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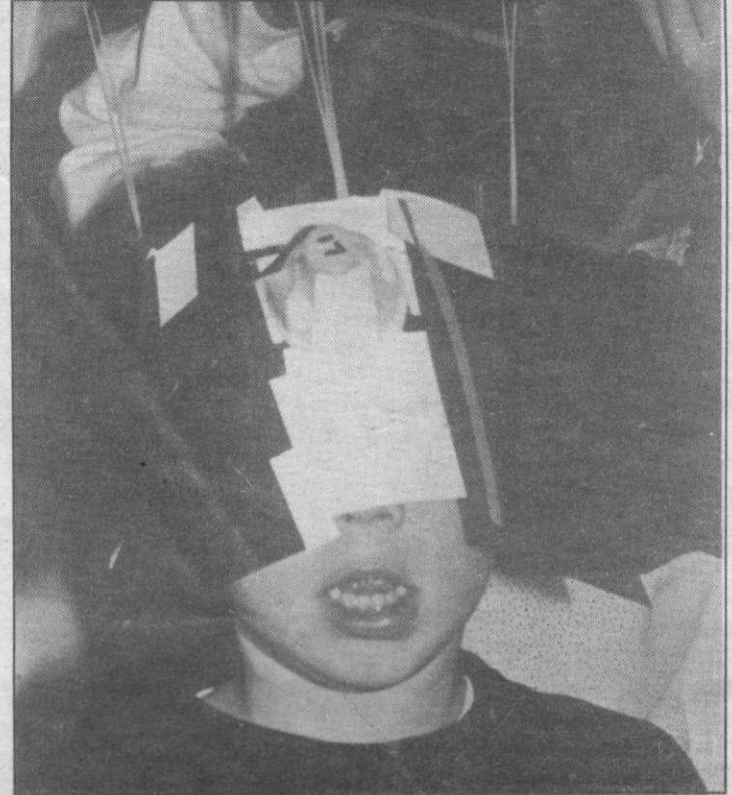
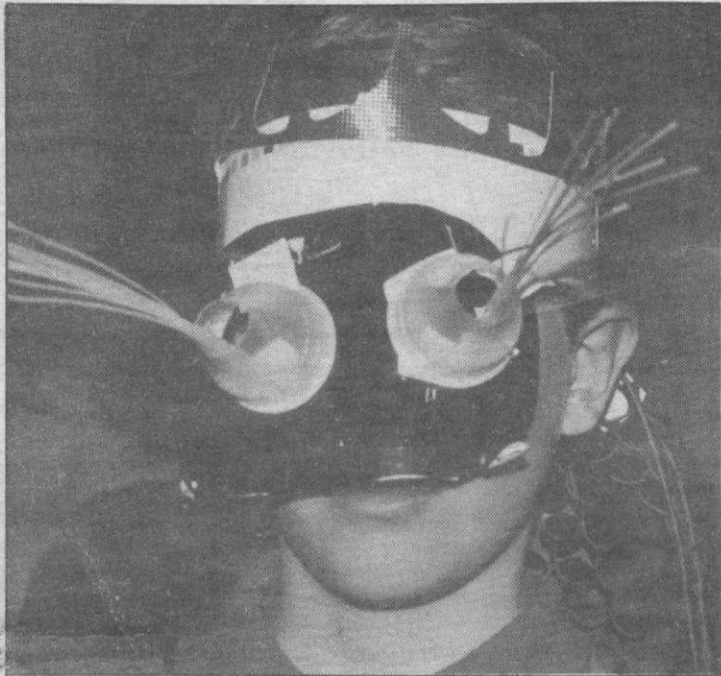
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Jason Lang and two unidentifiable students at Fernwood Elementary School display hats made from recycled products. Students at the school took part in Imagination Market — a non-profit art and recycling organization— which encourages the use of recycled goods. Students selected recycled materials from bins to twist, cut and glue into outrageous hat-wear.

Mill's environment impacts challenged

By KEITH NORBURY
Special to Driftwood

The only way to deal with the Crofton pulp mill is to blow it up, Salt Spring Island residents are telling their Sierra Club chairman.

Susan Hiscocks told a "pollution update" meeting in Crofton Monday night, "I've had over 60 people come up to me and say 'We should just blow the place up.' How am I supposed to deal with that?"

She aimed the question squarely at Bill Clarke, Fletcher Challenge Canada's vice-president in charge of the mill. Clarke was the only industry representative among the six panellists at the meeting, sponsored by the North Cowichan Environmental Protection Group.

"My response is we are doing the things you'd like us to do," Clarke said. "(But) you'd like the results sooner than we are able to deliver them."

Hiscocks was among about a dozen people who queued up to ask questions, mostly directed at Clarke. Many prefaced their with attacks at the industry's pollution record. But just as many thanked Clarke for coming to the meeting, noting the absence of politicians and bureaucrats.

At one point, the crowd of about 100 even applauded Clarke warmly. More often, though, scattered giggles greeted his remarks, such as when he said: "I think

you'll find that most of the material we put out is biodegradable."

Clarke said one-third of the \$260 million the company is spending to modernize the mill is "directly to improve environmental discharges." However, he admitted after the meeting, nothing is now being spent on secondary sewage treatment. He did say the company is studying that as it is studying manufacturing unbleached and recycled paper.

Greenpeace biologist Brian Killen produced coffee filters, sanitary napkins and paper towels all manufactured with unbleached paper. He also offered a list of distributors of unbleached and recycled paper products.

Canadian mills are lagging far behind their European counterparts in this respect, Killen

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'Government not assisting process'

By DAVID FRASER

GALIANO ISLAND — Confusion and a lack of commitment. That sums up the provincial government's treatment of land-use issues on Galiano and Salt Spring Island, Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said last week.

Gilbert was commenting on the recent refusal by the provincial government to fund consultant studies for Galiano's Clear Cut Alternatives (CCA), and for a Salt Spring transportation group concerned with the impact of a proposed ferry terminal at Isabella Point.

"In both cases islanders have mobilized energies and enthusiasm, but they're running into an impasse," Gilbert says.

"The government is missing an opportunity to work with a very willing population full of ideas, and local government willing to participate in finding solutions.

But the provincial government is not willing to listen."

CCA had applied to Terry Huberts, the minister of state for the Vancouver Island - Coast Economic Region, for a grant to hire a consultant for a land-use study.

CCA was turned down, and was told to apply to the minister of municipal affairs, who in turn declined to help, referring the group to a provincial government grant funding program.

"It will make it very difficult to continue with the council without the funding," says Ken Millard, who is disappointed by the setback.

Millard is one of three CCA representatives on a tripartite forest land use council that is — along with MacMillan-Bloedel (MB) and provincial government

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Impaired level reached all too easily

By SUSAN DICKER
First of Two Parts

His evening begins with a few pints of beer and dinner in the Harbour House Hotel pub. He meets up with friends, drinks another beer, then a few more.

Sometime around 11 pm, he decides to drive home. But before he reaches his destination, the 38-

year-old has received a 24-hour driving suspension, then a notice advising him to appear in court on charges of impaired driving.

If convicted, he will face a minimum \$300 fine and a 12-month prohibition from driving. He could serve a jail term and will have a permanent criminal record. If he pleads not guilty to the of-

fence and employs the aid of a lawyer, he will pay around \$500 in fees.

He does not feel impaired when he leaves the bar. He feels fine: confident enough to offer a friend a ride home. Later, he insists his driving was "pretty good," but as he rounds a corner on Vesuvius Bay Road, he

neglects to dim his headlights in the face of an oncoming police car.

To Ganges RCMP Constable Brian Brack, the undimmed headlights ignite suspicion of an impaired driver. He turns and pursues the vehicle, judging the individual's driving performance.

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Chainsaw carvers assembling for Booth fund-raising effort

Chainsaws will roar and wood chips will fly this weekend at Fulford Harbour, all in the name of helping an island youngster.

Five chainsaw carvers will demonstrate their talents this Sunday, April 30, in the Fulford Inn parking lot, beginning at 11 am. The items they produce will then be sold, with all proceeds being directed to a trust fund set up for Jarrod Booth.

The youngster has twice undergone major surgery for removal of a brain tumor, most recently in January of this year. The tumor has returned again, however, and Jarrod is now taking chemotherapy treatments every 28 days in Victoria.

Last week Jarrod and his parents — Eric and Cindy Booth of Ganges — visited Disneyland on a trip arranged by the Wish Foundation, an organization which helps to grants requests by children with life-threatening illnesses. Islanders contributed almost \$2,000 to cover costs over and above what the Foundation supplied for the trip.

The trust fund for Jarrod remains in place to help defray the costs incurred by the family in travelling to and staying in Victoria while Jarrod undergoes chemotherapy treatments.

Chainsaw carver Terry McKinnon is organizing this Sunday's fund-raiser for the Booth family. He said four of the five carvers on hand will produce life-size depictions of animals, while the fifth will create a log picnic table.

Several Salt Spring Island businesses are also pitching in: Jon Page of Salt Spring Small Engines has donated a new chainsaw to be auctioned, Paul Konig has contributed a load of firewood to be sold, Harbour's End Marine will have a demonstration booth and offer a chance to win a trip to Sweden, and Judy Kelly of Azure Transport will carry travellers between Ganges and Fulford throughout the day.

McKinnon, whose large chainsaw carvings of bears dot the Fulford Inn parking lot, said the demonstration will continue to 4 pm. For further information, he can be reached at 653-9403 between 5 pm to 7 pm.

Contributions to the Jarrod Booth trust fund, meanwhile, are being accepted at the Ganges branch of the Bank of Montreal and at Embe Bakery in Ganges. Donation jars have also been set up at the Fulford Inn and the Vesuvius Inn.

B.C. government blasted for failing to aid processes

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officials — attempting to resolve Galiano logging issues.

Salt Spring residents also applied for a grant from the minister of state, but they, too, were turned down.

Gilbert says the provincial government is unwilling to spend the money for a proper study. He says when the Salt Spring group approached the government for funding, the response was one of confusion.

"They didn't seem to understand what we were asking," says Gilbert.

"There's too many ministries involved," says Millard. "We're not sure they're communicating."

That opinion is shared by Gilbert. "There's no leadership coming out of government at all. They're just passing the buck."

Gilbert says the root of the problem is that specific branches of government have their own separate mandates, and they work independently.

"They make decisions based purely on their own needs."

Gilbert says all the branches should be working together.

He adds that the government was getting close with the tripartite council, where government, the community and industry all work together.

"It could have worked if all were equally committed. But MB was not prepared to compromise



Nick Gilbert

because they are committed to profit. And government is too fearful to enter as equal partners in the council."

An example cited by Gilbert is that both Huberts and local MLA Mel Couvelier send administrative assistants as their representatives.

"But they're not participating or contributing, so you end up with a two-party system," he continued. "They (the provincial government) are not willing to fund the private sector, which is probably most informed because it's their community."

Millard says CCA is in the same position as other groups in the province which receive encouragement from the government but, when it comes to the crunch, find that "they (the government) are not willing to sign on the dotted line."

He says the Clear Cut group will meet with consultant Gary Runka this Sunday at the Activity Centre to determine the general direction the group will take and what studies will be done.

Gilbert says Alberta is a couple of years ahead of B.C. in working towards a sustainable economy. By having the infrastructure to resolve land-use issues, Alberta is going beyond confrontation.

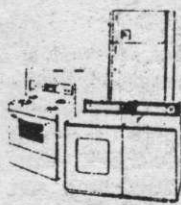
"The process works because the government is willing to understand the process. That's what's missing in B.C."

Gilbert says that the environment ministry should be consulted in land-use issues, such as those relating to MB's plans for its Galiano properties, and about the proposed terminal at Isabella Point.

Gilbert says Huberts is in a good position to resolve land-use issues but "his ministry is not participating in a healthy, consultative role."

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by richards



A long, long haul

My past is in front of me, all set out in black and white. The past 23 years are in cold type and the previous 17 in hot lead. I am in my 40th year at this business.

This year is a milestone in my life with community newspapers. It is roughly 1,000 columns since I came to Salt Spring Island. How many typewriter ribbons have I destroyed? How many sheets of paper have passed through those typewriters?

Biggest change in the business has been the introduction of the electronic chip. Taking pictures, producing a screened print for reproduction, typing, setting type . . . every operation hinges on the ubiquitous chip. Otherwise we would be back to melting lead and setting 20 inches of news type an hour. Today it takes seconds.

No pictures! In the early days we would beg, borrow and steal engraved pix, cuts, mats or casts and use pictures with little local significance. But electronics has made them easy.

I look back now and I can't even strike an average for the volume of writing I've done. Some weeks it would be around 20 folios or, say, 150 inches of news type. Other weeks it would make a lot more. And these figures don't include the cleaning up of other people's copy.

Say it averaged around 150 inches a week and I've been doing it for 40 years. That would be 7,500 inches a year of 300,000 inches over my career. I like big figures. And if a column is roughly 15 inches long, that is 20,000 news columns or 4,000 pages of nothing but news. I'm bogging down. The mathematics is beyond me.

I've seen the Liberals superseded in British Columbia by Social Credit and I've seen the same party, more recently, surrender its supremacy nationally to the Tories. I've known and written of only five premiers — Boss Johnson, Wacky Bennett, Bill Bennett, David Barrett and Bill Vander Zalm. I've written of hard times and of prosperous times.

In those same years I've reported on some of the activities of seven prime ministers — Mackenzie King, Louis St. Laurent, Lester Pearson, Pierre Trudeau, Joe Clark, John Turner and Brian Mulroney. Incidentally, I stress "some of the activities" because a community newspaper does not normally address national affairs: only in their impact locally.

And now, after 40 years, I find myself too old to keep pace with new developments as I set here at my old manual typewriter and enjoy the privilege of age in every age . . . Mostly, I liked it the way it was!

Those kids again!

Some time in the past I raised a family. That translates into going off to work each morning and leaving a weary wife to attend to their physical and spiritual well-being while I was busy living it up with the boys. At least, that's the way my late Women's Lib used to translate it. And it's all coming back to haunt me.

I was engaged in baby-sitting at the weekend. It was not a long sit, not like hatching eggs. It was just long enough. While I was washing dishes my charge found the car keys and spent 10 frustrating minutes trying to open the car door in order to start the motor. Once he fell and howled and once he caught his fingers in the door latch and howled. Then he came in.

Ever shaved with a youthful audience? I don't know how I did it.

As the whiskers were whisked away I was interrupted when my charge decided to wash his hands in the toilet bowl. Do you put down the razor before the rescue? I held the razor in one hand, buzzing away and a small boy in the other, dripping away.

Dried out, he decided wet was better. The hot tap went on in the bath. Despite my caution that it was hot he had to prove it. Small boys don't like getting into hot water despite the regularity with which they get there.

Then the door into the hall attracts him. I'm still shaving. Every time it slams I have to leave the mirror and count his fingers. Last time, my math broke down because I counted 11. Or maybe he's a freak!

When it came to teeth he slowed down. Even at a very young age it seems that detachable teeth are intriguing. For all the time it took to brush my dentures he stood still and watched with a kind of horrified awareness on his face. A sort of "shall-I-be-like-you" look.

While I dressed he found the garbage. While I cleaned up the garbage he found the car keys again.

And I always figured that my wife had it easy!

Other people's woes

Theme song of the curler's nightmare:
"I never swept a rink last night . . ."

Slogan for the coast

Sounds just what the rest of the country thinks and it might make a good west coast slogan. It's offered free to the ministry of tourism?

"Where the dew meets the mildew!"

Ferry vote continuing

The majority of Salt Spring Islanders are continuing to oppose the proposed construction of a ferry terminal at Isabella Point.

As late ballots in *Driftwood's* straw vote on the issue continued to trickle in last week, the number of voters rose from 130 to 236. Of the new arrivals, 43 were votes in favour of the proposed relocation of the terminal from Fulford Harbour to Isabella Point. A total of 63 new ballots were cast against the notion.

This brings the total count to 93 in favour of the proposal and 143 opposed.

Better service for islanders to travelling to Swartz Bay topped the reasons provided by those ballots favouring the move. At least three ballots suggested a bridge to Vancouver Island would be an even better idea. Others stipulated the "yes" vote was dependent on the maintenance of service from Long Harbour.

Individuals opposing the proposal cited cost, potential damage to the environment, difficulty (especially for the elderly and handicapped) in undertaking ferry transfers, and new road construction as the reasons behind their votes.

The main suggestion for overcoming current problems was improvement of service at the Fulford Harbour terminal (i.e., more frequent runs or a larger ferry).

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Province must aid the process

If the ruling Social Credit party wants to appear like an inaccessible band of backroom boys they're, going about it the right way.

We refer to the recent runaround two Gulf Islands groups have encountered in trying to work with Victoria.

Clear Cut Alternatives (CCA) of Galiano and Salt Spring's transportation task force have shown eagerness to work with the ruling Socreds, as well as with industry.

The citizens groups' are more in touch with land-use issues which affect their islands because they have to live there. But to deal with industry and government these community groups must be better informed. And with that in mind they applied to Victoria for financial aid to carry out environmental studies on their islands.

Shuffled from ministry to ministry, given excuse after excuse while seeking help they were promised, the Galiano and Salt Spring groups have been stonewalled by a government apparently in disarray.

Islands Trust Chairman Nick Gilbert says the groups are facing "a political dinosaur," with different branches of government making decisions apparently oblivious to each other's existence.

Clear Cut Alternatives was elected to represent Galiano residents on a tripartite land-use council, along with MacMillan Bloedel — which owns 56 per cent of the island — and government representatives.

But the tripartite council is in trouble. With funding prospects falling through, CCA has had the rug pulled from under them. They must now sit across the bargaining table to negotiate their island's future with a corporation which is chiefly accountable to its shareholders.

The government role in the land-use council is essentially nil, according to Gilbert. He says the administrative assistants of the two local MLAs, Terr Huberts and Mel Couvelier, are not participating in



or contributing to the council.

Margaret Griffiths, a Galiano trustee with the Islands Trust, is a local government representative appointee to the council but can only sit as an observer, says Gilbert.

Griffiths, as a member of the Galiano Trust Committee, could be in a conflict of interest position if the council discusses land-use problems (rezoning, for instance).

Instead of having a balanced council representing the community, industry and government, we now have a David versus Goliath scenario.

The provincial government is in a good position to act as a full and equal partner in resolving land-use issues. All that's required is an understanding of the consultative process, some communication and a little leadership.

-- Island Times

Fresh views best enjoyed when they're unexpected

At a time when my years as a reporter could be counted by the relatively few worry lines on my forehead, the editor commissioned yours truly to pen a series of articles on common diseases.

It turned out to be a lasting experience, not because of the information I culled about illnesses but because my main source of data — a former deputy minister of health — turned out to be something of an historian.

Diseases, he told me at that time, have done more to shape the course of human history than any single person I could care to name. As an example, he argued that the Spanish conquest of the Americas could be attributed, as much as anything else, to the diseases the Europeans brought

my word

by **duncan macdonnell**

ashore when they landed. As a people, the Indians had no natural defences against or exposure to common ailments; survival of the fittest had seen to that on their long, slow migration from Asia.

My medical mentor also explained how to chart the history of the impact of diseases on the human race: visit a cemetery. Epidemics of certain illnesses, he told me, could be isolated by

noting an unusually large numbers of deaths within a short span of years. One particularly telltale clue was a grouping of infants dying at about the same time.

Interesting asides like that made me look forward to my weekly visits with the former deputy health ministry, and I was disappointed when we ran out of diseases to discuss. Fresh perspectives on history — especially the

study of it — are best enjoyed when they arrive from unexpected sources.

Which brings me to a book that found its way into my hands several months ago and has rarely known a moment of peace since. *Seeds of Change*, by Henry Hobhouse, is unusual in that it takes the major historical developments of the past 500 years and attributes their evolution to plants.

That's right, plants. Specifically, Hobhouse turns his scholarly attention to quinine, sugar, tea, cotton and the potato. By telling their stories, he shows why and how European nations colonized Africa and the Caribbean, developed the slave trade, and discovered and exploited the resources of the Far East and North

America, and generally shaped the world we live in today.

Much more than a broad overview pops out along the way. For instance, in his section on tea, Hobhouse points to Japan's early rejection of gunpowder as a weapon of war — they perceived it as a threat to the stability of their intricate feudal society — and argues that if it was possible for one society to take that step, it should be possible for today's world to shed nuclear weapons.

A wonderful book, if you're at all interested in finding fresh angles on the study of history. The book is not a new release, however; my copy came through Natural History Books, the Salt Spring Island emporium operated by Jennifer Inderwick.

letters

Dedication

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very big "Thank You" to Mary Toynbee for all her time and effort spent as co-ordinator of volunteers for the Community Society. Too often, the hard work and dedication of people like Mary can be taken for granted.

All the volunteers contribute a great deal to the operation of the Community Centre and related services. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Right now we do need more volunteers for reception and general office work. If you feel you could spare a few hours a week and would like to help out, please contact our new Volunteer Co-ordinator, Barbara Allard, at 537-9971.

BARBARA JORDAN-KNOX,
Director,
Salt Spring Island
Community Society.

Bouquet

Saturday night's 1950s and 1960s dance at the Fulford Hall was a fun time for all, including the many young people who mingled with the adults to make the evening more enjoyable for all age groups.

A "bouquet" to the grad class, who deserve congratulations for their organization of and deportment at this event. They were a pleasure to be with and a credit to GISS.

JOHN WOODWARD,
LINDA STAFFORD,
Ganges.

Another dollar

"Selfish" is a poor word to use to describe those far-sighted individuals who wish to limit the citification of this area. These rural islands are unique, and must be preserved and protected for everyone to enjoy; they must not be overrun with development and destroyed.

"Selfish" is an apt description for the land-rapers who care only about another dollar and don't mind what they wreck on the way.

DANNY EVANISHEN,
Ganges.

More ideas

Regarding BC Ferries — how about this one? Stay in Fulford Harbour, upgrade the existing dock, do some filling in of the harbour to make more parking, move the sidewalk and fence to make a larger car waiting area and get rid of the ticket booth, (pay return fare at Swartz Bay and Crofton) to avoid that last-minute backup of traffic.) Have two ferries running every 45 minutes; one stays in Fulford, one in Swartz Bay.

The cost of a new ferry must be less than ruining the point. The ferry that sits unused in Fulford now could go up to the Vesuvius/Crofton run, to allow two ferries crossing there as well. Less jobs will be lost, and service to the Islanders would be improved.

Fuel must be the least of the expenses. Besides, do we want another Grace Point at Fulford? At Isabella Point?

Who owns all that property anyway? Someone will benefit, but who?

D. RUMSBY,
Fulford.

Background

I fully respect Dr. Borsman's and Ron McQuiggan's understanding and knowledge in general of Salt Spring Island. However, with respect to the transportation issue I feel I can add considerably to their comments as I have, over the past year, been rather intimately connected to this issue — as head of Islands Watch Transportation Task Force, member of the Transportation Committee and secretary, for the past month and a half, of the recent transportation Task Force struck by the Community Planning Association.

In connection with the consultation meeting called by B.C. Ferries, with 14 members of the community (including representatives from the CRD, the Trust, Chamber of Commerce, Driftwood, School Board, South Salt Spring Residents Association and the Transportation Committee) Mr. McQuiggan states he thinks "... the Ferry Corporation is trying to solve a real problem in the proper way." Let me outline the follow-up to that meeting to clarify why I find it difficult to accept that B.C. Ferries is solving a perceived problem in the proper way.

Highways Minister Neil Vant informed Salt Spring that they were going to get their ferry at Isabella Point, some time after that meeting. His statement was based on his understanding that the island had been consulted.

Mr. Vant: "At the time of that meeting there seemed to be a consensus of widespread support for the proposed Isabella Point project." There was, at the meeting referred to, not a single word of support for the Isabella Point project; there was, rather, a great deal of concern expressed about the disastrous effects that would be brought about by implementing the Isabella Point project. There was support on what we all assumed B.C.F. was going to do any way — that is, a feasibility study (cost-effectiveness study). There was also a call for further opening up of consultation with the island on this project (subsequently denied).

Now, I feel sorry that Mr. Vant has a Crown Corporation that so obviously reported erroneously to him. This aside, the point is that B.C. Ferries cannot seem to get the understanding of what the island does or does not want, even after direct consultation.

What we are talking about here is lack of communication between B.C. Ferries, the provincial government, our local governments and the people of Salt Spring. It is the opening of these communication lines, and the inevitable subsequent evolution of a solution to the perceived ferry problem to the satisfaction of everyone, that the Transportation Task Force has been directing their energies towards. Taking this to the public at large, they received unanimous agreement that this is what the island should be striving for.

Please, gentlemen, it is not just "them or us" — we are all in-

involved and affected. It is not just "for or against" (Isabella Pt.). It is, hopefully, an opening of multiple options to be looked at.

It is only through a broad consultation process that the concerns of all (Salt Spring, Highways and B.C. Ferries) can be addressed. I would beg your assistance in achieving this goal by putting your full weight behind opening the doors to this process.

In response to Dr. Borsman's concern that there exists a "do-nothing" minority view on the Island, I am certain if this group was pointed out, anybody involved with the transportation concerns would quite quickly convince these people of the disastrous results a do-nothing attitude would bring.

ROBERT ANDREW,
Fulford Harbour.

Thank you

On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Trust I would like to thank the Task Force on Transportation for their excellent presentation to the Regional Transportation Committee hearing held in Saanich.

The chairman of the Salt Spring Island Planning Association, Syd Wigen, and his committee had to process an enormous amount of material and related information in a very short time. The information gathered will be invaluable to a more comprehensive and long range transportation plan for the island.

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VICTORIA — It appears that no matter what Premier Vander Zalm does, a certain faction within his party will not rest until he is deposed.

The latest anti-Vander Zalm mongering comes in the form of a poll paid for by friends of Grace McCarthy's. The poll was conducted in ridings that elected a Socred member in the last election, and its results were mailed out by Vancouver lawyer Ed Odishaw, also a friend of McCarthy's. The ridings were Prince George South, Okanagan South, Dewdney, Langley, Saanich-and-the-Islands and Yale-Lillooet.

Similar to previous pro-McCarthy polls, this latest one says that 62 per cent of the 1,500 people surveyed (in the six ridings) don't like Vander Zalm. When asked if they were likely to change their minds, 60 per cent said no.

The poll gives the New Democratic Party 39 per cent of the vote (if an election were held now) and the Socreds 34 per cent. The rest were in favour of other parties or said they had no opinion.

Since the poll was done by McCarthy supporters, it is not surprising that it contained a question regarding Grace's chances of succeeding her beleaguered boss. According to the poll, 34 per cent of those surveyed said they would like to see McCarthy as the next Social Credit leader. Brian Smith was second with 14 per cent. Bud Smith, Stan Hagen, Mel Couvelier and Claude Richmond didn't figure very prominently in the results.

What's it all mean? Nothing, except that some Socreds are still out for Vander Zalm's head. And that's surprising, considering his recent performance.

Acting like a slick politician

Not only has the premier succeeded in buttoning his lip, he has actually been acting like a slick politician and budding statesman. When was the last time you've heard him say anything about abortions? He no longer seems determined to force his own moral and religious convictions on others.

His trip to Alaska to see the oil spill disaster for himself was an inspired bit of public relations. So was his trip to Europe to speak to the World Economic Forum. So was the increase for environmental programs in the budget. Hell, the whole budget was a coup that should have shut up his enemies within. But it didn't. The scheming and conniving against Vander Zalm continues.

A year ago, it was different. Vander Zalm was dragging the party into oblivion with his insistence on making everybody conform with his views, but that has changed. He has bowed to pressure from the party to give up his one-man-show tendencies.

There isn't much left of the Vander Zalm that used to infuriate his cabinet colleagues and party supporters. He has given cabinet and caucus a great deal of decision-making power, and he gives the impression of being a tolerant man. Furthermore, his government has achieved what no other Canadian province, nor the federal government were able to do — he has produced a balanced budget.

As things are now, the Socreds have enough problems without continuing their in-fighting. Their only chance to be re-elected is to close ranks behind their leader.

The biggest problem for the government right now is the state of the forest industry, and the opposition knows it. That's why the NDP isn't wasting a lot of ammunition on the budget. Aside from criticizing specifics, the opposition has wisely concluded that it cannot impress voters by criticizing a balanced budget.

Go for government's soft underbelly

Instead, they go for the government's soft underbelly — its forest policies. The sins of decades of "sympathetic administration" towards the forestry giants are haunting the Vander Zalm government, and that wouldn't change with a new leader.

While Forest Minister Dave Parker is still pushing for expansions of tree farm licences for Fletcher Challenge and Canadian Pacific, some of his cabinet colleagues, including Couvelier, have already written off the idea. Public pressure for a Royal Commission on land use is general and forestry in particular is growing.

In spite of the hefty increase in the budget for environmental programs, the government is still vulnerable in that area. It takes more than one budget to make people believe that the government is serious about the environment.

Adding to the government's problems is the recent court decision, declaring British Columbia's electoral boundaries unconstitutional. Beverley McLachlin, former Chief Justice of British Columbia, now a Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, said in her ruling last week that the current system is unfair because there is wide range in the number of eligible voters in each riding.

McLachlin said the 52 electoral districts which elect 60 members — 17 are dual ridings — should have no effect in law if the government did not legislative a remedy in a reasonable length of time. Despite that ruling.

With all that going on and an election less than two years away — perhaps even this year, the last thing the Socreds need is a never-ending rerun of their internal carnage. Unless people like Grace McCarthy and Brian Smith want the Socreds wiped out, they had better present a united front.

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No nets

Drift nets 60 miles long and 20 fathoms deep are being dropped each night in the Pacific by fishermen from Taiwan, Korea and Japan, totally depleting B.C. salmon stock and creating havoc with normal marine life. The fisheries in the Atlantic have already been ruined by similar techniques — i.e. dragnets etc. The length of these nets would encircle the planet twice from end to end.

James Scarfo will show a video of drift net fishing at the Sierra Club meeting at Off Centre Stage this Thursday at 7:30 pm.

The Sierra Club of Western Canada states: "We are distressed to understand that drift nets are becoming more commonly used in the North Pacific Ocean and are opposed to the unlimited use of such devices in view of their devastating effect on sea mammals, marine wildfowl and untargeted fish stocks, and urge the Canadian government to take whatever action needed to control the use of drift nets anywhere in the Pacific."

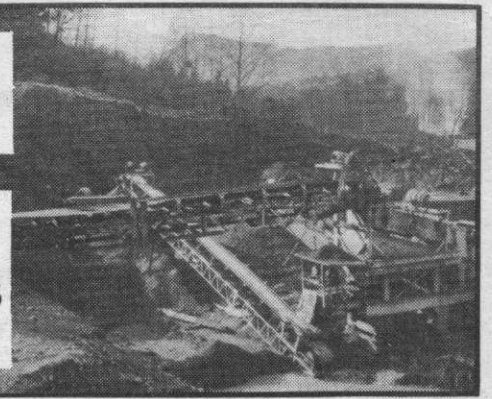
In order to stop this practice, please write the federal minister of fisheries, Tom Siddon, and minister of trade Joe Clark. Fishermen from Alaska (Seacops) and Hawaii (Earththrust) are attempting to get action on this, but need our support. We may wish to boycott the construction of the Taiwanese steel mill — a \$4 billion dollar B.C. project — if there is no immediate action by our government to end drift net fishing.

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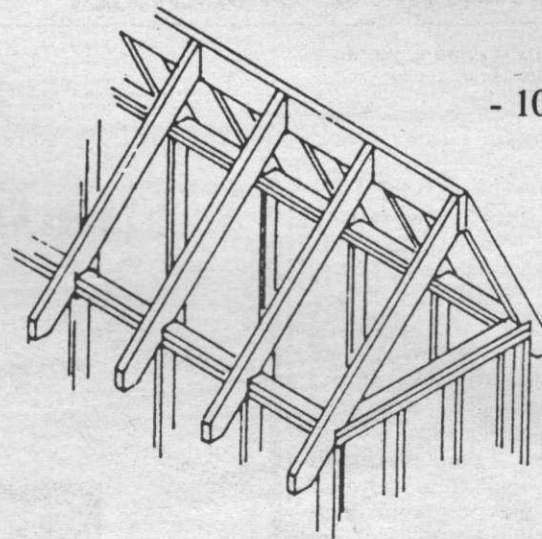
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Trust Fund to be regarded as essential building block

Editor's note: The following is the third in a series of three articles examining the relationship between the Islands "Trust and the provincial ministry of municipal affairs.

By NICK GILBERT

In March, 1988, Trust Council met and considered possible amendments to the Islands Trust Act that would initiate the previously described recommendations, (see last week). A copy of the draft revised Act was sent to the Honourable Rita Johnston, minister responsible for the Trust, for her consideration. One topic the revised Act did address fully was the subject of the Islands Trust Fund.

The essence of the Islands Trust Fund would read: "In furthering the objects of the Islands Trust, the Trust Fund may: accept gifts and bequests of land and money . . ." There is a detailed statement of the "whys" and "hows" of the fund, and the administrative details.

We have long perceived the Trust Fund to be an essential building block in the effort to preserve and protect significant natural areas on the islands. It will allow the public the opportunity to not only identify areas they feel most need protecting, but also to participate, through gifts to the Crown, in setting aside those special places for all time.

As stated earlier, present legislation allows for a Trust Fund, but because of uncertainty about the future of the Trust and its Act, the minister has not yet accepted any gifts of land. Work is continuing,

however, by the Council's Trust Fund committee and staff, to prepare the necessary working documents and policy direction to get the Fund up and running very quickly when the new legislation is proclaimed. Several island communities are doing a revision to existing studies, to identify special natural areas, and to develop priorities for acquisition. We hope to provide more information in the near future regarding Trust Fund opportunities.

Incorporation in the Trust Area: Although Trust Council sent a suggested revised Trust Act to the minister, it had not come to terms with the subject of incorporation.

The three general trustees, having listened to hours of public input to the Standing Committee hearings, made final recommendation to the committee on August 24, 1987. We supported the desire for local autonomy, but stated "it is vital that local government develop within the same legislative framework as the rest of the Trust area. We believe that a compatible relationship will exist if a local council is subject to the Trust object (mandate), that a strong referral system is in place to assure Trust scrutiny of land use proposals and issues in the context of the mandate, community plans, and Trust policy; and that the Trust have the ability to return to a public forum with a decision that it believes to be unacceptable in the above context."

A year later, the general trustees proposed a more specific framework to council. We recommended that incorporated areas

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remain within the Trust; that a regional policy plan be prepared and approved before an incorporated area took on land use planning; that the Trust review and pre-clear Community Plans and their amendments, to assure compliance with the Regional Policy Plan; that, where a portion of an island incorporates, certain amendments to Community Plans would require both municipal council and the local trust committee approval; that a transitional process to full incorporation should be established; and that incorporated areas would appoint two members to Trust Council.

The advantages of this approach were seen as: assurance that the object of the Trust is maintained throughout the Trust area; enhancement of local autonomy; integration of planning, regulation and servicing in more developed areas; clear responsibilities; efficient approvals; and less Trust time on local matters in developed areas.

At present, Trust committees for each island are composed of the two local trustees and three general trustees (chairman and vice-chairmen), who are often from other islands. Dealing with routine land use matters of a very local nature is very demanding on the general trustees. Their presence, as off-islanders, is not always appreciated by the local population. Why should they have a majority vote on local matters?

It is recognized that some form of local council would allow more local autonomy, while removing a demanding and unnecessary work load from the Trust's executive body, which should be using its time and energy to direct general affairs, report to Council, and be fully involved in long-term planning.

To finish this report to the public, I would like to acknowledge that the past few years have been difficult ones for the Trust. We have been unable to respond to routine public demands in an efficient manner, given extreme staff and budget shortages. We are dealing with a disillusioned public, who often cannot understand why the Trust, with a grand mandate to preserve and protect our islands, so often fails to do so.

We are most hopeful that the new legislation will address some of these difficulties, and look forward to providing better service to the public, while getting on with effective long-term planning. We also hope that we will be given the tools to fulfil our mandate.

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Rehearsal

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Complaints noted at Crofton meeting

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pointed out. He said B.C. mills do produce unbleached paper, but for export only. Clarke said he knows some is sold in North America, although he didn't know the proportion.

Clarke also blamed the advertising industry for creating the demand for unbleached paper.

Killen said "pulp and paper mill effluent is one of the worst effluents produced by any industry." It is toxic two ways, he said: "mills discharge huge amounts of organic matter that consume oxygen" so that "aquatic life in the vicinity of an outfall basically suffocates" and it emits its chlorinated compounds, formed as a result of using chlorine.

Clarke had earlier outlined, in his prepared statement, what steps the mill was taking to reduce pollution. He said the mill has converted to chlorine dioxide from chlorine bleaching, and no longer uses wood chips from lumber treated with anti-sapstain chemicals "which form dioxin in the cooking processing."

"The industry study group has

visited the mill and taken samples. And I expect with the work we have done the results will show little or no TCDD's detectable in our pulp or effluent."

Killen termed chlorine dioxide a "quick fix solution" and a "good first step."

"Greenpeace finds the proposed use of chlorine dioxide unacceptable because the proposed shift of bleaching chemicals towards chlorine dioxide will increase the discharge of other toxic pollutants . . . while reducing but not eliminating dioxins."

Randy Thomas, a photojournalist who lives on Salt Spring, asked Clarke if the mill still bypasses its air emission scrubbers on its stacks at night and on long weekends.

Clarke said: "We don't bypass them at night or in the daytime. We obviously have to do maintenance work on them, but we eliminate or shut down part of the process to accomplish that."

"My information comes from one of your operation managers," Thomas said, "Perhaps you should check with him."

Water quality report pending

The health of water in the Strait of Georgia will be the focus of an environmental impact report set to be released next month by Greenpeace.

The Health of the Strait of Georgia will be made public by the environmental organization in the second week of May.

Bob Lyons, author of the environmental impact report, says the study was prompted by two factors: a need for Greenpeace to determine its long-term goals for the strait; and the chance of a clean-up occurring in the Puget Sound area.

Lyons indicated that conditions in Georgia Strait are getting worse, especially with constant and unregulated discharges from pulp and paper mills.

He said the coastline of B.C. has been treated badly by government and industry, and that it is time long-term planning is initiated.

Details of the report will be made public at a press conference in mid-May, he added.



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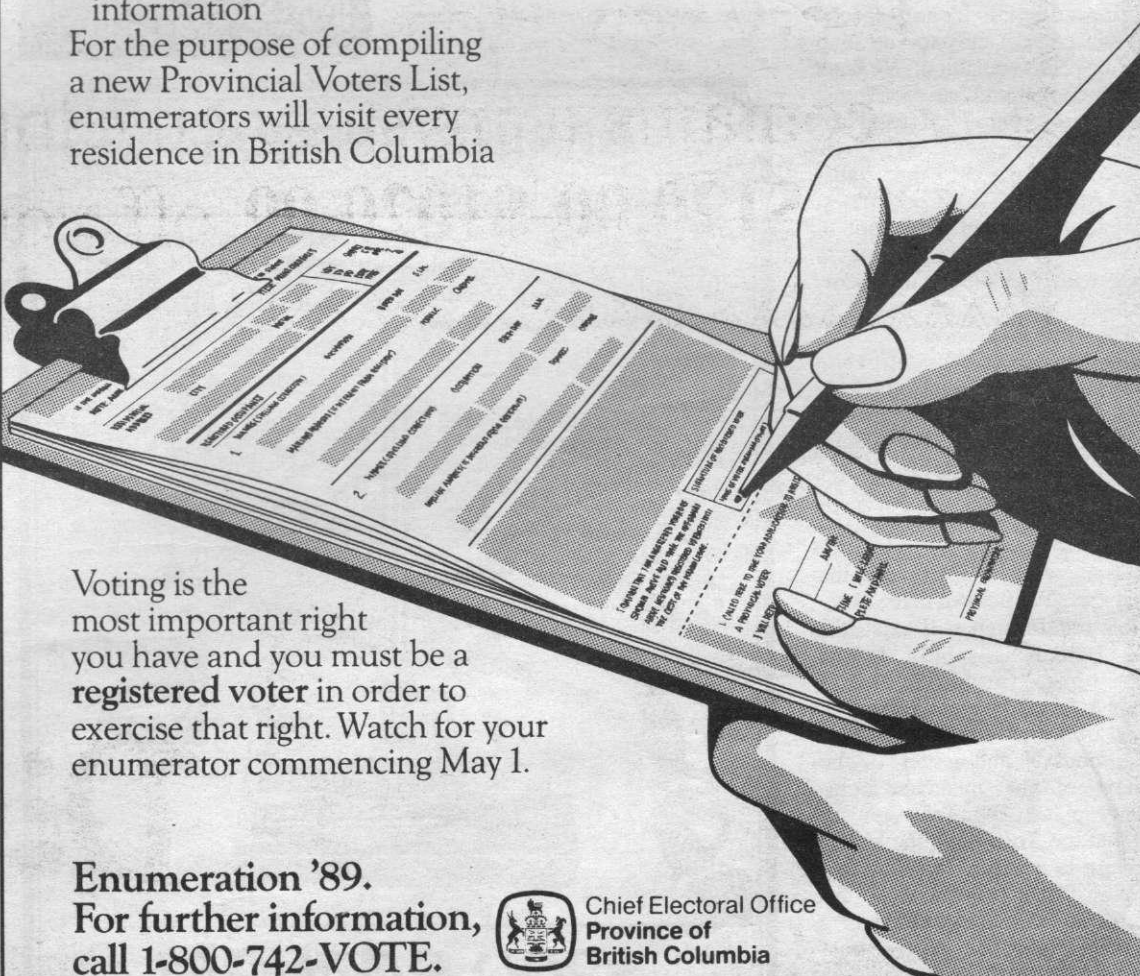
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Ah, the post office. It's the brunt of more one-liners than telephone operators, airline food and Jewish mothers-in-law combined. Why do Canadians love to hate the Post Office so?

Part of it is performance of course — or lack of it. Canada Post is forever getting shot in its corporate foot by the fatuous clowns who work there — on both sides of the picket fence.

Remember the famous quote from the lips of Jean-Claude Parrot, president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers back in 1978? His union had just been ordered by court injunction to go back to work. Mister Parrot faced the nation via the TV cameras and snarled "You want to mail a letter? Just try it."

That's the kind of talk that tax-paying citizens of a democracy are really keen to hear.

One long banana skin slide

But it wasn't just the labour side of Canada Post that got the nation's goat. Andre Ouellette, Postmaster-General once blandly told the Globe and Mail: "I can't accept that businessmen have to rely on the Post Office to make a living. If they do, they better find other ways."

What planet do these people live on?

Sometimes the Post Office seems to be engaged in one long banana-skin slide, stumbling and careening from Chaplinesque gaffe to Three Stooges pratfall.

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A bit of a bad rap

But you know when all is said and done, I think maybe we give the Post Office a bit of a bad rap. Sure it's inefficient — but no more than the phone company or Ottawa or those idiots who keep billing you for magazines you never received and don't want. We Canucks will line up at Supermarket checkouts or sit in doctors' offices like good little sheep for hours with nary a bleat of protest, but let three people get in front of us at the stamp wicket and we start rummaging around for tar and feathers.

Pity the poor Posties — even when they win, they lose. Did you read about that Ontario farmer who received a letter last month with a King George V stamp on it? It had the stamp because it was mailed in 1931. "Must have got stuck behind some machinery" an official explained. Har har. Big laugh on the Post Office for losing a letter for 58 years.

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I say, Two Cheers for the Post Office!

I'd give 'em all three, but they have to lose something for lousy dusting.

Island bus service seeking supporters

By JIM BLACK

It's bright and airy, with lots of leg room. The only thing missing are the passengers.

We're talking about the Island Transit Service, a 22-passenger bus service that operates three days a week on Salt Spring, giving people the opportunity to leave the car at home and let someone else do the driving.

The service has been operating for eight weeks and, while business is still slow, owner Judy Kelly, is optimistic that it will improve.

"As it stands right now we are lucky if we cover the cost of our gas," she said on a recent drive along one of her regular routes. "I knew that it would take a while before islanders got used to the idea of having a bus service, but every week we are getting a few more customers."

The bus operates three days a week — Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — over routes that stretch from Fulford to Fernwood and back again.

The fares are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 years and under. Exact fare is required. The bus, an Argosy Airstreamer, was designed to ride low to the ground — an important feature for elderly passengers.

The interior offers the passengers comfortable seating, with loads of leg room, a wide aisle and a storage rack at the front for parcels.

Add to that wrap-around windows which let you view everything happening on the outside

while you relax on the inside.

Kelly says that while the service is designed for islanders, some visitors are also taking advantage of the bus.

"I picked up a couple at Fulford last week who wanted to see some of the island but didn't want to drive themselves; they said they really enjoyed the ride and found it to be a welcome surprise to find a bus service on the island."

In the near future, the Island Transit Service will provide free transportation for the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce lamb barbecue to be held on May 20, and to this Sunday's chainsaw carving fund-raiser for the Booth family at the Fulford Inn.

On those days when the bus is not operating on its regular runs, it is available for charters.



Chelsea Mae Powell, age five, of Ganges, steps off the bus in Fernwood to spend the day playing at the home of a friend.

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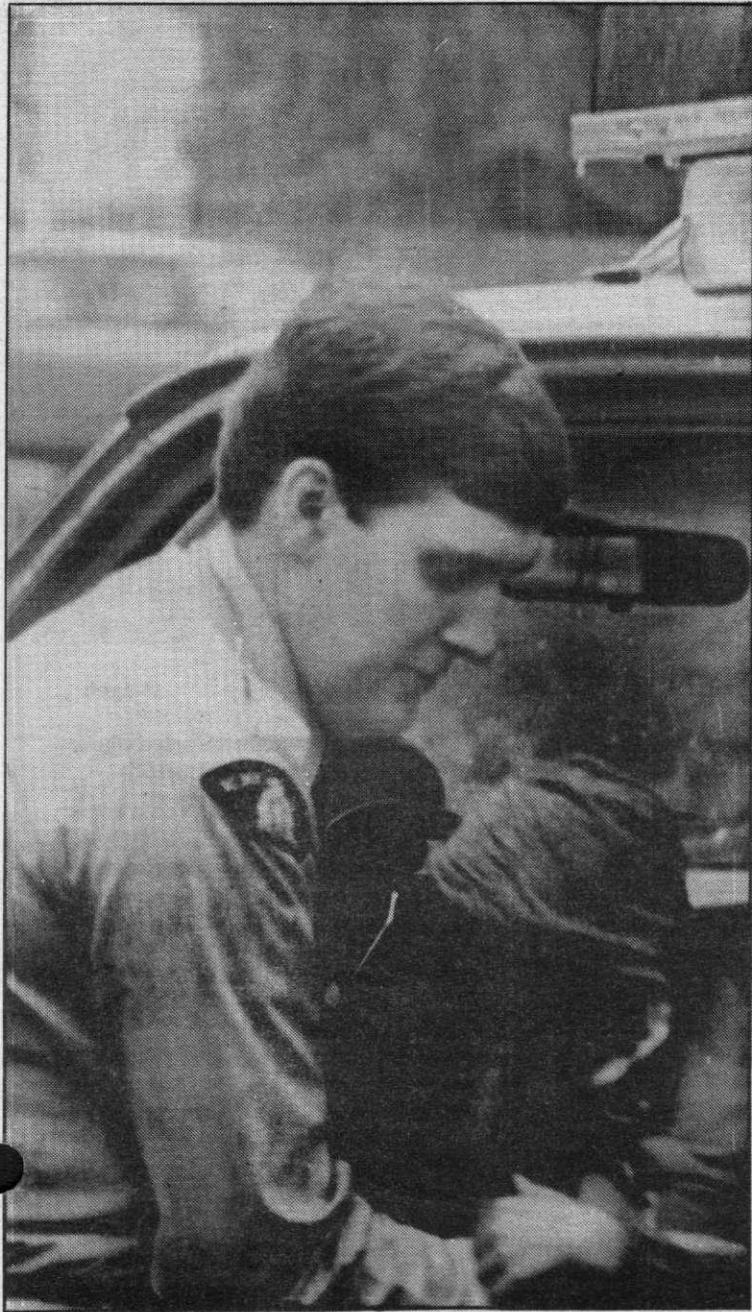
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Kiddies on tour

Ganges RCMP Constable Brian Brack shows local pre-schooler view from the drivers' seat of a police vehicle. Youngsters from the Sunshine Early Childhood Centre toured the Ganges detachment last Thursday. The field trip included a noisy introduction to sirens, tour of the building, and finger-printing session.

Impaired charges laid following two incidents

★ One impaired charge was laid and another is pending for two Salt Spring men, who were confronted by local police in separate incidents last weekend.

On April 21, police stopped a 26-year-old on Vesuvius Bay Road. The Salt Spring man was taken to the Ganges detachment where he provided a breath sample. The individual, later charged with impaired driving, was also connected to an assault incident on which he will also face charges.

In the second case, charges are pending against a 19-year-old local man, following his involvement in a single motor vehicle accident on Collins Road on April 23.

Early Sunday, at approximately 12:50 am, local RCMP attended the accident, in which the driver and a passenger suffered minor injuries. The driver, who provided a blood sample, is being investigated for impaired driving.

A roadblock involving eight vehicle checks between 10 pm and 11 pm last Friday night, resulted in one minor-in-possession charge and one liquor seizure.

Police established the roadblock in response to complaints made by residents in the Beddis Beach area regarding a noisy party.

Ganges RCMP Sergeant Larry Wendel is requesting residents call the Ganges detachment when they become aware liquor is being consumed, and before the party becomes too large.

Wendel said some individuals have expressed reluctance to telephone the RCMP at night because the calls are answered in Nanaimo. Regardless of who answers the calls, he said, local police are in direct radio contact with the Nanaimo detachment.

★ A Ganges man was not injured but experienced a few harrowing moments last week when the brakes on his pick-up truck failed and he crashed through the barrier at the Long Harbour ferry terminal.

The incident occurred April 19 as Robert Owen approached the ferry terminal at 6:45 am.

Owen's vehicle sustained approximately \$1,000 in damages, and the terminal barrier also suffered extensive damage.

Conviction nets licence suspension

A 17-year-old Ganges youth will not be driving for a year, after he pleaded guilty two weeks ago in Ganges provincial court to a charge of impaired driving.

The youth, whom the Young Offenders Act says cannot be identified, was charged following an incident last December 4.

Crown Counsel Derek Lister told the court two RCMP officers were conducting a roadblock at approximately 2 am on that date. Police signalled the accused, who was driving a southbound vehicle on Fulford-Ganges Road, to stop but he continued driving.

An RCMP officer pursued the vehicle, which travelled at excessive speed down Beddis Road. As the police constable continued the chase, he activated emergency lights and a siren.

When the accused was finally pulled over, he showed sign of impairment: court was told he was clumsy, confused and spoke with slurred speech. The youth was taken to the local RCMP detachment, where he provided breath samples.

Lister said the Crown was seeking penalty by means of a fine.

Judge R.E. Hudson responded by telling the youth he is "jumping the gun" by imbibing before he is legally old enough to do so: "You should therefore understand what the penalties are like."

He fined the accused \$200 and prohibited him from driving for 12 months.

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Normal operating procedures pose trap for impaired drivers

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The vehicle wanders in its lane and travels onto the shoulder of the road. The driver's speed varies. When he realizes the police vehicle is behind him, he turns into a driveway.

He and his passenger jump from the vehicle and voluntarily approach the RCMP officer.

When Brack stops an individual, he immediately looks for indications of impairment.

"When I approach a car to talk to a driver and he quickly jumps out, that makes me suspicious," Brack says. When the driver rolls down the window, Brack checks for an odour of alcohol on his breath. He looks carefully at how well the driver is able to produce his licence and registration papers: "Lots of times they'll open up their wallet and their drivers' licence is staring them in the face, but they'll flip past it three or four times."

"Sometimes a person will do something out of nervousness, but if he's doing a whole series of things, it's a good indication that something is not right."

Other actions give away the impaired driver: Brack notes whether the individual leans against the vehicle for support, whether he wavers back and forth as he stands, or stumbles as he walks. He looks for bloodshot eyes, and listens to word enunciation.

The driver stopped on Vesuvius Bay Road smells strongly of liquor and his balance is unsteady. These factors, combined with his irregular driving, causes Brack to believe the driver is impaired. He reads him his rights, advising him he is "not obliged to say anything, but anything (said or done) may be given in evidence" against him. He tells him he has the right to obtain a lawyer.

He is read a breath demand and remains co-operative throughout the questioning. Had he been unco-operative, he may have been handcuffed before being placed in the police car. He surrenders a pocket knife and climbs into the police vehicle. He is silent during the five-minute drive to the Ganges detachment.

Brack radios ahead to Constable Trevor Turner, who is a certified breathalyzer technician. Turner meets Brack and the accused at the detachment.

The man is taken into a small room at the rear of the RCMP building. The room consists of a

table, where he will later be finger-printed; a chair, where he will sit to be photographed; and the breathalyzer machine.

The breathalyzer measures the concentration of alcohol in one's breath. A sample of air from deep within the lungs is blown into the breathalyzer, trapped in a chamber, and then passed through a yellow potassium dichromate solution. If the air sample contains alcohol, a chemical reaction will cause some of the yellow to fade. The amount by which it fades is measured electronically and the resulting figure is used to calculate the concentration of alcohol in the blood.

The accused is offered use of a telephone and provided with a list of local lawyers. In keeping with about 50 per cent of individuals taken to the Ganges detachment on charges of impaired driving, he does not seek a lawyer. If counsel did attend the detachment, he and the accused would have the opportunity to consult each other in private.

As Turner prepares the breathalyzer machine, Brack begins filling out the first of many forms. A "check list of observations," the form takes the accused through a series of questions — when did you begin drinking? how many drinks did you consume? did you eat? The man is also asked to undertake a series of sobriety tests. His speech is noted, as is his balance and his physical appearance.

The police must observe the individual for 20 minutes before he provides his first breath sample. He cannot eat or smoke during this period and must be watched at all times.

The law is explained to the accused: if his breath sample shows a blood-alcohol concentration in excess of 80 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood, he will be charged with impaired driving. A first-time conviction will likely result in a \$300 fine and a one-year driving suspension. Breaking the driving prohibition will lead to an automatic jail term.

The man asks if he can refuse to provide a breath sample. He is told that refusing to provide a sample is an indictable offence, carrying the same penalties as impaired driving. In other words, a refusal will also lead to a minimum \$300 fine and 12-month driving suspension.

The accused's first breath sample gives a reading of 140 mg — close to twice the legal amount. A second reading, taken 17 minutes later, is slightly higher. It is not uncommon for a second reading to top the first, as the liver takes approximately one hour to metabolize an ounce of alcohol, and may take time to "catch up" after an individual stops drinking.

Because he blew over 50 mg, he is issued a 24-hour driving suspension. Failure to comply with this order will result in an automatic jail term. He is further charged with (count one) impaired driving, and (count two) driving over 0.08 (millilitres of alcohol per 100 ml blood). He is issued a certificate of analysis and a court appearance notice.

If his reading had been "really high," or if he did not appear to understand what was taking place, he would be lodged in the cells overnight.

The accused is then driven home.

If he calls a lawyer and decides to fight the charge, he will, on average, pay between \$350 and \$500 in lawyers fees. And this in no way guarantees he will be found not guilty. In fact, approximately 90 per cent of individuals charged with impaired driving are convicted. Those convicted are tagged with a criminal record. For life.

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Capers scheduling conflict challenged

Members of the 1989 Sea Capers Committee met last week to finalize details of this year's activities.

And while organizers say 1989 festivities will be better than ever, at least some islanders are upset with scheduling.

Several members of this year's high school graduating class and their parents have objected to the June 24 and 25 dates set for Sea Capers, as they directly conflict with grad activities.

Grad advisor and high school teacher Paul McKenzie told *Driftwood* the conflict of events could cause problems for both the grad class and Sea Capers.

He estimates Sea Capers activities could lose up to 500 people who are already committed to day-long grad activities on Saturday, June 24. On the other side of the coin, grads fear their traditional after-grad celebrations could get out of hand, due to the potential of unwelcome participation of islanders celebrating Sea Capers.

"It's basically bad timing," McKenzie said, noting that a high school reunion is also scheduled for that weekend.

"It's unfortunate," he added. "But what can you do now?"

In the meantime, the Sea Capers Committee is planning on releasing a detailed report on this year's activities next week.

Sea Capers President Lynn Richardson said "this year's festivities will be better than ever." She noted there is a new committee this year, and that it has great enthusiasm and a "tremendous drive to back it up."

Island Cinema to show award-winning movie

The Accidental Tourist, Island Cinema's presentation at Central Hall on May 6 and 7, is an "unpredictable and astringently amusing" film.

It was nominated for a best picture Oscar.

Based on Anne Taylor's best-selling novel, the movie recounts the gradual re-awakening of a Baltimore-based travel writer whose grief over the murder of his son has turned him into a near-zombie.

William Hurt takes the role of the "narcoleptic-like" protagonist, and Kathleen Turner plays his weary wife.

Geena Davis, who plays the eccentric dog trainer that eventually pulls Hurt from his "funk," won an academy award for her performance as best supporting actress.

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The association boasts 16 teams this year, including three in tee-ball, four in coach pitch, four in minor league, three in major league, and one each in junior and senior Babe Ruth.

Now entering its second season, the association also reports that it has now received its Little League charter, allowing local squads to participate in organized tournaments on Vancouver Island.

Looking at the season ahead, meanwhile, the association has planned a major fund-raising event for May 6. A minor baseball spring dance, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club, is set for 8 pm to 1 am at the Legion Hall in Ganges.

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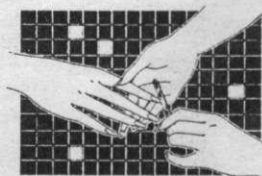
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Island artists will participate in Carmanah Valley project

Four Salt Spring Island artists are to participate in a Western Canada Wilderness Committee (WCWC) campaign to promote protection for Carmanah Valley.

The four islanders — Robert Bateman, Linda Laushway, Leroy Jensen and Diana Dean — are included in a group of 40 B.C. artists scheduled to visit the Carmanah Valley in early May to capture its beauty and character through various media.

The paintings and photographs produced during the three-day visit are to be exhibited this fall, and used to illustrate a coffee-table book being prepared to highlight Carmanah Valley. Plans also call for a film to be produced about the excursion by the artists.

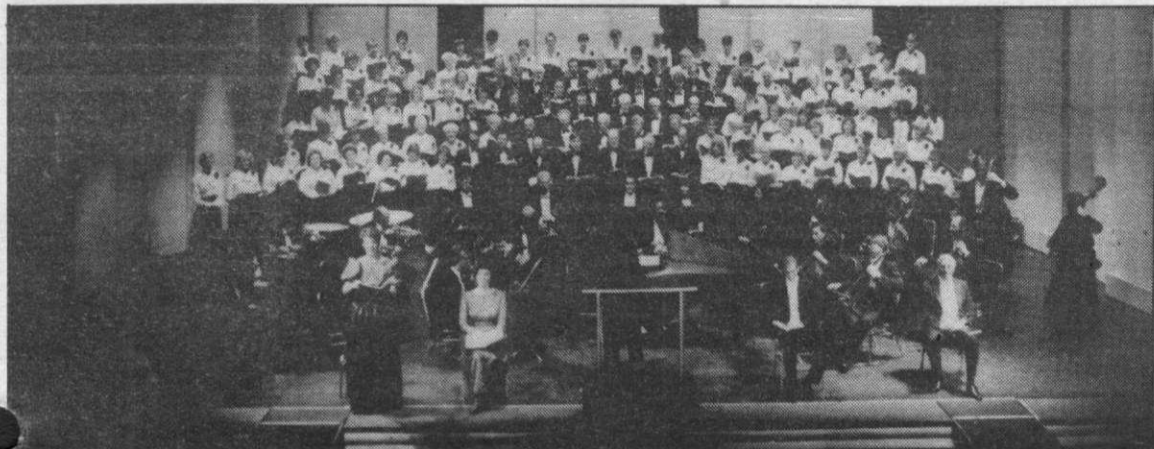
Carmanah Valley, on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island, is home to the tallest Sitka spruce trees in Canada. Timber harvesting rights

for the area are held by MacMillan-Bloedel, which has prepared a cutting plan that aims to protect the largest trees. The scope of that plan has been challenged by WCWC and other groups.

Laushway, who intends to produce photo etchings from her visit to the valley, said her participation is prompted by concern for the tall trees.

"These are the tallest trees in North America, in an area I want to see saved," she said. "This is one way, as an artist, I can participate in saving the trees."

Laushway said the visit and works by the artists should also help to promote wider attention to Carmanah Valley. She noted that a similar campaign was used last year in the Stein Valley: "A one-year moratorium (on logging) came out of that, so who knows" what the Carmanah Valley effort will produce, she said.



Victoria choir brought 120 voices to Salt Spring

Performances by three soloists make Ganges concert a delight

By SIMON ROOK

The rain that organizers of the Community Arts Council were praying for failed to materialize last weekend.

Nevertheless, the 130-odd people who dragged themselves away from their gardens on Sunday afternoon had nothing but praise for all the performers in a rousing performance in Ganges of Haydn's oratorio, *The Creation*.

The three soloists — Catherine Lewis, soprano, as the angel Gabriel; Simon Norton, tenor, as Ariel; and Tom Felter, bass, as Raphael — were in very fine voice.

The audience was particularly thrilled by Catherine Lewis' adroit handling of the difficult coloration passages in her part.

These three characters describe the gradual unfolding of creation from the initial chaos to the creation of mankind, with the choir offering additional comment in the massed choruses.

The Victoria Choral Society's choir of 120 members was a sight to behold, all decked out in their concert regalia and red carnations.

When they sang, one could scarcely fail to be lifted up to the

heavens by their enormous enthusiasm and energy, to say nothing of the precision of their part-singing.

Special mention should also be made of conductor Bruce More, and of Michael Gaudet, the pianist, who took Haydn's difficult score in his stride.

It should be noted that costs and organizational problems for such a large affair are considerable, and it is hoped that the success of this concert will encourage more people to support and enjoy such offerings in the future.

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I'm sure many of us have dark corners in our basements, where the light and our memories are never lucid enough to quickly recognize the contents of musky boxes or dusty objects, objects which remain in storage because they chart our progress through time.

They are pieces in our personal archives — photographs, old toy trucks, disassembled mechanical devices, a child's apron, a doll house — and sometimes objects for which no logical and sustaining *raison d'être* seems to exist.

These final ones are the hardest to deal with, for it is uncharacteristic of us to preserve something with no redeeming utilitarian or historical value. Our minds search for a key that will unlock its diary of messages. If we spend time with these artifacts we can perhaps re-invent our life histories.

This is very murky business, unravelling our past, and it often becomes obsessive. We rebuild the drama of our life, putting objects and documents into order and context — a recollected autobiography.

Sanctity of life and freedom

Much of what artist Christian Boltanski does is related to this process, but in the end his personal quest is parleyed into a universal message — the sanctity of life and freedom. "Lessons of Darkness" will be occupying the entire second floor of the Vancouver Art Gallery until May 15.

Boltanski was born to a Catholic mother and a Jewish father in Paris on Liberation Day, September 6, 1944. This immediate post-war period was still coloured with strong anti-Semitic feelings. Thus through his childhood there were strong currents of personal apertness, of isolation from the mainstream society.

To quote from the VAG calendar, Boltanski's early works as an artist "are comprised of toys, clothes, family photo albums and objects fashioned to replace objects which had long disappeared and remained only as memories, such as a paper airplane or a hot water bottle."

Much of his other work in the show is photographic, the reworking of old found images has four grainy blow-ups of magazine documents and prints.

Boltanski also has a preference for simple materials such as plasticine, a type of playdough, which can be sculpted in a child-like manner to reconstruct lost childhood objects. Tin cutouts of small figures are projected and enlarged onto the wall using the flickering candle.

First impression is of dimly-lit basement

As we walk through the gallery our first impressions are that of entering a dimly-lit basement which alternately transforms into a prison corridor, a monastic sanctuary, a hall of faces, death row, and a cathedral full of illuminated angels.

"The darkness that pervades all of his work blurs the factual with the fictitious, the personal with the general." Thematically his work deals with memory, childhood memorials to lost events and people and death. There is unmistakable references to the Holocaust and there are memorials to the integrity and special quality of each life lost in memory or in death.

Boltanski gives us a kind of sensual mapping of his life and mind, a gift, an inner look, which we sense is appropriate for each one of us to do if we are to continue to strive for a better civilization.

This exhibition is large and at first its coherence is fuzzy. But once everything is viewed and in context, like memory, the messages again become clear. There is no fast hit here. Instead there is a slow digestion and re-savouring of the drama created.

Jazz, blues on tap at Off Centre Stage

Off Centre Stage is offering a choice of "cool jazz" or "hot blues" on the first weekend in May.

Salamander Onsoombo, a Comox Valley Jazz Quartet, and *Wolfhound Twist*, the Island Blues Band, are scheduled to perform on separate nights at Off Centre Stage.

With the dance floor recently opened up, patrons can either enjoy the music seated, or while dancing on the floor.

On Friday, May 5, *Salamander Onsoombo* will cook up an electric smorgasbord of jazz greats, ranging from classics of the 1930s to today's cutting edge.

The "king of Comox jazz" and veteran tenor saxman Nick McGowan leads the quartet, frequently replacing his sax with a flute or clarinet.

McGowan draws from the repertoire of John Coltrane, Wayne Shorter, Charlie Mingus and Charlie Parker, among others, to create *Salamander's* unique intonation.

Rounding out the group are three new faces who might be referred to as the new generation of jazz musicians: they are playing music older than most of their fathers, combined with modern jazz, which adds a vibrant edge to their sound. Casey Dennis is on acoustic bass, Marc Atkinson on guitar (both musicians are originally from Quadra Island), and Stuart Johnson on drums.

The show starts at 8 pm. The following evening, May 6, the exciting new Island Blues Band — *Wolfhound Twist* — will be featured in a benefit concert and dance for Off Centre Stage.

Guest performers will include Gene Grooms (Tommy Gene), Dan Ralph Miller and April Curtis.

This dynamic five man band includes: Jim Shortt, lead singer and guitarist; Pierre Bosnell, drummer; Ron Anderson, harp; Patrick Cullen, lead slide guitar; and Steve Headrick, on bass.

The group plays a wide range of blues from classic to rock-style to original tunes.

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This notice contains important information for everyone in B.C. affected by WCB services.

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- All pension cheques for disabled workers and dependents will be mailed as usual. This also applies to Criminal Injury pension cheques.

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- We will endeavour to maintain wage loss payments on existing claims. Efforts will be made to process such wage loss cheques for current claims on the basis of medical reports, received by mail, confirming continued disability.

- If your wage loss cheque for an existing claim is delayed by more than two weeks, please call the WCB's Richmond office at 273-2266 - or toll free at 1-800-972-9972. For more information, call your local Area Office:

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- Payments on existing pensions will continue.
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- Doctors' reports and other correspondence should be mailed as usual to the WCB.

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- Employers still have the responsibility to contact the WCB at 276-3081 to register.
- 2) CONTRACTORS' CLEARANCES. For verification of status of an employer's account, contractors should call 276-3080.

- Regular Assessment payments should be mailed as usual to the WCB in Richmond.
- Due to the labour dispute, WCB Assessment services in Area Offices are not available. If you need assistance, please call 276-3081.

The WCB is making every effort to bring the current labour dispute to an equitable and timely conclusion. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.



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Federal budget a short-term complication

By RICK SALES and PETER ROBSON

Inflation or deflation, that is the question. After two consecutive months of one per cent jumps in the U.S. producer price index, inflation fears are again front-and-centre, fanned by the media.

At the same time, housing starts are near their lowest level in the U.S. for the past six years, and automobile sales are slipping. In other words, the two primary pillars of the U.S. economy have either lost or are rapidly losing their steam. And the leading economic indicators are slipping.

Nevertheless, the U.S. economy continues to exhibit growth. This is due to heightened exports and gains in capital

spending. The future direction of the economy will depend on how short-term interest rates penalize these sectors.

First, high short-term interest rates have boosted the value of North American currencies and specifically the U.S. dollar. This will curtail exports and result in slower overall economic activity.

Second, high short-term interest rates shouldn't impede capital spending materially, because these are long-term investment projects. However, capital spending is not necessarily inflationary as it increases production capacity and lowers unit costs.

In our opinion, interest rate policy will be effective in slowing economic activity

and reducing renewed inflation concerns. The spread between short-term interest rates and the underlying inflation rate is quite high and interest rates should ease as inflation fears abate. We suspect rates will be down by year end.

Such a move will be a positive for both bonds and stocks.

A near-term complication for financial markets in Canada is the April 27 federal budget.

If a tough approach is taken to reduce the deficit — a combination of expenditure cuts and tax increases — the bond market should respond favourably and immediately.

There could be some initial disruption in

equity markets if certain sectors are targeted for special treatment (i.e., banks), or if corporate tax rates are raised significantly.

One area of concern for Canadians specifically related to investment is the dividend tax credit. The credit was reduced by the last budget. Further erosion is possible. As a result, those investors contemplating the purchase of preferred shares should hold off until budget details are known later this month.

Rick Sales and Peter Robson are money managers with the Vancouver-based investment dealer Odlum Brown.

Expertise used by the wealthy available to common investor

By SIMON JONES

Let's say you won the lottery and now were the proud possessor of one million dollars . . . what would you do with it? I mean, after you'd spent what you wanted to — gone on a cruise, bought a new home and a car, had some parties and so on. How would you invest the remainder?

I suppose most people would answer: "I'm not an expert, so I'd find a good money manager, someone who specializes in investing. But, I want someone who's good at it . . . who has a track record that shows that he or she knows what they're doing." And you know, you wouldn't be alone; a lot of wealthy people in Canada do the same. They hire experts to handle their affairs.

Here's the secret most Canadians don't know: those same money managers are available to you and me who are not millionaires. Most money managers who handle private wealth also run one or more mutual funds. Operating a mutual fund makes it worthwhile for a money manager to handle small amounts of capital, because in a fund you and I pool our resources with thousands of other small investors and hire a manager. We then tell that manager what we want him to do. This is what most people who have heard of mutual funds don't realize.

Most think that mutual funds are somehow risky because they invest in the stock market. Certainly, many funds are stock or "equity" funds, but you can choose to have your manager invest in government of Canada Treasury Bills, if you want — the safest investment in the country, backed by the taxation powers of the federal government and paying a high rate of interest. Or, you can direct the manager to invest only in government of Canada bonds, buying long-term bonds when he thinks interest rates are going to drop and going short-term when rates are forecast to rise.

Many Canadians invest in rental houses because they understand property. But how many of you landlords had to go over to your rental units during the recent freeze and fix broken pipes late in the evening? Owning rental property is like having a second job . . . not so if you do it through mutual funds. You can tell your professional money manager to buy only high-quality commercial property (office buildings and malls that are easy to keep fully rented because of their location, all across Canada).

Other choices: you can tell the manager to put you in mortgages, preferred shares, convertible bonds, or preferreds. If you choose stocks, the variety is endless — global, Canadian, US, gold stocks, mines and oils, Japan, Europe, Far East, hi tech, small companies, emerging nations, and so on.

You might say: "That's fine, but, I'm going to invest in term deposits because I can get a high return right now." Then perhaps a fully-managed fund is for you. This is where the manager goes into a cash position when he can get high returns and into bonds when the time is right and into stocks, when term rates are low and he can get more from stocks. One such fund is currently 80 per cent in cash, 10 per cent in bonds and 10 per cent in stocks.


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programs galore at his fingertips. When you make your own decisions about when to put money in term deposits, or stocks, or bonds, you're in effect competing with that manager and that's like playing tennis with Bjorn Bjorg. You're bound to come out on the short end of the stick. Would you play with a professional tennis player and bet money on the outcome of the game? Yet, how many play against the professionals in the money game and bet, not just \$100, but their entire retirement nest egg on the outcome?? By hiring a mutual fund manager, you get the professional on your side.

One final point. When you've decided that you would like to invest in a mutual fund, be selective about who you buy one from.

Simon Jones is an investment planner with Victoria Asset Management Group Inc.

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Federal government expected to announce bad-news budget

The Progressive Conservative party is expecting to face the wrath of Canadians after federal finance minister Michael Wilson unveils his bad news budget this Thursday, MP Mary Collins said in Ganges last Saturday.

Collins, MP for North Vancouver and associate minister for national defence in Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's cabinet, was speaking to the annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Progressive Conservative Association.

She told her audience that its support will be needed after the contents of the budget are known.

Collins said she expects the budget to feature reductions in expenditures and increases in revenues. "That's a nice way of saying there will be tax increases," she said, indicating that she expects the moves to be unpopular but views them as necessary.

"We are not playing to the polls," she said. "When things get tough, we will need your support."

That support will include explaining to others the rationale for the expected tax increases, Collins continued. She said that while it has reduced the annual deficit by \$10 billion, the federal government has been unable to remove the burden of the nation's accumulated debt.

Collins said the cost of that debt is now growing at the rate of \$80 million a day, represents \$50,000 owed by each family in Canada, and consumes 31 cents of every dollar gained in federal revenues.

Attacking the debt will be difficult, the MP said, because cut-

ting expenditures is a tough process given the variety and strengths of interests involved. However, it must be done if Ottawa is to get its financial house in order.

"It's equal pain for equal gain," Collins said. "We must leave a sound fiscal and physical environment for our children."

In response to a question from the floor about the impact the budget would have on the federal government's nuclear submarine purchase plan, Collins said she

would have to wait until this Thursday to "see how everything unfolds." However, she said she expects the Armed Forces will share the burden of expenditure reductions, and that it "won't be able to do things as quickly as forecast."

Earlier, Collins had said that Ottawa aims to ensure Canada has a strong defence force, and intends to give it the respect, equipment and support it needs to handle its appointed tasks.

Tories to continue focus on economy

The federal budget to be handed down this Thursday is but one of four major initiatives of the Progressive Conservative government, MP Mary Collins said Saturday in Ganges.

A Tory priority is to carry on with work already done to build the national economy, she told her Harbour House audience. "The fundamental basis of that commitment is to build a free-enterprise economy, to make business competitive," she said. "For that, we need skilled, trained people."

The MP said recent changes to Unemployment Insurance regulations follow that lead by looking at the reality of regional differences and emphasizing employment retraining to give workers the skills "to get back out there and get jobs."

A second thrust is a commitment to "a caring, compassionate society," Collins continued, explaining that her government will put in place policies to assist people in need but will demand people take responsibility. "A cradle-to-grave (approach) is no incentive for people to get out there, to be responsible."

The third thrust is focus on the environment. "As a government, people do not identify us with that yet, but you can look forward to initiatives in the next couple of years that will convince people. There will be work in a whole range of areas."

For Saanich-Gulf Islands seat

Pat Crofton to be in running again

Pat Crofton, the former MP who lost his bid for the Saanich-Gulf Islands seat in the 1988 federal vote, hopes to contest the riding for the Progressive Conservatives when the next election is called.

Crofton, who spoke to last Saturday's annual general meeting of the Salt Spring Island Progressive Conservative Association, was elected in 1984 in Esquimalt-Saanich but lost to the NDP's Lynn Hunter in Saanich-Gulf Islands in 1988.

After noting that he intends to seek the Progressive Conservative riding nomination again, the former MP said that whoever carries the party's colours in the next election will need the support of a strong local organization.

"It is the responsibility of the riding executive to have money in the bank and have people ready when

the next election call is made," he said. "We have to work hard to rebuild the team here. We can't afford to sit back."

Crofton said the challenge facing the party is to revisit the grassroots and convince lapsed Progressive Conservatives to rejoin the fold.

"The NDP, for all of its nutty policies, is able to convince people that it cares for the little guy," he said. "We care just as much. Our challenge is to put our policies together, articulate them and convince the public."

Since his defeat at the polls last November, Crofton has been appointed by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney to chair Canadian representation to the joint Canada-U.S. defence committee. He is the first non-MP to hold that post in the committee's 50-year history.

Association names slate

A new executive was named last week by the Salt Spring Island Progressive Conservative Association. It includes:

Jennifer Inderwick, president; Neal Beaumont, vice-president; Elda Soder, treasurer; Gwen Althouse, secretary; Nan Jenks, membership.

Director named were: John Crofton, David Morgan, Arthur Robinson, Tom Fraser, John Davies, Arthur Beattie and Clair Nutting.



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It's very much a hands-on experience for the youths, who particularly like the chance to crew the vessel.

"They do everything," says skipper Hank Johansen, "from steering the ship to cleaning the heads to serving meals. And they spend time in the engine room with the engineer."

Johansen recently spoke to the *Island Times* while the *Edgewater Fortune* was tied up for the night at the government dock at Port Washington, North Pender Island.

The vessel had just completed a cruise to Fulford Harbour, where students visited a petroglyph park, to the marine biological station at Nanaimo, and to Newcastle Island.

"We also had a good fishing day off Moresby Island," Johansen says. And the young sailors got to dig for clams, which they made into clam chowder.

The students work on rotation, says Johansen. "Every day we change the watch so by time the trip is over they've been through the ship."

One valuable part of the experience, not to be found in any textbook, is life-saving drills. A dummy is thrown overboard and the first student to spot it cries "man overboard" to the bridge.

The skipper turns hard to port, a student throws a life ring into the water and the launch is made ready. Within a minute two students and an officer are in the water.

Johansen says the record time for the entire rescue operation is a remarkable one minute and 32 seconds.

A motorized steering simulator of Johansen's own design teaches the youths how to steer by compass.

Although simulators are commonplace in the airline industry, Johansen says his is the only one of its kind that is used for nautical purposes.

Johansen has skippered the vessel since his company, *Edgewater Pacific Navigation*, purchased the former *HMCS Fortune* in 1969. It is powered by two General Motors 1265 horsepower V-12 diesel engines.

The major modification was an accommodation section added onto the top part of the tail section.

Other than that, the vessel has the look and feel of a navy ship.

The charter is very much a family business. With the help of his wife and three sons, Johansen conducts charters from March through September.

The *Edgewater Fortune* has

sailed as far as the Aleutian Islands when it carried a group protesting nuclear testing in the early 1970s. Charter fishing trips take it up the B.C. coast, to as far as the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Originally built for the Korean War, minesweepers like the *HMCS Fortune* were taken out of service in the early 1960s when the Canadian government decided to get out of the minesweeping business.

Another reason for their removal, says Johansen, is that the vessels' magnetic quotient was too low. Many of the vessels were used for training. Johansen says four or five similar minesweepers can be seen at Esquimalt.

But it's not all work for the student crew of the *Edgewater Fortune*.

"We look for places of historical interest so they can see how life was like in the past."

With that in mind Johansen recently made a generous donation to the Port Washington Village Preservation Society.

The society hopes to purchase and refurbish the 1910 general store at the dock, which will be used for video presentations on Pender Island pioneer days, for native history dioramas, and for theatre presentations and other cultural events.

The students also engage in low-tide marine studies, aided by an on-board marine biologist who is qualified in SCUBA, as are all five of the Johansen clan.



Hank Johansen, skipper of the training ship *Edgewater Fortune*, poses beside life-size dummy used in life-saving drills staged for students who crew his vessel. The ship visited Pender Island briefly while on a Gulf Islands cruise.

Delivery services offered

When it absolutely, positively has to get there, and you don't feel like doing it yourself, Salt Spring's newest entrepreneur can solve your problem.

Jacque Hull of Ganges has introduced a new business to the island and she wants to deliver it to you, or for you. Ganges Pick-up and Delivery is the name of her company, which had its grand opening on April 13. She is planning island-wide pickup and delivery service, twice daily, and says her convenience service has something to offer for everyone.

"We can pick-up or drop off groceries (up to 12 items), laundry, small marine parts or small construction needs, take-out food or liquor (with proper ID), things that people need but don't have the time to do get themselves," she said.

"We can pick up or deliver just about anything — the only limit we set is that it cannot be over 50 pounds in weight. I think the island has grown to the point that a business like this will really take off."

Jacque said the business is strictly for the island, with no off-island service being offered. "That's for the bigger guys," she said. "I just want to concentrate on serving islanders and their needs."

She said business hours will be from 8 am to 11 pm Monday through Saturday, and 12 to 6 pm on Sundays. They will be closed Wednesdays.



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