

Ferry network changes suggested

A new ferry terminal at Isabella Point on Salt Spring Island, a bridge linking Mayne and Saturna islands, the end of sailings between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen, and changes in the size and type of vessels plying Gulf Islands waters are listed in a provincial government report as options for meeting the region's future transportation needs.

The study, contained in an 18-volume report prepared by an

independent consultant and released by Victoria at the end of November, launches a B.C.-wide process of planning improvements to the province's highway, rail, air and marine transportation networks. The projects, with a total price tag of \$7 billion, are expected to prepare those systems for growth in demand into the next century.

The study treats the three ferry services in the Gulf Islands as one

group, and points to establishment of a new terminal at Isabella Point on Salt Spring Island as one possible solution to problems expected to arise from expected growth in joint traffic volumes and the continued complexities of scheduling interconnected travel.

The scenario envisioned by the study would see direct service to the Tsawwassen terminal operate from Galiano and Mayne islands

only, with Saturna linked to Mayne either by a bridge or with a permanent vessel. Pender and Salt Spring residents would travel to Swartz Bay to connect to Tsawwassen, while Galiano, Pender and Mayne residents would have the option of doing so.

The proposal would mean closing the Salt Spring's Long Harbour terminal and building a new one at Isabella Point. The study

adds, however, that a cost-benefit analysis of the project is needed "to evaluate whether the savings from the new ferry route would offset the cost" of constructing "all necessary terminal facilities, as well as road access."

The study would include a look at possible locations for a road to Isabella Point, the associated costs, and the potential benefits

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Holiday tradition

Bellingham's Christmas Ship made its annual visit to the Gulf Islands last weekend, arriving in Ganges Saturday night for distribution of presents, candy and good cheer to local children and seniors. Above, Tripo Costello delivers Santa's salute as ship docks in harbour. More photos, page A21.

House fires claim one life, eight others left homeless

Two separate house fires in the past week claimed the life of one Salt Spring Island resident and left eight other people homeless.

Presumed dead is Wendy Sinclair, a 36-year-old mother of two who lived on Price Road, near Ganges. The woman and her two children had just moved into the house last week.

The fire, which severely damaged the house, is still under investigation by the Fire Commissioner's Office in Nanaimo. At press time, RCMP were also waiting for positive identification of the victim.

Police said the fire does not appear to be suspicious in nature, but have ordered an autopsy on the deceased.

Memorial fund launched locally

The blaze broke out around 5 am on Sunday, December 11, and was answered by both Ganges and Fulford volunteer firefighters. Five people are believed to have lived in the house.

Four days earlier — on December 7 — another fire struck the Harrison Avenue home of Debbie Davies and her three sons.

The house, on Booth Canal, was completely destroyed by the fire, which started at about 8 pm.

Davies and her children were not home at the time of the blaze, which left them with little more than the clothes they were wearing.

Ganges Fire Chief Les Wagg told *Driftwood* that the Davies house was already engulfed in flames by the time the fire was reported by a neighbour.

"The neighbour spotted the flames coming through the roof," he said. "By the time we arrived the entire structure was burning."

The fire-fighters had the blaze contained within half an hour and spent several more hours on the scene, making sure the flames did not start up again.

The Fire Commissioner's Office

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Day care centre faces CRD closure order

Already in short supply, day care facilities on Salt Spring Island will become even scarcer by the end of December.

The Capital Region District (CRD), acting on a provincial government directive, has informed a local day care operator that she must keep to the maximum of seven children per centre or face prosecution.

Sue Spencer, who operates the Busilyland Day Care Centre, told *Driftwood* she will close her doors rather than have to choose between the operation and the children she looks after.

"There are no alternatives on the island for the parents to take," she said. "I have the support of all the parents whose children I look after. The children have all developed close friendships with each other and now the government wants me to tell the kids and parents they have to find some other place to go? It's absurd."

Spencer was told she has until December 19 to lower the number

of children in her day care to seven, or face possible charges.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring Island director to the CRD, told *Driftwood* he has applied for and received an extension for Spencer until the end of the month. But after that, the law will prevail. "It is unfortunate, but we have to enforce the law," he said.

Spencer said she has received nothing in writing about the extension and is uncertain about what to do next.

"If they (the government) don't do something about this then I will just have to close and I really don't want to," she said. "It's just not fair for me, the children or the parents."

"If I have to close there will be quite a few parents who will have to quit their jobs to look after their kids. So who is the government really working for anyway?" she added.

The Busilyland Day Care has been operating on Cranberry Road for the past four and a half

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Davies' home destroyed in Thursday blaze

Salt Spring fire chief urges installation of smoke alarms

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is investigating the cause of the Davies fire and is not releasing any details until that work is finished sometime next week.

In the wake of the two fires, Wagg is urging island residents to install smoke detectors in their homes. Noting that no detector was in place in the Sinclair home,

he said: "It's possible that a life could have been saved if there was a smoke detector in the house."

The fire chief also issued a warning to residents about being careful with Christmas tree decorations. "Please make sure that there is always water in the base stand for the tree, and don't place the tree too close to any heat

source like a wood stove or fireplace," he said.

Wagg added that a smoke detector would make a fine Christmas present for a loved one.

Meanwhile, it was announced late Monday that a relief fund for the Davies family has been set up at the Bank of Montreal branch in Ganges.

Memorial fund set up for Sinclair children


A memorial fund has been established in Ganges to help care for the children of a woman who died early Sunday morning in a house fire on Price Road.

Wendy Sinclair, 36, left an eight-year-old son, Leon, and 13-year-old daughter, Heron, who "have virtually nothing" in the wake of the fire, according to local realtor Arvid Chalmers.

Chalmers and Betsy Dosco, Salt Spring's Canadian Cancer Society representative, have since established the Wendy Sinclair Family Trust Account to accept donations of money to help care for the two children.

"It's a trust fund for the kids," Chalmers said Monday. Special accounts have been set up at the Ganges branches of the Bank of Montreal, Islands Savings Credit Union, and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Also organized by Chalmers and Dosco is a December 19 reception and dance in memory of Sinclair, to be held at the Beaver Point Hall beginning at 4 pm. Friends and acquaintances of the deceased are invited to attend the event.


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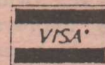
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Looking back

In comparative terms I've been around a long time. I grew up when horses were still in regular use to deliver goods and many trucks ran on solid rubber tires. There were trains to anywhere with a station and air liners were still an absurd dream.

For all those years I've met a host of people. Young, old, big, small; one way or another I've met them all!

How many people do you remember? Young, old, fat, thin; no matter how old you are, there are people you've forgotten and you can remember meeting them, but you can no longer see them in your mind.

It's beginning to worry me. Maybe I've forgotten some of the important ones and remembered the wrong ones! Worse: maybe they all forgot me, the same way!

Remind me sometime who you are, would you? Just in case I've done it again.

Christmas Ship

It gets me, this Christmas Ship. All the way from Bellingham every Christmas for more than a quarter-century. Different ship, same international run; same Christmas spirit and most significant of all, same old Santa.

Close to 30 years ago I took my son, Tony, to see Santa and he was embarrassed. He figured, in his own eyes, he was kind of old to be visiting the Christmas Ship at Sidney. As I recall, he took the candy and he listened to a little moralizing by Santa. And who is better qualified to offer that kind of advice?

Might ask the same question today. Nearly 30 years ago it was Santa Tripo standing in for Claus Costello. And it was the same Tripo playing the role last Saturday at Ganges. Thank you, Tripo, for keeping up the tradition for so long!

There was another thing about the Bellingham Jaycees' ship this year. Nobody slipped on the ice down at the dock. Nobody suffered from the cold winter's day. Most of us could have used a bit of weather like that during past Christmases.

Good man down!

I didn't support Pat Crofton in the recent election because we dwelt in different camps. But it would be grossly ungrateful to make no mention of his service during the past years while he served as Member of Parliament for Esquimalt-Saanich.

He wasn't coming back to the people of the islands, asking to serve them again. He had served the earlier riding and he came to the islands seeking to represent them in Ottawa for the first time since boundaries were changed.

As I say, he was not our member. All I know is that whenever I asked for help — Pat's help as an MP — he was punctilious in responding. You see, I guess I'm paying my election debts by saying "thank you" out loud!

What kind of a rig is that?

I waited for the lights while driving through Victoria. In the next lane was a city bus, operated by the Capital Regional District. We had lots of time to look around and a notice alongside the door offered a warning.

"Caution," ran the legend, "Kneeling bus."

And what is a kneeling bus? It is not a bus that kneels, I am confident. There were seats in the vehicle so that the suggestion of passengers all on the knees was absurd.

Regional district must, apparently, be high church in its views!

Day care receives notice for closure

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years. It has anywhere from seven to 13 children daily, Spencer said.

"We also provide early morning care and afternoon care for children who are out of school, waiting for the parents to come from work," she said. "What will these kids do if they close me down — hang around outside in the schoolyard, when they could be in here warm and dry."

Spencer also said she did not like the way the government has interfered with the operation without offering any alternatives. "One of the things that is at stake here is the parents' right to judge for their children. If I was not treating the children properly they would have a point, but I have the backing of the parents on this issue," she said.

"No one here has gone to the government for a handout — we all did this on our own and now that we have developed this system — which works well for the kids, myself and the parents — the government wants to wreck it for everyone."

Spencer said she feels the government should have interviewed the parents before making its decision. "They didn't handle the situation properly. If they had

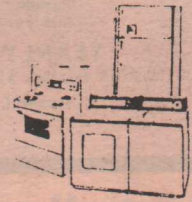
taken the time to talk to some of the people they would realize that there are no alternatives here. They are telling me that I have to reduce the number of children that I care for, but they don't say where those children are supposed to go," she said.

"The children will be the real losers here. It's a wonderful Christmas present from the government isn't it?"

She said that rather than have to choose which children won't be able to attend her day care, she will close her doors. "The government is the one who upset the applecart here, so they are going to have to provide the answers," she said.

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Changes have taken place to Driftwood's editorial staff.

Senior reporter Susan Dicker has moved to Pender Island to assume the editor's chair at our sister newspaper, *The Island Times*. Susan spent almost two full years with *Driftwood* before making the move.

Reporter Jim Black, meanwhile, left earlier this week to spend the Christmas holidays with his family in Ontario. Taking Jim's place on a temporary basis is Dave Fraser, a former reporter with the Williams Lake *Tribune* who recently returned to Canada after spending most of last summer touring the British Isles and southern Europe by bicycle.

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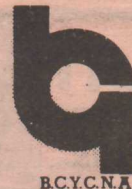
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System change to split islands?

If cost and efficiency considerations are all that counts, a consultant's suggestions for improvements to the Gulf Islands portion of the provincial ferry transportation system are difficult to discount or dismiss.

The consultant's report, contained within an 18-volume study of all facets of transportation in all parts of the province, points out that the ferry corporation's three Gulf Islands routes lose a combined \$16.2 million a year and are ill-equipped to meet demands extending beyond the year 2000.

It suggests that a large share of the blame for those losses can be pinned on the use of ships that are poorly suited to their roles, and on a logistical and scheduling arrangement that does not make the best use of the available opportunities.

One of the opportunities proposed for seizure is a multi-pronged proposal involving closing Salt Spring's existing Long Harbour terminal, building a new one at Isabella Point, shuttling mainland-bound travellers through Swartz Bay and tightening up interconnected Outer Islands service with different routes and ships.

When taken together, the study says, the proposals would significantly reduce the annual costs now faced by the Ferries Corporation and ensure the region's marine transportation system could operate into the next century.

Given the size of the corporation's annual Gulf Islands operating losses and the provincial government's dim view of red ink in areas of service, it is difficult to envision Victoria rejecting the concept of radical system and scheduling changes. Perhaps the only roadblock at this point is the study's call for a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed Isabella Point terminal, to decide if the price tag for the facility and associated road networks will be worth the promised gains.

But before the dollars and cents values are weighed, one major intangible aspect of the plan should be considered. Simply put, it is that the



ferry transportation system envisioned in the consultant's report looks like it would mean an end to an integrated, interconnected community of Gulf islands.

The "feeder" network sketched in the consultant's report focuses the flow of most island travellers on Swartz Bay, severing ties between individual islands. Scheduling changes currently in place have already inched towards just such a concept — it is now difficult, for instance, for

Galiano residents to visit Salt Spring — and this proposal, if put into place, would mean the final push.

In terms of dollars and logistical sense, the study's conclusions are difficult to counter. In terms of the integrity of the community of islands, however, they hint at further erosion of local and direct access to all pockets of the neighbourhood. Islanders should consider that point first when assessing the merits of a revamped ferry system.

Rhythm unbalanced by non-mainstream schedule

On the surface, my Friday-to-Tuesday *Driftwood* work schedule is odd. Underneath, there is a method at work.

It all stems from my fear that a mainstream schedule means, well, mainstreaming.

Under a normal arrangement, Saturdays would find me all wrapped up in heading for town, there to stay for five or six hours of elbowing my way through crowds (relatively speaking) and lining up for a turn at the gas pumps.

Sundays, meanwhile, would mean puttering about the house or yard, feeling uneasy about all the things that were not accom-

my word

by duncan macdonnell



plished because of yesterday's spree in town, and trying in vain to make up for lost time.

Wednesdays and Thursdays are no different, really, but they sure feel like it.

On a typical Wednesday, I can breeze through town and finish all of my chores in about 10 minutes. That leaves me the better part of

a whole day to do nothing so I can feel suitably uneasy on Thursday.

Ah, but catching up on Thursday is simple. There's no rush or competition in town or anywhere else, and there's no hard evidence to suggest that the mid-week day is technically your Sunday. Fooled twice, the body lurches into a state of action it

would find disgusting on a Sunday.

There is only one drawback to this otherwise foolproof system. It doesn't work.

Since my schedule is filled to the brim when other people are taking their days off, and vice versa, I usually bend first and decide to head out and about for a visit or chat during my free time, not theirs.

What this means (besides ignored chores and Thursdays plagued with too much remorse) is close, day-off contact with people on the go, which disrupts my free-time rhythm and its associated carefree pace. Making the situation even worse is the fact

that the pace can be catching.

Half the time, I'm the one watching the clock and thinking about the next scheduled visit. Either that or I get roped into doing someone else's pressing chores.

Maybe it's time to change tactics. I've been considering unplugging my telephone on Wednesdays and Thursdays and just telling people to drop by and see if I'm home. I'll lay a mess of tools and oily parts out on the porch and whoever shows up can help me reconstruct the abandoned car sleeping under the old maple tree.

At your leisure. No appointment necessary.

Closure

Details concerning the imminent closure, or at least partial closure, of an excellent and popular day care centre, will be described elsewhere. The proprietor has known for several months that closure was imminent, but the deadline of December 19 left many working mothers with an insoluble problem of where to place their children.

I immediately asked for, and received, an extension to the end of December, and requested the CRD to advertise for more day care facilities. This they have done.

This letter, then, is my own plea to anyone of you that might be interested in providing some day care space to contact the CRD or myself, as soon as possible. Other day care spaces are apparently fully booked. Please try to help.

HUGH BORSMAN,
Regional Director,
Ganges.

Clarification

A recent correspondent to *Driftwood* was apparently misinformed during her visit to the Dominican Republic in 1987.

The facts concerning the Falconbridge mining operation in that country are as follows:

During the operation of an experimental plant during the 1960s, Falconbridge encouraged the formation of a union in the period immediately following the end of the Trujillo dictatorship, one of the first employers in the country to do so. This fledgling union became Sutrafado in 1971, when commercial scale operations began, rather than in 1978-79 as reported by your correspondent.

Relations between company and union have been normal, and the only strike occurred in 1986, resulting mainly from the frustration of seven consecutive years of losses (totalling US \$147 million), which precluded the possibility of paying any profit-sharing bonuses.

In 1987 the company returned to profitability and a full bonus was paid. Falconbridge workers have always been among the best paid in the Dominican Republic. As an example of responsible company attitudes in this regard, wage increases of 44 per cent, over and above those stipulated in the collective bargaining agreement, have been granted in 1988 in an effort to protect workers from some of the effects of a high rate of inflation.

Ores mined by Falconbridge in the Dominican Republic are treated in plants using modern technology which release no harmful effluents. There have been no detrimental effects on crops or on the health of workers or residents of adjacent communities. Falconbridge Dominicana is almost completely operated and managed by Dominican citizens.

We have continually re-forested company lands no longer required for mining and recently Falconbridge set up a trust fund to promote and assist in the re-forestation of other lands in the area. We are also developing a model school farm adjacent the plant site.

We hope this letter will help set the record straight that Falconbridge is dedicated to meeting its social responsibilities by remaining an economically viable employer, by providing a

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healthy and safe workplace and by protecting the environment.

On a subject of more direct interest to your readers, we have received almost a hundred letters from the residents of Salt Spring Island regarding possible mineral exploration work. We hope to be able to alleviate their concerns in the near future.

M.J. KNUCKEY,
Vice President Exploration,
Falconbridge Limited,
Toronto.

More aid

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Canada's minister of external affairs, filed with this newspaper for publication.

I'm writing this letter to urge you to respond to Nicaragua's desperate plight with increased emergency aid and long-term reconstruction funding.

I am a member of the *Tools for Peace* committee on Salt Spring Island and we are concerned that Canada is dragging its feet on this issue. This especially concerns me in light of the Free Trade agreement going ahead, as I am deeply worried about our government's ability to implement a policy of humanitarian aid to Nicaragua independent of the U.S. government's persecution of that country.

I ask you to state what steps are being taken to help beleaguered Nicaragua and hope you will reply affirming substantially increased aid.

Canada has a reputation for fair play and integrity regarding Third World countries; let's work to maintain that reputation.

TOM MITCHELL,
Fulford Harbour.

Thank you

On behalf of Save the Children Fund of B.C., I would like to thank all who have supported this fund by buying Christmas Cards and giving donations. The total sum raised was \$2081.10.

The raffle on the doll house, created and furnished by Joyce Jamieson, realized \$62.50.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas, and Peace and Happiness in the New Year.
JEAN KNIGHT,
Ganges.

Conference

Recently the Gulf Islands Teacher-Librarians' Association sponsored a Young Authors' Conference for students of our islands. The program offered an exciting opportunity to students from ages 11 to 14 to listen to the first-hand experience of Welwyn Wilton Katz, a Canadian author who has won international recognition for her writing of Young Adult literature. As well, students participated in a dramatic activity led by Jackie and Wayne Coulson of Victoria and used this experience to create a short fiction piece.

Seventy-five students from all over the Gulf Islands chose to participate in this event, a very gratifying response. Each student received on arrival a registration package which contained items donated by several island businesses. Our association would like to thank the following businesses which showed their support for the young authors of our community by their generous contributions: Bank of Commerce; Bank of Montreal; Credit Union; et cetera; Nibbles, Scribbles and News; Parkside News; and Volume II.

We are hoping that our next Young Authors' Conference will be an even broader-based event with participation from many of our community organizations. Thank you for your support.

SUSAN UNDERWOOD,
President, GITLA.



Lynn Hunter, MP
(Saanich-Gulf Islands)

I wish to thank the voters of Saanich-Gulf Islands and everyone who participated in the various campaigns during the federal election.

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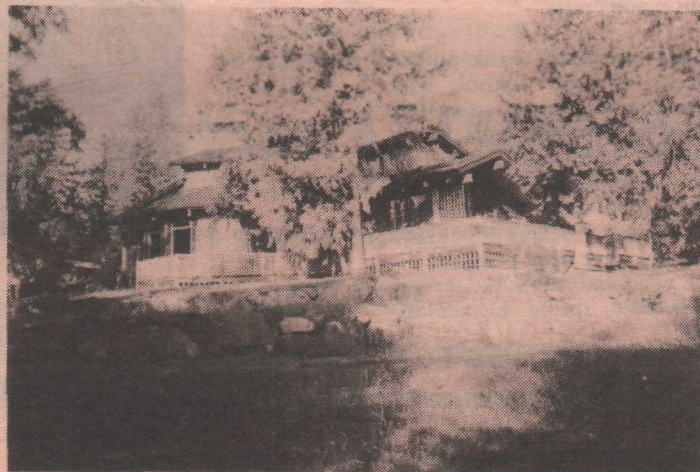
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Questions

Is motherhood an endangered species?

Is in-home parenting obsolete? Are babies and children slowly becoming wards of the state? Gathering from the town hall meeting with the MLAs on November 26, all this appears to be the case, especially if one happens to be financially poor — e.g., single mothers on welfare with one child over the age of six months are automatically labelled *employable*, and their babies are condemned as *insignificant*, and an immediate \$50 is slashed from their cheques. Enter governmental single parent harassment and child abuse policies.

What about the babies? Why is it that innocent babies and children are always the ones to suffer the most abuse, no matter what form it takes? Why are babies and children being denied their inherent right to be loved, protected and guided, by their own parents, in their own homes?

Why are babies and children being ruthlessly torn away from their own mothers (during the early stages of these crucial bonding years) and dumped into institutions as soon as they leave the womb, if they even manage to get that far?

Why does society and government prefer to pay institutions and strangers to raise babies, rather than pay the parents to care for their own children (at least until school age?)

If there are no loving fathers willing to help support the mothers and children, why rip off the children from the one and only parent the child really has left in the world?

Pardon me, folks, but I fail to see the humanitarian rights for children in all this blatant abuse.

Children are divinely sacred, innocent and defenceless human beings, and they deserve to have our unconditional love and protection, regardless of what victims of circumstances they happen to be born into. If we as parents do not provide this unconditional love and protection for our innocent children when they are young, how can we expect them to love and respect us as parents when they are older, let alone love and protect their own children.

For all the mothers with pre-school children who choose or feel they must work outside the home, so be it — God bless and good luck, but please do not condemn and criticize the single mothers who do choose to stay home with their children, until at least school age.

Judging from the shocking statistics of child abuse and teenage drug and alcohol abuse, etc., some parents, society and government have shamefully neglected, ignored and failed to meet the desperate and essential needs of innocent children —

namely love, protection, guidance and understanding.

I am forming a child protection group and will elaborate further in a future letter; in the meantime, if there are any single mothers who need help in dealing with the government, I will do everything humanly possible to help wherever I can.

IZADAURA L. GODCHILD,
Fulford Harbour.

Determined

In the wake of the Principal fiasco we have repeatedly heard, like a broken record, the premier and the minister of finance state that the government cannot be the guarantor of investments. Remember that the depositors held interest-bearing term certificates in a firm that was regulated by government under a law that *guaranteed the safety* of their deposits. Therefore, in my opinion, this statement serves only as a smokescreen to convey a false impression of the depositors' request and to try to convince the public that the government has no responsibility in this tragic debacle.

I offer a further example by quoting Hon. S. Hagen (April 26th, *Hansard*): "As I said before, the loans will be available if the money cannot be borrowed from existing institutions, such as credit unions or the banks — the money is not money, the money is a guarantee. The money will come from the banks or the credit unions, but the guarantee comes from the government — up to 75 per cent of the loan or a maximum of \$50,000."

Now we have the government guaranteeing loans of some \$2 million to Fatts chicken processing plant. Government does indeed guarantee investments to selected investors, allowing them the comfort of knowing *their* future is secure with taxpayers dollars.

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JOAN ROHOWAY,
Victoria.

Thank you

On behalf of the Salt Spring Elementary Parents' Group we would like to thank all those who aided us in our Christmas Bazaar.

The event was successful but could not have been accomplished without the help of many people. We would like to thank the following merchants who generously donated goods for our raffles: Island Drapery, Matt's Meats, Harlan's Chocolates, the Deli Shoppe, the Trading Company, Ganges Village Market, Pharmasave, the General Store, Sweet Arts Cafe and Rainbow Crafts.

We must also express our appreciation to all the parents who helped the children make the crafts and to those who helped decorate the gym and gave up their time on Saturday to work at the bazaar.

The music that we heard was wonderful. We feel that we were lucky to have been able to have such a line up of talent to provide entertainment and Christmas cheer to the bazaar.

We thank Dwayne Prosk and the school band, the Capella Sisters, Bruce Ruddell and Tuned Air, Linda Butkus, Kevin Vine and the school choir and Murray Shoolbraid. Thank you one and all.

The winners of the raffle were: gourmet basket, L. Wolfe-Milner; potted plant, Robyn Smith; giant candy cane, Jocelyn Langdon.

We needed the support of many people to make this event a success and we were fortunate to receive a wonderful response to our requests for baked goods, preserves and parent-made crafts.

Finally we must thank all the students at the school who enthusiastically helped us in this project and made the many wonderful Christmas crafts we displayed and sold on Saturday. Without their help and the help of the staff and teachers this event would not have been possible.

See you next year at the second annual Salt Spring Elementary bazaar.

ANNE McKERRICHER,
JILL URQUHART,
SANDRA BLACK.

SALT SPRING ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY NEWS

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A mess

I found a resonant chord with the Arthur Black piece on his theme of "whose land is it, anyway?" We surely are caretakers and janitors these days. Dr. Lewis Thomas speaks of this in his book *The Lives of a Cell*:

"The oldest, easiest-to-swallow idea was that the earth was man's personal property, a combination of garden, zoo, bank vault and energy source, placed at our disposal to be consumed, ornamented or pulled apart as we wished. The betterment of mankind was, as we understood it, the whole point of the thing. Mastery over nature, mystery and all, was a moral duty and social obligation.

"In the past few years we were wrenched away from this way of looking at it, and arrived at something like general agreement that we had it wrong. We still argue the details but it is conceded almost everywhere that we are not the masters of nature that we thought we were. We are as dependent on the rest of life as are the leaves, or midges or fish. We are part of the system. One way to put it is that the earth is a loosely-formed, spherical organism, with all its working parts linked in symbiosis. We are, in this view, neither owners nor operators; at best, we might see ourselves as motile tissue specialized for receiving information — perhaps, in the best of all possible worlds, functioning as a nervous system for the whole being ...

"But now, just when the new view seems to be taking hold, we may be in for another wrench, this time more dismaying and unsettling than anything we've come through. In a sense, we shall be obliged to swing back again, still believing in the new way but constrained by the facts of life to live in the old. It may be too late, as things have turned out.

"We are, in fact, the masters, like it or not.

"It is a despairing prospect. Here we are practically speaking twenty-first century humankind, filled to exuberance with our new understanding of kinship to all the family of life, and here we are still nineteenth century man, walking boot-shod over the open face of nature, subjugating and civilizing it. And we cannot stop this controlling, unless we vanish under the hill ourselves. If there

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were such a thing as a world mind, it should crack over this."

Dr. Thomas has a sense of man, male and female, as an inevitable creator. Like it or not. The big voice as a parent looking upon his child's room is saying, "You made the mess, now clean it up."

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges.

Professional

Since moving to Salt Spring Island in 1981, I have, via the Salt Spring Painters' Guild, participated each November in the Guilds' Christmas Sale at Mahon Hall in Ganges.

Each year has seen the growth of prestige surrounding this event, due mainly to the "Leader"-ship of Ilse — a diligent organizer and an extremely talented weaver and designer.

Through your paper I wish to praise her unselfish efforts on our behalf, those of her able assistant Muriel Hale, and Bunty Gonzalez

who looks after the financial end of things.

Merle Box, who displays professional aplomb when delivering her commentary on the fashion show, also deserves public recognition, as do the models. I know this preview introduction to the following three days is much anticipated, especially by our local residents who give the whole show such great support.

To everyone involved in making this annual event the success it is, may I say "thank you" and wish you all a Merry Christmas.

JO STONE,
Ganges.

Thank you

The ladies of Golden Hands Arts and Craft would like to thank the community for supporting us, and making it possible for us to support our favourite charities. The winner of the needlepoint picture is Marie Tarrington.
JANET BALZER,
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Teamwork

Virginia Newman and I were the Salt Spring Island office managers for Lynn Hunter preparing for the 1988 Federal election.

We'd like to thank the dozens and dozens of volunteers who worked shifts at Campaign Headquarters, put up signs, made donations, canvassed all over the island, and attended to the myriad details involved over the weeks.

What a team.
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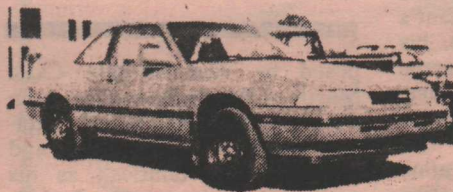


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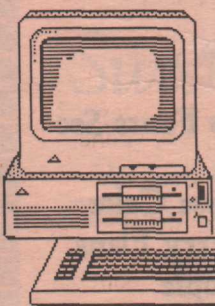
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Fish farm proposal rejected by trustees

Concerns about possible negative impacts on the environment and on adjacent properties last week caused the Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee to turn down a proposal to locate a fish farm off the island's southwest shore.

Applicant Henri Loiseau had approached the Trust with a request to rezone a two-hectare offshore site between Musgrave Landing and Cape Kepple, where he planned to install floating fish-rearing pens measuring 300 metres by 65 metres.

After a lengthy public hearing the received submissions from upland property owners, local realtors and concerned citizens, the Trust denied Loiseau's bid.

Speaking to the application, trustee Nick Gilbert said the local government body must respect its mandate to preserve and protect natural amenities, and to respond to the wishes of residents.

"It's clear today there is deep concern on both counts," Gilbert said. "There is value in fish farms, and we have approved two of them, but our policy is to proceed with care and assure they are properly located. I feel strongly (this application) has potential negative impacts for upland owners, for users of parks proposed nearby, and to the environment."

Gilbert added that the technology used in the fish-farming industry is becoming more advanced and is working to alleviate many of the concerns expressed about operations. That means the time may come when the Salt Spring Trust Committee will allow additional fish farms to operate within its area of jurisdiction.

Trustee John Stepaniuk agreed, saying that while he endorsed new industry for the island and felt the applicant's presentation was well done, his responsibility to address concerns related to environmental impacts left him little choice but to oppose the rezoning bid.

"I'm disturbed by the location — it's close to parks, recreation areas and fishing grounds," he said. "I also share the concerns of the upland owners. I am opposing this application at this time, but if evidence is produced in the future, if there is more convincing proof that this would have no adverse effects on the environment and the community, I may reconsider."

The application was also op-

Residents oppose Satellite Channel bid



John Stepaniuk

'If there is more convincing proof that this would have no adverse effects....'

posed by vice-chairmen Carol Martin of Hornby Island and John Dunfield of Thetis Island. Dunfield cited "physical hazards and economic uncertainties" as his reasons for voting against the bid, while Martin noted that provincial government agencies had been less than enthusiastic in their responses to the proposal.

Loiseau and his agent, Donald J. McLeay, a consultant specializing in aquatic environmental research, had told the public hearing that the site of the proposed operation was one of the few areas off Salt Spring identi-

fied in a provincial environment ministry study as being suitable for fish farming. Loiseau has an investigative permit for the site, which means he must satisfy government and public concerns before being eligible for a licence of occupation.

McLeay said federal fisheries had inspected and approved the site, that the provincial parks branch and the B.C. Wildlife Federation had expressed no concerns about the operation, and that the Gulf Trollers' Association had withdrawn its initial objections once the proposed location of the pens had been moved closer to shore.

The audience at the public hearing was heavily opposed to the operation, however. Several upland property owners said the fish farm was bound to be unsightly and noisy, and would mean a sharp reduction in the dollar value of their holdings and in the degree of peace and tranquility they enjoy.

Realtors Dennis O'Hara and Brian Betts agreed with the first point, noting that prospective purchasers lose interest when told a fish farm is sited near a property they intended to view.

Several residents suggested the Trust should put in place a policy of approving fish farms only if and when the operator owns the upland property immediately in front of his pens.

David Williams, speaking for the Islands Watch Society, said his organization was opposed to the application for four reasons: the fish farm could have serious negative impacts on a nearby underwater ecological reserve; it would devalue the values of upland properties; it promised little or no economic benefit to Salt Spring Island; and its site lay exposed to strong southwest winds.

Williams also noted that the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) serving the Trust had voted against endorsing the proposal, citing concerns about impacts on upland properties and the ecological reserve.

The hearing was also told that the proposed fish farm would lie between two upland properties designated by the provincial government as possible future parkland.

Also speaking against the application was upland property owner Bob Makaroff, who identified the area as one of the last parts of Salt Spring "uncluttered by industry" and likened fish farms to large animal feedlots.

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Ship, route changes proposed in transportation system study

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to the highways ministry and B.C. Ferries.

B.C. Ferries, the report continues, has established that implementing all of the changes proposed for its Gulf Islands service "would result in a significant reduction in annual operating costs" for the three routes. The routes now lose \$16.2 million a year.

Dealing with the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay route alone, the study predicts steady growth in traffic, which would soon require replacing the current 70-vehicle ferry with a vessel capable of handling 125 vehicles. Such a

move would require upgrading the holding compound at Fulford to handle the added traffic.

As an alternative, the study suggests moving the terminal to Isabella Point to allow implementing an hourly schedule over the shorter run, a subsequent 50 per cent increase in daily carrying capacity, better connections to mainland-bound ferries and continued use of the existing vessel until the year 2000.

It adds: "The final benefit of a reduced route length is that the gain in capacity would allow . . . service to Long Harbour to be discontinued." Extra traffic from Salt Spring would be handled through Isabella Point.

Problems with the current service between Long Harbour and Tsawwassen — which includes stops at several Outer Islands points — include use of a vessel that is both larger than required and too costly to operate, the study says. It also notes it would be difficult for another type of ship to use the Long Harbour terminal, and that extensive work is needed to upgrade the dock.

Similar problems exist on the service between Swartz Bay and the Outer Islands, the study continues. It says the ship now used on the route is too large and expensive to run efficiently, and should be replaced. Switching to a shallower-draft vessel with a smaller crew would mean six trips per day to Pender, and four per day to Galiano and Mayne.

To make the changes work, however, a bridge or separate vessel would be needed to link Saturna and Mayne Islands, the study says.

"B.C. Ferries' analysis indicates that operation of the proposed shallow draft vessel, in conjunction with either of the two connection options to Saturna and proposed adjustments to (the other routes) operations, would be less costly over the next decade than continuing with the present . . . service."

With the transportation study now completed and released, Victoria says the next step in the process is to begin drafting regional plans. That work is to be done through the ministry of transportation and highways, with input from MLAs and ministers of state for economic development.

In releasing the study, Highways Minister Neil Vant said: "For the first time in history we have a baseline study upon which we can begin our deliberations in the regions. It has taken one year to reach this point, but only through such a process can we build regional transportation plans and determine priorities in creating an integrated plan that will carry us through to the year 2000."

Minister, corporation reject bid for meeting

The prospect of a public meeting on Salt Spring to discuss ferry transportation issues has been discounted by the corporation and by the provincial highways minister.

In letters sent to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee in mid-November, corporation spokesman Bill Long and Highways Minister Neil Vant — who is responsible for the corporation — both said a public meeting would make the work of the committee redundant.

The committee has been seeking a public meeting for over a year, in hopes of addressing concerns like the proposed Isabella Point ferry terminal. In early autumn, it appeared a meeting would be held, but the corporation later decided it would not send a representative if such a session was arranged.

In his letter to committee chairman Daniel Evanishen, Long said the corporation values its contact with the group, and agrees that public input is necessary. However, he added that the corporation feels the committee "does an excellent job of keeping us informed," and that if B.C. Ferries looked to public meetings for public feedback, "there would be no point in having a (transportation) committee."

Vant's letter added: "For the corporation to begin to attend public meetings would mean a duplication of the committee's role. B.C. Ferries is confident that the committee members can ably represent the views of the island residents . . . the committee communication approach has been very workable in the past and I'm sure that it will continue to be very successful in conveying the transportation needs of those whom it represents."

Long said he regretted any inconvenience caused by the decision not to attend public meetings, and that he looked forward to working with the committee "to achieve their goals within the framework of our operation limits."

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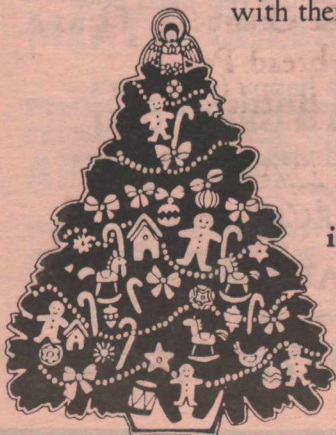


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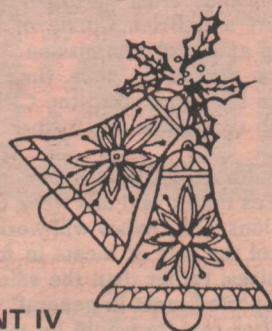
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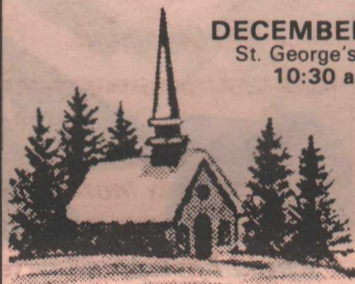
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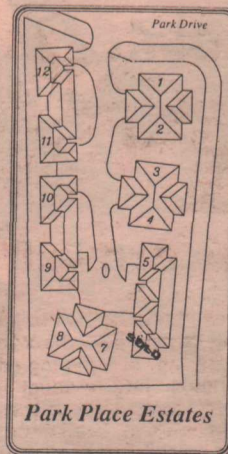
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Meat bylaw's emphasis to be changed?

The emphasis of a proposed Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw to regulate the sale of uninspected meat has shifted, due in large part to the efforts of two Gulf Islanders and the B.C. Sheep and Wool Commission.

The CRD bylaw — which has drawn criticism from Gulf Islands lamb producers — was tabled three weeks ago after regional directors heard from Saturna Island sheep farmer Jim Campbell, Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert and Brian Currie of the sheep and wool commission. Directors agreed at that time to return the proposal to the CRD's health committee for further review.

Health department representative Les Potter said last week that revisions to the bylaw will work to control the sale of meats in food premises, rather than the sale of uninspected meat in general.

Potter said he would be meeting with the CRD's chief medical officer, Dr. Perry Kendel, and members of the health committee to discuss the change in emphasis.

The proposed bylaw has been criticized by Gulf Islands lamb producers since being introduced last spring. Farmers expressed concern about the extra costs involved in shipping carcasses off-island for inspection purposes, and about a later bylaw proposal permitting carcass inspection by veterinarians.

Islanders noted they have little access to vets, and those who do have access expressed concern about costly fees.

Inspection is provided free-of-charge to producers who live in the proximity of a federally-

appointed inspection facility — something unavailable to Gulf Islanders.

The stated purpose of the bylaw is to bring the Gulf Islands into line with the rest of the CRD regarding meat inspection regulations. School District 64 (Gulf Islands) was deleted from the original legislation.

In his presentation to the November 23 CRD meeting, Campbell said establishment of the bylaw would make the Gulf

Islands the only rural area subject to the Meat Inspection Act.

"I suggested the Gulf Islands shouldn't be at the front of ramming the legislation to rural areas," Campbell said later.

Campbell and Currie both pointed out there have been no consumer complaints or health risks reported due to current marketing practices on any of the Gulf Islands. Lamb is inherently disease-free, they noted.

Furthermore, Currie said, the

sheep and wool commission believes the inspection regulations would impose, rather than prevent, health risks. Meat inspection assures only that the condition of the carcass complies with regulations at the time of slaughter, he said. Transferring the carcasses to Victoria or the Fraser Valley may preclude the possibility of "unhygienic transport and storage, loss of freshness and quantity and loss of identity of (the) local product."

Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert told the meeting he feels the legislation would discourage farming and lead to further subdivision of Gulf Islands land.

Once the health committee has established a revised set of recommendations, the amended bylaw will once again be presented to regional directors.



Emerson Dobroskay

Leads sought in search for UBC student

A public appeal has been made for information concerning a student who disappeared from the University of B.C. on October 28, 1988.

The appeal, made by UBC's Alma Mater Society, asks anyone who may have useful information about the case to contact the RCMP detachment at the university (224-1322).

Emerson Dobroskay disappeared from the university campus on the evening of October 28 and has been missing since.

In a letter to *Driftwood*, Alma Mater Society president Tim Bird said "the mystery has made many UBC students uneasy."

He added that police have searched the campus and found nothing, and "the only thing left for the RCMP to do is to follow up on any leads and tips they receive."

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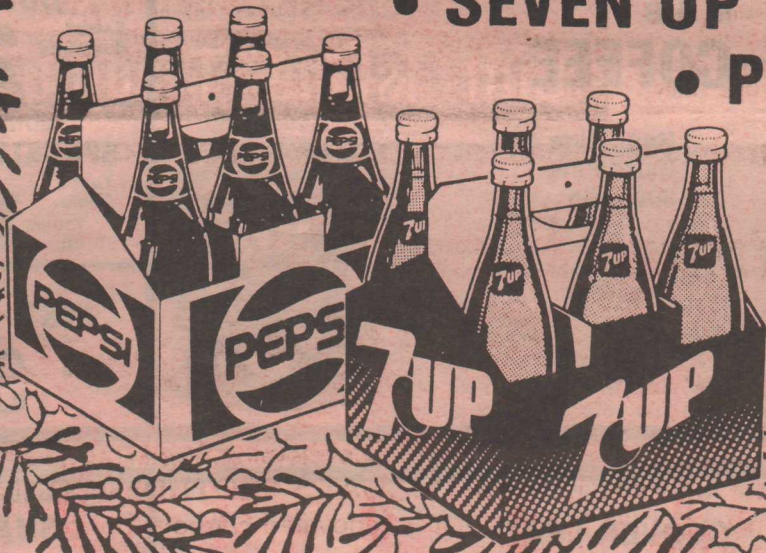
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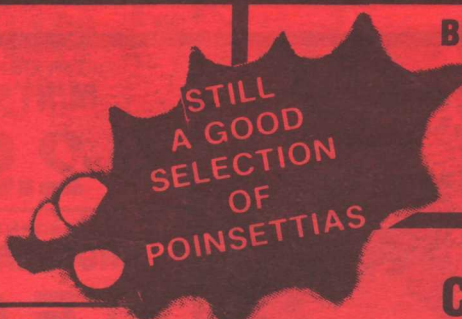
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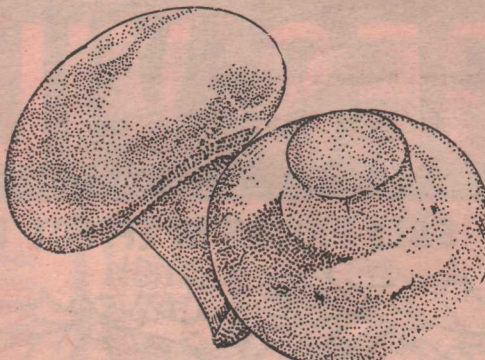

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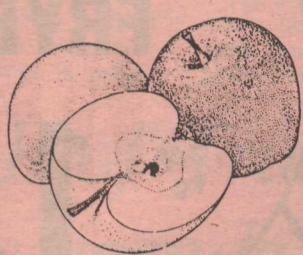
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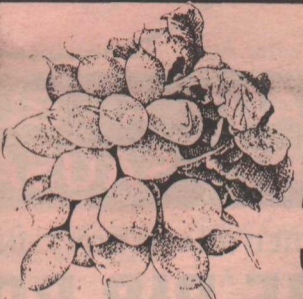
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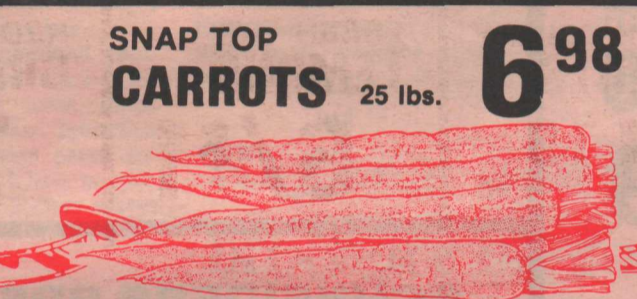
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Preliminary development permits were approved last week for two Ganges-area projects.

At its regular meeting on Friday, the Islands Trust gave the go-ahead to a commercial and residential redevelopment of six lots on McPhillips and Hereford avenues, and to a 40-unit multi-family project off Lower Ganges Road.

Trust chairman Nick Gilbert told the meeting the preliminary permits are approvals in principle, needed to move both projects onto the next stage of approvals.

Both projects conform to zoning requirements and have been endorsed by the Trust's Advisory Design Panel.

The downtown Ganges project would be a mix of commercial space and accommodation, together with a market area and

walkway, and a flood control plan for Ganges Creek.

The preliminary permit for the project covers site design and work done to respect the creek. It will be amended when details are available on such details as the height of buildings and setbacks from the creek.

The multi-family project,

meanwhile, calls for 40 town-house units at Lower Ganges and Corbett roads. The preliminary development permit approves the concept of the proposal for the 4.5 acre site.

The development plan is to construct the townhouses in eight clusters of five units each. The

single-storey units cover an average of 1,230 square feet — including garage space — and are designed as affordable, low-maintenance accommodation for older citizens.

The project falls five units short of building to the maximum allowable density on the site.

Gilbert and fellow trustee John Stepaniuk welcomed the project, noting that it fills a need for such housing near Ganges.

Length of Trust public hearing causes agenda to be postponed

The length of the public hearing portion of last Friday's Trust Committee meeting in Ganges meant some portions of the agenda will be picked up later this week in Victoria.

General trustees Carol Martin and John Dunfield, and local trustees Nick Gilbert and John Stepaniuk are expected to meet Thursday to deal with agenda items bypassed when Friday's meeting began to run late.

Missed when off-island committee members had to leave for ferry connections were items covering local bylaw infraction investigations, design panel appointments and a bylaw to give Islands Watch Society a seat on the Advisory Planning Commission (APC).

Three readings were given last Friday to a bylaw rezoning Drake Road property to rural residential. The land was recently exluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve.

No one spoke to the rezoning during the public hearing portion of the meeting, and trustees noted a rural residential classification was consistent with the status on other parcels in the area.

The bylaw will now be sent to the minister of municipal affairs for her signature, before being returned to the Trust for final opinion.

Fourth and final reading was given Friday to a rezoning of land near Park Drive to allow continuation of Eric Booth's Park Place Estates project. Eight or nine single-level units will be built on the property, to tie in with other units already constructed on adjacent land.

The rezoning drew no comments when it was put to a public hearing earlier this year.

A representative of residents of North Secretary Island will be invited to meet with Trust staff in Victoria to discuss a proposed subdivision of lots on the island. Residents hope to create and

sell three one-acre lots to raise money to purchase and install a water supply system and fire-fighting equipment.

The island, which has 14 lots at present, falls under the jurisdiction of the Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee.

A bylaw to rezone a Rainbow Road property from residential to commercial status was given three readings last Friday. No one spoke to the proposal during the public hearing part of the Trust

Committee meeting.

The property is to be the home of a commercial building extending to the next-door site of the former Driftwood office, which is already zoned for commercial use.

A development permit required for the project will later address details like site layout, setbacks and vehicle access.

The bylaw will now goes to the minister of municipal affairs for her signature, before being returned to the Trust for final adoption.

Regional district delivers brochure on composting

A brochure detailing proper composting procedures has been produced and distributed by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The brochure, entitled *Capital Region Recycles: Be smart — do your part* has been distributed to 79,000 households in the region. Copies are available from the CRD by calling 383-2696.

The CRD says it hopes the brochure will encourage more people to build backyard composting bins, thus causing "the application of thousands of metric tonnes of decaying vegetable matter annually to the soil."

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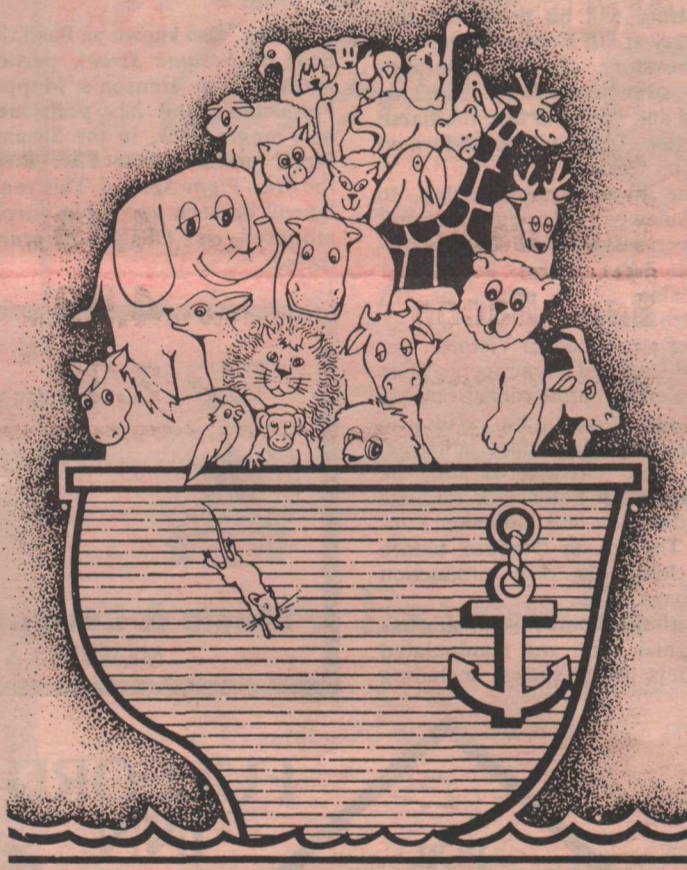
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Off Centre Stage schedules 'Ugly Duckling' presentation

A puppet production of Hans Christian Anderson's *The Ugly Duckling* will be presented this Sunday at Off Centre Stage.

The story, about an unattractive swan ostracized from his pond and forced to face the harsh realities of life, will be performed by Tim Gosley.

The 40-minute production, to be followed by a question-and-answer session with Gosley, begins at 2 pm. Tickets are \$5 and available at *et cetera* or Off Centre Stage.

Gosley, raised in Victoria, became involved in puppetry after completing professional acting training. Combining skills in script writing, puppet construction and characterization, he worked with Patchwork Puppets in Edmonton and Lampoon Puppet Theatre in Toronto before launching his own production company.

With that company, Gosley has designed, built and manipulated puppets in six shows, including

Thumbelina.

Gosley, also known as Basil the Bear on *Sesame Street*, participates in Jim Henson's Muppet Productions and has performed on *Fraggle Rock*, in the Sesame Street movie *Follow That Bird*, the *Miss Piggy Special*. This year, he will be seen as "a big purple monster on CBC's *Blizzard Island*."

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A hand worn bony with chores, extended, offering, agreeing; a gesture made, immortalized. The face, half-shadowed by a wide-brimmed hat, is as delicately awkward as the body on its spindly legs. A grandmother speaking, lips uttering some common-sensical, understandable pleasantries. An extraordinary authority that is not remarked, that does not shout. Soon there'll be iced tea or punch or fruit; fresh and opulent."

These are the grandmother figures of sculptor Viola Frey, whose huge ceramic sculptures I first saw several years ago at the Charles H. Scott Gallery at the Emily Carr College of Art and Design in Vancouver.

They are made "with a strong medium-textured white-firing clay. The ware is surfaced with a thick, white glaze after a biscuit firing.

Differ in temperament

The desired variety and luminosity of colours of the overglaze is achieved by repeated low temperature firings. Horizontal sections, one atop another result in sculptures six to eight feet in height, the most reaching 10 feet."

From the same issue of *The Studio Potter* magazine, Charles Fiske and Viola Frey describe her "Male Figures" using the words of Thorstein Veblen.

"The sexes differ, not only in stature and muscular force, but perhaps even more decisively in temperament ... the general range of activities that come under the head of exploitation falls to the males as being the stouter (and) more massive, better capable of a sudden and violent strain ... their aggressive assertion of force and sagacity differs obviously from the woman's assiduous and uneventful shaping of materials, the male's activity is not to be accounted productive labour, but rather an acquisition of substance by seizure."

These words certainly elicit strong images and preoccupations with sexual roles. They are eight-foot comic book characters, parodies of real humans. Orange and yellow and fiery red male personages and, for the grandmothers, "flowers on the hats are flower-coloured. Cheeks are red and shadows lavender blue."

Raucous surreal colour

Viola Frey is one of many artists working today in the field of ceramic figure sculpture. She projects her personal views onto the figures in raucous surreal colour and makes them dance awkwardly, like puppets, to her tune. These are not life-like figures but larger than life giants, from which no hiding place exists. When in their presence we are forced to gaze upon their eccentric presence and perhaps to also admit that each of us in our own way falls into social roles which are comedic, egotistic and sometimes grotesque.

Do we, most of our life, take our roles too seriously? Is playing well the game of life the success we all aim to achieve? Or, we must ask, can we discard masquerades and protocol to reach a more direct and caring world?

The December, 1987, issue of *The Studio Potter* is dedicated to figurative ceramics and is available at our local library, bound and ready to borrow. The book *Images in Clay Sculpture*, by Charlotte F. Speight, published by Harper Rowe, is an excellent practical guide, available through your bookstore.

Memberships offered

Four separate attractions — ranging from dance to comedy — highlight Off Centre Stage's annual membership drive event, set for this Saturday night.

The Salt Spring Island Hysterical Society will be on hand to present a spoof of typical Christmas office parties. Also performing will be the Turnagain Dance Collective, the Capella Sisters, and band Lisa Max.

Festive food is to be included in the price of admission, and audience members are invited to attend dressed as office party characters.

Aside from the food and entertainment, the focus of the evening will be to encourage people to join the Off Centre Stage Society, a non-profit group supporting cultural and artistic development on the island through the operation of a theatre and gallery.

The society initially ran Off Centre Stage on volunteer efforts and the support of the community. Last August, a federal government grant was received, allowing the hiring of a staff and making possible an almost-continuous series of art exhibits, theatrical productions, public workshops, comedy evenings, concerts, community group events and continuing weekly use of the space by the Achievement Centre, Continuing Education and local performing groups.


Although these events have been enthusiastically received, Off Centre Stage says, they were not intended to generate revenue for the society. Eighty per cent of all monies received through ticket sales or workshop fees goes to the performers and artists involved, with the remaining 20 per cent used to defray overhead costs like publicity, heat and light.

With its federal government grant funding due to end in January, and in order to build on the successes of the past year, Off Centre says it is relying on the community to support its efforts through memberships.

Memberships, available this Saturday night, are \$10 per

individual or \$25 per family. An artistic membership, which allows use of the facility at reduced rates, is \$35. Patron memberships are \$50.

For information about this Saturday's events, Off Centre Stage or memberships, call 537-5211.



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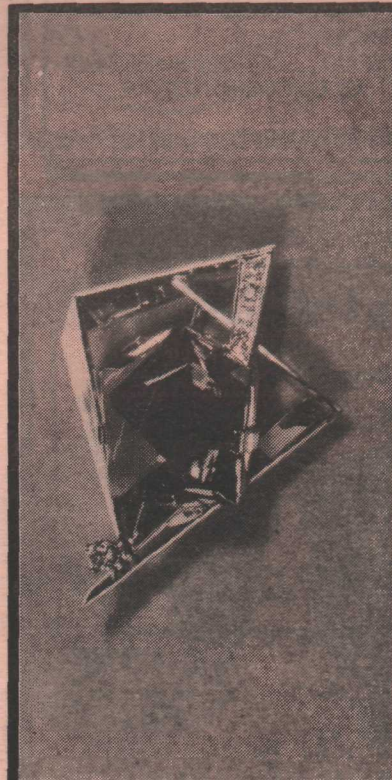


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 Monday, Jan. 9 **GENERAL MEETING** - 8 pm
 Monday, Jan. 16 **LADIES GENERAL MEETING**
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Watch for information on the **AUCTION** and **ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT**, both coming in January.

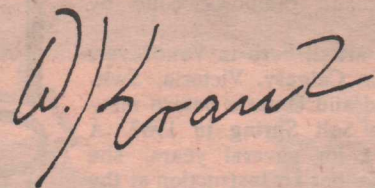
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Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) No meat draw; Legion closes at 5:00 pm
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Singers entertain audience

The Salt Spring Singers, directed by Joy Johnsen and accompanied by pianist Angela Funk, delivered a pre-Christmas concert to a capacity audience at Ganges United Church on December 11.

The group's program consisted of songs of praise — carols, both old and new, and a tone poem entitled *Listen as the Snowflakes Fall*. Angela Funk played two preludes, *The Harp* by Prokofiev, and the Bach *Prelude in C*.

The formal part of the program was brought to a close by an amusing version of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, with Laura Faulkner miming the list of gifts, and *White Christmas*, with a solo by Phil Hume. Individual items were introduced by several members of the group, and Mary Williamson read a John Betjeman Christmas poem.

Carol singing followed. The audience was told of plans to provide a new roof for the church, so it would be in order if they raised it a little.

Mention was also made of a special service at 3 pm on Sunday, December 18, for those who find Christmas a less-than-joyous occasion. Rev. Dale Perkins will celebrate "Blue Christmas" for anyone who wants to work through grief or perhaps suffers from nostalgia for other, happier times.

The Salt Spring Singers repeated the highlights of the Sunday program at the Christmas party at Greenwood on Tuesday, December 13.

Fulford artist's work exhibited by Fieldmouse

A collection of paintings and drawings by Fulford Harbour's Margaret Little will be displayed at the Fieldmouse Wildlife Gallery on December 17 and 18.

Titled *Nature's Gifts*, the show will feature images of flowers, leaves and rainbows done by Little.

The artist, born in Vancouver, lived in Calgary, Victoria, Switzerland and Ontario before moving to Salt Spring in 1987. A teacher for several years, she received her art instruction at the college and university level in London, Ontario, and through courses offered by UBC, the Art Gallery of Victoria and the Vancouver School of Art.

Little, whose works are included in business and education institutions and in private collections, worked for many years in oils and etchings before moving to acrylics and watercolours. She later spent some time in fabric design, then began working with coloured pencils.

The artist has participated in several solo and group exhibitions dating to 1968.

Along with the collection of works by Little, the gallery will be showing *A Covey of Partridge* — original paintings and drawings by Rosemary Partridge. On permanent exhibition at the gallery are *The Remarkable Animals of Fritz Hug*.

The Fieldmouse Wildlife Gallery is located at 185 Arbutus Road.



Asmira

Middle East food, dance on schedule

An evening of Middle Eastern cuisine and belly-dancing will be presented December 15 at the Vesuvius Inn.

Featured dancers will be Asmira, Attish and Birdie, who will perform sword, veil and candle dances. Accompanying the dancers will be guitarist and percussionist David Webb.

The dances are Middle Eastern cultural expressions relating to tribal celebrations of fertility, marriage and birth. They are performed in villages, markets, coffee houses, palace courts and at festivals.

The cabaret version of the dances — to be seen at the Vesuvius Inn — dramatize traditional choreography from Egypt, Morocco, Arabia, Jordan and Persia.

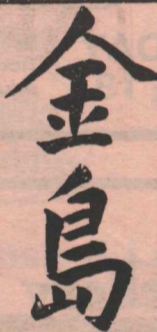


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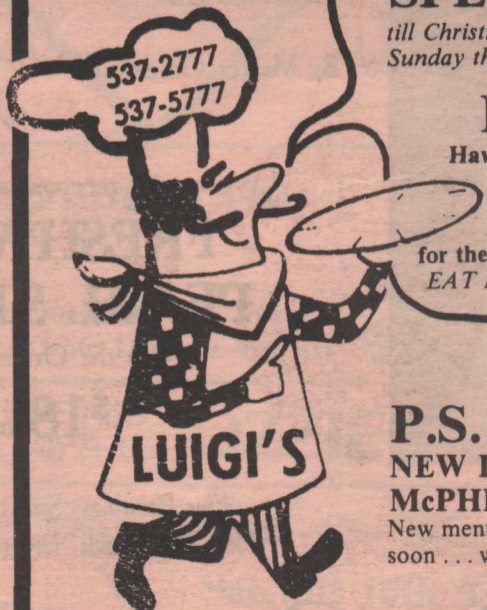
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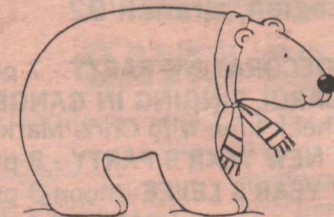
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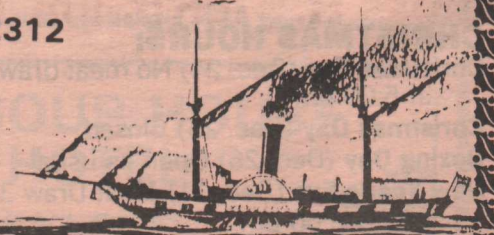
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Shipments of new volumes received by public library

Another shipment of new books has arrived at the Salt Spring Island Public Library. The list of new titles includes:

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Traveller, by Richard Adams; *Cat's Eye*, by Margaret Atwood; *Prospero's Daughter*, by Beresford-Howe; *A Wild Old Man On The Road*, by Morley Callaghan; *Primetype*, by Joan Collins.

Prizzi's Glory, by Richard Condon; *Final Flight*, by Stephen Coonts; *Sword Point*, by Harold Coyle; *Demon Lord of Karanda*, by David Eddings; *Violent Storms*, by Jon Erickson.

The Jade Stalk, by Jonathan Fast; *Stones*, by Timothy Findley; *The Last Hero*, by Peter Forbath; *The Edge*, by Dick Francis; *The Goldfish Bowl*, by Lawrence Gough.

The Captain and the Enemy, by Graham Greene; *The Honorary Patron*, by Jack Hodgins; *A Gathering of Saints*, by Robert Lindsey; *The Truth About Lorin Jones*, by Alison Lurie; *Uncle Target*, by Gavin Lyall.

Bright Lights, Big City, by Jay McInerney; *Perfect Machine*, by Jay McInerney; *Anything For My Love*, by Larry McMurtry; *The Callad of the Yorkshire Ripper*, by Blake Morrison; *Queen of the Damned*, by Anne Rice.

King of the Fields, by Isaac Singer; *Tiger Moon*, by Fiona and Mel Sunquist; *The Scroll of Benevolence*, by John Trenhaile; *Breathing Lessons*, by Anne Tyler; *High Adventure*, by Donald Westlake; *Fastynge*, by Tim Wynne-Jones.

NON-FICTION

The International Cookie Cookbook, by Nancy Baggett; *Frozen In Time*, by Owen Beattie; *Child Star*, by Shirley Temple Black; *What Color Is Your Parachute*, by Richard N. Bolles; *The Beauty of Light*, by Ben Bova.

Outs, Greed and Glory, by Ben Bradlee; *Seasons of the Seal*, by Fred Bruemmer; *Down Home: Notes of a Maritime Son*, by Harry Bruce; *Building Code For B.C.*; *Canadian Almanac and Directory for 1988*, edited by Susan Bracken.

Pick of Punch, by Alan Coren; *Lords of the Line*, by David Cruise; *Hysterectomy*, by Winifred Cutler; *What's Next?*, by Erdman; *The Architecture of Arthur Erickson*, by Arthur Erickson.

How to Talk so Kids will Listen, by Adele Faber; *The Best of Times*, by Trent Frayne; *The Watercolor Painter's Solution Book*, by Angela Gair; *The Bald Eagle*, by Jon Gerrard; *If I Knew Then What I Know Now*, by Estelle Getty.

Life of the Party, by Eddie Goodman; *The Rise of the Greeks*, by Michael Grant; *Complete Canadian Small Business Guide*, by Douglas and Diana Gray; *The Making of Modern*

Tibet, by Tom Grunfeld; *Wars of the the Roses*, by Elizabeth Hallam.

A Survey of the Atlantic Beaches, by Don Hendrie; *The Duchess of Windsor: The Secret Life*, by Charles Higham; *Laurance Olivier*, by Anthony Holden; *Microwave Cooking With Style*, by Barb Holland; *Fishing with John*, by Edith Iglauer.

I'd Rather be Shelling on Niue!, by Betty Kilgour; *Best of Bridge Cookbook*, by Mary Korman; *To My Father's Village*, by William Kurelek; *Decline of the Super Powers*, by James Laxer; *On The Wrong Side*, by Stanislaw Levchenko.

Birding Around The World, by Aileen Lotz; *The Lynch Mob*, by Charles Lynch; *The Saudis*, by Sandra Mackey; *The Story of English*, by Robert McCrum; *Road to Jerusalem*, by T.N. McLeod.

The Last Lion — 1932-1940, by William Manchester; *Eye of a City*, by David Mattison; *King Solomon's Mines Revisited*, by William Minter; *1988 Writer's Market*, by Glenda T. Neff; *This Is Down Wind Sailing*, by John Oakley.

I Didn't Hear The Dragon Roar, by Francis Parsons; *The Shah's Last Ride*, by William Shawcross; *The Story of Norma Shearer*, by Lawrence Quirk; *Debbie*, by Debbie Reynolds; *A Bright Shining Lie*, by Neil Sheehan.

The Nootka, by Gilbert Sproat; *The Art of the Deal*, by Donald Trump; *117 Practical IC Projects*, by Warring; *The Long-Distance Grandmother*, by Selma Wasserman; *Moscow Dispatches: Inside Cold War Russia*, by John Watkins.

Making Potpurri, Colognes and Soaps, by David Webb; *Western Garden Book* (Sunset, fourth edition); *Reign of Error*, by Greg Weston; *The Accidental Airline*, by Howard White; *No Time to Wave Goodbye*, by Ben Wicks.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

First Spring on the Grand Banks, *The Last Voyage of the Scotian*, and *Shantymen of Cache Creek*, all by Bill Freeman; *The Kids of Degrassi St.*: Karen Keeps Her Word, by Kit Hood

and Linda Schuyler.

Degrassi Jr. High: Exit Stage Left, by William Pasnak; *Baseball Crazy*, by Martyn Godfrey; *Warriors, Gods and Spirits from Central and South America*, by Douglas Gifford; *I Want A Dog*, by Dayal Khalsa.

The library also notes that it has a large selection of *Listen For Pleasure* books on display. Included are the following titles: *African Queen*, *Agatha Christie Mysteries*, *Analog Science Fiction*, *Doctor Zhivago*, *The Eagle Has Landed*, *Jamaica Inn*, *Letters From America*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Rumpole of the Old Bailey*, *Under the Volcano*, *War of the Worlds*, *White Plague*.

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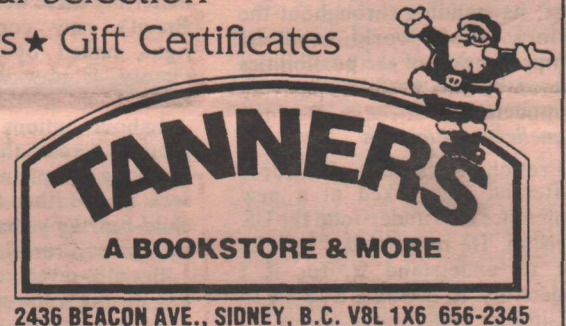
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Denial of UN visa sparks world-wide comment

The United States denial of a visa to PLO leader Yasir Arafat, preventing him from addressing the United Nations in New York, provoked world wide response to Secretary of State Schultz's decision:

"Secretary of State Schultz erred badly when he denied Arafat a chance to address the United Nations. It shifts the focus of debate from the PLO's inability to speak clearly about peace with Israel, to America's unwillingness to listen. It insults the UN. One does not have to approve of Mr Arafat to deplore an illogical exclusion that makes the U.S. look petulant while making him appear a champion of free speech."
New York Times

"The refusal of entry into America of a pacific Yasir Arafat, when a more bellicose Arafat was never stopped before, suggests either a private tantrum or the ultimate finger-click of the Israeli lobby."
Sunday Times, London

"Officials in Jerusalem have voiced satisfaction with the U.S. state department's rejection of Yasir Arafat's application for an American entry visa. They expressed the hope that this will block, if only temporarily, the PLO's diplomatic onslaught which followed the Algiers declaration of Palestinian statehood."
Jerusalem Post

"By proving unable to resist snubbing the PLO chairman, the U.S. has done itself damage. Its political maturity is in question. So is its commitment to the UN, its dedication to peace in the Middle East, its standing throughout the furious Arab world, and its comprehension of the possibilities offered by Mr Arafat's discovery of moderation."
Manchester Guardian

French President Francois Mitterand was asked at a new conference if he understood the US decision. He responded: "I prefer not to understand it, for if I understood it, it would lead me to pessimistic conclusions about the future."
Le Monde

"Schultz, in turning down Chairman Yasir Arafat's request for a visa to the United States, crowns his years of service in the Reagan administration with a courageous, daring and wise decision that is typical of the man. He saw through the flimsy pretensions of the PLO. He was not blinded by specious arguments, nor did he knuckle under to what must have been considerable pressure. He has earned our gratitude and admiration."
Jewish News

Cockroaches

Park Lane's Dorchester Hotel, now owned by the Sultan of Brunei, was fined \$15,000 (Cdn) by a London court for harbouring unwanted kitchen guests. The cockroaches were found by inspectors who cited numerous other violations of hygiene standards in the hotel, which is patronized exclusively by the very rich.
Manchester Guardian

Limitations

President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua cancelled his proposed trip to the United Nations in New York, claiming that the U.S. put unacceptable restrictions on his visa and failed to issue visas to members of his delegation. The visa restrictions limited

Ortega's travel within four boroughs of New York and this would have prevented him from staying with Nicaragua's chief delegate to the United Nations.

Vernon Walters, the U.S. chief delegate to the UN, said: "We guaranteed his right to come to the United Nations. But we did not guarantee his right to bring unlimited numbers of people with him, nor did we guarantee his right of tourism in the United States."
New York Times/Globe & Mail

Pork-fat scare

Indonesia's 150 million Muslims, have been reassured by top government and religious officials that a number of popular prepared foods are "Halal" (permitted foods for Muslims). Rumours had been circulating that some foods, including powdered milk, were contaminated by pork-fat and their consumption has dramatically decreased.

Since the management of the companies involved all have links to President Suharto, there have been allegations of a smear campaign.

President Suharto, government officials and religious leaders each drank a glass of reputedly contaminated milk at a news conference to dramatize their confidence in its purity.
Asiaweek

Maternity

A doctor's certificate proving a woman is sterilized is sought by employers after rights of extended maternity leave were entrenched in Brazil's new constitution. The right, hailed by feminists as a victory, is now working against them.

Labour unions and women's groups across the country are receiving complaints as companies seek men, rather than women of child-bearing years, or ask for the sterilization certificate.

Brazil's severe economic crisis has shrunk a job market in which one-third of the country's work force had been female, but Brazilian law does not establish quotas for women in the workplace and men are now in demand.

Although it is technically illegal to discriminate, Florisa Verucci, who was prominent in drafting the constitution affecting women, said: "I think in many cases it will be difficult to prove. We just hope this is temporary."
New York Times

Peace talks

The Soviet Union and a seven-member Afghan guerrilla alliance, headed by Burhannudin Rabbani, concluded talks in Saudia Arabia last week. The parties agreed to continue talks in Pakistan in the immediate future.

Meeting in Saudia Arabia was a major Soviet concession, as the anti-communist Saudi government supplies arms and money to the rebels.

Chief Soviet negotiator, First Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Vorontsov, said: "The time has come for peace in Afghanistan and a broader-based Muslim government reflecting the wishes of the Afghan people."

Mujahideen, under the chairmanship of Burhanuddin Rabbani, indicated they would let Soviet troops withdraw safely if they in turn did not mount attacks against guerillas, they would exchange prisoners, they would not foment Islamic dissidence within the Soviet Union, nor would a Mujahadin government

assume a strong pro-Western stance. This calmed Soviet fears of disruption of the economic ties between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union.

The facts of geography tie the two countries together and governs an increasing economic interdependence. The Soviets buy Afghanistan's natural gas for its industries north of the Oxus River boundary, and Northern

Afghanistan is tied into the Soviet electrical grid.

The conduct of the talks without the presence of the Kabul regime is seen as undermining the legitimacy of the Soviet-backed government. Diplomatic sources say Moscow may be willing to sacrifice the present government to preserve its international image and prevent a bloodbath after Soviet troop withdrawal.

New York Times/Globe & Mail



international report

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Gorbachev offer belittled by U.S.

By PETER PENTZ

Many of us saw or heard enough of Mikhail Gorbachev's address to the UN on December 7 to recognize its major importance and not just for the promise to remove half a million troops, 10,000 tanks and 8,000 pieces of artillery from the armed forces of the USSR. Even more valuable was the Soviet leader's insistence that *all* military force-structure must be made strictly defensive if civilization is to survive — and that the Soviet Union was going to move in this direction, whatever others did.

The objective should be "defensive sufficiency," which he and the Soviet General Staff have defined as the minimum capable of repulsing attack, but with forces unsuitable for invading the territory of others. Obviously, they say, all these forces have to be non-nuclear: until nuclear "warhead" stocks are brought down worldwide, from the present 50,000 to a few hundred, not one can be used without near-certainty of responses escalating uncontroll-

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ably and ending the human race. In New York, Gorbachev was simply repeating, with some specifics, what he and others had said before; but now he was appealing to the good sense of the many millions who heard him throughout the world, and particularly in Europe where the most dangerous concentration of offensive armaments has been assembled. It is already clear that the response in Germany and Britain is much more realistic, and therefore positive, than official reaction in North America.

What a spectacle was presented to the world by those "leaders" of the great American people — Reagan, Bush and Schultz — and by nearly all the "experts" assembled by the TV channels, as they tried to tell us what to think of the Gorbachev address. What was their response to this statesman with his urgent pleas for joint action on world problems, including the environmental threats that have to be dealt with as soon as the military nonsense is out of the way?

Instead of rising to the planetary level of responsibility and concern Gorbachev had introduced, the spokesmen for the US either mumbled platitudes or insulted our intelligence by playing silly and misleading numbers games with the Soviet force reductions. 500,000 less troops? "A mere 10 per cent, leaving the USSR with five million against "our" 300,000." Do they think we cannot read?

Depending on whether we count all military personnel available to WTO (Warsaw Pact) and NATO — including railway, construction and labour conscripts with little or no military training — or at the other extreme only fighting forces near the central front in Europe, we find the figures range from a minimum of 980,000 WTO against 800,000 NATO, up to a maximum

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of 5.9 million for NATO, and 4.4 M to 5 million for WTO.

Similarly for armour. Estimates of tank numbers range from 68,700 (WTO) against 31,200 (NATO) down to 9,500 (WTO) versus 6,500 (NATO). The US Department of Defence actually gives 32,000 and 21,600 respectively as the numbers "in place in Europe and rapidly deployable." Gorbachev said he would be pulling the 10,000 out of the front-line forces in Eastern Europe. Does that seem negligible? When Reagan, Schultz and company insisted that Gorbachev's reductions would still leave NATO "far inferior," did they seriously expect any educated person to believe them? Did they, one cannot help wondering, even believe themselves?

More deplorable even than this sort of flea-market chaffering over penny numbers is the total absence of any response to what matters so much more: the idea of replacing traditional offensive strategy by genuine defence — non-provocative, non-threatening. Gorbachev challenged our realism and good sense when he urged us to accept, as he does, that the old adage of attack being the best form of defence, is suicidal nonsense in the over-armed world of today.

But NATO's force structure and present policy are traditional, offensive, and therefore obsolete. The main features are readiness to be the first to use nuclear weapons (an empty threat, suicidal and therefore incredible); frantic efforts to "modernize" by introducing new offensive nuclear weapons (like air- or sea-launched Cruise missiles) to replace those being removed under the INF Agreement; and the Follow-on Forces Attack and Air-Land Battle strategies recently introduced by the Pentagon.

It is easy to understand Washington's embarrassment at the idea of suddenly reversing policie for which American taxpayers have been persuaded over the years to pour billions into

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the military-industrial pork-barrel. But for us in Canada, for the people of the whole world — and that includes our friends and neighbours south of the border — the challenge to match the good sense now shown, however belatedly, by the Soviet people is surely an opportunity too good to be missed.

We Canadians can send a simple message through Ottawa: our continued membership of NATO is conditional on prompt moves towards a non-nuclear, realistic and genuinely defensive structure, in which the costs that now cripple the world will steadily drop as the need spirals downwards.

Peter Pentz is a Salt Spring resident who writes frequently on international and military affairs.



Santa's visit

Annual arrival of Bellingham Jaycees — and Santa — went off without a hitch last Saturday night. Santa was escorted from Ganges dock (above) by volunteer firemen and taken to high school gymnasium decked out in festive decorations made by students. At left, six-year-old Heidi Straarup was one of about 1,000 local children to visit with Santa. Below, others anxiously await their turns.



Education minister wants curriculum to be responsive to needs of students

By HUBERT BEYER
Special to Driftwood

VICTORIA — When asked about his own vision of the future of B.C.'s education system, Tony Brummet likes to point to a poster in his office. It reads: *You see things as they are and ask why; I dream of things that cannot be and ask why not.*

It's close enough to Robert Kennedy's original quote and, at any rate, it does quite accurately convey the enthusiasm the education minister brings to his job.

Tony Brummet looks more like a logger than a politician. His large frame, hands like rudders and a down-to-earth way of talking would make him look right at home in any logging camp. In fact, he doesn't consider the idea of logging all that outlandish.

"I was never forced to stay at a job I didn't enjoy," Brummet says. "People ask me what I would do if I ever left politics. I'd find something. I know damn well I can teach, I know damn well I can administer; I can drive a logging truck; I still have my class A licence."

Brummet brings a lot of on-the-job training to his ministry. He spent 26 years as a teacher and principal in our much-maligned school system. That experience goes a long way to overcoming some of the doubts educators traditionally have about politicians in general and education ministers in particular.

For the past two months, Brummet has travelled all over the province to talk to principals, teachers, school trustees, parents and students about the Sullivan Report on Education. He says he is determined not to let the report and its recommendations gather dust on government shelves as so many other Royal Commission reports have done.

Before he talks about specifics, Brummet wants one thing understood. Improvements to the education system cost money. The better the system, the more money it costs. He wants to make it clear that anyone who says "the government should do something" should be prepared to pay for it.

The most important change



Tony Brummet

necessary to improve the current education system is, in his view, a redirection of emphasis from a sterile, uncompromising curriculum to a more flexible system driven by the needs of the students — by their curiosity, their interests and strengths.

Brummet says we have to get away from the practice of simply packaging a certain amount of information and facts, calling it a course, teaching it and giving students credits for it. Teaching, he says, should be based on relevance and currency, not just on a prescribed curriculum.

He recalls trying years ago to teach math to an extremely bored and uninspired class of students in an Interior farming community. Getting nowhere fast, he had the students design farm buildings.

After designing the buildings, determining how much material to buy, what discounts to apply to certain purchases, and figuring out the ratios of square feet per cow in the dairy operation, and the space necessary to accommodate the hay harvest in the barns, these students knew more about math than Brummet could have hoped to teach them by sticking to the curriculum.

Any curriculum, he says, must be flexible enough to allow students to pursue their own interests. The curriculum and the

teachers should ideally serve as guides only.

"It's no longer possible to teach students everything there is to learn, but we can teach them to find out whatever they must know and want to know," he says. A student equipped with that skill, he adds, will always be able to adapt to new circumstances and demands.

"We are too dependent on what they tell us instead of finding what we want to know. If you have the skills to find what you want to know, the mastery of knowledge is unlimited."

Throughout the interview, Brummet harks back to the inflexibility of the existing education system.

"We ask a student what he wants to do, go on to university or become a mechanic? If the school doesn't offer mechanics, we say sorry, you can't study that, but we forget that there are businesses in just about every community

where a student might be able to learn all about mechanics, and still go to school."

The education system of the future, he says, must include not only schools, colleges and universities, but business. "If the schools are to prepare students for life, we must know what is in demand, he says."

After a few days in Victoria, Brummet will hit the road again to find out how communities throughout the province feel about reshaping the education system. He cautions, however, that not all changes can be accomplished overnight.

"We can't shut down the present system in June and open with a new system in September. Some changes will take longer to make than others, but the changes must be made," he says.

"I'm excited by the possibilities, and so are a lot of people I talk to. Don't tell me it can't be done."

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Change in tone at high school evident in small, large ways

By DAVID EYLES

I am often asked general questions regarding what is happening at the high school. After I tell people, they usually say: "Well, that's interesting; I'm sure the community as a whole would be interested in knowing that."

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So I would like now to let you know what is, and has been, happening at GISS. The heart of our education system is people, so I will start there. Our new principal, John Wellingham, has been with us about two years now. Some of the others who have joined the school in the last two years are John Bergsma as counsellor, Pauline Tremblay in Life Skills, Anne-Marie Flamand in French, Clive Prior in Gifted and English, Richard Tallboy as learning assistant, and Mary Rockliffe in drama.

As well, we have Ann Marshall doing peer counselling, Rob Griffith in social studies, John Cameron in computers and, finally, we have a new person in the agriculture program, Clark Billingham.

Whew! Sorry if I missed anyone, but you can see we certainly have a staff which is changing and growing.

Our high school might look much the same from the outside but there are numerous changes inside. We have a revitalized drafting program with improved facilities. The metal and woodworking shops have also been rejuvenated in the last little while, as has the arts area. A new computer lab, along with a new program and teacher in-service, is now in place. Also business education, agriculture and art have expanded into career education. We have a number of locally developed courses including areas such as PE, work experience and calculus.

The tone of the school is also important. Changes can be seen in big events like graduation and

school assemblies, or small things like new lockers and more garbage cans to reduce litter. On the cultural side, in the coming year the Green Thumb Theatre, Steven Boswell, the Axis Mime Theatre and the Vancouver Saxophone Quartet are all planning to visit the school.

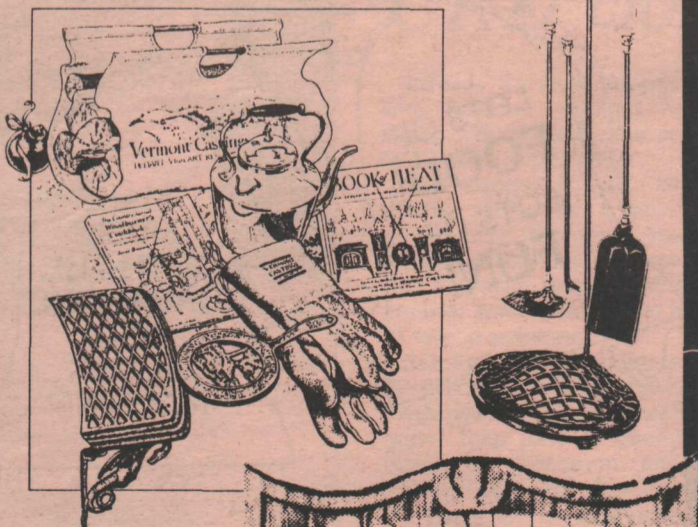
We are considering doing regular columns or bulletins not only for the high school but for the district, so that "catch-ups" like

this aren't necessary. The schools belong to us, to our community; they are not perfect and we have lots to work on, but I believe we are doing a good job of educating our children. With parent and community awareness and interest it can only get better.

David Eyles is chairman of the Gulf Islands School District Board of Trustees.

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capital comment

by hubert beyer



VICTORIA — The New Zealand forestry giant Fletcher Challenge isn't the only company wanting to expand its British Columbia empire. It also isn't the only company running into stiff opposition.

CIP Inc. has an application before the government to increase the size of its Tree Farm Licence (TFL) on Vancouver Island to 152,000 hectares, which would roughly double the size of its existing TFL.

But if the company expected smooth and expeditious approval, it didn't reckon with the towns of Tahsis, Zeballos and Gold River. The three communities have combined forces to wrestle some major concessions and commitments from the company in return for their support of the application.

To fully appreciate the battle between the northern Vancouver Island communities and the company you have to understand that CIP is a subsidiary of Canadian Pacific Forest Products which, in turn, is owned by Canadian Pacific, the company Canadians have loved to hate ever since it finagled huge land tracts out of the government in return for building a coast-to-coast railroad more than 100 years ago.

The three communities, which are located within the TFL area in question, want more from CIP than vague promises. They want a firm commitment from CIP to take an active part in the future of their towns.

Development of communities

Representatives from Gold River, Zeballos and Tahsis recently met with government and company officials to discuss their concerns. According to the minutes of the meeting — a copy of which I obtained — the towns' representatives left no doubt in Forest Minister Dave Parker's mind where they stood on the application if the company fails to make some firm commitment to them.

"We are opposed to the application, until commitments are made. It's a matter of how the communities are treated," said Tom McCrae, the mayor of Tahsis.

McCrae said CIP's development must go hand in hand with the development of the communities. He said the company had, for example, received assistance from the government and the towns for some subdivisions which are now lying vacant. He didn't want past mistakes repeated.

CIP's Sandy Fulton replied that the company wasn't in the real estate business, which I find rather amusing. Canadian Pacific is among the biggest real estate developers in the country. They still haven't disposed of all the land they got for next to nothing a century ago.

What exactly is it the communities want from CIP, the child of a parent which has had its way for so long and isn't used to some small town running interference?

To start with, the three communities want the company to draw its work force mostly from the area. The timber harvest, they say, should be managed to benefit the local economy.

To that end, the towns want CIP to operate out of Zeballos, which is accessible by either road or water. They want all silviculture work to be done by a contractor based in Zeballos. Engineering and forestry crews, they say, should be based in Zeballos.

Input into allocations

"The financial responsibilities that have been taken on by the village to accommodate this corporation are in jeopardy if this operation and community suffer any more downsizing," states a brief that is to be submitted to a February 2 public hearing on the company's application.

The towns also insist that they have input into the allocation of five per cent of the annual harvest, which is to go to open bidding. They want the company to assist them in encouraging workers to move their families into Zeballos. And they want the company to participate in the completion of a road linking Zeballos to Tahsis.

"We would also like to encourage the corporation to take a larger role in community events and projects," the brief states. And finally, the towns want a written commitment from the company that it will maintain a stable operation in the area.

I talked to McCrae and he wasn't very impressed with the company's track record. His town, Tahsis, he said, had lost about 700 people in the past few years as a result of the company's downsizing.

"We are saying to the company, *make a long-term commitment to the communities.* We are saying to the government, *make a long-term commitment to environmental protection.*"

McCrae doesn't mince words. When Parker told him that his job wasn't an easy one, either, considering that some 130 pieces of legislation impacted on his ministry, McCrae replied: "That doesn't impress me dick."

The way it looks from here, CIP would be well-advised to comply with the demands of the three communities. The days when big multinational companies could lord it over small towns seem to be over. The towns are fighting back. They want more than just temporary jobs. They want an assured and stable future.

Ten people fined, jailed one day for clam-digging on oyster lease

Ten Ladysmith-area residents were each fined \$500 and had to spend one day in jail after they were found guilty in county court in Victoria recently of mischief when digging clams on an oyster lease on Salt Spring Island.

Charges were originally laid in August, 1986, by Ganges detach-

ment RCMP officer Gary Styles after the lease holder noted the illegal activities taking place at the site.

Styles said the 10 arrived at the oyster lease, near Castillou Way, by boat and had already left the area before he arrived. However, the 10 were later identified by the

lease-holder, Leo Limberis of Limberis Seafoods in Ladysmith.

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