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Driftwood launches special news edition for Outer Islanders

This week the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* begins serving residents of the Outer Islands with a special edition.

It is our intention to provide readers on Galiano, Mayne, the Penders and Saturna with up-to-date news coverage of the region, along with the kind of features and columns that *Driftwood* readers have come to expect over the years.

While the *Outer Islands Edition* replaces the *Island Times*, which ceased publication last week, we believe that it will give our readers a better, more comprehensive package of information about their island communities.

Former *Times* editor David Fraser assumes the position of Outer Islands Editor, and will continue to work from Pender Island.

The *Island Times* was launched last July in the hope that advertising revenues would be sufficient to support an Outer Islands-based community paper. Despite the best efforts of a dedicated staff and the support of many readers and advertisers, the experiment proved that there isn't a large enough commercial base to support one paper, let alone two.

Splitting *Driftwood* into two editions will give readers news that is specific to their own islands, as well as news that is relevant to all the islands in the southern gulf. It will also help to ensure economic viability.

Zoning swap given readings by Trust

A zoning "swap" and a new rural service bylaw was given second and third reading by the Salt Spring Islands Trust following a heated public hearing on Monday.

If the bylaw receives ministerial approval, Beddis Road resident Robin Wood will be able to keep his motor vehicle repair shop in its present location.

In moving second reading of the bylaw, Trustee Nick Gilbert said the Wood situation is unique and unlikely to be duplicated. He noted it is "first and foremost" a land use proposal that "benefits against any undesirable impact on the property."

The issue surrounding Wood's repair shop, located in a mostly residential area, has been brewing for several years, a May 29 public hearing learned.

Wood bought the property in 1983 and his home occupation gradually grew.

Speaking on behalf of Wood, Salt Spring lawyer Jonathan Oldroyd explained to the hearing the proposal basically represents an exchange of zoning designations, followed by a downgrading of an Industrial 5 zoning to Rural Service.

Adjacent to the Beddis Road site, Wood owns a parcel of land currently zoned Industrial 5 (a parcel previously attached to Ralph Magee's land, which houses a saw-mill), plus an area zoned with an Agricultural designation. Wood's repair shop is currently located on the agriculturally zoned land. He could, Oldroyd explained, legally move his shop to the industrially

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Carcass removed

Bader's Beach residents are literally breathing a sigh of relief following publicity in last week's *Driftwood* concerning the dilemma of the smelly, dead California sea lion washed up on their shore.

The sea lion, which had been on the beach for over a week and a half, could have been dead in the water for up to two months.

Some time ago, a dead sea lion — possibly the same one — washed up on the shore near Duck Bay. Local residents pushed it back into the water. Although the Collins Road area residents contacted numerous government agencies to come and inspect and remove the 2,000-pound carcass, none would do so.

Enter Dietrich Luth who, with the aid of a fork lift, and logistical support from the Gulf Coast Materials Company, removed the carcass from the beach and transported it to Nanaimo, where he arranged for an autopsy to be performed by a private vet. The final step will see the skeleton of the eight-foot long creature shipped to the B.C. Provincial Museum.

Anyone finding dead marine animals on their beaches may contact Luth at 537-2611 for removal. He said he would then transport the carcasses to Nanaimo for autopsy.

County system poses direct threat to Trust?

The chairman of the Islands Trust fears a county system proposed for the southern Gulf Islands would spell the end of the Trust.

Nick Gilbert was reacting to a recent consultant's report recommending a county style government for the Southern Gulf Islands. A synopsis of that report was presented in last week's *Driftwood*.

Igor Zahynacz, who penned the study for his Master's degree in Public Administration, claims the system would improve current conditions by creating a single, co-ordinated local government system which would provide services with fewer elected officials and at a centralized location.

But Gilbert says the county system would destroy the incentive for people with specific interests — i.e., schools, — to seek elected office.

Under a county system, one level of government would oversee all functions. Its concerns would be more immediate than the Trust's farsighted "preserve and protect" mandate, Gilbert adds.

"I am impressed with the amount of dedicated efforts going towards all these functions," he said. "They feel strongly about it and have a lot of expertise. It's a very grass roots system."

"People run for the school board because they're interested in education and have a long-term outlook. Under the county system I don't know how you'd encourage people to get into that long-term planning situation."

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George Harris of Galiano, shown here with son Simon, recently took his family on a two-month trip through Central America. A video on his experiences in the region is due for release in Canadian schools this fall.

Children, families star in Central American video

By DAVID FRASER

GALIANO ISLAND — George Harris wanted to show how families in Central America really live. With that in mind he has produced the video, *Through the Eyes of Children*, which should be ready for viewing in Canadian schoolrooms this September.

"There's very little real news getting out about what's happening to people in Central America. I thought it fascinating subject matter for a video," says Harris, who made the film while travelling through Central America with his family in March and April.

"It's difficult to develop a market for real news; it's not as sensational as footage taken in war zones or of military parades. But how many times do we get to see how Russian, Chinese and Nicaraguan families really live?"

Harris, his three children and partner Laurene Stefanyk packed into a 20-year-old motor home and drove 20,000 kilometres to Nicaragua. There, he met other Gulf Islanders working on a project to provide water for the island community of Ometepe.

Using two high-resolution cameras, Harris recorded his experiences living with four Central American families, resulting in 80 hours of footage to be edited into four 15-minute episodes.

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Zoning swap bid wins nod from trustees

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zoned piece of his property. There, Wood could expand his business and set up other heavy industrial activities.

The land with the industrial designation is currently in a "pristine, natural state," with a creek running through it.

Wood's proposal switches the zoning on the two adjacent parcels, and then downzones the Industrial zoning to a Rural Service zoning, which limits Wood from any expansion of his business.

Oldroyd suggested there would be no benefit to Wood moving — he would be closer to other residents, he could damage the creek — and to suggest he do so is "punitive."

Neighbouring resident Gary Greico spoke strongly against

the proposal, saying it is morally wrong to legitimize and illegal activity. Greico said Wood established his business on Agricultural land without adequate permits.

"This is being made to sound like it is a business in the middle of a wilderness area," Greico said, indicating he has a file of letters from neighbours who oppose the business.

Greico said creation of the rural service zone will lead to spot zoning throughout the island and threaten all residential areas. Belcher Heights resident Mel Sumner agreed, saying: "How do I know my neighbour isn't going to do the same thing?"

Other neighbours, however, spoke in favour of Wood's business. Virginia Reynolds, who live next door, said she cannot see or hear anything from the service shop.

Oldroyd said if the proposal is not approved "you're

going to force this man to move and expand and make things worse than they are."

Former Island Trustee Pat Byrne described this as a special situation: "You have to ask yourself, is the swap off a good thing for the community?"

After the public hearing was closed, Gilbert noted the swap creates an agricultural buffer and offers protection to the stream. He said there were very few comments regarding the noise or sight of the operation at the present time.

Gilbert also said the change is not precedent-setting because every application is judged on its own merits.

Salt Spring Trustee John Stepaniuk further noted that the CRD health department, Advisory Planning Commission, highways and environment ministries had offered no objections. He said he felt assured Wood had proceeded in good faith.

Concerns raised by Mayne trustees

New ferries 'no threat to fishermen'

Concerns that new jumbo ferries may create further risks for fishermen in Active Pass and increase erosion on the Galiano and Mayne Island sides are premature, says a B.C. Ferries Corporation spokesman.

Ron Davis was responding to concerns raised by Louis Vallee and Marie Elliot, Islands Trust Trustees for Mayne Island, at a meeting in Saanich last month of the Regional Transportation Committee.

The trustees were expressing concerns about proposed changes to the ferry system as outlined in the Delcan consultant's report.

The pair said they supported the Islands Trust position that "before any new ferry system is implemented, the social and environmental impacts on the island must be examined thoroughly, and with full consultation with island residents."

Davis says plans for jumbo ferries, which would carry 400 to 500 cars, are only at the discussion stage. It has not been decided whether the vessels would be made wider, higher or longer than existing vessels. "It could be a floating apartment block for all we know."

The C-Class vessels are currently the largest capacity vessels with the *Queen of Saanich* and *Queen of Esquimalt* carrying up to 376 cars, serving the Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay route. Ferries travelling between Vancouver and Nanaimo and Vancouver and Langdale can accommodate up to 360 cars.

Elliot and Vallee point out that there have been two major accidents involving B.C. Ferries in Active Pass.

The worst accident occurred on August 2, 1970, when a Soviet freighter sliced into the side of *Queen of Victoria*, killing three passengers and resulting in \$1 million in damage. An inquiry showed that the Canadian pilot on board the freighter was mostly to blame, although the inquiry that followed showed the B.C. Ferry master was partly at fault.

The other accident, in which the *Queen of Alberni* hit Collinson reef, resulted in considerable vehicular damage and one fatality — a \$3,200 race horse named *Gun Music*, which belonged to a B.C. Ferries employee.

Davis says the B.C. Ferry Corporation has no co-ordinated emergency plans with the Gulf Islands. But he says a corporation member is on the provincial advisory board for emergency services.

He says emergency procedures are constantly being updated by B.C. Ferries. He says if a ferry was

disabled in Active Pass it would make for the nearest port or, because it's a busy route, another vessel would be available within 30 minutes to evacuate passengers and crew by linking the ships with a gangway.

On August 25, 1982, the *Queen of Prince Rupert* was grounded near Bella Bella while on its way

"Social and environmental impacts on the islands must be examined thoroughly, and with full consultation with islanders."

from Port Hardy. After it was pulled from the reef the 300 passengers were transferred to the *Queen of the North* and returned to Port Hardy.

Truman Norcross is another Mayne Islander who is concerned about increased ferry traffic through Active Pass. Norcross owns an Esso marine gas station in Miners Bay, as well as the Esso gas

station up the road. He says he would like to build a marina at Miner's Bay. But the wash caused by passing ferries makes the plan impossible without the building of a breakwater.

Jamie Brown of the Springwater Lodge on Miner's Bay says his hotel has suffered from ferry wash for "20-odd-years now" and because of this was forced to remove floats some years ago because of the danger to boats. He says it is "out of the question" to expect the lodge to build a breakwater without some form of government support.

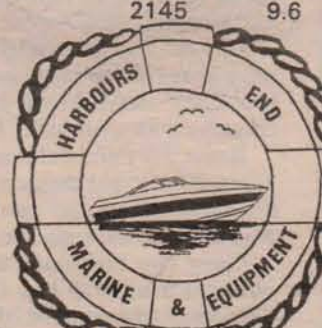
Brown adds that the Springwater has the only commercial foreshore lease on Mayne Island. Because of its ideal location, Miner's Bay could be a focal point for small boaters were it not for the rough water.

He says that in the early 1980s Miners Bay residents asked B.C. Ferries to slow down while travelling through Active Pass. "And they did — for about three weeks. They (Ferries) have legitimate concerns. They say they can't slow down because of the tide rips. But if slower vessels can do it why can't they? Even if they slowed down from 18 knots to 12 knots that would help a lot."

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Pender panorama

Students from Deep Cove Elementary tried their luck at angling during recent field trip to Shingle Bay, in sight of ruins of burned down fish reducing plant can be seen in the distance.

Passenger hospitalized with neck injuries

An 18-year-old female was transferred to a Victoria hospital with neck injuries following a single-vehicle accident at Central last weekend.

At approximately 2:30 am, May 27, a vehicle driven by 20-year-old Peter Spencer of Ganges left the road while attempting to negotiate a left turn at the Central intersection.

The vehicle went through a sign and continued for approximately 50 feet into a vacant field across from Central Hall. A total of five people were in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Spencer has been charged with motor vehicle infractions.

Later that same day, three people were taken to hospital following a single-vehicle accident on Sunset Drive.

At approximately 11:30 pm, a vehicle driven by a 17-year-old Salt Spring youth failed to negotiate a left hand turn as it travelled west in the 600 block on Sunset. The vehicle spun into a ditch, and flipped onto its roof.

Police said none of the five occupants in the vehicle were wearing seatbelts. Three were taken to hospital by ambulance and treated for minor injuries.

The driver has been charged with driving too fast for road conditions.

Tire slasher gets eight

The Harbour House Hotel parking lot and a neighbouring residence were the scene of approximately \$7,000 in wilful damage to vehicles last Saturday night.

Local RCMP were notified to the scene at 2:50 am, May 28, when an employee at the Harbour House Hotel was unable to catch up with a suspect who may have slashed a total of 22 tires on eight different vehicles.

In addition to slashing the tires, the culprit removed tail lights and

windshield assemblies, bent antennae and scratched vehicles with a knife.

At a neighbouring house on Lower Ganges Road, three vehicles had all four tires slashed. The upholstery and cover of a convertible was also slashed. Police estimate close to \$3,000 in damages were incurred by the three cars.

Police are asking for public assistance in the matter: anyone having information which may be useful to the investigation are asked to contact the local detachment.

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Resolution offers course of action in wake of hosing

Federal government spending continues to grow in Canada, and with it the amount of taxes paid by the country's wage-earners. And while Ottawa pays lip service to the need to cut back its expenditures and reduce the deficit, there is no firm indication that cutbacks are forthcoming.

To many Canadians, the recent federal budget was a disappointment. We were led to expect tough legislation designed to clean up our debt. We thought we were going to see some effort by Finance Minister Michael Wilson to bring expenditures in line with revenues. We hoped for restraint by the Conservative government and a sincere effort to manage our affairs with fiscal responsibility.

Instead, we got hosed.

There is increased federal spending in this year's budget. There is increased taxation. And there is more growth in the country's alarming debt.

Thirty-five cents of every tax dollar is now used to pay interest on that debt, an increase of 30 cents since 1974. And given the degree of courage that we have come to expect from the Mulroney government, we'd be deluding ourselves if we concluded that perhaps next year we'll begin to see some serious deficit slashing.

Under the circumstances and the present system of government, there are likely very few politicians in Ottawa with the guts to do what's necessary to preserve Canada from economic ruin. It makes sense, therefore, that Canadians themselves ought to be looking at what they might do to help.

A group whose success depends unfortunately on the interest of a generally apathetic public has devised a means of protesting Ottawa's irresponsible extravagance. The Resolution One Association, formed in Edmonton, Alberta, recently, has drafted a



resolution that would require the government to cut spending more than they increase taxes.

It reads: "The federal government shall forthwith enact a law under which all future increases in total federal revenue must be exceeded by reductions in overall expenditures until the budget is balanced."

The authors of that statement are hoping that Canadians will support the resolution by signing


response cards en masse, and that a truck containing one million cards can be delivered to Ottawa next year.

The resolution deserves our support because the country needs it. Politicians may be able to recognize that need but will be unwilling to address it without a strong indication of public concern. The ball's in our court.

Special moments demand special mementos

Around the diamond were about 14 uniformed youngsters between the ages of 10 and 12 years, plus a half dozen other kids who'd wandered by and stopped to play. Here and there were four or five adults itching for spot duty, the umpire had been grabbed off the street, and no one was keeping score or counting the players on the field.

Officially, we had gathered for a Little League game between Driftwood, the team coached by myself and Jim Black, and the Home Design Centre squad led by Mike Hogan. But we were competing with the sixth game of the Stanley Cup finals being played the same night, and each team found itself two or three players short of a full squad.

my word
.....
by duncan macdonnell 

Just when the coaches decided to cancel the game and find a television set, the kids piped up. Leave some bats and a few balls so they could play, one said. They didn't need nine players a side, another offered: they'd make do with whoever was there.

Out of the mouths of babes. So we stayed, and the field and

sidelines soon saw a mixture of adults and youngsters swinging bats, chasing hits and tossing around the old horsehide.

And a strange thing happened. To my mind, with the adults functioning as teammates and not as coaches, the kids seemed to be much more relaxed. Without the structure of an official game taking

place under the guidance of official adults, they could concentrate on just playing the game and having fun.

Like magic, the blurring of distinctions spread to the adults and everyone seemed to be of the same mind: just enjoy it.

We ended up going well beyond the normal time limit usually imposed on Little League games, and no one complained about the lateness of the hour, the lengthening shadows or the chill in the air. All that mattered was what happened between the white lines.

More important than the delight of the moment, however, was the fact that the final score was never figured out and none of the action was ever officially recorded.

And while that's how it should be in a case like this, part of me figured this one game would be the highlight of my season, and I wanted something to remember it by.

So when one of the youngsters sat down beside me on the bench and offered to trade some of the baseball cards Mike Hogan had distributed earlier to each of us, I agreed. I swapped all of mine for one of his, and we both figured we got the better end of the deal.

At the end of the season, when the team photos are finished and distributed, I'll stick that one card into the frame. Just to remind me that when the man says "play ball," the operative word is play.

letters

Sense of loss

Having travelled on three continents and seen many beautiful sights abroad, I was again taken aback by the incredible beauty you islanders have right in your backyard.

Two weeks ago, while visiting the island, I hiked along Channel Ridge to the spectacular viewpoint overlooking St. Mary Lake, then meandered down through the meadows on the southwest slope overlooking Maple Mountain on Vancouver Island. The meadow moss and grasses were soft and spongy underfoot, and we often stopped to admire the many different wildflowers and the artistry of each gnarled oak or arbutus.

The serenity and silence of the area was soon interrupted, however, by the sound of the blaster pushing the road through beyond Phase Four of the Channel Ridge development. Sensing my dismay over this inevitable "progress", my companion assured me that according to the original intent of the developers' plans, the meadows in which we were walking were to be left intact. With that consolation we carried on.

I cannot describe, then, my horror and outrage when I came across an area of about four acres torn up and completely destroyed by four-wheel drive vehicles. The drivers had obviously been getting their kicks by seeing how far up the meadows they could get before getting stuck, then backing up and trying again.

Who on Salt Spring Island could have been so ignorant as to deliberately destroy this pristine spot? What precautions and/or controls do the developer, local authorities, or the provincial government have to see this doesn't happen again?

As a regular visitor to your beautiful island for the past 10 years this was the first time I've left not feeling uplifted, but rather with a great sense of loss. A sense of sadness not only because of what I had just seen, but also a sadness for what my baby daughter now will not see.

GILLIAN GUITON,
North Vancouver.

Use of users

We who direct the destiny of Central Hall worked for many years to get enough money to improve our parking lot and we were all happy when we finally were able to have it black-topped two weeks ago.

However, our happiness was short-lived, for the improved facility became a magnet for users other than those of Central Hall.

We would like it known that this parking lot is for the use of users of Central Hall only.

Central Hall is rented by the hour and is used by groups, committees, classes, etc. from 8 or 9 am each day.

It is in demand all day and every day.

To a passer-by, the parking lot may appear to be vacant for long periods, but this is not so.

As each group comes and goes, the parking lot is full or empty as the occasion demands.

An empty parking lot does not mean an unused parking lot.

It means a parking lot ready for the next group of users.

We would regard it as an act of courtesy and consideration by

everyone in general and the users of Portlock Park in particular if persons not actually using Central Hall would kindly resist the temptation to use our lovely new parking lot thereby allowing us to assure our renters that there is indeed parking space available to them when the Hall is rented.

Use of the parking lot is part of the deal and we would like to keep it that way without acrimony or bad feelings.

BEVIS WALTERS,
President,
Central Hall Committee.

Thank you

I would sincerely like to thank the Salt Spring Firefighters for their very quick response to the midnight bush fire near our home caused by a fallen tree and power line last week. (I should have responded as quickly in print).

They prevented a small fire from becoming something a bit nastier, perhaps saving a mountain of trees and our home.

I would also like to thank the B.C. Hydro workers who worked through the night in the wind to restore power.

The people of Salt Spring are extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated group of volunteer firefighters and a conscientious Hydro crew. Thanks again, fellows.

ELIZABETH WARD,
Ganges.

Incorrect

An item on Page A7 of the May 17 *Driftwood* purported to be an instruction from the RCMP to users of Portlock Park, telling them to park their vehicles either in Portlock Park or at Central Hall.

The RCMP assure me they did not mention Central Hall in this context.

It is not so long since I wrote your paper asking people not to park outside the hall unless they have business with the hall or the Cemetery.

I reiterate that plea.

It is an embarrassment and inconvenience when a wedding, funeral, dance, movie or election takes place at Central Hall and there is no room for legitimately parked cars.

It is certainly dangerous to park on the sides of North End Road or Vesuvius Bay Road. There's a little space outside the Highways yard on Upper Ganges Road. But if there are not sufficient parking spaces at Portlock Park, may I suggest the Parks and Recreation Commission take steps to provide more, in accordance with regulations.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Manager,
Central Hall.

The winner

The watercolour painting donated by Joan Tiernan to the Salt Spring Painters' Guild Spring Exhibition raffle was won by Marlene Prybylski of Vancouver with ticket 3240. Thank you Joan, for your generous donation.

Many thanks, also, to our 33 guild members who participated artistically, as well as in the production of the show, to Foxglove for the loan of the beautiful plants, and especially to

all the patrons who came to view — you really made the weekend a success!

VAL KONIG,
MARGE THRELFALL,
Ganges.

Thank you

We would like to thank the students and teachers who contributed artwork to the Parents for Playgrounds student art sale. Also, special thanks to GISS student council members and volunteers from Mme. McDonald's Grade 7 class. Robyn Smith and Kathy Stringer, too, were front line participants.

We raised \$115 towards completion of the playship. Those buyers who took time to browse through the collection of pictures, paintings and creations were rewarded with wonderful treasures.

Parents for Playgrounds would also like to thank islanders for the patience they have shown while work is being completed. We welcome your feedback.

Please remember that Centennial Park benefits by parent supervision and you can help create the tone of the area by watching and speaking to the children at play.

DEBBIE MAGNUSSON,
Parents for Playgrounds.

Misconceptions

In response to Bill Eaton's letter of last week, I would like to clear up a few misconceptions printed therein.

The FOG bylaws state (Article 2, Section 2) that "any person who belongs to the society and is either on the Galiano provincial voters' list or can prove that they own property on Galiano Island, will be entitled to vote."

The FOG constitution states (Article 1, Section 2) that "the purpose of Friends of Galiano Society shall be to insure that the desires and requirements of the population of Galiano Island are fully represented . . . etc."

In answer to Bill's letter I would like to reassure him that it is one of the main purposes of FOG to see that the democratic process is carried out regarding any plans for the future of Galiano.

NANCY QUIST,
President,
FOG.

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ACUPUNCTURE

... the inside story

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by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA - The role of the media in the ongoing public debate concerning the province's major public resource, our forests, has been largely that of a critic, and I have no hesitation to include myself in that definition.

The response of the forest industry has been varied. Some companies have accused me and other critics of everything from being cruelly ignorant to plain stupid. Others have met with me to "open a channel of communications." Still others have decided to start informing the public.

One of the latter is Canadian Pacific Forest Products Limited. While the information the firm disseminates may not be entirely unbiased, it is refreshingly devoid of dismissing public criticism as the rantings and ravings of a sadly misinformed public which cannot grasp the issues even if it tried, or worse, as enemies intent on destroying the industry.

CPFP recently distributed a booklet containing a submission made to Forest Minister Dave Parker's public hearings into tree farm licences.

The submission makes an excellent case for the benefits of TFLs versus a forest base that's too fragmented. I'd like to mention some of the highlights here, but I will also address a few things the submissions didn't deal with.

The author of the submission in question is Bruce Devitt, chief forester with CPFP. Devitt doesn't lose any time pointing to the major problem facing our forest industry — falldown, a lamentable situation that occurs when there isn't enough second-growth timber to replace the old-growth timber.

Leading us towards disaster

"Today, harvest rates continue to decline, hastened by an apparent lack of will to come to grips with a problem that is leading us all toward major economic disaster," Devitt says. I couldn't agree more.

Devitt says tree farm licences are excellent tools to deal with the declining harvest rates, provided they are managed wisely. Again, I agree, but there is that big if.

True, CPFP has a good record as far as its management of TFL 19 on Vancouver Island is concerned. Devitt points out that there is no NSR (not sufficiently restocked) land in TFL 19. Seedling survival, once a major problem, he says is now at the 90 per cent mark. The company, he says, practises responsible silviculture, brushing, weeding, thinning and spacing the forests in its care.

But not all companies have been responsible stewards of the public resource. Some have persistently engaged in all sorts of dubious practices, ranging from trespassing and ghost-blocking to not sufficiently replanting and leaving too much valuable timber on the ground because it is too small to bring the expected profits.

Devitt makes one comment that has critics up in arms. He says the industry doesn't have to accept the critics' view that it can cut only 50 million or 60 million cubic metres a year, or even the 75 million the forest ministry has indicated is possible.

"Why not target for 100 cubic million cubic metres or more, then develop the necessary steps to get us there? Our land base can sustain it," he says.

Assure future harvests

He's absolutely right. The land base can sustain it, but not if we follow the forestry practices that have got us into the current mess. I recently saw an example of past sins north of Fort St. James. What looked like "Forests Forever" from 2,000 feet turned out to be a lot of garbage.

There were huge stands of what will never be a forest — thin, crippled trees that are at best good enough for chips, if it were economical to harvest the mess for that purpose. These so-called forests began sprouting 70 and 80 years ago, but were never tended. The result is useless growth that would bring a better return as pasture.

Devitt speaks the truth when he says that this province's vast land base can, in the long run, sustain yields exceeding 100 million cubic metres, but only if we can make absolutely certain that the industry implements and adheres to the practices necessary to achieve and sustain that yield.

If we leave it to the industry to police itself, there will always be those who try to increase their profits by cutting corners. What is needed is a strong and far more independent Forest Service that ruthlessly enforces whatever is necessary to assure future harvests.

And before we even get to that point, we need to know just what it is we have to do, which gets me back to my pet issue — the need for a Royal Commission into land-use, including forestry, grazing, recreation, wildlife and fisheries.

If wise and proper management of our forest resource can be assured, monitored and if necessary, enforced, the public will no longer mistrust government and the industry. With those safeguards in place, TFLs would make good economic sense, and we could indeed, believe the promise of "Forests Forever."

more letters

Encouragement

The directors of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce believe that the Lamb Barbecue they held on Saturday, May 20, was an outstanding success. It should, however, be noted that the figure of \$4,000 cited in the May 24 issue of *Driftwood* must have been only an estimate of gross sales.

The directors wish to take this opportunity to thank all the people, both members and non-members, whose efforts and enthusiasm contributed so much to the success of the event: the management of Harbour House, without whose valiant help and contribution the event would never have been attempted; Mike Byron and his crew, who spent almost 24 hours tending the lambs; the people who provided the entertainment (Salty Wheels, Second Wind, Pat Byron and the Karate Kids, Gene Grooms and April Curtis and John Akehust); the teams from Century 21, NRS, Pemberton Holmes, Driftwood and the Fulford Business Group who provided carvers, servers and clean-up crews; Salt Spring Freight and Rainbow Towing, who provided the flatbeds for the stage; Judy Kelly for her bus-transportation efforts; the Mobile Market, who provided vegetables for the salads, and Aquablast Carwash who contributed its day's take towards the expenses of the event; and finally, to all the over-550 people who came to eat lamb and without whom the affair would have been a failure.

The Chamber would like to make this lamb barbecue an annual event and, despite the gamble it must take with the weather, hold it on the Victoria Day holiday each year. All the help and enthusiasm it saw this year encourages it to believe that this ambition has merit.

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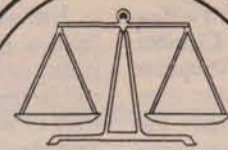
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Harbour authority may be established at Salt Spring

Local fisherman and other harbour users may take an opportunity being offered to establish a harbour authority on Salt Spring.

Small Craft Harbour representative Gary Lacey, who spoke with local fisherman earlier this month, said his trip to Salt Spring was part of the harbour authority program, initiated several years ago by the federal department of fisheries and oceans.

Lacey said the purpose behind creating harbour authorities is to "involve the local community in control of harbours, increase efficiencies and have local input into the day-to-day long term planning."

To reach this goal, Lacey has met with various groups throughout the province to determine whether an interest in establishing a harbour authority exists. He said discussion with fishermen on Salt Spring marked only the preliminary stages, and that no decisions were reached.

He also said it is unlikely any further steps will be taken until the fall.

Lacey told Driftwood there are two ways to establishing a harbour authority — local government can take control of harbour operations, or local users can create a non-profit society and establish a board of directors to operate the facility.

Harbour authorities will only be established at the request of a local fishing community, however.

According to information provided by the department of small craft harbours, a local harbour authority would involve local fishermen and the community in managing the harbour. This may include operations, minor maintenance, planning and project prioritization.

Responsibility for the harbour would be assumed through a management contract or a lease arrangement. In the case of a lease arrangement, the local authority would establish user rates and collect revenue at the harbour. Under a management contract, the harbour authority receives service and construction contracts.

In both cases, funds collected are applied to harbour operations and maintenance.

The harbour authority will be asked to employ harbour operations personnel. Lacey said harbour authorities are encouraged to hire existing managers, who already have the necessary qualifications and know-how needed for the position.

A local harbour authority would most likely be operated by a board of directors, consisting of no less

than three fishermen and representatives of harbour user groups, processors/buyers and municipal officials. Small Craft Harbours would provide representation in the form of a technical advisor.

Ultimately, the department of fisheries believes the harbour authority arrangement will "provide users greater benefits because all funds collected in the harbour will be spent at the harbour on items assigned priority by the harbour authority."

Lacey stressed that the harbour authority program is not a privatization plan: small craft harbours and the department of fisheries would still own the harbours. The harbour authority only takes responsibility for minor maintenance.

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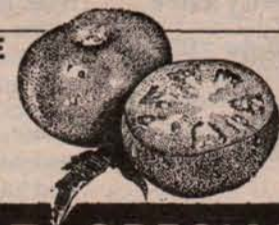
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'Residents-only car policy could solve crunch'

Editor's note: The following is a submission to the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee, filed with this newspaper for publication.

By MAUREEN MILBURN and SAM LIGHTMAN

Although many residents feel B.C. Ferries has no right to determine the rate and distribution of development on Salt Spring Island, there can be no doubt the corporation does have that de facto power.

That being the case, let us challenge their ability to think innovatively rather than confront their ability to impose their will.

Salt Spring Island does not have a ferry problem. On the contrary, ferry service to Salt Spring Island is by and large quite commendable.

Fulford has a parking problem, and that, it seems to me, is easily solved in a variety of ways already recommended by others. (We personally favour the remote site/shuttle bus solution as the one likely to have the least impact on the village.)

It is clear the BC Ferries, not Salt Spring Island, has the ferry problem, and it is their attempt to solve their problem — specifically the Long Harbour problem — that we on Salt Spring Island are contending with.

We should point out, however, that it is no longer acceptable simply to extrapolate today's trends and apply conventional thinking to the perceived problems. That just leads to more cars, bigger ferries and an endless cycle of more of the same, that no environment can tolerate much longer — least of all ours.

What we have to do is implement innovations that will instead help to reverse the trends, in order to reduce pollution and undesirable environmental impacts of all kinds — not the least of which is unchecked development on Salt Spring Island as promoted by increased access via a major ferry improvement.

Which leads us to our principal contribution to the transportation discussion...

Resident-only cars

A seemingly off-the-wall suggestion was made at the recent Ganges public meeting. Someone stood up and pointed out that one of the Caribbean islands permits resident-only cars.

guest column

It has since been pointed out to me that the same is true of a couple of heavily-populated islands in the English Channel. If you want to go there, you can't drive.

Not being able to drive to Hawaii doesn't seem to affect its tourist business negatively. More likely the reverse.

Extending this policy to Salt Spring Island would be incredibly beneficial to everyone — Ferries, Highways, residents, resort operators, and local entrepreneurs — in large and small ways:

The most obvious benefit is the immediate elimination of ferry

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overload conditions during the tourist season. That in turn would allow for the downsizing of the Long Harbour ferry, without completely eliminating it.

With less off-islander traffic, there would be no increased load on Salt Spring Island highways and byways and hence no demand for bigger and better — and more expensive — roads.

Salt Spring Island roads would become far safer for summertime drivers, bicyclists and hikers.

A resident-only cars policy is also in keeping with the overall Islands Trust transport policy to minimize vehicular traffic on the islands.

A multitude of entrepreneurial activities would open up for island residents. Horse-drawn carriage rides. Bike and moped rentals. Car rentals. Bus tours. Walking tours. Inter-resort van transport services. Shopping services for cabin renters. And probably others I haven't thought of. All small-scale enterprises, in keeping with our island lifestyle.

Treated positively, this local-driver-only policy could become the focus of tourism promotions. Salt Spring Island would acquire a certain cachet as perhaps the only destination in North America where visitors aren't allowed to drive. "We take your relaxation seriously." "Leave the driving to us." Etc.

Finally, a residents-only driving restriction would not be engraved in stone. It could be rescinded at any time if it proved impractical for reasons not recognized at the time of its inception. It could be modified to include bona fide summer residents. And otherwise custom-tailored to our circumstances.

It is worth noting that a sizable proportion of visitors to Salt Spring Island already come without cars, specifically hikers, cyclists and boaters, none of whom have been heard to complain about the absence of their vehicles when they got here.

The two B & B operators we have spoken to both like the idea. B & B owners with two cars could make one available to their guests, thereby qualifying it as a tax writeoff. Clearly, however, this policy would have to be developed in co-ordination with the local resort owners, who might possibly feel themselves most threatened by the idea.

Perhaps government subsidies

for resort owners to operate visitor vans (some of them already do this on their own), a resort operators transport co-op, or other arrangements should be explored with them. It would certainly be far less expensive than the proposed new ferry terminal.

Given the proclivity of bureaucratic minds to travel in

well-worn grooves, I don't give this suggestion much hope when it hits the Ministry of Transport. But remember, we once had resident ferry passes here. This sort of thing can be done with minimal fuss and expense if the will is there.

Maureen Milburn and Sam Lightman are Fulford Harbour residents.

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County system's limits, flaws pointed out

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The county concept first surfaced in B.C. when Bill Vander Zalm was Minister of Municipal Affairs in 1979. A document was produced, entitled *Regional Government Reform: A Discussion Paper*, which contained an outline of how such a system could be structured.

The second step was in the form of a proposed "experiment" to be undertaken in the Queen Charlotte Islands in early 1982. Vander Zalm's cabinet portfolio changed and the Queen Charlotte experiment never proceeded.

But if recent remarks by Finance Minister Mel Couvelier favouring county government are any indication, the Socred government's interest in the county concept has been revived.

Gilbert says starting a county system would destroy the federation of different interests operating within the Islands Trust.

Gilbert notes the Alberta county system has not proven to be too successful, particularly in regards to education matters. Gulf Islands School Board trustee Grace Byrne agrees.

"The county system is not all it's cracked up to be. I'd hate to see it come here," says Byrne, who was a school board and zone chairman in Canmore, Alberta.

She said claims that a county government is more cost-efficient have not been borne out since the Alberta county system was established in 1950.

There are special problems when it comes to school affairs, she adds. Under the county system a few trustees are elected to school boards, with the rest drawn from county councillors who "look upon the school board as just another committee."

In its 1987 examination of county systems of government, the B.C. School Trustees Association (BCSTA) concluded that although there were some advantages to county government, education issues took second place to municipal concerns such as sewers, roads and sidewalks.

"Education issues can receive less attention than required and may be decided on non-educational grounds," the BCSTA noted. It added that because of their workload many county councillors do not take an active interest in school matters and are routinely perceived to place municipal affairs above school issues.

As proof, the association noted that during election campaigns it is very difficult to generate education issues for debate. As well, there is always less of a turnout for school elections than for municipal ones.

Another drawback of the Albetan experience, says Byrne, is that municipal representatives cannot exceed the number of county councillors. If they do, the right to vote in school committee is rotated.

"This has led to imbalances in school population numbers, representation on school committees, disenfranchisement and an atmosphere of distrust," Byrne says.

Grace's husband Pat Byrne, a mayor of Canmore for six years and, until last November, a trustee with the Islands Trust, says the Islands Trust would be in jeopardy if the county system is put in place on the southern Gulf Islands.

Because county government is based on the ward system, each is-

land community would be concerned with its parochial interests, as compared to the broader concerns of the Trust or school board.

"Try one system of government on these different islands and the in-fighting would be unbelievable," Grace Byrne says. She notes that under the county system South Pender Island, with less than 100

residents, and Salt Spring (with 7,000 residents) would have an equal voice.

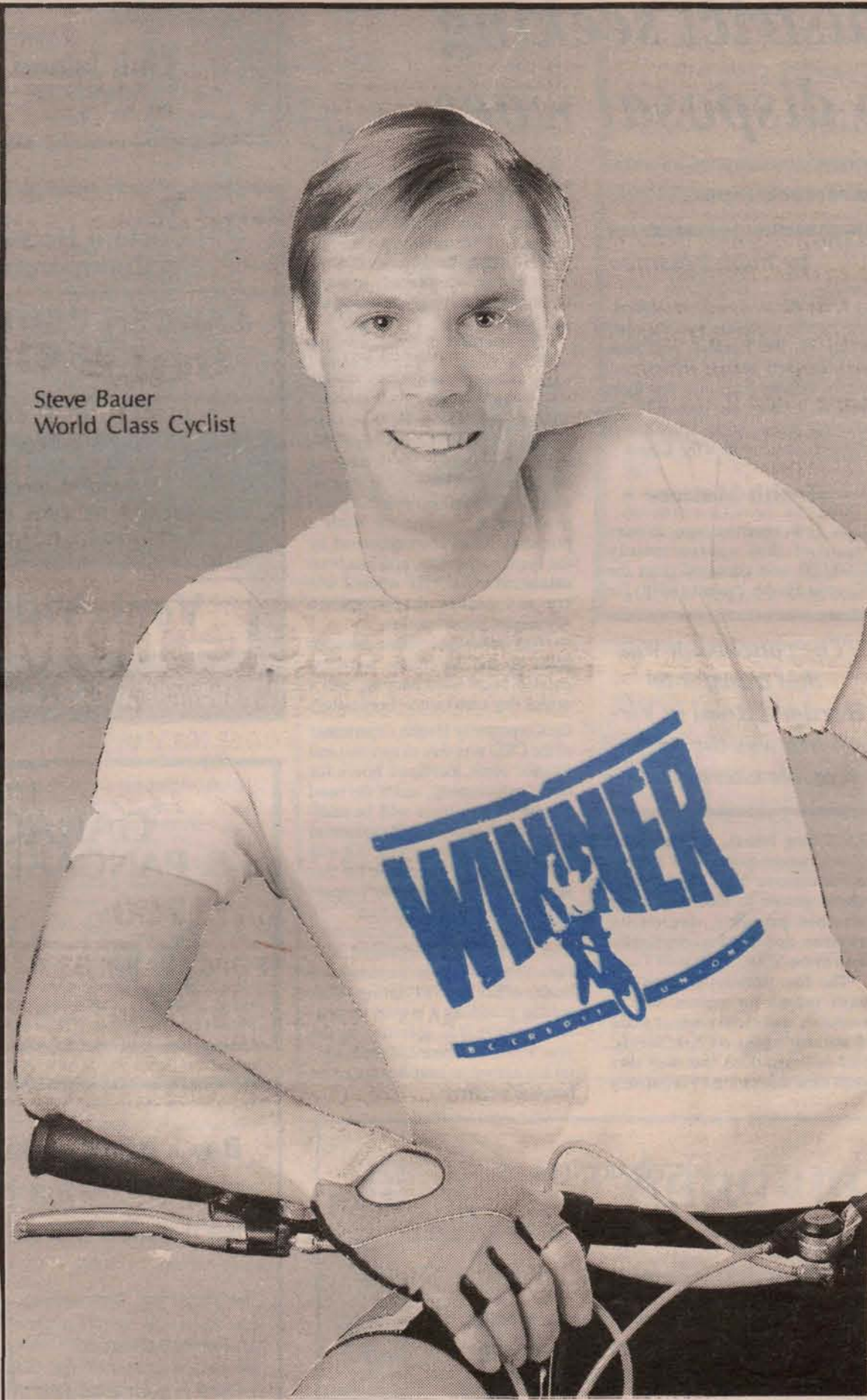
Presently there are a number of different agencies governing the Southern Gulf Islands, such as the Capital Regional District (CRD), School District 64, the Islands Trust and the Hospital District and Improvement Districts.

The Trust has control over local land use and planning while the CRD handles services like health. The school board has complete control of its own dollars and levy.

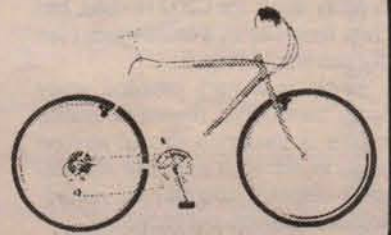
"The Vander Zalm proposal was originated because he wanted to "rationalize existing bureaucracies and reduce the number of elected officials in small jurisdictions,"

notes the BCSTA critique. Zahynacz' report suggests the number of elected officials could be reduced from 129 to 118 and would relocate the four decision-making centres to one location.

But, notes the BCSTA, "it is certainly open to debate as to whether there are "too many" elected people now in place."



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Density increase exchanged for covenant

Island Trustees have approved second and third readings of two bylaw amendments that will allow local developer Cec Bader to increase the subdivision density on his 147-acre Isabella Point Road property.

In exchange for the increased density, which will allow Bader to create 12 lots rather than the seven permitted within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR), the developer will set aside an 80-acre parcel to be left in its natural state.

Restrictive covenants will prohibit the 80-acre portion

from being logged or farmed on a commercial basis. The land, which borders an ecological reserve, will be controlled through a long-term management company or a strata title arrangement, Bader told a May 29 public hearing.

Bader said the 12 lots — ranging in size from three to seven acres — will be confined to an area that was logged last year.

The bylaw allowing the change in density is "site specific," and refers only to this application, the Trust noted.

As Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert moved the

Trust approve second reading of the bylaws, he said preservation of large parcels of land is in keeping with the goals of agricultural lands.

Trustee John Stepaniuk agreed the move offers an "innovative" treatment of land use and said protection of the 80-acre parcel is in keeping with its proximity to the ecological reserve.

Forth reading of the bylaw was given approval on the condition a covenant covering management of the 80-acre parcel proves satisfactory to the Trust committee.

Regional district seeking solution to disposal woes

A letter to the editor on May 17 raised questions regarding solid waste disposal, and also revealed some misconceptions. It is therefore a good time to describe present plans.

It is five years ago since I formed a solid waste committee which would study an alternative to the present landfill, which is, of course, on watershed. There was, after a failed attempt at a solution, a delay while the CRD studied, and then formulated, a solid waste plan for the whole Region.

This is a very detailed study with extensive documentation, which is available should anyone wish to see it. It included all possible disposal alternatives, including composting and recycling.

An open house invited the public on Salt Spring to state their preference for garbage disposal. All who attended voted against incineration; all but three rejected another landfill; and the conclusion from that meeting was that transfer to Hartland Road in Victoria was the only feasible alternative.

There are those who advocated composting, but apart from great cost, there are few markets for the material, and it ends up going into a landfill.

The local solid waste committee was then faced with vastly increased costs for disposal. We think that we are close to a less costly proposal for transfer, and should be able to report on this in the next few weeks. The "time bomb" referred to by your correspondent refers to a decision by the waste management branch of the provincial government to close our landfill. Hopefully, this will not take place until we are able to provide an alternative.

It is on the subject of recycling that your correspondent was far off the mark. In the first place the Community Society, with financial assistance from the CRD, has been recycling for many years. This they do extremely well.

While awaiting extension of the blue boxes to the Gulf Islands this fall, additional monies have been supplied to the Community Society to continue and improve recycling efforts. For small communities, far from being the last in Canada to be supplied with blue boxes, Salt Spring may be one of the leaders due to the inconvenience and expense of curbside pickup.

The CRD introduced the curbside collection of recyclables via the boxes just over two months ago. It is most successful; the national average for blue box pickups is 12 to 15 pounds. In the CRD it is 16 pounds. In the first two months 1070.4 metric tonnes have been diverted; 701.4 metric tonnes of newspaper, 290.6 tonnes of glass, and 78.4 tonnes of food cans.

director's report

by hugh borsman

Once the core areas are operating satisfactorily the western communities, the Saanich peninsula and the Gulf Islands will be serviced. Present plans are that there will be a curb-side pickup in the Ganges area, with drop boxes throughout the rest of the Island.

Health Matters

A few months ago it was reported that approximately \$100,000 was allocated from the Victoria Health Project (VHP) for

'The conclusion was that transfer to Hartland Road in Victoria was the only feasible alternative..'

Salt Spring Island, and the Outer Islands where possible. I invited representatives from local health-related groups to meet and study possible projects, decide on priorities, and make recommendations to the VHP.

The first priority, prior to any major project for seniors, was to conduct a statistically-sound study of seniors' needs on Salt Spring. This is being done, but will take some time and money. Fortunately

a group associated with the Community Society, and known as Seniors for Seniors, had been in the process of formation before the VHP money became available. They were therefore ready to apply for a grant; they received it, and are in operation.

The decision of the committee was that some project concerned with problems related to mental health would be the second priority. Attention to these needs is acknowledged to be a pressing requirement, not only here but throughout the continent. A committee, formed about 18 months ago to study this problem, has come up with a proposal; it has been approved by the local committee, and has been submitted to the VHP where I will try and assure that it gets a favourable consideration.

The other priorities decided upon by the committee were expanded home care nursing, and a senior day care centre. Fortunately the Community Health department of the CRD was able to approve and finance some increased hours for home care nursing, and if the need can be shown, there will be additional hours provided. If the mental health project is approved, that will take care of our allocation for this year, leaving us time to prepare other proposals for next year.

We recently heard that the minister of health has approved construction of a new community health office for Salt Spring. With a little prodding it would be possible to have it in operation by the year's end. The board of the hospital has agreed to have it situated on hospital property.

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Before we get started on this week's topic, a quick note about the fickle weather and how the sudden cold spell has affected our gardens. If some of you jumped the gun and planted out any tomato, pepper, zucchini, eggplant, melon, cucumber or squash plants, they will probably be shivering in their roots and suffering from cold shock.

Any blackening or purplish tints, leaf curling, and dieback is almost certainly attributable to the cold soil and air temperatures. If you don't feel like lifting them and taking them back into the house or greenhouse, then use cloches, jars or makeshift covers to retain heat and protect the young plants from the cold.

Similar suffering will be evident on your zinnias, impatiens, fuchsias, begonias, and even some overly succulent geraniums which might have been put directly out without first being hardened off. This is the second time this year that our gardens have been victims of a surprise attack by the weather, but hopefully it will be better by this weekend; after all, it is June.

Two weeks back we kicked off a two-part series about fertilizers and only got part-way through the role of nitrogen in the life of a plant, so without further ado, here's part two.

Having covered organic forms of nitrogen fertilizers, we enter the realm of inorganic or commercially produced sources of nitrogen. One product, namely sodium nitrate, crosses over between organic and inorganic in the sense that it can be derived from Chilean saltpetre, a naturally occurring ore, and it can be produced synthetically in a factory. That's it for the grey zone; all of the rest are synthetics produced in factories.

Beyond realm of home gardener

The biggest kick of all in the nitrogen industry is anhydrous ammonia with 82 per cent nitrogen in a liquid form, which requires specialized equipment for injection into soils. It isn't generally available except for agricultural use, is the cheapest form of nitrogen available because of manufacturing techniques and volume produced, but is very volatile and beyond the realm of the home gardener.

Liquified ammonia is the product of a chemical combination of the nitrogen gas in the air around us, and hydrogen gas, both of which are virtually unlimited natural resources. It becomes useful when the ammonia is recombined or formulated for small scale use. End of discussion.

Probably the most used form of nitrogen in the home garden is sulphate of ammonia made by combining ammonia with sulphuric acid, resulting in a 21 per cent nitrogen fertilizer containing sulphur and a net acidifying effect. It is rapidly available for plant uptake, but only lasts in the soil for a few weeks; high speed plant food. For the best use, regular liming will promote good growth.

Sodium and ammonium nitrates utilize nitric acid to produce a range of very active, "explosive" fertilizers with 20 to 34 per cent nitrogen content (34-0-0). These are important forms because they are active in cold soils, giving early boosts in spring as well as supplemental amounts late in the season. It is somewhat more expensive than ammonium sulphate.

SCUs provide delayed feeding

By combining the ammonia with carbon dioxide, urea fertilizer is created, with a 45 per cent nitrogen content and a rapid dissolving capacity. It is less acidifying than many other nitrogen fertilizers, and can be coated with sulphurs or other powders to delay the releasing of nutrients.

Sulphur-coated ureas (SCU) will provide delayed feeding for a period of months, allowing for more balanced continuous growth. For this reason it is often found as the key nitrogen component in better quality lawn fertilizers.

Calcium nitrate is a formulation containing up to 20 per cent nitrogen and a considerable amount of calcium, which upon going into solution corrects the pH as well. As expense is a problem with this fertilizer, it finds use only where acidity cannot be tolerated.

Nitrogen has always been a difficult nutrient to keep in the soil for a long period of time without leaching out, volatilizing or becoming locked up in unavailable compounds, so some research emphasis has been placed on developing slow release or time release forms which will last a season or longer. Urea formaldehyde, that dreaded compound, is one format, containing around 38 per cent nitrogen, which is made available for plant consumption over a long period of time.

Dredging on agenda for Gabriola council meet

Logging and possible contamination of Gulf Island waterways will be high on the agenda when the Islands Trust Council holds its quarterly meeting this Friday and Saturday on Gabriola Island.

Guest speakers and a council discussion are lined up to discuss the touchy subject of oil spills and what can be done in the event of a spill in the Trust area.

Lynn Hunter, Member of Parliament for Saanich and the Gulf Islands, is a confirmed speaker at the council, which includes all 26 trustees from the 13 major Trust islands.

"We want to know what regulations are in place, what provisions there are to clean up an oil spill and what needs to be done to make the whole system much safer," said Trust chairman and Salt Spring trustee Nick Gilbert.

The Trust has written Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and B.C. Premier Bill Vander Zalm about these concerns, explains Gilbert. He says the Gulf Islands are susceptible to spills because of busy shipping through Rosario Strait — the main channel through the San Juan Islands.

"Any spill would be devastating."

Also of concern is possible dumping of dredged materials in harbours in the Trust area. Gilbert says the City of Bellingham recently dredged its harbour and has applied to Environment Canada to dump the resulting waste at designated dump sites in Canadian waters, including Porlier Pass and off Point Grey.

"We're concerned that any consideration is being given to another city dumping toxic waste in our already overloaded waters. They're creating a situation that's almost impossible to remedy."

"The Environment Minister argues it's clean waste but he also argued dredgate from Burrard Inlet was non-toxic."

Gilbert also says studies of Vancouver and Bellingham harbours revealed bottom fish suffered lesions and cancer.

"Georgia Strait is a slow-flushing body of water and contaminates tend to accumulate," says Gilbert.

Logging issues to be discussed at the meeting apply particularly to Weldwood's activities on Gabriola and Denman islands, and Mac-Millan Bloedel's operations on Galiano, where the forestry giant owns 56 per of the land base.

"There's a very pressing need for the sharing of information based on the experiences of dealing with different logging companies. We need to understand what the companies are trying to achieve," explains Gilbert.

Also to be discussed is the issue of how to enforce bylaws for each of the Trust islands. Gilbert says bylaws are being rewritten into a more workable document so steps for investigation and enforcement are clearly laid out.

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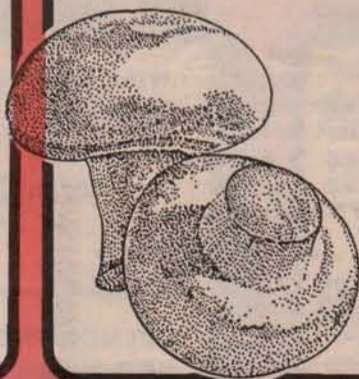
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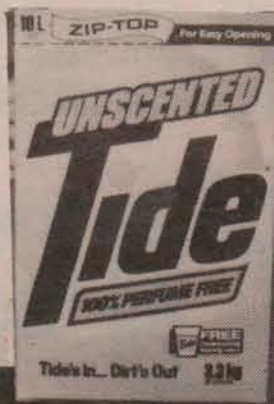
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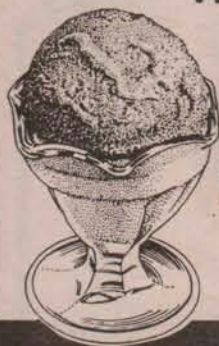
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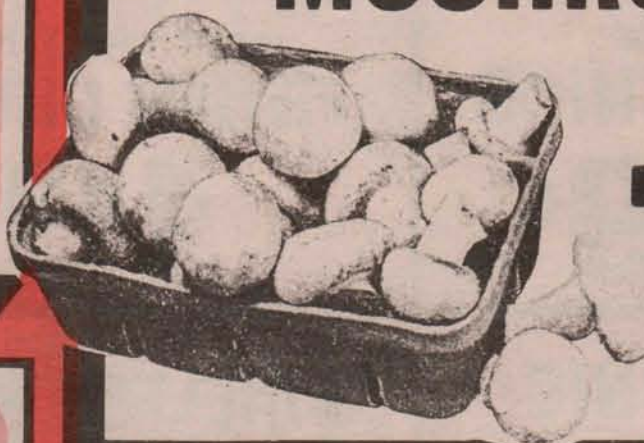
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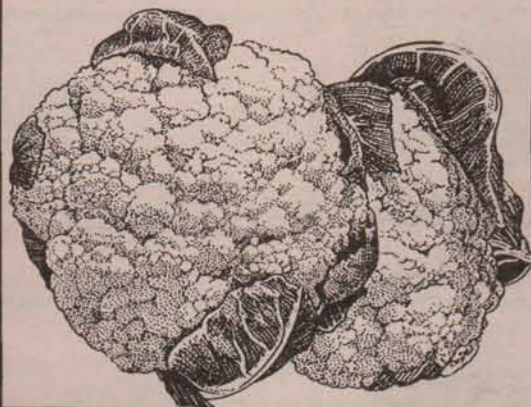
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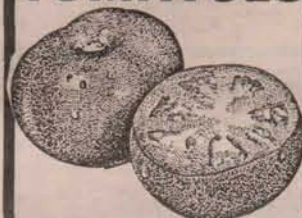
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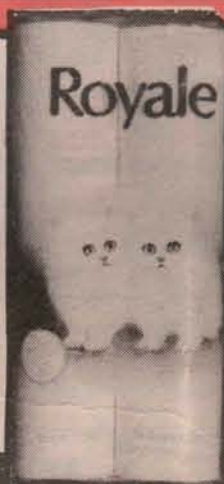
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Native artist inspired by Penders

By DAVID FRASER
PENDER ISLAND — Kwagiutl artist Stan Hunt's pathway to success wasn't exactly paved because he's descended from a long line of noted Fort Rupert carvers.

If anything, says Hunt, following in the footsteps of his late father Henry Hunt and brothers Richard, 38, and Tony, 44, meant the going was tougher because people's expectations were higher and work had to be of the highest professional standard.

"I've got big shoes to fill. I've got to sign my name to it so I can't cut corners anywhere."

One can't help being envious of Hunt, who recently set up a studio on Pender Island. He works outdoors at something he loves, that preserves his culture, and that he gets paid well for.

It's taken a lot of dedication to develop his art. But judging by his work the 34-year-old Stan is on his way to establishing an impressive career.

Hunt says he has enough totem pole commissions to keep him working for at least a year. "But I'd like to set up enough so I don't have to carve six or seven days a week in order to support my seven kids. I like it but it becomes too much like a job.

"That's why I like it here. I can carve at any time of the day or night. Back home my wife wouldn't allow it."

Hunt's totem poles, rattles, masks and paintings are direct manifestations of his Kwagiutl culture. Each one of his works can be used in traditional potlatch ceremonies, a practice of distributing wealth to invited guests which Fort Rupert band members perform to this day.

He says he finds Pender Island an inspiring setting to practice his craft. Hunt came to the island in February with the intention of staying only a week. He's now decided to stay two years or longer.

"I love everything about it here. I'm sitting in this beautiful spot in the Gulf Islands. It's warm and the people couldn't be better."

For the first three months here Hunt used friend Gerry Smith's back yard as a studio, perched high on a South Pender bluff overlooking the San Juan Islands to the south. He would wake at dawn and, over a steaming cup of coffee, watch the sun rise and ponder how he would approach a totem pole he was carving.

"A lot of neat things have happened to me since I've been here," says Hunt, adding that he often looked up to see curious ravens and eagles looking on. One eagle built a nest only 40 feet away from his work area. "You'd think all of the adzing, noise and action would keep them away."

For a Northwest Coast Indian the presence of those birds was ap-

propriate, for they are often represented on totem poles as beings from mythical times.

Hunt skilfully guides his chisel through a red cedar log taken out of the dense coastal rainforest near his home town of Fort Rupert, near Port Hardy, formerly a Hudson Bay Company fort and coal mine.

This totem pole is destined for a Vancouver collector, a promoter of such big names as Bill Reid and Morriseau, who has offered to take some of Hunt's pieces to U.S. and Canadian shows.

For totem poles Hunt looks for cedar logs with a "nice, tight grain, like stacks of paper," with few knots, and as dark red in colour as he can find. He finds them in places with lots of rainfall but not too much sunlight — such as at Port Hardy, Sooke, Jordan River and Sayward.

Hunt says that when he approaches a log he reflects on what he's done before and experiments as he goes along. "I prefer to take my time," he says. Using hand tools Hunt will take up to a month to complete a six-foot pole, while a carver with power tools could do it in a week.

rattles and headdresses. Hunt says although Fort Rupert has only 180 residents today it once was "the number one Kwagiutl village with a population reaching 10,000 last century." Totem poles, as an expression of Northwest Coast culture, peaked in the mid-1800s with European contact and the new tools and increased wealth that resulted.

Northwest Coast Indian culture reached a low ebb in the 1920s and 1930s, except in Southern Kwagiutl villages where strong artists continued to produce fine pieces for traditional purposes.

The anthropologist Franz Boas was so fascinated by the Kwagiutl culture that he wrote more than 175 books and articles about them over a 50-year period.

Hunt says his father and another Fort Rupert carver, Mungo Martin, had a great deal to do with the resurgence of Northwest Coast Indian this century, and for that he owes them a great deal of gratitude. "They led the path for us to follow. As long as we stay on that path we should do fine."

In 1953 Martin was invited to the University of British Columbia

from UBC and University of Victoria, was never too busy to stop and give his youngest son guidance. Hunt says memories of his mother, who died of cancer in 1972 at the age of 47, inspires his work. He thinks back to when she danced at potlatch ceremonies and frequently uses his mother's family crest — a frog — in his work.

Although he is based in Fort Rupert he says he likes to move around to stimulate his art, working with other carvers and seeing other styles. In 1987 he twice visited Paris — to help brother Richard carve a pole for the Canadian embassy, and to appear on a television variety show.

In 1978 he went to Montreal to paint a 68-foot pole carved by his father for Expo 67. And at Phoenix, Arizona he attended the largest native art show in North America to display his work.

Hunt says he misses his wife Helen and children, who live in Fort Rupert. But three teenage sons are moving in with him this summer and will attend high school on Salt Spring Island. Hunt says they share his keen interest in native art, par-



Stan Hunt works on totem pole at his Pender shop

Unlike the flatter designs of Haida poles, Kwagiutl totems are cut bold and deep. "I'll sometimes carve halfway through the pole for depth. There's so much wood on the log that it's possible to make a mistake and correct it later."

Kwagiutl totem poles are more flamboyant than other native styles — the world's tallest totem pole is Kwagiutl. The design almost encircles the log. Thunderbirds have great outstretched wings and beaks jut out strongly.

The original peoples of the Northwest Coast also transformed cedar into domestic and ceremonial objects — houses, canoes, garments, boxes, dishes, ladles, fish-hooks, screens, masks, whistles,

to copy many rotting totem poles which had been gathered from around B.C. by the university's Museum of Anthropology. As apprentices he brought his son Dave and Henry Hunt. In 1968 Martin and Hunt retaught the Haida people of K'san how to carve after their craft had almost disappeared from years of neglect.

Stan Hunt started carving at age 20 at Thunderbird Park in Victoria under the instruction of his brother Richard and his father, the provincial museum's head carver for 25 years, who carved right up until he passed away almost three years ago at age 61.

Stan says his father, who held two honorary doctorate degrees

particularly designing on paper because "it's easier on their hands."

For the past five or six years Hunt hasn't had to run around from shop to shop selling his work, which he did for nine years. "That was the worst thing about it. I felt like it was 1900 and I was bringing in some little trinket.

"But the good thing about it was I got to meet all the shop-owners and buyers and I got to pick and choose who I wanted to deal with.

"I still take around the odd piece but it's mostly to check out what's in the shop and what other artists are up to."

After 14 years Hunt still considers himself a rookie. "You never stop learning at this."

Financial planning like building a house

By SIMON JONES

How many of you live in a house you built all by yourself? Not many of us do. Most find it's much easier and more efficient to hire specialists to build a house: an architect to draw up the plans, and carpenters, plumbers, electricians and other subtrades for the actual construction. You could build the house yourself, but hiring experts means the job gets done sooner, you get a better house and it ends up costing you less in the long run because everything was done right the first time.

In the same way, you can choose to build your own financial "house", or you can hire experts to do it.

We live in a complex world and money management is becoming increasingly complex, with tax changes coming yearly now, and a confusing array of investments available. So it's wise to call in a financial architect, otherwise known as a financial planner or advisor.

Let's say you want to retire in 10 years. The planner can show you what you need to do... how much you have to put aside each year, what kind of investments you need to be looking at, how much "insulation" against stormy weather you need (amounts of life and disability insurance), how to stay within building codes (keeping your taxes down) and how to hire sub-trades (using mutual fund managers).

And, because your financial house will take 10 years to build, your financial architect will consult with you on a yearly basis or more often when it's necessary, to make sure everything is still on track.

Surprisingly, hiring a financial architect is inexpensive. Most will offer you a free first consultation to look over your situation and listen to your goals and concerns. Most people find that any costs they incur are recovered many times over just by tax savings over the years.

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



Current high interest rate levels make annuities more attractive

By RICK SALES and PETER ROBSON

Insurance products have generally been taboo from an investment manager's point of view — too expensive, no return, loss of use of capital, etc. However, under the current high interest rate structure, annuities with prescribed tax treatment that are insured to protect the invested capital in case of death, can be extremely attractive.

What are they? An insured annuity is an investment with an insurance company which pays you a monthly income for life. On death the insured portion is paid to your estate, or a named beneficiary, "tax free."

Are they safe? Life insurance companies have never defaulted on a payment or life insurance policy in Canada. As well, there is pending legislation that will insure annuities on a similar basis to current CDIC insurance.

Who are they for? Insured annuities are available for anyone but work best for those who are at least 60 years old. If you rely heavily on interest income or like a high yield cash flow for reinvestment the yields currently available could increase your after-tax income by as much as 50 per cent or more over regular interest income investments.

What's the catch? The high return is a result of the tax treatment of annuity payments. Revenue Canada considers the income as a blend of return of capital and interest earned. Payments on regular annuities consist mainly of interest in the early years. A "prescribed" annuity smooths out the blend of capital and interest payments so that payments in the early years contain a higher level of capital. Tax is only paid on the interest portion, thus leaving more spendable income.

Insured annuities can be purchased with non-RRSP/RRIF funds in amounts as low as \$20,000. There is no maximum.

For example, a 75-year-old male purchasing a \$25,000 insured annuity will receive net monthly



payments of \$274 for an equivalent pre-tax yield of 17.3 per cent while protecting your estate with \$22,500 in insurance.

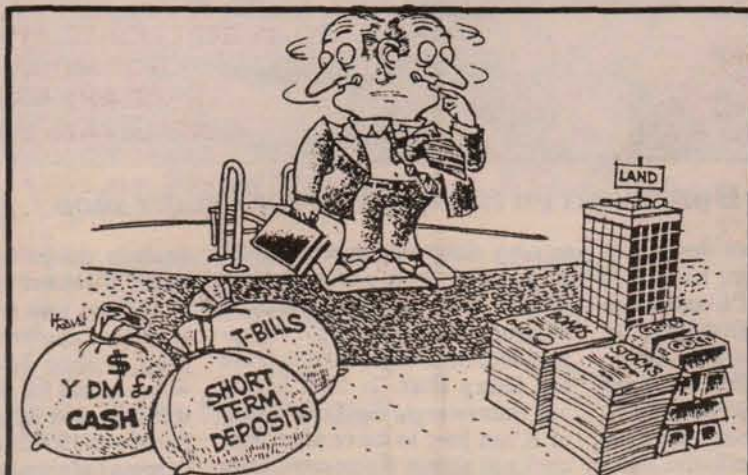
While insured annuities are basically only attractive to those over 60 years of age, the benefits of the high return and the insurance of capital is available for younger people who are willing to defer the monthly payment for up to three years. This is a deferred insured annuity. The three year deferral allows interest to compound without attracting taxes and, as with insured annuities, once the payments start,

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'To even the smallest investors'

Good capital gains available in Far East

By BRUCE FOERSTER

"The greatest money-making opportunity of our time..." That's how investment in the Far East has been described.

It is not surprising, then, that many of the more astute investors around the world are pouring billions of dollars into the Far East.

It stands to reason that investors seeking capital growth are going to find it in economies enjoying rates of economic growth of five to 10 per cent in contrast to the two per cent to three per cent growth the West can sustain in a non-inflationary basis. This robust economic growth translates into sharp increases in the profits made by the companies.

The annual returns from investing in Japan during the 1970s and 1980s far exceeded the return investing in North America, 24.8 per cent versus 11.3 per cent.

There are many reasons for the economic success of the Far East. Chief among them is the existence of a large industrious workforce, low wages and relatively cheap currencies. These factors make the Far East an ideal base for manufacturing facilities.

The largest Far Eastern market is of course, Japan. Japan remains a highly attractive place to invest. Japan enjoys a high level of economic and profit growth in a low inflation, low interest rate environment. Huge amounts of cash are available from Japanese institutional investors for investment in shares.

For example, the Japanese post office, the largest savings institution in the world with over a trillion dollars, is about to be permitted to buy shares for the first time.

Foreigners have become major

buyers of Japanese shares, and in January, 1989, along they purchased over \$5 billion worth of Japanese shares.

Some investment analysts argue that share prices in Japan are too high and suggest that they will not be able to sustain their present rate of growth. One should understand, however, that although price/earnings ratios are much higher in Japan than in the West, the comparisons are inappropriate.

First, Japanese accounting methods are substantially different



than our own, resulting in a general understatement of earnings. Second, there is a massive amount of cross ownership of Japanese companies which means that many shares are effectively double counted.

Studies attempting to translate Japanese price/earnings ratios to North American terms by adjusting

for differences in accounting treatment and crossholding have determined that Japanese shares are only slightly more expensive.

Time zone differences, language barriers and a host of other problems make investing in the Far East very difficult for the average investor.

There are now available in Canada a number of investment funds which are professionally managed and invest exclusively in Far East countries. These funds have for some years outperformed

funds investing elsewhere in the world and, given the economic outlook, should continue to provide outstanding investment returns for many years to come.

In short, the Far East represents a unique and extraordinary area to generate capital gains, and is now available to even the smallest investor.

Bruce Foerster is a senior financial planner with England Securities Ltd. He has an office in Ganges.

Interest rates likely headed for decline

By BOB W. AUSTIN

Interest rates are of concern to all of us whether we borrow or invest. The governments' high-interest rate policy is designed to slow the economy and curb inflation. Finally, the medicine has begun to take effect and the economy appears headed for a "soft landing."

Slower growth rather than a recession seems the most probable outcome and the economy will likely stall in 1989 and reaccelerate in 1990. Interest rate declines seem imminent and our "mostly likely" forecast sees a peak in rates followed by a rapid decline once the downtrend starts.

I believe that rates have now peaked as evidenced by recent declines in long-term bond yields. Declines in short-term rates are also evident and the expectation of much lower interest rates in the area of 10 per cent by year-end is not unrealistic.

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Two benefits raise funds for Jarrod Booth's family

A fastball benefit held at the Fulford ball park on last week's holiday Monday has raised several hundred dollars for Jarrod Booth.

Earlier that same weekend, the Salt Spring Hysterical Society raised over \$550 for the same cause by reprising the comedy night performance that sold out two houses a week earlier.

Jarrood Booth has undergone two operations for removal of a brain tumor. He is now receiving monthly chemotherapy treatments in Victoria, and funds raised are being used to help defray his family's expenses in making those visits. The fastball benefit saw local squads take to the field against Victoria Payless, a former world and Canadian fastpitch champion.

Members of the visiting team expressed enthusiasm for the day on Salt Spring, which saw a

windup barbecue held at Drummond Park after the two games were completed.

Victoria Payless took on the former Fulford Salties team, and the current Fulford Inn team. Colin Byron pitched for the Salties, and Vesuvius Inn player Gary Styles pitched for Fulford Inn, replacing Dan Akerman, who suffered a hand injury prior to the game. One of the event's organizers, Pat Akerman, said several hundred dollars were raised through donations at the gate, and through 50-50 draws. Organizers of the event have extended thanks to the following organizations for their donations: Patterson's Store; Salt Spring Esso; Rodrigo's; Protector Alarms Service; Colin Byron; GI Sports; the Fulford Inn; Ganges Village Market; Salt Spring Log Sort; Pat's Custom Meat; and Salt Spring Island Sea Products.

Styles paces win with one-hitter

Gary Styles tossed a one-hitter and struck out 11 batters to lead Vesuvius Inn to a 16-1 victory over Patterson's store in one of three Men's Fastball League games last week.

Supporting Styles at the plate in the Sunday game was Larry Wendel, who collected three hits in four at-bats.

On Thursday, Patterson's received three hits each from Gord Herman and Rod McGuckin in posting an 8-6 win over Gulf Islands Trucking. Jay Small of Gulf Islands Trucking stuck in three hits

in a losing cause.

Last Tuesday's game, meanwhile, saw Vesuvius Inn forfeit to the Fulford Inn when they were able to field only six players.

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Victoria visitor will fight ticket received in Ganges

Robert Clarke of Victoria is mad, and he's not going to take it any more.

Clarke visited Ganges on the long weekend and got more than he bargained for when he went to leave — a \$50 ticket for obstructing traffic. He had parked his vehicle on Lower Ganges Road, in front of the Islands Savings Credit Union building.

"The traffic was quite heavy in town and there was no parking in any of the lots," he said. "So when I saw a car pull out from its parking spot in front of the credit union, I pulled in there and parked, thinking it was okay."

When Clarke returned about

two hours later, he said, there was a \$50 ticket on his windshield and on several other vehicles on the street.

"I don't really think this is fair," he said. "There were no *No Parking* signs to say that you couldn't park there. My feeling is the RCMP are preying on the tourists."

Upon closer inspection of the area, Clarke noted there were barely-visible remnants of yellow paint — indicating a *No Parking* zone — at either end of the low curb. The painted lines of the crosswalks in the downtown area were also in deplorable condition, he said.

"Is Ganges so hard up for paint that they must allow these condi-

tions to exist?"

Clarke continued: "I consider the RCMP officer used very poor judgement in his actions. The officer hovered like a vulture and wrote tickets rather than do anything to prevent or deter people from parking in a manner which he deemed to be unsafe to the flow of traffic."

"The only unsafe act was parking too close to the centre line of the road in this poorly laid out area. Traffic was moving slowly because of the heavy holiday traffic and the popularity of local shops. An ongoing flea market and the lamb barbecue added to the throng of people looking for a parking space."

Clarke maintains there was "little, if any, danger caused by the so-called illegal parking. Emergency vehicles would not have been hampered in the traversing the offending area."

RCMP Sgt. Larry Wendel said that although the area in question does need to be repainted, he feels it should be fairly apparent to drivers that there would be no parking allowed along that particular stretch of road.

"I feel the ticket is justified," he said. "Anyone coming around the corner there would be forced to cross the centre line to get around these vehicles. This could have easily caused an accident."

Wendel said he has notified the department of highways that both the crosswalks and the curb are in need of repainting, and was told both matters would be attended to.

Nonetheless, Clarke said he intends to fight his ticket in court.

"It will probably cost me more in time and money to fight the ticket than the original fine, but I'll be damned if I'll pay it," he said.

"I do not suffer injustice lightly and I intend to fight this charge, and if I win the case I want the tickets chucked out for everybody else as well," he added.

The court case has been set for June 13 in Ganges.

Charges laid at Coon Bay party

Five RCMP members from Galiano and Mayne islands, plus the Duncan highway patrol, spent the May long weekend on Galiano Island, policing the annual party at Coon Bay.

Police said some 300 people attended the party.

Throughout the weekend, police seized approximately \$800 worth of liquor. They also laid three possession of narcotics charges, five charges of being a minor in possession, and five charges under the Canada Shipping Act, which mainly includes boating safety violations.

Police also handed out 18 traffic tickets and warnings.

Impaired charge laid

As a result of a complaint from a Vesuvius Bay area resident, local RCMP checked a vehicle at approximately 10:10 am May 16 and charged the driver with impaired driving.

The 21-year-old local man will appear in Ganges provincial court this July.

A passenger in the vehicle was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Langley.

Local RCMP have charged a total of 10 people with impaired driving this past month. Most have been charged following involvement in motor vehicle accidents.



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Costa Rican ensemble dazzles island audience

By ANDREW GIBSON

As we remember from our school days, a history lesson doesn't necessarily grab the imagination; it depends on the presentation.

What a pity, then, that all of us north of the Rio Grande can't get the lesson in Central American history given on Saturday to a capacity audience at Off Centre Stage by the Cantata Centroamericana, a Costa Rican group now winding up a Canadian tour (they also visited South America and Europe).

Using masks and music, pathos and humour, the story of the former Spanish colonies was told by two imaginary campesinos who had witnessed the successive onslaughts

of the Spanish, the British, the Americans and finally the latter's hired guns — 466 years of imperial greed, cruelty and arrogance.

The enduring symbol is wings, those of the quetzal, which cannot live in captivity, and those of the eagle, which, powerless for so long, are now felt to be gathering strength.

What is remarkable about this presentation, in addition to the artistry, is its evidence of a growing movement for some kind of Central American unification. This is not new, for the present nations were once provinces of one federation, and attempts have been made periodically to

get back together. But the turmoil has been so destructive in the last decades that some solution is now essential.

It is notable that the impetus for this has come from peaceful and prosperous Costa Rica, with its 100 years of democracy. These young Costa Ricans spoke and sang not so much about their own country, but about Central America, and it is to be hoped that their vision of the unity needed to end the torment and exploitation there is an idea whose time has finally come.

Gulf Island audiences, while appreciative, are discerning, and careful about standing ovations. That they gave a long and enthusiastic one to the Cantata Centroamericana is the best critique of this remarkable group.

Gulf Islanders offer inspiration for Horsdal and Schubart book

By PEGGY WHITTAKER

Congratulations are in order this week — to Galiano's Don Hunter, author of the newly released *Spinner's Inlet*, to illustrator Patricia Brown of Salt Spring, to Horsdal and Schubart of Salt Spring, publishers of the work, and to all of the Gulf Island residents who unknowingly provided Hunter with material for the book as they went about their daily rounds.

Spinner's Inlet is a collection of short (most are very short) stories set in the fictional Gulf Islands community of the same name.

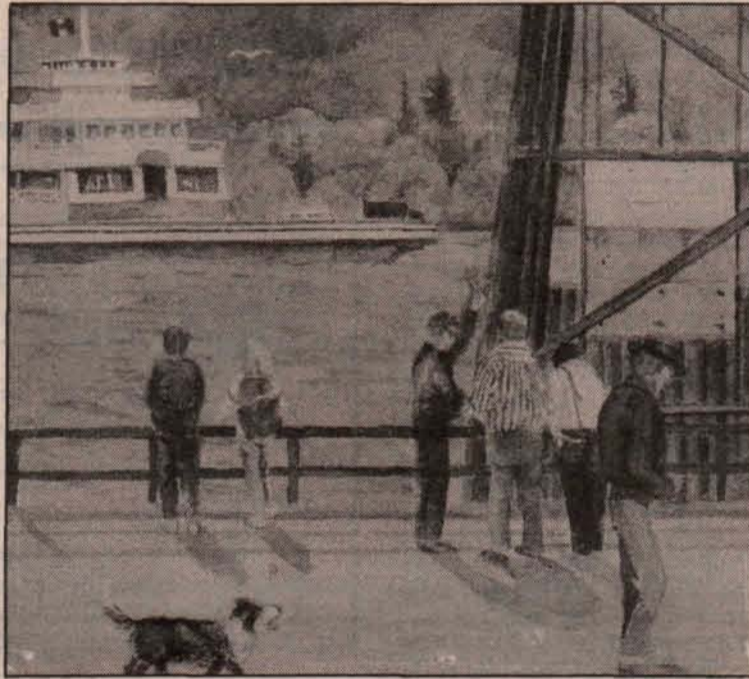
The stories have proved popular already — most of them appeared in the *Province* magazine, which was discontinued in 1986 — and Hunter reports that a script is already being written for a *Spinner's Inlet* TV series, which he hopes will be filmed right in the islands.

Based on a cast of characters that make up the nucleus of *Spinner's Inlet*, the stories are destined to hit home with their readers.

At the book launch, publisher Marilyn Horsdal sought for words to describe why the stories were popular: "They're so nice," she emphasized.

They are nice: they pull at the heartstrings. But also portrayed is the darker side of human nature, personified, for example, by the snarling motorcycle gang members that invade the island, the stingy neighbour who won't share his well water, the whining child and indifferent mother in line at the motor vehicles office, etc.

In some stories, it's not only the niceness that appeals: it's watching



Detail from the cover of Don Hunter's new book

evil get a good kick in the pants that really makes us cheer.

Many of the stories are touching, many are funny, all were, for me, an enjoyable read. But do they really make up a true portrait of Gulf Islands life?

"They're a true fictional portrait of Gulf Islands life," replies the author. "But fiction is usually larger than life."

Be that as it may, "a lot of (the stories) have elements of fact in them — but just elements," says Hunter.

One of his favourite stories

culled from a true incident is called *Two Hats from Heaven*, and is based on the friendship of his family with the late Cam Prior of Galiano Island.

"We were very touched by Cam's life and by his death," said Hunter, who notes that his daughters still have the two hats that Prior gave them before he died.

The book is a great gift for distant urban relatives who have never quite grasped why anyone would want to live on an island. After reading *Spinner's Inlet*, they'll understand — but look out, they might want to move here!

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There is a goal shared by most craftspeople producing such goods as pottery, weaving, jewellery, furniture and glass, etc. It is simply to blend utility, style and a unique expressiveness into some sort of personal magic for someone else to be nourished by.

It is one thing to design an item for the open market; it is another, more complicated issue, to do the same for one individual. Clearly the act of hitching a client's expectations to my artistic draft horse invites an uncomfortable ride for both.

About a year ago I reneged on my oath to avoid such situations and undertook to design and make a dinner service for a friend about to be married. The local point for this project was a time-consuming decorative plate that she ultimately received as a wedding gift. Could you make a dinner set like this — but a little simpler and more affordable? — was the request.

Yes, I thought, it all seems possible, and agreed. This would be the second dinner service for this person and the success of the first buoyed my confidence. Besides, I thought the commission would give me economic justification for pursuing a line of experiment that has long been of interest.

The perimeters of the box within which I would have to work were, it seemed, relatively well-defined. Design preferences were indicated, price ranges arrived at and no deadlines were placed as obstacles to the creative flux.

Still adrift in fog-filled container

But the real substance of my task was still adrift in this fog-filled container. The original design could not be reduced to affordable production times. So in this light, experiments were undertaken which focused on simple, rapidly-executed techniques. The hope was that the new process would generate indigenous creative opportunities.

There ensued a year of development, with some well-spaced consultations, experimental work was presented and colour combinations discussed. But our discussions were more of an affirmation of our commitment to complete the project than concrete productive decision-making.

Our verbal exchanges never produced an image of the finished product; only an agreement that the research and development had not yet spawned a child of artistic cohesion and integrity. We both agreed that the project would ultimately find its own gestation period.

Over this year it became apparent that a key was needed. Some sort of design cue which would allow us both to stand on the same aesthetic bridge. This materialized as a colour lithograph which was always hung in a prominent location in my friend's living room. As I continued to work over the year, the print began to signify to me the piece of grit around which a pearl might develop.

Plenty of technical problems

There were lots of technical problems to work out — type and colour of clay, underglaze formulations and development of surface pattern. New techniques had to be learned with underglaze pencil and airbrush. There was all sorts of playing with forms for plates, mugs and teapots.

Finally, just before Christmas, there were some exciting new developments. The glaze and colour combinations started to work and the forms began to mature and relate to one another. Most importantly, I began to feel comfortable using new-found materials.

All the awkwardness was dissolving the hand and eye were working well with a visual idea that seemed to be born from some unknown blueprint etched into the recesses of the mind.

The conclusion of this process has not yet arrived. But one remarkable observation still needs to be recited. The first dinner set was rustic and earthy in colour. The current one is in porcelain and is of elegant pastel hues. But the gestural markings remain similar.

In the first instance, cut with a saw edge; in the second, scribbled with a pencil. There occurred in both an unmistakable gestural fingerprint which I recognized as my signature.

School bands slate concerts

A series of four school band concerts is set for next week.

The secondary school bands will present their spring concert on June 4 at 7:30 pm in the high school band room. Four bands will be featured. Admission is by donation.

The elementary school honour band, a group of students in grades six and seven representing all three elementary schools on the island, will perform three concerts next week.

The honour band will play at Fernwood School on Tuesday, June 6, at 11:30 am, and again at Fulford School on Wednesday, June 7, at 11:15 am.

An evening concert featuring the honour band plus soloists Jaya Polden, Andrea Satzinger, Paco Hayes, Anna Lam and Tia Stevenson will take place on Thursday, June 8, at 7:30 pm in the secondary school band room.

Musical director for all three concerts is Dwaine A. Prosk.

All monies collected at the two evening concerts will go towards music awards to be presented to some of the top members of the bands.

Six awards of \$25 each will go to members of the elementary schools' honours band. The high school band program is offering a cash award to a student at each grade level who has shown the best

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I wonder if there's a graveyard somewhere for obsolete professions? It'd be a fairly crowded one — full of spittoon makers and buggywhip manufacturers ... And of course Dave Nicholls.

There was a photo of Dave in the newspaper last week bending over a piece of the raw material that's kept him in business for the past 35 years.

It's an Underwood — unelectrified variety. Dave's a manual typewriter repairman. That makes Dave about as common as a duck-billed dinosaur.

"There are only a few of us left" says Dave.

Dave examined his first mangled platen back in 1955 at the Royal Typewriter Company in Montreal. Since then he reckons he's poked through the innards of just about every kind of manual typewriter that was ever made.

But not for much longer. Typists have been abandoning their clunky old manuals for years, wooed and seduced by the siren hum of sleeker, faster electric models. Now that word processors and even laptop computers are here, the few surviving manual typewriter owners have become even more faithless, jilting their loyal mechanical companions with an enthusiasm that would make Elizabeth Taylor blush.

I know. I'm one of them.

Been on the outs for some time

Actually, my Olympia portable and I have been on the outs for some time now. Oh, we still live in the same house and everything, but we no longer ... you know.

It was a classic case of Seven Year Itch. I was restless. There was this stunning little word processor at the office. She was sultry and sensuous, with a pair of floppy disc drives that could make Michael Wilson quiver. One look into that comely full-colour monitor and I was a goner.

Pretty soon I was working late two and three nights a week. On weekends I was snappish and neglectful of my forsaken Olympia. No more late Saturday nights with a glass of wine, a little Ravel on the stereo and a game of hunt 'n peck on the kitchen table, no. Suddenly I was "too tired." I saved my work for the office and I couldn't wait for Monday morning to roll around.

The fling with the office word processor didn't last long. I found out I wasn't the only one who palpated her keyboard when the lights were low. Besides, she wasn't that bright. Her memory was rather ... well, limited.

So I went out cruising on my own. I spent a lot of time in a lot of shabby joints whispering to unsavoury characters about desirable software and essential peripherals. But it paid off. I got what I wanted. A gorgeous, diminutive South Korean laptop, so slim and elegant she made my Olympia manual look like Golda Meir.

Her name is Tandy.

Locked in my bottom drawer

For a month or so I kept her at the office, locked in my bottom drawer. Come five o'clock when the rest of the staff went home, I'd lock the door, draw the blinds, bring her out and set her on my lap.

It was good, but it wasn't enough. I wanted her with me all the time, not just nine to five.

I knew what I had to do.

It wasn't easy, the first night I brought Tandy home. Oh, Olympia didn't say anything but we'd been together long enough so that I knew when she had her ribbon in a knot ...

It didn't take a genius to see that my hopes for menage a trois wasn't going to work, so I did the only thing I could do — stuffed dumpy old Olympia in the back of the closet.

"Why don't you let her go?" My friends ask. "You've already broken her heart."

But I won't do that.

Oh, Tandy's bewitching alright. And fast. Perhaps a trifle too fast. Let's face it — she's a kid, and I'm not getting any younger. Someday her backlit screen might catch the monitor of some beach bum mainframe computer with big shoulders and a hard disc drive. Where'll that leave me?

Why, with good old Olympia of course. She'll wait.

Well, sure it's caddish! I never said I was a nice typist.

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No alternative

Presently, we on Salt Spring Island are serviced by a landfill site that is unacceptable to the ministry of environment. Although the ministry would like to cancel the permit, shutting down the site, they have allowed this situation to continue as there are, at present, no viable alternatives.

This permit is jointly held by the landfill property owner and the CRD.

The CRD plans to establish a transfer station that would then remove all solid waste to the Hartland landfill in Saanich. Ninety-eight per cent of the regional district uses this approved site.

Apparently, a transfer station would lead to a considerable increase in costs and would therefore necessitate a referendum, most likely in the fall.

What options will be presented? What if the referendum vote is against a transfer site? Has any cost comparison for a Level A, minister-approved site on Salt Spring been done? Have we looked into following Seattle's example of high user fees on solid waste disposal and free recycling?

Is it not also of the utmost importance that all possible safety measures be pursued until such a time as we have an approved landfill?

Inadequately diluted seepage from an unlined site into unmonitored groundwater, burning and improper coverage are some of the concerns that should be on the minds of all solid waste producers, the ministry of environment and the permit holders!

The ministry of environment is contemplating pursuing legal action to see that our present temporary site is properly managed.

KATHY SCARFO,
Vice-chairman,
Island Watch Society.

Generosity

Another Muscular Dystrophy drive has come and gone. It is with much pride and grateful appreciation that I report that our community so generously donated the grand sum of \$2,969.32 through the Volunteer Firemans' Muscular Dystrophy Drive. Special thanks to the Legion and Pat Fraser for their very generous contributions. Well done, Salt Spring. It is such support that make our efforts so worthwhile and rewarding. Thank you one and all.

ERLING JORGENSEN
Secretary,
Volunteer Firemens Assoc.

Legacy threatens

The furore over the Federal budget of the Conservatives is subsidizing. But the legacy of a decade of large deficits threatens to consume us.

In 1988, interest payment on the federal public debt exceeded the expenditures of the B.C. and Alberta provincial governments.

In 1989, it is anticipated that these interest payments will exceed the government expenditures of all Western provinces, the Yukon and NWT.

Citizens of Canada now find themselves in a bind. Apparently

we cannot afford the social programs to which we have grown accustomed. Federal funding of UI is gone. Federal transfers to provinces for health and post-secondary education are reduced, substantially.

No 'sleight of hand' economics can remove Canadians from this dilemma. Hopefully our elected representatives will be prudent enough to take the long, hard road back to fiscal responsibility, full employment, and the best social programs.

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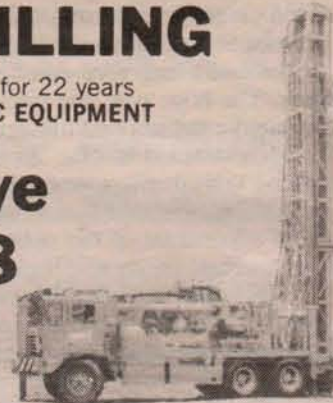
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Inspiring

Last week's protest at the Crofton mill was inspiring from a number of different viewpoints: a cross-section of islanders on the ferry met with folks from Vancouver Island; the Raging Grannies from Gabriola joined the Salt Spring contingent, which arrived on the Greenpeace ship *Vega*; and a truckload of giant blue heron eggs, complete with a giant blue heron, arrived.

Despite a noticeable absence of press, who had all been well-informed in advance, spirits were high.

After an introductory briefing by Greenpeace marine biologist Brian Kileen, the parade of 200 people, with banners and songs, marched about a mile and a half to the mill. The banners read Clean Air, Clean Water.

Kids wore assorted gas masks appropriate for the air we walked through, thick with the smell of the pulp mill, to the tune of "I got the Crofton Pulp Mill, Crofton dioxin blues; we got to stop it now, there ain't no time to lose."

The giant blue heron, a stilt-walker 16 feet tall, stopped at the entrance to the mill where we laid our eggs across the parking mill entrance.

The mill manager was in Sweden and couldn't comment. Waiting for the assistant manager, the Grannies chanted: "Paper towels, toilet paper, why do they have to be white; coffee filters, serviettes, why do they have to be white?" Everyone joined in.

Then to the tune of "She'll be comin' round the mountain," they sang, "They're polluting all our water and we know they hadn't otter ... oh the earth is gonna throw up over us."

The assistant manager arrived and the crowd closed in around to hear his response to questions posed by Greenpeace, but nothing of consequence was said.

Greenpeace stated that Fletcher Challenge has not announced it will further reduce organochlorine emissions. A combination of oxygen delignification and secondary treatment could reduce these emissions another 70 to 80 per cent. They are calling on the industry to reduce chlorinated emissions by 80 per cent in the next two years, eliminate all chlorinated discharges by 1993, and halt all pulp mill expansion until all existing mills have adopted zero discharge technology.

They are also calling on the industry to supply consumers immediately with unbleached paper products, or with products that have been bleached without chlorine.

In a 1983 study by scientists, chlorophenols from the Crofton mill were found up to 7.8 kilometres away from the mill; these chlorophenols remain in the environment, poisoning sea life, up to 25 years.

This demonstration, and these statistics, raise a few questions in my mind: Is the fact that the recent finding of the dead sea lion on Bader's Beach — which Dietrich Luth just transported up to a Nanaimo vet for an autopsy — connected with Crofton mill pollution? We should find out soon.

Is the fact that the major media did not cover this colourful media event connected with the fact that Fletcher Challenge made \$475 million profit in 1988, and is the

second largest producer of newsprint in the world — i.e., joint ownership of press and industry?

Ironically, there was an accident in the mill while we were outside — two workers suffered smoke inhalation and we were told to move our heron eggs to let the ambulance out. The ambulance didn't leave, but this may have just been another typical day during a full moon in Crofton. We deposited our heron eggs at the office door, placed our signs at the entrance and left. Perhaps next time we'll return with a few thousand people.

SUE HISCOCKS,
Sierra Club,
Ganges.

P.S. — A slide show on pulp pollution will be shown at the Vancouver Planetarium on June 5 at 8 pm.

Parameters

The whole of Salt Spring Island is about to become further involved in a study on transportation, the outcome of which will — one way or another — change the island forever.

One of the most difficult problems confronted in setting up a study of any sort is setting the terms of reference — that is, the parameters around which the study will evolve. For example the "economic feasibility" of whatever approach you take to transportation would be amongst the first considerations.

There is, today, a new parameter around which any study must pay close attention: environmental concerns. The protection of the environment has today become number one in the terms of reference for many major projects. I would suggest that it must become number one for any plan we devise for our future ferry system.

Let's use our two terms of reference so far identified for a transportation study — environment and economics — and see what we can come up with as they apply to one single big issue affecting the island, tourism. Under our parameters it seems logical to look for maximum tourism with minimum environmental damage. At worst this sounds like a strong challenge to the imagination. At best, we "get to have our cake and eat it, too."

How about this idea: a residents-only-cars ferry service. This interesting concept, talked about briefly at one of the transportation task force's public meetings, has been brilliantly expanded upon by Sam Lightman and Maureen Milburn. It is one of many brought to the task force. It is an idea "worthy of further study," according to our Minister of Finance Mel Couvelier.

What does this concept give us? First, an instant elimination of all our present ferry problems. Next, a huge reduction of potential environmental destruction (less ferry pollution and fuel consumption, fewer polluting cars, no new massive ferry terminal and consequent road systems).

What of the tourist economy on the island? All indications of islands that have this sort of ferry service (eg. Nantucket, Bermuda, some of the British Channel Islands) show that this type of system encourages people to come to visit, with a corresponding boom to the local economy.

Tourism is only one area that a transportation study on the is-

land(s) would cover, and in only one mode, ferries. Thus we can see in a small way how complex and large a task has been put before us all.

I would like to thank Dr. Borsman for putting the weight of a CRD director behind the need for a transportation study (see last week's director's report). I agree with him that it is most important that we try to arrive at some consensus as to not only what we want, but what we need and what we can afford, and at this point I would like to add, let the transportation task force know what you think. This is an important one.

ROBERT ANDREW,
Fulford Harbour.

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(1) That the name of the society be changed to the Salt Spring Island Home Support Services Society
(2) That the existing constitution and bylaws be rescinded and a revised constitution and bylaws be adopted.

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The President of the board of Directors, Michael Schubart, and Chief Executive Officer, Ray Bush, are pleased to announce assets increased by 26% to \$149,174,459, and membership expanded to almost 25,000 during 1988. An operating income of \$781,347 marks Island Savings' most successful year to date. With the introduction of the Equity Bonus Shares Plan, a total of \$1.4 million was distributed back to members in the form of deposit interest bonuses and loan and service charge rebates.

Results of the election to the Board of Directors were recently announced at the Annual General Meeting. Three year incumbent Pearl Graham of Salt Spring Island and sixteen year incumbent Lewis Langlois of Duncan, were returned to the board. William McCreadie, a Victoria C.A. and Business Manager of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, was elected to his first term.

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Artistic endeavours

Special exhibition of artworks by children, staged last weekend at Beaver Point Hall, had added attraction of working sessions on Sunday. Above, Nancy McDonald shows Harley Rustad finer points of preparing for painting. At right, Bryn Becklake does it her way.



Central America children, families the focus of Galiano man's filming

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Harris says the video reflects a cross-section of Central American life. His clan lived with a middle-class Costa Rican family with all the consumer goods — two cars, two colour televisions and "six types of breakfast cereal" — found in Canada, with fishermen, a peasant farming family in Ometepe, and Mosquito Indian refugees — who he calls the "real losers" in the 10-year-old civil war.

"All the families are wonderful, warm and generous. There's not the despair that comes out on the 11 o'clock news."

Harris says villagers were delighted when videos shot of them during the day were shown in the evening on a little battery-powered television. He also showed them images of Galiano Island.

Harris plans to film families in China and Indonesia next year for a similar production.

The video's post-production work is being supported by the

Save the Children Fund, the B.C. Teachers' Federation and the film department of Capilano College.

Harris got his idea for the documentary during a trip to Nicaragua last year with Mayne Island's Ron Pither. They visited hospitals and met children who had been blown up by Contra mines. The parents of some had been assassinated by rebel forces.

Deciding there had to be a way for Canadians to assist the Nicaraguan people an aid effort was launched by Pither, Harris, Salt Spring Island's John Norget and Betty and Andrew Gibson. The first project of the Gulf Islands-Ometepe Friendship Committee is to upgrade the potable water supply for the community.

In return, Harris says, Nicaraguans can teach us to consume less. "They are ingenious at improvising and using what little they have."

Through fund-raising events like bake sales and matching grants from different agencies the committee was able to raise \$75,000.

At Ometepe, in many cases pump equipment was in place but didn't work. This is not from a lack of know-how, says Harris, as the people are remarkably resourceful. Rather, it is because they have no currency to buy spare parts, or because parts have been unavailable since the U.S. imposed a trade embargo after the Sandanistas overthrew the Somoza regime in 1979.

Harris says in one instance a hospital had a brand-new diesel generator station that hadn't worked for four years because of a minor electrical problem which would cost only \$100 to fix.

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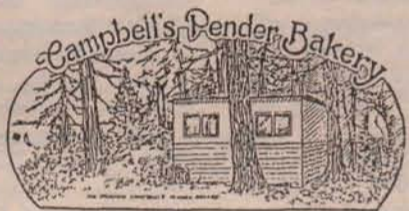
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Carnival success despite weather

A carnival held at Salt Spring Elementary School last Friday raised some \$2,000 for the school.

Organized by the SSE Parents' Group, the carnival attracted a good number of parents, students and community members to enjoy bingo, games, face-painting and a halibut dinner.

The event also featured the sale of crafts and baked goods, plus a karate demonstration.

School principal Glenn Woodley said that despite the weather — which turned foul and forced cancellation of a softball game — a good number of people turned out for the events.

The carnival ran from 2:30 pm to about 7 pm.

Woodley said the carnival received excellent support from the community, and from the many merchants who contributed prizes.

Youngster Gordy Letkemann (right) was one of throng of youngsters who had their faces painted at special booth at Salt Spring Elementary School during last Friday's carnival. Before the rains arrived to dampen enthusiasm for outdoor events, Ross McLeod (below, left) took some children for hayrides. Below right, games attracted participants to gymnasium.





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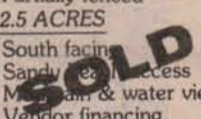
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