is brief, concise and reflects the intellect and integrity of a non-partisan, widely-respected Canadian judge. It is available at the Continuing Education office.
LOWELL HICKS,
Ganges.

transport her to and from Victoria for the many sessions.

I was delighted to discover that for the first time this fall, a course is available to our Salt Spring students. Thanks to the funding provided by the Rotary Club and School District 64, the cost to the student is only half the regular fee. Some of the sessions will also be held on Salt Spring Island, as well as in Duncan.

Since driving is a life-long skill, this is a fine opportunity to ensure our young people are adequately trained in safe driving techniques. My daughter's application has been turned in to the high school, and I hope many other potential drivers will avail themselves of this opportunity.

BARBARA KOSKI,
Ganges.

Delighted

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Wood group to determine future paths

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to contribute to B.C.'s forest products inventory.

Another subject likely to be discussed at the October 17 meeting is a proposal to place the local Woodlands Association under the wing of the Farmers' Institute. The move would widen the resources available to promote private woodlots, Renaud said, and would represent a natural alliance of farmers and tree-growers. "A lot of the best land for growing trees is, in fact, agricultural land," Renaud said.

Also set for possible discussion is a concept put forward by local land developer Murray Cyprus, who envisions the Islands Trust being given responsibility for forested Crown lands on Salt Spring, and turning them into a community tree farm with revenues being injected into the Trust's global budget.

Cyprus estimates the Trust could receive as much as \$1.5 million a year from proper management of Salt Spring's forest resource.

The concept of community ownership of forest resources was endorsed recently by Cowichan-Malahat MLA Graham Bruce, whose home city receives annual revenues from a large woodlot it manages.

Speaking to the national convention of the Canadian Institute of Forestry in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, in mid-September, Bruce said the question of local land tenure must be addressed if the forestry sector is serious about major issues facing the industry.

Bruce said that if the citizens of Canada are going to be asked to share the responsibility for forest management, the industry must be prepared to let citizens share authority over the resource.

The Social Credit MLA suggested a program to develop small municipal forests across the country. It would, he said, go a long way towards resolving many of the issues facing the industry.

"Involving (local) governments in such a program means that the revenues raised through (local) forest management would be theirs to spend and manage, and means also that they would have to deal head-on with all the concerns being raised," Bruce told the convention. "In doing so, you put the citizens of this country in the picture, you have made them accountable, you have given them authority, you have made them responsible."



Happy 100

Muriel Dorothy Brawn marked 100th birthday September 30 with family and friends at Lady Minto Hospital. Born in London, England, Mrs. Brawn came to B.C. in 1909 and has spent the last few years on Galiano. She has two children—Lieut.-Col. Jack Brawn and Marjorie Denroche of Galiano—plus four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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No chance to combine local, federal balloting

There's no way Gulf Islands residents can avoid visiting polling stations twice in three days in November.

The November 21 federal election will fall two days after the November 19 school board and Islands Trust elections. Despite their proximity, the two polling dates cannot be combined, however.

Tom Moore, chief returning officer for the Capital Regional District, said last week there is no chance of local elections being moved up to November 21.

Moore explained that the dates for local elections are set forth in the Municipal Act and call for polling to be held on the third Saturday in November. A change in the local voting day would require an amendment to the Municipal Act by the provincial

government — and that, in turn, would have to be done by a recall of the provincial legislature.

"You won't see it," Moore said, adding that the conflict in dates is unusual.

"There's not a lot you can do about it, and you wouldn't see it changed for just one election," he added.

Moore continued: "If I can be facetious, I'd say Mr. Mulroney didn't consult us about his date."

Along with Islands Trust and school board elections, Moore noted that November 19 balloting will see voters decide three referendums on the Gulf Islands. Only one is set for Salt Spring — a proposal by the Parks and Recreation Commission to increase its budget through a hike in the mill rate (See Driftwood, October 5).

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Federal election candidates outline campaign strategies

Visits to Gulf Islands planned during campaign

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said, has indicated a great deal of voter disillusionment with the Conservative government. She said people are generally dissatisfied with several aspects of Tory programs.

"Fairness" will be the key word in Hunter's campaign. She believes people are looking for a government that is honest and open: "I'm saying I can provide that with the New Democratic Party."

Hunter said the "fairness" aspect of her campaign will encompass several areas — including care for children and older people, income tax, environmental issues and the free trade deal.

"It all comes back to fairness," she said.

Reform Party representative Slavik said he will be focusing on issues calling for a return to democracy and dealing with the national debt.

Slavik, who never belonged to a political party prior to joining the newly-created Reform Party, said he became enraged as he researched the extent of the \$300

billion national debt. Averaging the debt out to \$12,000 for every man, woman and child in this country, he said, adds up to more than \$60,000 for his family alone.

"We must stop stupid spending giveaways," he said.

Slavik said he recognizes the need for a return to democracy in the political system. If one chooses a candidate from one of the three national parties, he said, the elected representative goes to Ottawa and, instead of answering to the people, answers to the party leader. Leaders are inter-

ested in power and therefore look to accommodate Ontario and Quebec, he said.

Slavik feels MPs should swear allegiance first to their constituents.

All three candidates, plus the Liberal party representative, will most likely gather on Salt Spring for an all-candidates meeting sometime in the near future. The meetings are traditionally organized by the Salt Spring Island Planning Association, whose representatives say plans for such an event are underway.

Crash injures cyclist

A Ganges man suffered minor injuries after being involved in a recent cycling accident.

Cyclist Gavin Kyle sustained injuries when he attempted to pass a car on the right-hand side, just as the vehicle pulled into a parking space.

The incident occurred at the foot of Fulford-Ganges Hill and caused minor damage to both the vehicle and bicycle.

No charges have been laid.

Disappearance of problem dog restores peace to Ruckle Farm

Gwen Ruckle celebrated Thanksgiving with praise for 10 days of peace on her Beaver Point farm. The large dog which ravaged her sheep flock has apparently disappeared.

Twenty-three of the 100 sheep in Ruckle's flock were killed by the dog, and a further 10 suffered injuries. Live traps and armed neighbours failed to catch the large black dog, which attacked Ruckle's sheep over a two week period.

Tracks on the earth immediately surrounding traps set by Capital Regional District (CRD) animal control officer Howard Byron suggested the dog knew what the traps were, Ruckle said: "He even had the nerve to jump on one."

Examination of the dog's tracks indicated he had a

four-foot stride and weight of approximately 100 pounds. Animal control officer Howard Byron, who hunted for the animal on a daily basis, said it was the worst sheep kill he has seen in 10 years.

Ruckle said Monday that the dog has not appeared on the farm for the past 10 days. Her next step is to approach the Capital Regional District (CRD) to apply for compensation for the dead sheep.

If the dog's owner is found, he or she will be responsible for paying the estimated \$2,050 in damages. Ruckle said she has been more concerned about capturing the dog than obtaining the compensation.

In the meantime, Ruckle's Thanksgiving prayer expressed thanks for "10 days of peace and quiet" and a hope that the animal will not be returning.

Terry Fox Run participants reminded to collect pledges

Participants in the Terry Fox Run held on Salt Spring earlier this year have until October 21 to deposit their pledge money at one of two local banks, organizers said last week.

Funds the event participants collect from sponsors must be deposited in special Terry Fox Run accounts at the Ganges branch of either the Bank of Montreal or the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Local run co-ordinator Damaris Rumsby said participants and their sponsors should be reminded of the collection deadline. Those who have yet to pay off their pledges should do so as quickly as possible, she said.

Salt Spring Islanders pledged close to \$18,000 for the Fox Run and several related events, ranging from a sail-a-thon to runs held at district schools.

Money was also raised by the sale of Terry Fox *Catch The Dream* tee-shirts, which Rumsby said are still on sale on Salt Spring.

Funds raised through the run and related events are directed to the Canadian Cancer Society and used entirely to support research into cancer-fighting techniques and medical equipment.

Salt Spring's contribution of \$18,000 was almost double the local target of \$10,000 and triple the near-\$6,000 raised in the Terry Fox Run held locally in 1986. In B.C. this year, the target was \$500,000.

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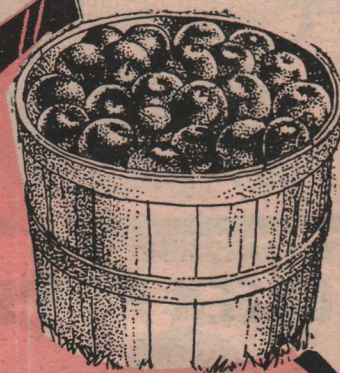
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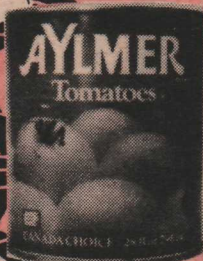
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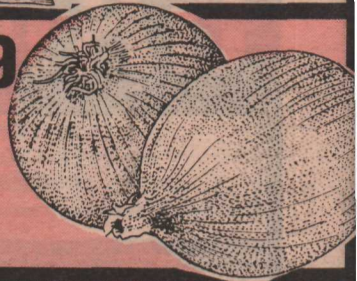
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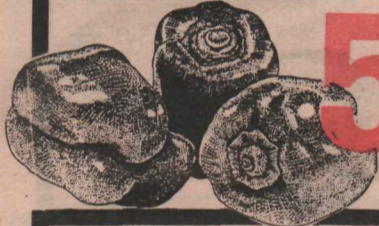
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by gary cherneff

The closest I've ever come to visiting Brazil was, strangely enough, on my way to Japan about 15 or 16 years ago. At that time Mitsui O.S.K. Lines ran passenger cargo ships from South America through the Panama Canal to California and then onto the Far East.

Being a geography major at university, the country was not a total mystery to me. I had read about rubber plantations in the Amazon Basin; and the Manaus Opera House which brought European culture to the rubber barons of this new frontier. I had read about the wetlands of the Mato Grosso and the drought- and poverty-stricken areas of the northeast centred around Recife.

Brasilia, the new capital, was the dream of President Kubitschek and Oscar Niemeyer was the architect most talked about. We all knew about the *Girl from Ipanema* and some of us even knew about the steel mills in Sao Paulo.

Well, none of this had prepared me for what I was about to experience on the *Brazil Maru*. In fact, none of us had even questioned the obvious. Why would any steamship company want to offer a cheap but arduous passage from Brazil and Argentina to Japan? The answer was simple enough once we stepped aboard. There was no mistaking that this voyage originated in Latin America, as the dress of the men boldly signified.

Misinformed visions

But there was an incongruity; these faces were not European or African or Amerindian, as we were led to believe; they were Japanese. I thought somewhere along in my studies I had missed a chapter or someone had failed to write one. For just as surely as there is a substantial minority of Scots in Chile, there is also a large Japanese representation in Brazil.

All this goes to show how parochial our information is and how misinformed our vision of far away places can be. Travel is a great equalizer and in lieu of travel or as a companion to it, travel writers have an important role to play. Their personal insight and their bias, if it is obvious and well-stated, furnishes valuable colour and detail which is often missing in academic accounts.

Brazilian Journals by Victoria writer and poet P.K. Page is an account of a "privileged time" in the life of this individual. As the wife of a Canadian diplomat she was able to savour the marvellously rich flora and fauna of this tropical country, and at the same time turn a critical eye toward its bureaucratic inadequacies and its struggle for economic development.

Great cultural diversity

Page is a fine descriptive writer. Like a beneficent tour guide she introduces us to her view of this country. We travel to the country estates, the fazendas where enormous diplomatic feasts are prepared. These are coffee, sugar or even wheat plantations where the gap between rich and poor is often painfully obvious. Through the northeast sugar plantations she shows us dilapidated strip housing for workers and abandoned 300-year-old churches.

Brazil is a place of great cultural diversity. She shows us the German settlement of "Novo Hamburgo" which spills picturesquely over the foothills of Serra do Mar into a carefully tilled valley — complete with Lutheran church. It might have been a town in the middle Rhine.

She lets us in on the life of a diplomat's wife — the receptions, managing the staff of the official residence, and coping with the Portuguese language. Many pages are devoted to the natural landscape, the tropical plants and birds, the humid climate of Rio and even the beach at Ipanema. If I were a geography teacher this would be required reading for the area.

P.K. Page leaves us not with a complete picture but with another valuable chapter in understanding a different way of life.

New fiction, non-fiction books arrive at Salt Spring library

A new shipment of books has arrived at the Salt Spring Island public library.

New titles available include:

FICTION

- *Rich Men, Single Women*, by Pamela Beck; *The Peacekeepers*, by Ben Bova; *Scandal at High Chimneys*, by John D. Carr; *Collected Nonsense and Light Verse*, by G.K. Chesterton; *Cardinal of the Kremlin*, by Tom Clancy.
- *Cradle, A Novel*, by Arthur C. Clarke; *Love, Sex and Money*, by Sharleen Cohen; *Paris Trout*, by Peter Dexter; *A Murder Too Many*, by Elizabeth Ferrars; *Game Without Rules*, by Michael Gilbert.
- *Cameo*, by Winston Graham; *Uneaseful Death*, by Molly Hardwicke; *Return to Eden*, by Harry Harrison; *India Fan*, by Victoria Holt; *And Baby Will Fall*, by M.Z. Lewin.
- *The Masks of Rome*, by Caroline Llewellyn; *Balkan Trilogy*, by Olivia Manning; *Levant Trilogy*, by Olivia Manning; *Advanced Calculus of Murder*, by Eric Rosenthal; *Grapes of Wrath*, by William Steinbeck.
- *Cannery Row*, by William Steinbeck; *The Kentish Manor Murders*, by Julian Symons; *There's No Place to Cry at the Ritz*, by Nancy Winters; *White Cargo*, by Stuart Woods.

NON-FICTION

- *Literary Guide to the Bible*, edited by R. Alter; *The Book of Pressed Flowers*, by Penny Black; *On Power and Ideology*, by Noam Chomsky; *Those Lambtons!*, by John Colville; *Spencer Tracy*, by Bill Davidson.
- *The Ragman's Son*, by Kirk Douglas; *Jewellery — Contemporary Design and Techniques*, by Chuck Evans; *Rodall's Basic Natural Foods Cookbook*, by Charles Gerrass; *They Always Call Us Ladies*, by Jean Harris; *Darkness at Night: A Riddle of the Universe*, by Edward Harrison.
- *The Art of Cooking for the Diabetic*, by Mary Hess; *Share*

the Flame, by Hobson; *Video Night in Kathmandu*, by Pico Iyer; *The Canadian Writer's Guide*, by Fred Kerner; *On Death and Dying*, by E. Kubler-Ross. • *The Well Tempered Garden*, by Christopher Lloyd; *One Size Doesn't Fit All*, by John Madden;

Lotus 123 and the IBM PC and T, by Gordon McComb; *Raising Poultry the Modern Way*, by Leonard Mercia; *Nothing to Declare*, by Mary Morris.



• *Six Days to Better Golf*, by Harry Obitz; *People of the Lie*, by Turn to Page A16



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Lynda Laushway framed by two works in her upcoming exhibition

Link between man, nature explored in gallery show

An exhibit of photo-etchings, photographs and monoprints by Salt Spring Island artist Lynda Laushway opens later this week at the gallery of Off Centre Stage.

Featured at the official opening — from 7 pm to 10 pm on Friday, October 14 — will be music by Lynne Quinn and Diana Dean.

Titled *Rape of Gaia*, the show will run at the Off Centre Stage Gallery from October 11 to October 29. Following its close here, the exhibit will move to the Malaspina Printshop Gallery in Vancouver, then tour throughout B.C.

The show of works has an environmental theme, representing the first time Laushway's passionate involvement with environmental issues has been combined with her dedication to her work as an artist, Off Centre Stage says.

It notes: "In *Rape of Gaia*, the artist cries out for the land; the environmentalist expresses experience and feelings in a visual language.

"The fusion of artistic and activist energies within the artist has generated a body of work that underscores the connectedness of all life on this planet. The Greeks

named this oneness *Gaia*, the mother earth who arose out of chaos to be the first-formed energy who breathes us, nourishes us and of whom we are all a part.

"In Lynda's imagery, Gaia is in serious peril."

Laushway noted that all of the photographs used as the basis for the exhibit of works were taken on Salt Spring Island.

Etchings by the artist are to be found in such places as the National Gallery of Canada, the Canada Council Art Bank, and the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Public Works.

New books on shelves at local library

From Page A15

M. Scott Peck, MD; *The Great Divide*, by Stephen Pern; *A Reader's Delight*, by Noel Perrin; *Roses*, by Roger Phillip.

• *The Conquest of the Microchip*, by Hans Queisser; *Winning them Over*, by James Robinson; *Future Vision*, by R.H. Rubinan; *You Could Look It Up*, by Wm. Saffire; *After the Stroke*, by May Sarton.

• *Character*, by Gail Sheehy; *Marilyn Among Friends*, by Sam Shaw; *Dr. Spock on Parenting*, by Benjamin Spock; *The Pigeon*, by Patrick Suskind; *GAIA: A Way of Knowing*, by Wm. Thompson.

• *Weight Watchers Favourite Recipes*, by Weight Watchers; *The Right Stuff*, by Tom Wolfe; *The Encyclopaedia of Natural Insects and Disease Control*, by Roger Yepsen; *Personal Diary of Admiral the Lord Louis Mountbatten*, by Philip Zeigler.

The Salt Spring library also has on hand copies of the complete report of the Royal Commission on education, and the report of the Strathcona Park Advisory Committee.

The library, located on McPhillips Avenue, is open to the public from 11 am to 4 pm, Mondays to Fridays; from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturdays; and from 7 pm to 9 pm on Wednesdays.

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'Integrated' development unveiled for James Island

A \$100 million development planned for James Island will showcase Islands Trust density averaging and cluster housing concepts, chairman Nick Gilbert said last week.

The island near Sidney was purchased recently by Pacific Parkland Properties Inc. Last week, the company unveiled development plans calling for a combination of villages and recreation facilities integrated with surrounding parkland.

Company president Marv Holland envisions 175 housing units in low-density villages of 25 to 30 homes each, plus a marine park, public shoreline, horse stables, archery facilities, tennis courts, a swimming pool and a public 18-hole golf course.

The plan would see housing cover 24 per cent of the island's 736 acres, with the remaining 76 per cent being left as parkland and recreation facilities. The island would be connected by a network of lanes and paths, and only vehicles permitted would be electrically-powered golf carts.

Holland said his company is pleased to produce a development concept that preserves and protects the island's natural environment. "In this day and age, when the natural environment is often compromised to make way for development, we would like to be in the vanguard of a new kind of thinking — a synergy of man and nature," he said.

Gilbert said two keys to the Trust's acceptance of the project concept was the willingness of the developer to leave the bulk of the land in its natural state, and the access the public will continue to enjoy to the island.

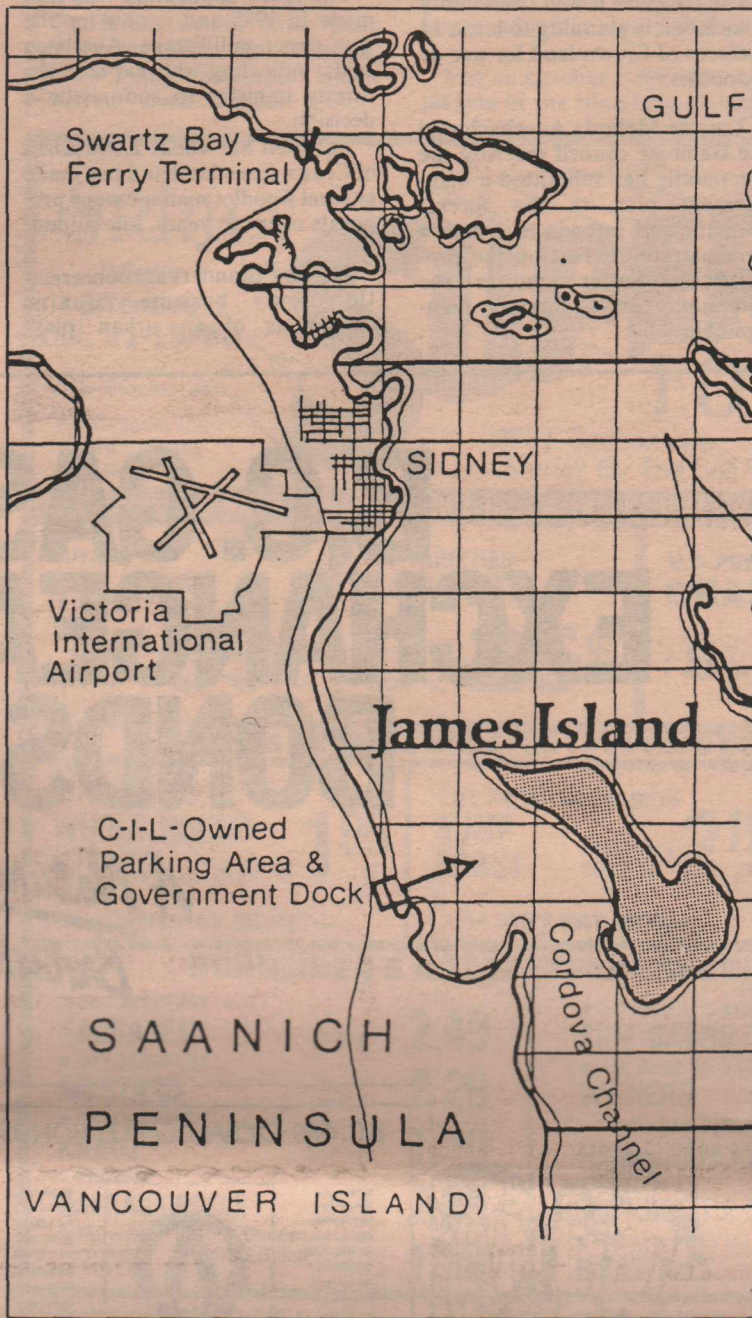
He noted that the proposal outlined last week is a scaled-down version of original plans. An initial concept for 1,700 housing units was rejected by the Trust, as was a subsequent proposal to subdivide the island into 20-acre lots.

"The approach taken by the developers has been very satisfying," the Trust chairman said of negotiations that produced the plan unveiled last week. "We were very clear about what we wanted to see (and) they addressed all the essential elements of any land use proposal with early consultation with all concerned parties. The planning approach reflects community concerns and the constraints of by-laws, and looks very positive."

The way the island has been planned, Gilbert continued, could become a model for future developments on other Gulf islands. "We've been trying to encourage the clustering of housing units and donation of public parkland. This kind of concept is favourable because it reduces the potential for future conflict."

James Island is considered unique among the Gulf Islands because it is a sand island. Gilbert said the island has about seven miles of the finest sand beaches in the region, and probably has "the most superb recreation potential" of any island in the Trust area.

The island had been home to an



Trust has jurisdiction over James Island

'The planning approach reflects community concerns and the constraints of bylaws, and looks very positive.'

explosives factory operated by CIL. At one time, the company town built on James Island was home to about 300 people, and had its own elementary school.

The village was closed in 1961 and the manufacture of explosives ceased soon afterwards. Until the early 1980s, CIL continued to use the island as a base for batching materials for distribution up and down the coast, then discontinued all operations and offered the island for sale.

Pacific Parkland Properties must now apply to the Trust to rezone the island. A date for a public hearing is expected to be set within six weeks to two months.

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Weather station to be installed on Saturna

A monitoring station is being established on Saturna Island by the ministry of the environment.

Trustee John Money told the Gambier council meeting that the ministry has purchased a quarter-section of land and will soon establish a station there to record rainfall levels.

Over the next several years, he said, five or six more stations are expected to be erected to monitor areas of concern like the ozone layer.

Islands Trust representatives met recently with MLA Terry Huberts, minister of state for the region, to discuss a wide range of issues facing the Trust.

Chairman Nick Gilbert (Salt Spring) told the September 9-10 Trust council meeting that he and vice-chairman Steve Wright (South Pender) met with Huberts in early September.

After discussing Trust issues related to the minister's position, Gilbert said, they were told Huberts is unlikely to take the initiative on those issues, preferring instead to have local agencies approach his office with their concerns and requests for assistance.

Trustees on each island should review their aquatic zone bylaws to ensure they specify the types of uses permitted offshore, Galiano's Donald Macdonald told the Gambier meeting.

"A few types (of zones) are too all-embracing — about the only things they don't allow are chapels and massage parlours," he said. "I'd like to remind trustees to check their bylaws to make sure the allowed uses are specified, and that the uses can't be changed in three or four years."

Tee-shirts and sweatshirts emblazoned with the Islands Trust logo, and an *Islands in Trust* legend, may soon appear in stores throughout the region.

Trust Council meeting hears island-by-island notes

Trustees were asked at the Gambier council meeting to poll local stores to see which ones might be willing to sell the shirts, and to forward an order to the public relations committee.

The South Pender Trust Committee has outlined community and regulatory concerns that might affect a suggested redevelopment of the Bedwell Harbour Resort.

The Gambier council meeting was told that an unnamed corporation has expressed interest in acquiring the resort and, if it did, would consider taking down the current structures and replacing them with a new tourism-related development.

The Trust, Steve Wright said, replied to the overtures by pointing out there might be roadblocks over concerns about sewage disposal, water resources and the impact the development would have on the community.

"We outlined the hoops they'd have to go through," he said. "There was no definite plan; they were just talking to us generally."

The approach, he added, underlined the need for the committee to review and update its zoning provisions.

The Lasqueti Island community association is planning to lease 14 hectares of Crown land for use as a woodlot.

Trustee Melinda Auerbach told the Gambier council meeting the community has submitted a management plan to the forests ministry and intends to create a demonstration forest on the property, to better educate the community about forestry management.

The lease application was first made in 1985 and is now in "the true paper mill" stage, Auerbach said, indicating she expects the forests ministry to soon issue a decision.

Lasqueti has about 2,000 acres of Crown forestland and has made several woodlot management proposals over the years, she added.

Hornby Islanders are concerned they may become "quaint custodians of an urban play-

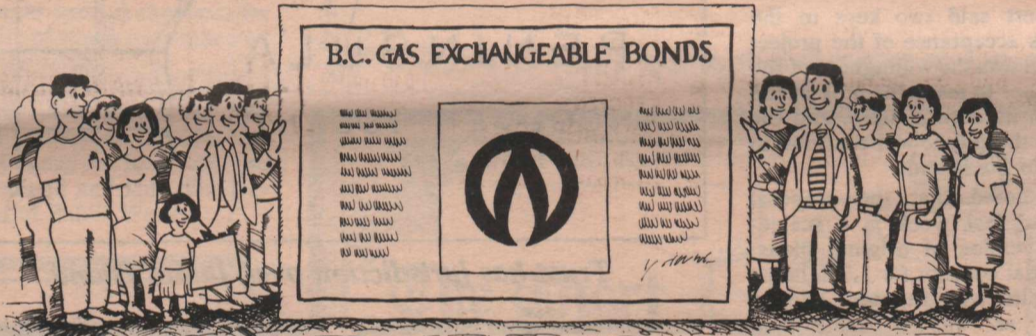
ground," the Gambier council meeting was told.

A summer festival on Hornby has grown to the point that outside talent is being recruited, leading local artists to worry that their island might soon become "a backdrop for visitors watching other visitors perform," Bob Gee said.

Tourism is a topical concern on the island, he continued, because Hornby experiences a sharp increase in visitors in the summer months. Related problems include garbage, trespassing on rights-of-way and relations with the Ferry Corporation.

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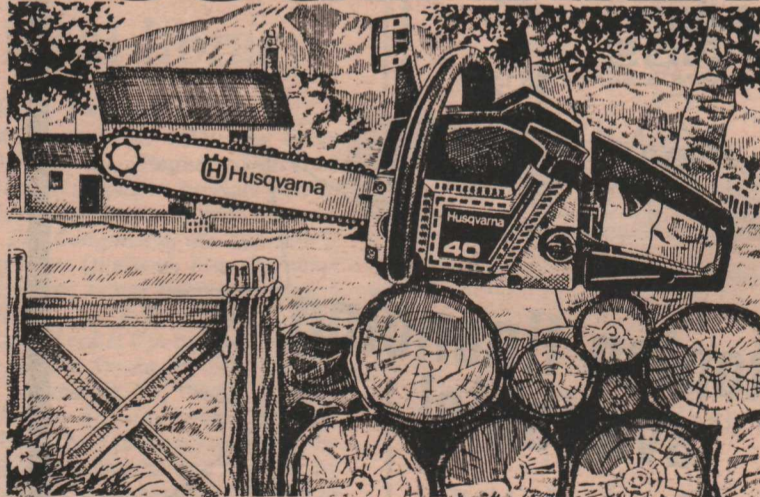
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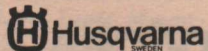
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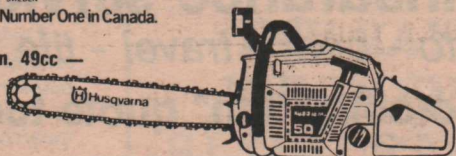
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On October 14, the turkey shoot held by members of the ladies' 18-hole division was won by Shirley Anderson, who posted a low gross score of 90. Tied for second in the low gross field were Val Stewart and Irene Hawksworth, who each scored 93.

Low net honours went to Kas Black with a score of 65. Second low net was won by Margaret Rithaler, at 69, and third low net

Golfers hold turkey shoot

was shared by Josie Aleksich and Jean Cunningham at 70. Best putting was by Billy Zacharias, with 30.

The ladies wound down their golf season with the following players being honoured: Helen Welliver, most honest golfer;

Connie Broadbent, pin round winner (runner-up: Mary Hopkins); eclectic winners, Connie Hardy, low gross, 75, and Tash Hewitson, low net, 48; most improved golfer, Josie Aleksich.

Fog on October 5 failed to stop players in the nine-hole division.

It was criers day, and the low gross was carded by Joan Calderhead. The putt pot was taken by Mary Woods. The hidden hole was won by Becky Armstrong with a six. Most honest golfer on the first hole was Ruth Liston.

The day was highlighted by a baby shower for Barbara Ne-

meth, and a cake decorated for the occasion by Vi Austin and Dolly Whorley.

The men played a four man team best ball event on October 6. Winners at 53 were M.K. Mouat, Herb Munro, Jack Mitchell and Bill Woods. Tied for second at net 57 were Boyd Siemens' team, and the team of Bill Kernahan, Ian Brown, Gordon Parsons and Aldo Badesso.

bridge report

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on October 3 were: Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton; June Knowles and Molly Frenette; Blanche Poborsa and Shirley Love; Helen Shandro and Bunny Jordan; Noel Fowles and Mike Testart; Jim Bradford and Conon Hunt.

Winners on Tuesday night were:

• (North-South) Helen Shandro and Blanche Poborsa; Liz Dafoe and Dawny Scarfe; Don Nemeth and Chuck Beasley.

• (East-West) Anne and Norm McConnell; Isabelle Richardson and Lois Popkin-Clurman; Noel Fowles and Mike Testart.

Central Hall operations reviewed

Directors of Central Hall met recently to survey operations of the past year and plan for the year ahead.

Mary Williamson, who manages the hall on behalf of the committee, tendered the annual report and received a vote of thanks from directors for the way she handled affairs.

The hall was rented 236 times in the year ending July 31, 1988. Users included Sunday school, church services, weddings, concerts, indoor picnics, square dancing, parties, banquets, dance classes, pensioners' meetings, club and association meetings, and a polling station.

Treasurer Cedric Barker reported that as hall finances were in good shape, the policy of low rental charges should be continued.

Secretary Tom Holtby recommended certain works, including improving the electrical wiring, and repairing and sanding the floor of the main hall. The floor is the original one laid down when the structure was built in 1895.

President Bevis Walters noted that negotiations were proceeding with the wardens of Ganges Cemetery adjoining Central Hall, and that it was hoped to soon blacktop the parking lot now jointly used.

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Dan Jason in field of quinoa planted at Salt Spring Centre

Salt Spring seed company hoping for repeat of history

A small Salt Spring Island company is hoping local history can be repeated.

Salt Spring Seeds, which operates from a 1.5-acre garden at the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road and from another parcel at Mansell Farm, wants to imitate the success of an earlier seed company on the island.

That company, says Salt Spring Centre gardener Dan Jason, operated over 50 years ago and employed several dozen islanders, growing seeds at various locations and popularizing the Salt Spring Sunrise tomato.

Salt Spring Seeds grows its seeds from the crops installed to families and guests at the Salt Spring Centre. Last spring, however, it distributed its first order forms and pamphlets and found a strong response from all parts of Canada.

One reason, Jason said, is because there are few sources of organic seed in Canada, and few companies which grow their own seed. "Most companies buy from specialty growers who often do their growing in a totally different environment," he said.

One goal of Salt Spring Seed is to see if enough interest can be found to form an association of local seed growers in the Gulf Islands. Each grower would have a few specialty crops and contribute to the seed inventory.

It was a specialty crop — the Black Jet soybean — that led to formation of Salt Spring Seed. It

was planted at the Salt Spring Centre several years ago in an attempt to popularize what was then a little-known but delicious, quick-cooking, easy-to-digest and high protein bean.

Now Jason has planted — and is offering — quinoa, a millet-like grain that is also easy to cultivate and is rich in protein. A drought-tolerant crop, it thrives on Salt Spring but also grows in places with less than six inches of rain a year. A recent introduction to North America, it has been grown for 5,000-plus years at high elevations in South America.

"Some seeds are great for home gardeners because they mean less need to buy high-protein items," Jason said, "but they have greater importance as an agricultural crop."

Soybeans and quinoa, he added, can both be grown on a large scale for mass markets and local consumption. Both are drought-tolerant and could replace wheat as a major crop in many areas.

Salt Spring Seed plans to offer about a dozen different beans this year — pinto, kidney, navy, chili, garbanzo, etc. — with an emphasis on varieties that have been adapted to local conditions.

"The best seed is always self-grown — it's most adapted to one's locale and has the greatest viability."

One example is the Ruckle Bean, a large white soup and baking bean grown by the Ruckle family for many decades, Jason

said. The beans are high in protein and do not need to be frozen or canned for winter.

"In the Pacific Northwest," Jason said, "there's no reason for gardeners not to have fresh food available year-round." The seed company, he added, soon hopes to offer seed varieties of beets, carrots, kale and lettuce that can easily survive local winters.

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Twenty-five years ago

• Dr. William T. Lockhart of Scott Road was one of six pioneer physicians in British Columbia honoured at the annual meeting of the B.C. Medical Association in Victoria.

Lockhart retired to Salt Spring Island in 1951 at the age of 80. He graduated in 1898 in Winnipeg, when the medical profession was just becoming aware that disease is caused by bacteria. The islander was awarded senior membership in the medical association.

• It was a year to date since "Freida" visited the Gulf Islands, stopping power, wrecking boats and uprooting trees. Her sister wind "Flora" was presently busy on the eastern coast, promising possible excitement for the Gulf Islands in October, 1963.

• The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce informally discussed possible strategies for installing a park at the Ganges boat basin. An original sketch for the area was submitted in 1960 by Charles Mouat.

Twenty years ago

• Small craft mooring space was urgently needed at Ganges, the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce said. The group agreed to press the minister of public works for the provision of a breakwater at Ganges.

The present small craft boat harbour at Ganges was filled beyond its capacity, and a shortage of mooring spaces existed on the island.

• Federal New Democratic Party leader Tommy Douglas was the guest of honour at a coffee party held at the Harbour House Hotel in Ganges. Douglas was cheered by an enthusiastic group of supporters.

• The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce heard a report regarding a new transportation problem facing islanders.

The ferry corporation's *Sechel Queen* was built to accommodate 85 cars, but only carried 75. The missing 10 cars resulted from a trend by consumers to purchase larger vehicles.

• The annual flooding problem was steadily worsening in Ganges. The slough was fed by two sources: one ran down from Rainbow Road and the second came from the school grounds area. By various means, both ended up behind the old tax office.

Fifteen years ago

• A fire protection referendum would be presented to Galiano Island property owners.

The referendum would seek funds to build a new fire hall, buy a new fire truck, upgrade equipment and lease land in order to be in line with new standards required by Canadian Underwriters.

• Salt Spring Islander Yvonne Toynbee was playing to packed houses in the new Vancouver district theatre. She was playing in an abbreviated version of *My Fair Lady* at the Sky Stage Theatre Restaurant.

down the years

The Island actress had appeared on stage regularly in Vancouver and Toronto.

• Two planning groups on Salt Spring Island were pressing the provincial government for a voice on the Islands Trust envisioned by the Select Committee on Municipal Matters.

Members of the Salt Spring Island Advisory Planning Commission and representatives of the Salt Spring Island Planning Association approved two motions calling for local participation.

Ten years ago

• The Ganges plan — three years in the making — was finally ready and Salt Spring Island residents would hear it discussed at a public meeting scheduled for the weekend.

The plan started as an effort of the Capital Regional District but had been taken over by the Islands Trust, when that group was formed. Following approval by residents and the government, it would become part of the community plan.

• Regular movies would be part of the Salt Spring Island night life. Dan Evanishen and Gill Smith would be screening movies at Central Hall on weekends. A community cinema club would also be formed.

• Court action to gain an injunction to stop the proposed sewer for Ganges was unsuccessful.

Yvette Valcourt, Lionel Wood and Fred Sibley launched the effort in B.C. Supreme Court. The judge ruled that the sewer project was within the provisions of the Pollution Control Act.

Five years ago

• The Salt Spring Island community should take a stand against the way in which the Musgrave subdivision was approved, said Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert.

Gilbert said the original proposal to subdivide a large piece of land at Musgrave Landing on Salt Spring Island had not met with approval from the Islands Trust. The Trust was not consulted on the second proposal.

with driftwood

• At least one person was injured when 10 people forced their way aboard the fully-loaded *Queen of Tsawwassen* at Village Bay on Mayne Island.

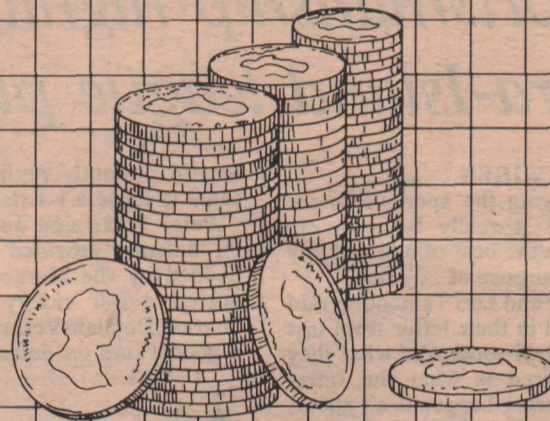
The people were foot passengers bound for the mainland. They had been told there was no

space for them on the boat and were not sold tickets. At least 10 people ran to the vessel and jumped aboard. An unidentified man injured his foot in the landing.

• A fencing project in the Mount Maxwell ecological reserve was to proceed, but on a smaller scale than originally planned. Purpose of the fence was to protect stands of Garry oak from wild sheep, which eat the young shoots of the trees in the spring.

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Islanders record impressive victory

Salt Spring Islanders last weekend scored the most convincing win in their three-year history, with a 9-1 drubbing of the Gordon Head Firefighters.

Eight players shared in the scoring for the Islanders: Neil Kerrigan notched two markers, with singles coming from Ricky Tyson, Rob Brownsword, Sheridan Finnemore, Kemal Morris, Brent Schwagly, Chris Collette and Tyler Watson.

Player of the game for the Islanders was Tyson, who added two assists to go along with his goal and displayed a never-quit attitude while fighting his way through the Gordon Head defence.

At the start of the match, the Islanders appeared shocked at the towering size of their opponents. However, halfback Kerrigan's first goal, an 18-yard shot set up by a perfect pass from Schwagley, came at the three-minute mark and set the stage for the day.

Kerrigan tallied his second goal moments later on a fine pass from centre-half Josh Byron, and the rout was on.

Although the offence led the way, the defence was in place when needed. The players excelled in clearing the ball and setting up their halfbacks and wingers.

Next game for the Islanders is this Saturday at Portlock Park, when they take on Cordova Bay at 2 pm.



In women's soccer action, the Salt Spring Flames scored decisive win over Oak Bay Athletics in Sunday's game at Portlock Park. In photo, forward Grace Graham, right, steals ball from Oak Bay player to contribute to Flames' 6-2 win.

Flames open season with winning effort

The Salt Spring Flames provided two hours of good entertainment last Sunday afternoon when they cruised to a 6-2 win over the Oak Bay Athletics.

The Flames have welcomed more than half a dozen new players this year, and have impressed observers by jelling as a unit so quickly. Their Sunday effort featured smooth passing and error-free plays.

The strong defensive line of Sue Spencer, Nicola Byron, Alison Proctor and Sunday Byron relieved the pressure on goalie Stacey Proctor. The midfield — made up of Jenny Beitel, Denise Akerman and Grace Graham — played well, effortlessly feeding the ball to the front line of Barb Akerman, Lena Maron and Kate Gilbert.

Salt Spring Strikers posted a recent 4-3 win over Prospect Lake Meridos, one of the top teams in the Lower Vancouver Island Soccer League.

Darrin MacRae paced the winners with three goals, while Florian Satzinger added a single. The Division Four team is made up of 14- and 15-year-olds.

Sportsmanship highlights Intra-Island league play

By SYD WIGEN

"Enjoying the sport of soccer for what it really is: a game, played to the best of one's ability for the purpose of . . . fun."

Trevor and Lori Tamboline said it so well in their letter from last week's *Driftwood*. And what they have shared is what the Intra-Island Soccer League is all about.

Saturday's play at Portlock Park again produced many exciting contests:

Ryan Faire and Jeremy Keating led a strong Firebirds attack against the stalwart defence of John Hawthorne and Bodhi Thompson of the Eagles. The result was a well-earned 2-2 draw.

The Wildcats, with Tyler Laitinen showing well up front and Forrest Jacobs playing a strong game on defence, earned a win over the Demons, who were led by Paul Cagna and John Dunn.

Panthers had the bye this week in the junior division, but turned out in force for a practice session and scrimmage.

In sportsmanship typical of the league, United loaned several players to the Rangers for the start of their game. Rangers dominated the field and the scoresheet, led by Anthony Rico and Ryan Black.

Strong defence provided by Thomas Little and Pete Sloan provided the edge in a 5-1 Furies win over the Hawks.

Patrick Chester, Eric Baker and Bill Beck of the Lazars were finally rewarded by a goal after repeated scoring chances. Kerry

Martin promptly replied by Arsenal to forge a 1-1 tie.

Peter Locke and Justin Smith on defence provided the cover needed by the Hornets as they posted a 3-0 victory over the Sharks. Demian Vezerian played a good game on defence.

Ajax posts shutout win

AJAX 2, GORGE CANADIANS 0

Ajax, Salt Spring's Division Five squad, remained undefeated by downing Gorge Canadians 2-0 last Saturday at Portlock Park.

Salt Spring notched the winning goal early, on a strong combined effort by the Hood brothers. Tom Hood received a pass from brother Tom and drove a hard shot into the net.

Hard work by Ajax throughout the game resulted in many good chances, but only one more goal.

It came with minutes left in the match, when David Carey drove a shot into the left-hand corner on a penalty kick.

Outstanding players for Ajax were Aidon Morris and David Carey. Morris played an excellent game at centre half, displaying superb ball control and delivering many fine passes to his forwards. Carey, meanwhile, fashioned a strong game on defence by consistently halting Gorge forwards and returning the ball up the field.

Next game for Ajax is October 15 at Carnarvan Park in Victoria.

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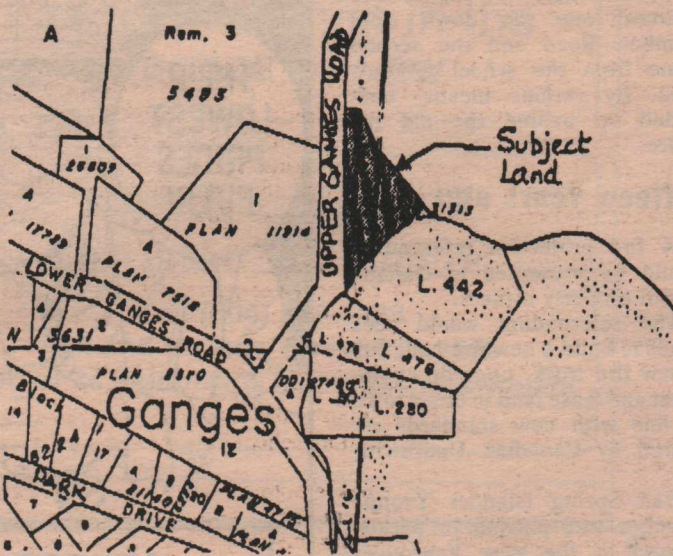
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country gourmet

by john edwards



If we disregard the meddling of geneticists, there is nothing new about spices. The point is, we are new to them.

Whether or not Alexander the Great preferred coriander over juniper berries with his roast lamb during the conquest of Persia may have an effect upon our minds (mine at least), but not our palates.

Only the present is edible!

On the other hand, knowing *how much* saffron Job used with his rice will make a difference to the success of a dinner on the West Coast, because people have been devoted to good cookery since civilization began and a lot has been learned in the process.

The food history of a region is in fact much more enlightening than the usual boring recitation of upper class slaughters, celebrations and marriages that fills up the pages of most national epics and is represented as "civilization."

In any case, I am confused about the term civilization. Everybody claims to have the true definition and supports it by pointing to works of art, heaps of weapons, measures of wealth or depth of religious feeling. More humble, but more sensible, would be to ask how many of the people ate what was good for them and enjoyed doing so.

One of the spices that makes my life "civilized" is cumin, a seasoning that, like the love poems of Sappho, has been around for thousands of years and still has much to reveal to the 20th Century.

Cumin is a member of that most useful of families, the umbellifers, along with aniseed, caraway, chervil, coriander, dill, fennel and parsley. All of these plants have been traditionally used in Mediterranean cookery for at least 2500 years.

When they accompanied the colonists to the Americas these condiments immediately found their place in country kitchens beside the indigenous tomatoes, peppers and potatoes.

Cumin may be used successfully, in concert with other elements, in a host of fish sauces, stews, ragouts, curries, and even with certain fruits. I have described in an earlier column a super recipe for herbed peaches with cumin which even young children, the most relentless of critics, enjoy.

The God of Cookery, however, had a special purpose in mind when the first cave dwelling cooks discovered fire and tasted roast pork, or rather roast wild boar, seasoned with cumin seeds.

There are, in fact, certain spices, like people I have loved, which become more fascinating the more they reveal of themselves. This is particularly true of cumin.

CUMIN ROAST PORK WITH CORIANDER NUT SAUCE

4 lb. loin pork roast
at least 2 t cumin

SAUCE:

3-4 green coriander seeds
1 t celery seed
1/4 t pepper
rosemary, a pinch
1/4 C pine nuts
1 C vegetable stock
1/4 C medium red wine
1 T olive oil
pan drippings
potato skins
flour

Brush the roast with olive oil, then sprinkle with cumin. Cook, uncovered, for 2 and 1/2 hours in a 325 F. oven. For the sauce first crush in a mortar green coriander seeds, if you have them. Mix with celery seed and pine nuts. Moisten with vegetable stock, red wine, olive oil, pan drippings and potato skins. Season with rosemary and pepper. Bring the sauce to the boil then simmer for at least 30 minutes. Thicken with flour, if you wish. Pour over slices of roast pork with a sprinkle of pepper. Serves six.

To accompany this splendid and dignified roast, and to add colour to the table, I usually offer fried carrots cut in long strips and seasoned with freshly ground cumin seeds and, of course, honest roast potatoes. If you like to roast yours in the oven around the pork loin, a few potatoes will contribute their skins to the pan drippings and give the coriander nut sauce that necessary hint of body.

Some cooks prefer almonds with pork dishes, or even pistachios and hazelnuts, but I prefer the more delicate and insinuating flavour of pine nuts.

The cumin on this recipe bakes onto the sides of the roast and gives it a marvellous and ancient earthy colour and flavour. The coriander is a natural ally of cumin and the green seeds lend a unique character to the wine sauce.

Grind the dry seeds if you must. The dinner will still be loved because, after all ...

No face is truly beautiful without a tiny flaw.

What wine do I use? There are some very acceptable vintages made no farther away from the island than the Okanagan, although the recent, excessive emphasis upon white wines has definitely coloured the issue. The fact is, all grapes, like all races, are the same under the skin.

A good rule of thumb is to choose a red wine you enjoy drinking and can afford with that special friend as you create together in the kitchen. For most occasions, a wine sauce requires no more than a glass or two of the salubrious liquid and it's sinful to waste the remainder.

On the other hand, don't bother pouring a fine Saint-Emilion or a Medoc into the saucepan. Even if, unlike me, you can afford such extravagance, it's of no purpose to trouble such carefully-made excellence with herbs and drippings. Ostentation in cookery fools no one except the chef.

Ferries team competes in first aid meet

A B.C. Ferry Corporation team composed entirely of Salt Spring residents competed in a recent first aid competition held in Victoria.

The five team members — Gaynelle Lobbes, Grant Marcotte, Laurence Spencer, Tracy Horrocks and Derek Sweet — participated in the annual B.C. Tel invitational safety competition held in mid-September.

The B.C. Ferry team finished behind the Pacific Bluestar Ambulance entry from Victoria, Lobbes reports, but not before it was recognized as "a future top contender" for the next competition.

The competition graded entrants on their response to a fictional disaster. In this case, teams had to solve, within a given time frame, four problems arising from an earthquake.

Lobbes said the team had to assess the scene for safety and either remove hazards — if possible — or call for the expertise needed to secure the area.

Once the area was safe, members were responsible for the treatment and removal of injured parties, and to arrange for appropriate transportation to medical aid.

Each of the injured people was accompanied by a judge who evaluated all of the first aid treatment administered by the team and its members. The team was also graded on how efficiently it solved problems in the safest and fastest manner. Totals of all scores were then tallied to determine the winner.

The competition drew 11 entries from throughout the province.

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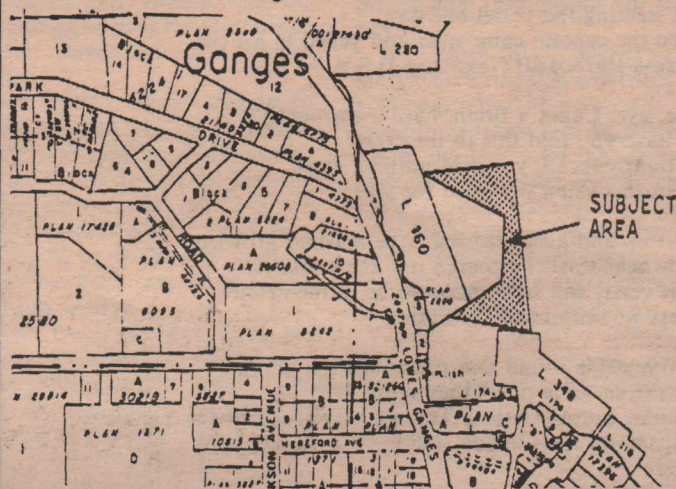
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CYNTHIA HAWKSWORTH
Manager

SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 (GULF ISLANDS) NOTICE OF ELECTION

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of School District #64 (Gulf Islands) that I require the presence of the Electors at the School Board Office, School District #64, Lower Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C. on the 31st day of October, 1988, between the hours of 10 am and 12 noon to elect:

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In the event a Poll is necessary, the Poll will be open on the 19th day of November, 1988, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following locations:

SALT SPRING ISLAND Salt Spring Elementary School
Central Community Hall
Fulford Harbour Community Hall

OUTER GULF ISLANDS Galiano Island Elementary School
Saturna Island Elementary School

An Advance Poll will be open on the following dates:

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of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

THOMAS F. MOORE
Returning Officer

andrew gibson



Let me tell you a tale of the great northern sea
And our national ship *Maple Leaf*.
And the possible fate of our great ship of state
Should she hit an American reef.

The custom at sea was straight democracy,
With a captain elected by vote.
All would be in his grip till the end of the trip
On this most libertarian boat.

There were moderate seas and a following breeze
And the sails were completely unfurled,
And down in the hold were goods to be sold
To countries all over the world.

There was lumber and logs and Quebec iron ore
Western grain and potato chips, too.
A lucrative trip on this capital ship
Was expected by her gallant crew.

The helmsman, a most imperturbable chap,
Was steering the vessel one day,
When the captain came near and yelled in his ear
"Hard-a-starboard! Next stop U.S.A."

"Aye, aye, Captain Brian, hard-a-starboard it is,
But have you told this to the crew?
If I rightly recall, you said nothing at all
About this when we voted for you."

"Shut up and keep steering," the mariner growled.
"Now hear this!" he roared out at the mates.
"This vessel will sink and we'll be in the drink
Unless we sell out to the States."

"Our vessel is sound and the weather is good,
And the cargo is rich," they replied.
"Thanks, but no thanks. Though we're fond of the Yanks,
We'll sail on the Canada side."

Brian let his voice go exceedingly low,
"Now, we mustn't be governed by greed.
I'll put you in the picture — the rich will get richer.
Leaps of faith are all the poor need."

By this time the crew had come up from below
And they heard what he wanted to do.
"No change of direction without an election!"
They cried, "You must clue us in too."

"Let's take Seaman La Salle — he once was your pal,
Bissonette and Cote were your mates.
They've since walked the plank to a crocodile tank,
And 'sank, sunk' is how Sinc conjugates."

Brian free-falled his voice. "We're all human," he said,
And he tried an avuncular chat.
"Under Captain Duplessis the ethics were messy,
Now you can't get more human than THAT."

They said they weren't keen on those 12 submarines
That he planned to deploy on the deck.
"The last thing we're wishin' is nuclear fission,
When people need homes? What the heck!"

"I'll remind you," he answered, "that hell hath no rage
Like America treated with scorn.
If you turn down the deals that I've made with these wheels
You'll wish that you'd never been born."

"Well, you got us into this, Captain," they said,
"And we think it imprudent at least,
To put heads — thine and mine — in the mouth of the lion,
And then stamp on the tail of the beast."

"I'll call an election," the captain agreed,
"And in case you do anything rash,
I've a barrel of dollars — a person who hollers
Will be given a bagful of cash."

I can't finish this story, it's just allegory
In November the real end's expected,
Please study the issues, but bring lots of tissues
In case the wrong member's elected.

Fire prevention tips offered

Fire Prevention Week arrived on Salt Spring Island last Saturday.

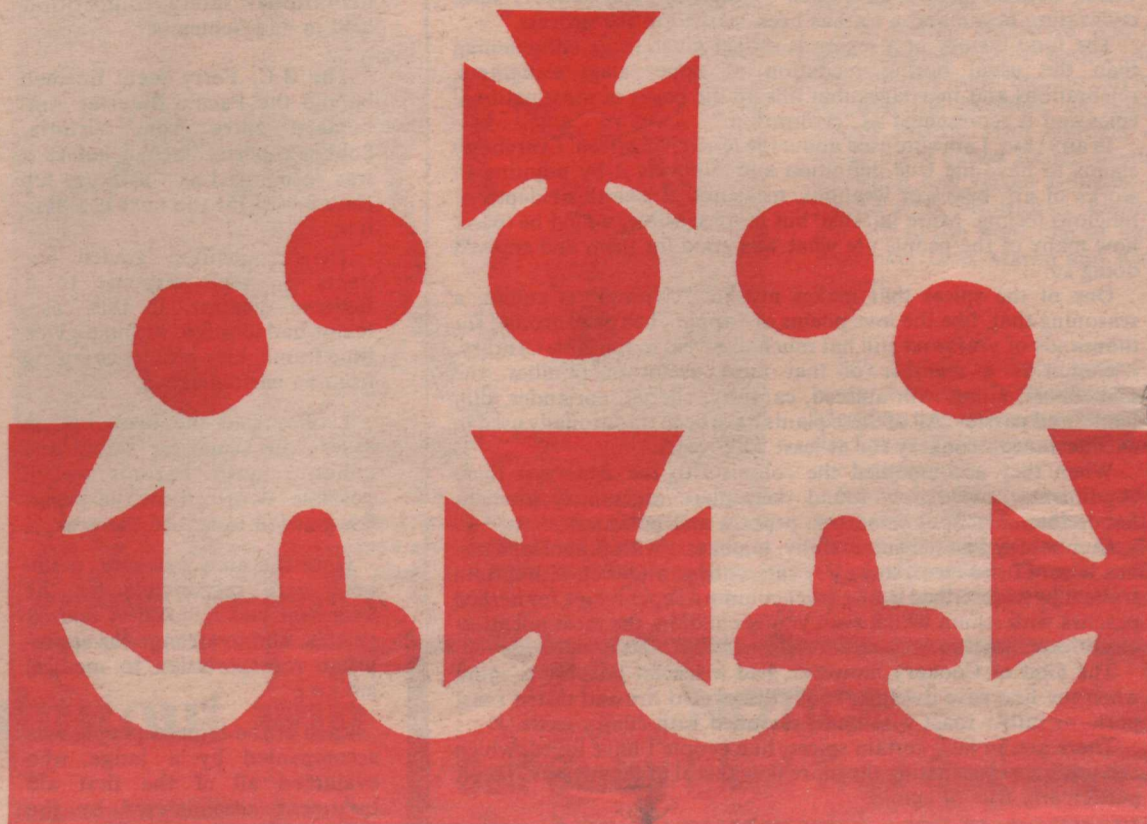
Local Fire Chief Les Wagg said the purpose of the week is to encourage islanders to take measures to prevent fires, and to ensure they are prepared for a blaze if it strikes their home.

To that end, Wagg recommends residents:

- check smoke detectors in the home to make sure they are operating properly;
- have chimneys cleaned for the winter, to erase the chances of chimney fires caused by a buildup of creosote;
- clean all areas around wood stoves;
- draft a thorough fire escape plan;

- watch out for cigarettes and hot ashes;
- make sure emergency telephone numbers are posted close to a telephone; and
- keep matches away from children.

Wagg also advises that he and his staff at the fire department are ready and willing to inspect residences and offer tips.



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