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Assessed values up dramatically on Gulf Islands

After the initial shock most Gulf Islanders have accepted the inevitable and sent off cheques to cover their 1989 property taxes.

The assessed values of some Gulf Islands properties have risen dramatically, resulting in substantial tax increases — one assessment in Ganges showed a jump of 47 per cent, for instance.

Property taxes are based on bi-annual assessments of property values by the B.C. Assessment authority.

Acting surveyor of taxes Carl Youngblood says assessed values on the Gulf Islands are comparable to other areas in the province. But he says there have been "substantial increases" in some areas — on North Pender Island and Salt Spring Island, for instance. Still, he adds, they are unlike the tremendous assessment increases in the Vancouver area, which he calls an "isolated example."

Salt Spring saw the largest assessed value of any of the Gulf Islands, increasing this year to \$12 per \$1,000 in assessed property value, up from \$10.61 in 1988.

North Pender Island saw the next largest increase with a new rate of \$11.76, up from \$10.57 last year.

These figures do not include additional costs to properties in sewer and water areas such as Magic Lake Estates on North Pender.

Saturna's 1989 tax rate is \$11.15 per \$1,000 in assessed property value, up from \$9.74 in 1988. Mayne Island's tax rate increased to \$12.13 from \$10.64, mainly due to higher fire protection costs. Galiano Island's 1989 tax rate is \$11.74, up from \$10.68 in 1988.

The assessments fluctuate and are dependent on a number of factors, Youngblood says, including the island's accessibility and cyclical market forces.

The tax rate for schools was boosted from 6.35 to 7.11, effective May 1, 1989. This means an owner of a \$100,000 house will now pay \$710 in school taxes, instead of \$635.

Offsetting the new education tax somewhat is a bigger homeowner's grant, which was raised from \$600

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That's entertainment

Always-colourful Farmers' Market scene was made even more so last Saturday by presentation of music by ad-hoc ensemble of drummers, who entertained the steady stream of passers-by with

rhythmic offerings. Warmer weather and sunny skies are bringing more and more buyers, sellers and strollers to the regular Saturday event in Ganges.

In Canada-wide competition

Driftwood earns top awards

Driftwood has been named one of Canada's best all-around community newspapers.

The newspaper was told last week it had won second place in its circulation class in the 1989 Canadian Community Newspapers Association (CCNA) competition.

Driftwood was judged against all Canadian tabloid newspapers with circulations between 3,400 and 4,999 readers. The competition for general excellence rated newspapers according to their quality of writing, photography, layout and design, typography and overall impression.

Top newspaper in *Driftwood's* class was the Banff,

Alberta, *Crag and Canyon*. *Driftwood* won second spot ahead of the Barrhead, Alberta, *Leader*.

In another segment of the competition, *Driftwood* was judged to have the best editorial page among Canadian newspapers in its circulation class.

Driftwood also won a nod for community service, finishing as second runner-up in judging for the Dorothy Hoodspith Award given for service to the community above and beyond a newspaper's normal mission. *Driftwood* received the accolades for its support of the Terry Fox Run on Salt Spring Island.

The newspaper also won a Blue Ribbon Award, TURN TO PAGE A-2

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Saying goodbye

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Tiananmen massacre a reality to four islanders

Four Salt Spring Island residents were in Beijing when Chinese troops cleared student protesters from Tiananmen Square, killing an estimated 3,000 people in the process.

The four — Maureen Ramsey, Ruby Alton, Jean King and Loes Holland — arrived in Beijing on the day of the massacre, completing a guided tour that followed the ancient Silk Road from Pakistan into China.

Holland said the tour group landed at Beijing airport to the north of the city at about 3:30 pm and was taken by bus to its hotel on the south side. Along the route, they saw soldiers, tanks, burned-out trucks, overturned vehicles and barricades.

"We were not eyewitnesses to any shootings," Holland said. "We could see remnants of the violence, and we could feel the atmosphere . . . but we really saw very little."

Details of what had happened were pieced together by the group's Chinese guide, who said there was "trouble" and advised everyone to stay indoors at the hotel. Scheduled trips to the Great Wall, the Ming tombs and around the city itself were cancelled.

While retracing the footsteps of Marco Polo through China, the tour group heard of the student sit-in at Tiananmen Square but had no idea it would turn to violence, Holland said.

"When we arrived, we realized the extent of the terrible things that had happened, but the worst was over. The tanks had already been there."

Rumours about what had transpired were everywhere, Holland continued, but no news was available from official government sources. The travellers had to gather bits and

pieces of news from all over before they understood the situation.

"When we saw how serious it was, we didn't feel like going out. We just stayed put," Holland said.

After two nights in Beijing, the group was taken to the airport for a flight out of China. More signs of violence were spotted on the drive north.

Changing planes in Tokyo, and again in Los Angeles, the visitors were besieged by reporters from major American television networks but were unable to pass along any information, Holland said. "There was nothing we could say."

While in China, the visitors felt tremendous compassion for the people of the country, Holland said. She recalled the poignant words of their Chinese guide, who complained of "a heavy heart for what we have done to ourselves."

Property owner refutes criticisms

'Seawalk, landfill plans dovetailing of interests'

A principal in Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber Ltd. says the company's plans to landfill its property at the foot of Rainbow Road is an attempt to "dove-tail" private and public interests so the community will get its seawalk.

"It seems a fair trade-off to me," says Jonathan Oldroyd.

Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber came under attack last week in a letter written by Bob Hassell and published in *Driftwood*. Hassell, who could not be reached Monday for comment, claimed the "obvious" purpose of the landfill — to be located between the shoreline and the Chamber of Commerce's public seawalk — is to provide parking for a marina development.

Hassell's letter noted that in the seawalk plan, the walkway hugs the shoreline until it reaches the Gulf of Georgia property (behind the Mobile Market), where it has "purposefully been shaped to legitimize the developer's landfill plans."

Hassell's letter also says the fill application received final approval from the Ministry of Crown Lands prior to the publication of advertisements seeking public comment.

The Farmers' Institute, which owns a small portion of waterfront land next to the Gulf of Georgia property, has also expressed concern over the landfill proposal. While the Institute "enthusiastically supports" the seawalk concept, it believes that filling the harbour in such a manner is not desirable.

(Property owned by the Farmers' Institute and neighbouring landowner Gordon Cudmore are the only "gaps" in the seawalk. The two properties are located between the Gulf of Georgia property and a proposed dingy dock.)

Institute president Ian Clement says alleged approval for the landfill by the Ministry of Crown Lands prior to receiving public input makes a "complete and utter mockery of the approval process."

Crown Lands regional director Doug McColl told *Driftwood* the Gulf of Georgia application was received by his department in September of last year. He agreed that approval was given to the application on May 19 while ads requesting public input ran in the May 17 and 24 editions of *Driftwood*.

McColl said placement of the ads are entirely discretionary and not a requirement. He said the department will still accept public input; however, approval of the application has been given.

"The application has been under consideration for over a year," he said. "We've had considerable input regarding it."

McColl said Crown Lands consulted with the

federal department of fisheries and oceans, the ministry of the environment, the Islands Trust and the seawalk committee. He said he received positive responses from each.

The regional director also said the landfill — which will extend approximately 70 feet seawards from the shoreline (between 35 and 40 feet have already been filled) — is to be used for parking.

Oldroyd, however, adamantly denied this: "No one would use waterfront land for parking," he said.

He said use of the land is still subject to Crown Land approval, which dictates a marine type use — something compatible with the location. The use is further subject to the Islands Trust advisory design panel, he said, "which is not going to approve parking."

But the final authority, Oldroyd said, is the department of highways, which would not provide access onto a waterfront piece of land.

'The project is an attempt to dovetail the private people's and the public's interests, so the public can acquire the seawalk.'

The "parking" confusion may have occurred from the planned use of the land neighbouring the Gulf of Georgia property (the boardwalk access to the dingy dock), which is also to be filled. This area, says Chamber of Commerce president Jack Cherry, will be created into a park approximately three-quarters of an acre in size.

Cherry told *Driftwood* the landfill was part of the original seawalk plan. He said the fill will take the dingy dock into water deep enough for boat access. He further noted the corner of the harbour being landfilled is a highly polluted, "dead portion" of the harbour. The area has been used for decades as a log dump and for sewer outfall, prior to installation of the Ganges sewer system.

The fill is basically taking the seawalk out to the low water mark, Oldroyd added.

"The project is an attempt to dove-tail the private people's and the public's interests, so the public can acquire the seawalk," he said. "We have the upland rights (to the land), we could have proceeded with these plans without the boardwalk."

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Newspaper recognized by its peers

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meaning it is among the top one-third of Canadian community newspapers regardless of circulation classification. This year marked the first time *Driftwood* has won a Blue Ribbon Award.

This year's national awards continue a *Driftwood* tradition for excellence.

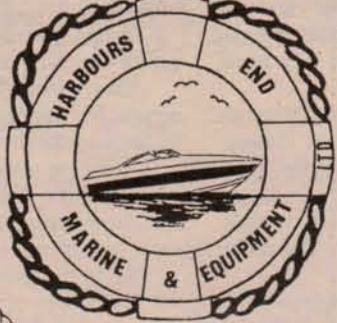
The newspaper was judged the best all-around community newspaper in its class in Canada in 1984 and received an honourable mention in 1977. In editorial page competitions, it won first place in 1982, and second place in both 1984 and 1987.

In provincial competitions, *Driftwood* has been judged tops in its class five times, including four times in the past six years. It won first-place honours in 1978, 1983, 1985, 1986 and 1988; a second-place finish was earned in 1987, and a third-place finish in 1984.

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STRAIT TALK

Dave Fraser

There's a special quality about Galiano that's difficult to sum up in words.

It starts the moment you drive off the ferry at Sturdies Bay and stop at the Dandelion Gallery to look around.

This little corner — with its art gallery, realty office, service station and post office — is the closest Galiano has to a downtown. Not far up the road is Burrill Brothers Store, built in 1905, and a great place to hang out and hear what's happening on the island.

But back to the gallery. You'll notice a selection of books, fine art and crafts that testifies to the island's vibrant creative energy.

But Galiano artistic expression is not only found in a gallery.

What last weekend's mirthful gala by the Galiano Singers, *Singing into Summer*, lacked in polish it made up in pure entertainment value.

The group, formed only two years ago, consisted of 23 singers, offering a fine mix of song, dance, theatre and dazzling costumes.

The neat thing about such community theatre is it reveals unexpected sides of the people you meet in everyday life — a side you didn't know they had — by freeing their inhibitions.

The gala's goal was to raise money for a concert-quality digital piano for the Galiano Hall. Judging by the full house I saw Saturday night and the extra "green" stuffed into a collection basket for the piano — after Barbara Landmark's demonstration of the Yamaha 650 "Clavinova" — the singers and all those involved with the gala are well on their way of achieving their goal after providing a night of good-spirited fun.

The natural setting of Coon Bay on Galiano's extreme north end is enough to overwhelm most first-time visitors.

Coon Bay is situated on Mac-Millan Bloedel property and is accessed by a logging road through an old clear-cut logging site, affording stunning views of the Straits of Georgia.

Drive in and you'll notice a fir tree standing alone amid stumps and debris. Perched precariously on its lower branches is a huge eagle nest. But none of the majestic birds occupy their home today. They're away at Coon Bay fishing the rich waters off Porlier Pass.

One bald eagle reels over a sedate cove, vainly trying to retrieve a fish that slipped through its eager talons. A pair of blue herons dives and darts overhead, their legs tucked in aerodynamically against their normally-gangly bodies.

Coon Bay's beach abounds with clam-diggers, wild flowers, archaeology remains and bizarre rock formations, the last-mentioned formed after eons of tidal action.

Porlier's churning waters attract a host of seabirds, sea lions and other marine life, not to mention fishermen.

It is therefore incredible to find that Porlier Pass is listed as one of several dumping sites on the B.C. Coast.

The City of Bellingham has applied to dump dredgate in Canadian waters. I just hope that the government bureaucrat considering approval for such an outlandish proposal first walks through this magical spot and appreciates the riches it offers.



Giddy-up

Len Allan and Emma-Jean Lane enjoy a ride on Vidder, a 17-year-old pony belonging to Judy Lane (pictured) of Pender Island. There was no shortage of eager daycare kids lining up to ride around field in bright spring sunshine last week.

To Community Society

Original Minto building to be donated by board

The Gulf Islands School Board will ask permission from the provincial government to donate the old Lady Minto Hospital — now the community centre on Ganges Hill — to the Spring Island Community Services Society.

The motion was made at the regular school board meeting of June 7, held on Mayne Island.

The Lady Minto Hospital Board donated the building to the school district to be used as a dormitory when the hospital moved to its new location. In 1975 the school district leased the building to the community society because water taxis made the dormitory obsolete.

School board chairman David Eyles says education ministry approval is still required before the building and land can be donated to the community society.

Traveller sends note to mother

A Canadian travelling in Fiji has a message for a mother on Salt Spring.

The message, timed to coincide with Mother's Day, is contained on a postcard sent from Fiji on May 13.

It arrived on Salt Spring earlier this month but an incomplete address meant it could not be delivered by the Post Office.

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The awards given to *Driftwood* last week by its industry peers — second-best newspaper in Canada in our circulation class, and best editorial page — recognize that we consistently meet and exceed certain high standards of excellence.

We feel justifiably proud of our national awards, because they reflect a commitment to quality made by every member of our staff, every time they prepare an edition of *Driftwood* for publication.

But *Driftwood* personnel alone cannot take full credit for the accolades earned by this newspaper at the national and provincial level. The reader, too, has played a direct role in determining how well we have

Community shares credit for awards given to newspaper

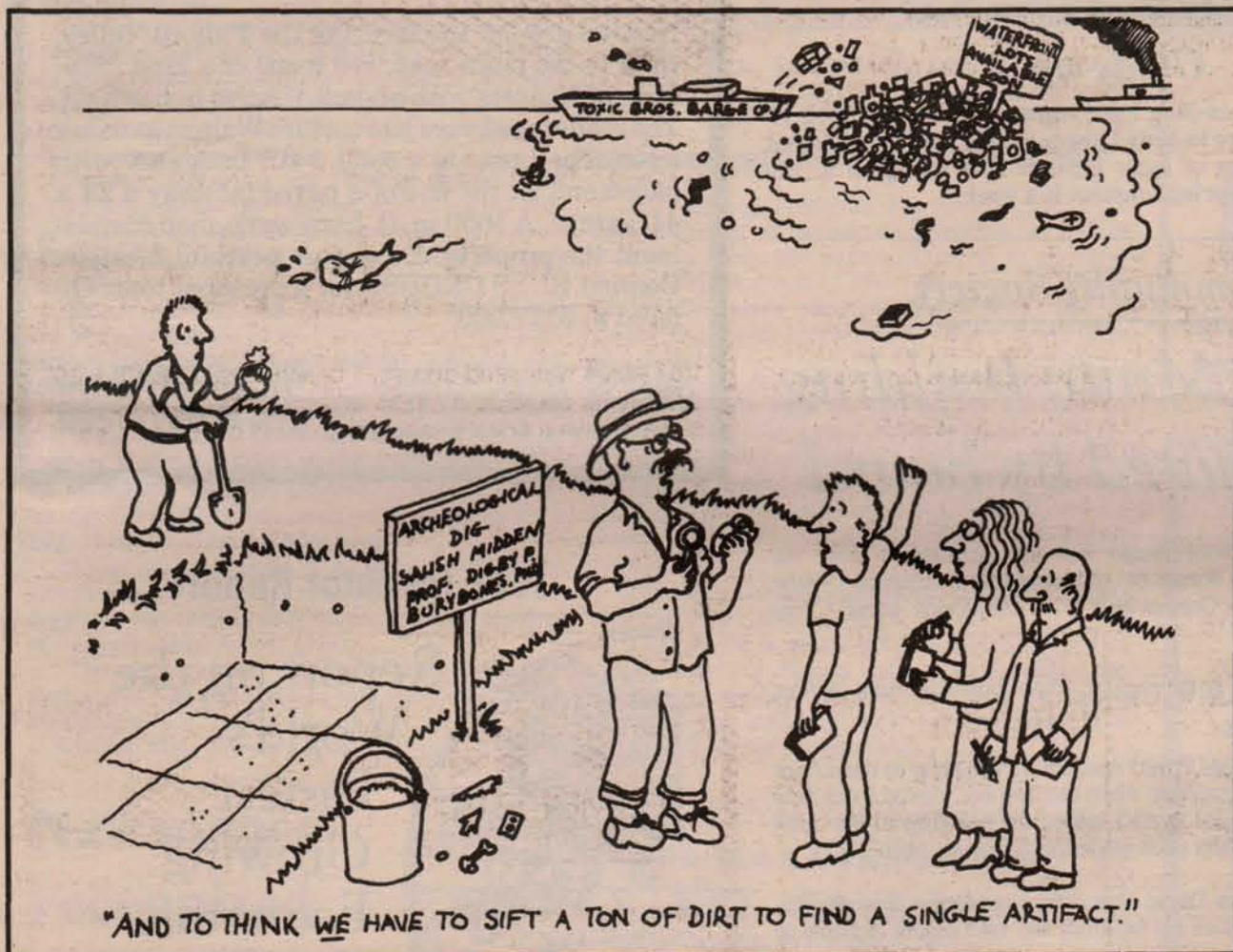
satisfied our mandate.

Community newspapers, as the name suggests, are a grassroots medium. They are produced by your friends and neighbours, by people who live here and

have a direct stake in the well-being of the community. They, and the newspaper itself, are accessible — and answerable — in a way that cannot be duplicated in larger circles.

The immediate contact enjoyed between community newspaper and public also means *Driftwood* readers are well-positioned to influence the style and content of the newspaper that reaches their doors. If they care enough to demand excellence, it shows.

Like government, a community receives the kind of newspaper it deserves. When it asks for and receives one of the best, it shares the credit for helping to shape a winner.



Classification rule needs clarification

When is a tree not a tree? When it lives on residential land in the Port Alberni tax assessment district; there, it's simply a product waiting to be harvested.

The Islands Trust noted that peculiarity recently, expressing the concern that it might become the norm in other parts of the province. Their fear is that the policy of assessing trees according to their merchantable value might discourage sound forestry practices; it could, they say, force landowners to harvest timber or subdivide their properties to meet tax bill obligations.

When it introduced its managed forest land classification, the province trumpeted a quite-sensible provision that taxed the value of trees only after they were harvested. The same rules, however, do not apply on other lands, and it is reportedly quite difficult to earn managed forest land status.

Some consistency is clearly in order. While Victoria says it is undertaking a review of the Tax Assessment Act this year and hopes to soon announce changes in provisions for forests and wild lands, no mention is made of residential properties. Why not?

Saxophone recalls simpler musical days

Letters welcome

An odd sense of dislocation struck me as Ray Newman played a certain series of notes on his saxophone. Suddenly, I was no longer listening to the jazz being played in the Vesuvius Inn on Saturday, but to music from another time and place.

It was the early 1970s in Toronto, where I'd landed after wandering out from the West Coast fresh from my high school graduation. With little money and even fewer acquaintances, I was hardly poised to set Hogtown on its ear.

Solace of sorts was found in the city's multi-faceted music scene. These were the days of the famed Riverboat, of Ronnie Hawkins and the Nickelodeon, of soon-to-be-famous groups like the Downchild Blues Band playing in high school gymnasiums. Murray McLaughlin

my word

by duncan macdonnell



still lived in Cabbagetown, cooking sake on his stove.

Ray Newman's saxophone took me somewhere else, though. To a stretch of street well away from the downtown core of Toronto, where small and dimly-lit basement rooms housed clubs of sorts. Here, you would always find noted bluesmen and jazz players who'd lugged their instruments up from Chicago or New York, just looking for a place to play.

And play they did, sometimes without benefit of a cover charge at the door. Even better, for a person with limited funds, was the management's refusal to frown on someone who didn't place an order at the bar. If you were just there for the music . . . well, that was okay, too.

I returned to the West Coast after a year, having had more than my fill of life in a quaint metropolis. Thoughts of what I might be missing, out here in the sticks, were few

and far between, except for the odd time when jazz or blues music notes struck me in a certain way.

I've never been able to find another musical venue as oddly comfortable as those dingy walk-downs, or to completely recapture the sense they gave me of actually living with the music. Part of the blockage reflects the stereotype of cutting your blues music teeth with old black men in smoke-filled rooms, and part of it is pure sentimentality for simpler, younger times.

But most of all it's being unable to juxtapose live, skilled musicianship with the personal surroundings my listening demands. Records on the turntable in the living room just don't do it; neither does a concert in a large hall.

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letters

Pleased

I was really pleased to see the letters from the school children concerning both the issues about the Amazon rain forests and the use of Asian driftnets. These are the age groups that should be concerned with the environmental destruction that is going on today.

Hats off also to Liz Gay and the group AWARE. It is people like this that take their time to talk about their concerns that will eventually make a difference in this world.
MARY FRASER,
 Ganges

Four points

In reply to Sam Lightman and his followers, I have just four things to say.

First: This is still supposed to be a free country that we live in. When a person purchases a motor vehicle licence and insurance, that person then has the right to operate the motor vehicle on any road or highway on which government money is spent.

Second: It's a two way street; if no vehicles are allowed to come to Salt Spring Island, then by the same token no vehicles should be allowed to leave the island. Can anyone imagine the chaos there would be?

Third: In my opinion, people who dislike Salt Spring Island the way it is should find some other place to live that is more suitable to their expectations in life.

I believe there are people who are unhappy no matter where they live.

Fourth: A question for Maureen Leason — Who would be expected to pay the lawyer's fees for drawing up such a plan? Lawyers are not in the habit of working inexpensively and that sort of hassle could go on for years.

Salt Spring Island does not need such a hassle.
JOHN BENNETT,
 Ganges

Thank you

The parents' fund-raising committee for Salt Spring Elementary's Grade six Strathcona trip would like to thank all those who supported the fund-raising efforts, from the persistent teachers and hard-working students to the dedicated parents and local business people.

A good portion of the total funds needed was raised to reduce the cost for each student.

Special thanks go out to the Salt Spring Elementary parents group for donating a bicycle to raffle, purchased at cost from Island Spoke Folk, as well as Petro-Can and all those who brought their cars to be washed, Ship's

Anchor, GVM, Orcas Gallery, Loshi's Studio 103, Flowers and Wine, Harlan's, Glad's, Embe Bakery, Rainbow Crafts, Water-side Bistro, et cetera, Sweet Arts, Susan Borland, Lois Codd and all the others who so generously contributed.

Parents' Fund-raising Committee,
 Ganges

Mistreatment

As an occasional visitor to your fair Salt Spring Island, and a former resident (1930-31), I was shattered to see the mistreatment being rendered to what would appear to be a unique artifact of historic significance to the village of Ganges.

I refer specifically to the seat back of the gig of the Captain of HMS Ganges, which was donated by the IODE and is affixed to a large boulder in your Centennial Park. The donors and the village administration should be ashamed of themselves for allowing the seat back to deteriorate and to remain exposed to the elements. Despite popular belief, it does occasionally rain and snow on Salt Spring!

The seat back should at least be revarnished annually, and ideally should be encased in a clear plastic cover.

I will watch with interest to see if perhaps some former naval persons now living on the Island take up the challenge of its maintenance.

HENRY C. SWEATMAN,
 Duncan

Bridging gaps

On March 11, the GISS Parents Advisory put on the *Bridging Gaps* conference. Over 150 people attended and from the evaluations returned at the end of that day, one message came through clearly — don't let things stop here. We would like to let people know that things did not stop with the conference.

The administration and staff were very prompt in looking at the summary of ideas that came from the conference discussions. Some suggestions have already been acted upon, others will be followed up in the fall.

As well, an ongoing committee including staff, students, parents and trustees was formed to look at ways the broader group could help in implementing some of the *Bridging Gaps* ideas. Another conference day with workshops on various areas identified at *Bridging Gaps* was tentatively planned for the fall. The committee will be reconvening in September to work on this and other ideas.

Anyone interested in being involved in this committee or who would like more information

could call Anne Hohmann at 653-9419.

One of the goals of the *Bridging Gaps* conference was to increase the sense of shared purpose members of the community have in the high school. Many comments such as the following attest to that goal being reached: "I found the day exciting and was glad that so many people care in a positive way."

And as another participant responded: "I found the day enlightening and informative and (it) must be followed up on." We agree. Look for *Bridging Gaps* #2 and plan to take advantage of all opportunities to be involved at GISS this next school year.

ANNE HOHMANN,
STELLA WEINERT,
CHRISTINE DONNELLY,
 GISS Parents Advisory

Voters

I wish to urge *Driftwood* readers to make sure they are on the provincial voters' list for the next B.C. election.

If they are not on the list, they won't be able to vote.

The province-wide enumeration took place in May; if no one was home, two registration cards were left to be mailed in. If anyone did not receive such a card, s(he) must call the Registrar of Voters at 387-5909.

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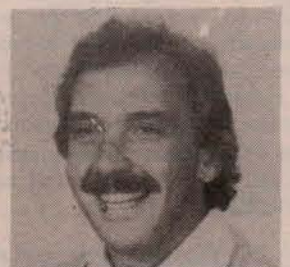
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VICTORIA — This space is normally reserved for discussions of our very own B.C. political affairs, but with your indulgence I would like to share some thoughts with you about the horror story that has been unfolding in China.

Although on the surface the terrifying developments in Beijing seem to have no direct bearing on us, there are some important conclusions to be drawn, the least of which is not the reminder that we should count our blessings.

If the recent upheaval in China has proclaimed one powerful message, it is that of man's deeply-ingrained yearning for freedom. Economic reforms in China over the past 10 years or so have been nothing short of miraculous. China's population is well fed, well clothed and adequately housed. But most important, the young generation is well-educated, and that was to be the government's undoing.

To bring the country's economy into the 20th century, China's leadership needed well-educated people. The workers' and farmers' paradise could hardly offer the human resources necessary for the administration of a modern economy. But an educated populace will not be satisfied with the status quo. It will question the leadership. That's what the students did.

Their demands would seem utterly reasonable to anyone living in a democratic society. They demand to be in charge of their own destiny. They demand an end to corruption among their leaders. They demand that the government enter into a dialogue with them. They demand freedom of the press, freedom of expression, all the things we take for granted.

Without fear of reprisals

When I saw television footage of people being mowed down by soldiers for nothing more than wanting freedom, I couldn't help reflecting on my own role in the political life of this province.

I am writing this column in the legislative press gallery on the third floor of the Parliament Buildings. It's where I write all my columns.

A couple of corridors away from the premier's office, within earshot of a dozen cabinet ministers' offices, I can, and do engage in scathing attacks on the government, nail cabinet ministers to the wall and, at least in the eyes of many politicians, wreak havoc with them.

I do so without fear of reprisal, subject only to my personal code of ethics and fairness. Most of the time, I take that freedom for granted, but the events in Tiananmen Square made me realize again just how lucky we are.

Counting one's blessings, however, isn't good enough. As long as people are persecuted, tortured and killed for wanting to take charge of their destiny, those enjoying freedom have the duty to speak out. And speak out the free world did.

Around the globe, free men and women expressed their anguish and revulsion at the primitive response of the Chinese leadership to the valid aspirations of the people. There were demonstrations everywhere.

Here in Canada, the emergency debate in the House of Commons was more than just lip service to the ideals of democracy. It was a thunderous condemnation that cannot and will not be lost on the world in general and, hopefully, the Chinese leadership in particular.

Encouraging reaction to events

The world's reaction to the events in China is encouraging. It is a manifestation of man's newly-found concern for his fellow man. It isn't all that long ago that people didn't care what happened on the other side of the globe.

If only the global community had rallied and spoken out so clearly and forcefully when Hitler invaded the Sudetenland, perhaps the carnage of the Second World War could have been avoided.

If only the world had acted when Nazi Germany began its reign of terror against the Jews. Few countries were willing to accept those who managed to leave Germany before the holocaust.

Instant communications, the medium of television in particular, has changed that. It bought the horror of Beijing into our living rooms live, as it happened. What's more, that same medium is informing the Chinese leadership of the world's reaction to the carnage it inflicted on its own people.

Freedom for the Chinese may not come tomorrow, but come it will. Perhaps many more will die before the geriatrics, who are desperately trying to hang on to power by brute force, will be deposed.

Meanwhile, all of us, who are fortunate enough to live in freedom and are able to pursue our dreams, must continue to speak out on behalf of those who are still struggling for those basic rights.

Now it's back to provincial affairs. Things may be "faaantastic" in British Columbia, compared to just about any place you care to mention, but they can always be improved. And don't think I don't appreciate the fact that I can make the odd suggestion for improvement without having to fear a midnight knock at my door.

more letters

Bring it back

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MARGARET MONRO
Director,
Resident Care.

Smokescreen

Act Two in the Great Ganges Harbour Landfill Scam is unfolding.

As predicted, a second application to fill the harbour at the end of Rainbow Road has been made to the Ministry of Crown Lands; this time by West Ganges Holdings Ltd. It follows on the heels of last month's application by Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber Ltd. (do you ever wonder who hides behind these impressive corporate euphemisms?) and, like the earlier application, uses the public boardwalk concept as a smokescreen to legitimize private landfill on Crown foreshore.

Islanders concerned about the propriety of this should contact Bill Hubbard, Lands Officer, at the Ministry of Crown Lands, 851 Yates Street, Victoria, V8V 1X5, or phone 387-5011. While you're at it, why not call the Islands Trust (or our self-appointed guardians of the environment, the Island Watch Society, a.k.a., the Advisory Planning Commission) to ask why the new boardwalk won't simply follow the natural shoreline as it does elsewhere in the village. Why fill the harbour? Does no one care?

And, since public foreshore and public funds are involved, it is not time the Chamber of Commerce published a plan of the boardwalk with upland properties, water leases and the extent of landfill clearly shown — so all can see who's in bed with whom?
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Account of Carmanah event presented 'mistaken views'

By JANNA KUMI

The guest column in the May 7 Driftwood by Lynda Laushway, on the Carmanah Valley weekend, cannot go unanswered. There is another side to the story.

I was one of the people at the forum held in the Carmanah Valley May 8, sponsored by the Western Canada Wilderness Committee. The forum was supposed to give people an opportunity to share their views on preserving the tall Sitka spruce of the area.

It was arranged specifically for WCWC and MacMillan Bloedel. I am an employee of this company, which holds the licence to harvest timber in the Carmanah Valley.

Our jobs depend on the working forest. Many people from the Cowichan and Alberni valleys were also at the forum to fight for their jobs. Wholesale withdrawals of productive forest land are a serious threat to the working forest on which many B.C. communities depend.

WCWC wants to remove the entire 6,731 hectare-valley from the working forest. In support of their demands, 30 artists spent the weekend painting in Carmanah. WCWC intends to use proceeds from the sale of their works primarily to remove more forest land from production.

Noticeably missing from those Carmanah paintings were the people who live in communities which depend on the forest industry. In 1988, the forest industry provided 274,500 jobs directly and

guest column

indirectly, supporting 126 B.C. communities in the process.

The reaction of Ms. Laushway makes me think there was no real attempt by the WCWC to let people know the forum was taking place. She had the mistaken view that MacMillan Bloedel representatives were intruders, not invited participants.

She said: "The frequent buzz of company helicopters over our heads, and the visit of company officials to speak to the artists on a Sunday afternoon, give testament to the attention paid."

'A well-orchestrated major media event.'

What happened in Carmanah was a well-orchestrated, major media event. Television camera crews, invited by WCWC, captured the event from helicopters buzzing over the heads of the artists. These helicopters were not those of MacMillan Bloedel.

It might be useful for your readers to know that adjacent to Carmanah is the 10,000-hectare Nitinat Triangle, an old-growth forest reserve containing Sitka spruce within Pacific Rim National Park. Protected old-growth forests on the coast cover 186,000 hec-

tares, so they are not exactly on the endangered list.

The tall Sitka spruce account for just two per cent of the timber within the Carmanah Valley. MacMillan Bloedel proposes a 538-hectare reserve to preserve the spruce surrounded by a 1,912 hectare special management area. This plan will protect all that is special in the Carmanah Valley while preserving the 300 jobs and \$12.8 million economic contribution to the Canadian economy.

Your readers might also want to know that in addition to the 538-hectare Sitka spruce reserve, MacMillan Bloedel proposes constructing access roads to the southern and northern ends of the Carmanah Valley, two visitor information centres, information signs and sanitary facilities, family hiking trails and self-guided walks through spruce groves on the west side of Carmanah Creek, and a hiking trail and steps to the Carmanah Giant.

MacMillan Bloedel, in its proposal for the Carmanah, has invited representatives from various public organizations to monitor the implementation of the Company's Carmanah Forest Management Plan. If preservationist groups like WCWC were put in charge of the valley, I doubt they would show the same willingness to compromise.

Janna Kumi is a special projects forester for MacMillan Bloedel, based in Nanaimo.

Better attendance urged for meetings

GABRIOLA ISLAND — Attendance at Islands Trust council meetings must be improved, trustees were told here two weekends ago.

The comments on attendance were made by Gabriola trustee Susan Yates when the 26-member body lost its quorum shortly after lunch on the second day of the two-day meeting.

The drop to 15 representatives meant the June 2-3 session could function as an information meeting only.

After noting that the loss of a quorum is a frequent problem on the second day of the quarterly council sessions, Yates said some trustees had an "attitude problem." Many of those who leave early do not have a legitimate reason for doing so, she said.

At the suggestion of Yates, the remaining trustees decided a memo will be circulated to stress that attendance for the full two days of each session will be expected.

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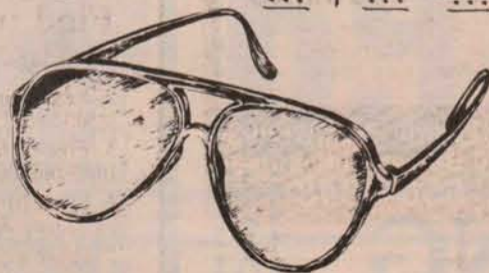
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Property values, taxes rise

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to \$670 for those 65-and-older, and from \$380 to \$430 for those under 65.

The residential taxation requirement for the Gulf Islands School District for the 1989 calendar year is \$4.676 million, up from the \$3.798 million in 1988 — an increase of 23 per cent.

Some local services taxes, such as the Islands Trust levy, have also seen an increase. The tax rate has risen from 23 cents to 29 cents per \$1,000 for all property-owners in the Trust area. This was done, says Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, to make up for staff shortages resulting from slashed provincial government funding.

Gilbert says Victoria is rapidly increasing the rural tax rate in order to make it attractive for rural areas to incorporate. "Eventually, it may be more economical to incorporate and pay for our own roads and services."

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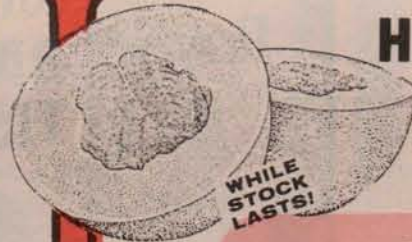


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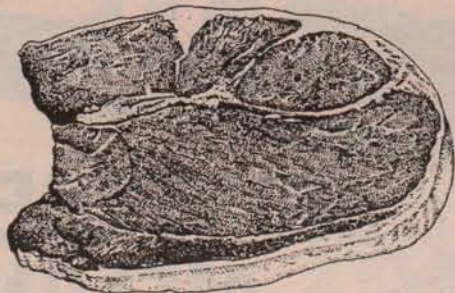
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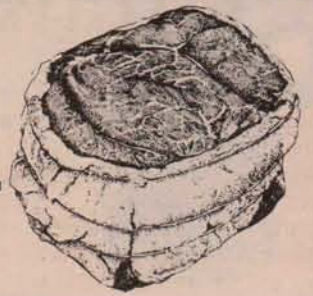


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Local Heart Fund organizers pass \$10,000 collection goal

The 1989 Salt Spring Island Heart Fund campaign surpassed its goal of raising \$10,000 for the B.C. Heart Foundation.

John Crofton, the chairman of this year's local heart fund campaign, said last week a total of \$10,265 has been raised on the island.

The 1989 committee largely attributes the campaign's success to Rosemary Trump, who organized the Jump-For-Heart program at Fulford and Fernwood elementary schools. The group further acknowledges the contributions of Fulford teach Jim Lightfoot and Jeanie Gray at Fernwood, who were responsible for organizing their enthusiastic students to raise almost \$4,000 at the April and May skipping events.

The committee also noted that many members of the community contributed in different ways to the

success of this year's campaign. Although no further projects are planned, donations are welcome at all times.

The 1989 committee was as follows: John Crofton (chairman); Dick Toynbee (honourary chairman); Bob Tolson (vice-chairman); Nan Jenks (treasurer); Marie Crofton (secretary); Peggy Tolson (publicity); Rosemary Trump (special events); and John Page (special events).

A breakdown of totals for the campaign shows the mail drop generated the highest single revenue at \$4,250. The Fernwood jump-rope event raised \$2,400; the Fulford jump-rope event raised \$1,500; the bowl-athon contributed \$1,410; donation boxes pulled in \$350; the Scout Tag Day raised \$300; and aerobics contributed a further \$50.

Islanders made life members

Two islanders have been presented with life memberships to the B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization (BCOAPO).

Gladys Slingsby and Betty Brigden were presented with the life memberships at a wine and cheese social held Tuesday, June 6, at the OAPO Branch 170 club room in Fulford Hall.

Ron Matthews, the South Vancouver Island regional steward who presented the awards, said the two women have given exceptional service to the OAPO in the past, and continue to provide inspiration and helpful advice to all who know them.

Unfortunately, health problems now prevent Gladys and Betty from participating fully in OAPO activities.

Gladys responded to members' applause by urging everyone to work hard in promoting the best interests of the elder citizens of British Columbia. Walter Brigden accepted the honour on behalf of his wife, with many thanks.

Entertainment was provided by the accomplished trio of Louie Lorentsen, Art Moulton, and Phil Fischer, who played favourite songs and dance music of yesteryear.

Those at the meeting learned the South Vancouver Island Region's annual picnic will be held Thursday, July 27, at Sooke. The hosts have promised good entertainment and extended an invitation to all members of the two Salt Spring Island OAPO branches.

police blotter

Two Salt Spring youths have been arrested for stealing a boat from Sidney.

The 15- and 17-year-old youths, who the Young Offenders Act says cannot be named, allegedly stole the boat from the end of Beacon Avenue in Sidney.

Local RCMP recovered the boat on June 1 at Ganges Marina. The youths are scheduled to appear in court on August 8.

In other police matters, two young offenders were slapped with fines when they were discovered in a local pub.

The youths will each pay a \$100 dollar fine for being "minors in a liquor establishment."

A Salt Spring youth sustained minor injuries after his vehicle spun off Fulford-Ganges Road.

The vehicle went off the road near the Fulford fire hall and into a ditch before rolling over. The incident occurred at approximately 1:30 am on June 2.

A Salt Spring woman will appear in court on charges of refusing to provide a blood sample and impaired driving, after her involvement in a single vehicle accident on North End Road.

The 24-year-old woman was approaching Suffolk Road at approximately 1:31 am on June 3, when she struck and sheared off a B.C. Telephone pole.

Police said the woman's vehicle sustained approximately \$2,000 in damages, while the pole will cost some \$1,500 to repair.

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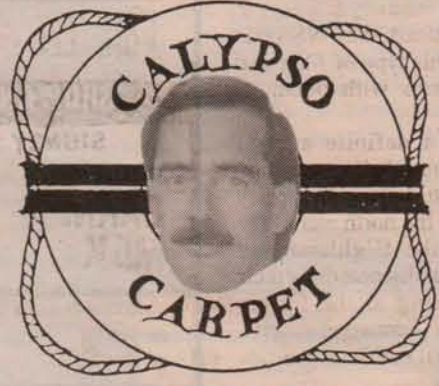
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Highland water users face 80 per cent hike

Users of the Highland Water system were surprised earlier this month to discover the cost of their water has jumped close to 80 per cent in one year.

The increase in rates, which saw the annual user fee climb from \$75 to \$135 and the sewer rate up from \$75 to \$92, was the subject of much discussion at a recent Highland-Maliview Ratepayers Association meeting.

Fernwood resident Deirdre Nowicki told Driftwood prior to the May 31 meeting that she felt the unannounced increase was both unjustified and in need of reassessment.

"I don't really think this is fair," she said. "Without warning they all of a sudden expect us to find the money for this increase. If we had been warned about this a few months ago, we could have added some money to our budgets to take this into account. As it stands right now, people on fixed incomes are really going to have a hard time."

A representative from the Capital Regional District (CRD) water management branch — Jim McFarland — who attended the May 31 ratepayers association meeting, said this is the first increase in the Highland Water District in three years. He said people using the system should be willing to bear a reasonable amount of the cost of operating it.

One reason for the jump in cost, the meeting learned, stems directly from the deteriorating quality of St. Mary Lake, and the need for the water district to replace a charcoal filter. The charcoal filter is needed to remove a bad taste and odour characteristic of the district's water.

One member of the audience, who works for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD), questioned the need for the charcoal filter, which may need to be installed annually at a cost of \$4,000. He noted that NSSWD does not use this type of filter and has no problems with odour or taste.

Although a definite answer could not be provided, speculation suggested south-west winds carry heavy algae to the north end of the lake, where the Highland and Fernwood water districts draw their water. According to the former chairman of the Fernwood district, Brian Brack, that system also needs a charcoal filter.

NSSWD draws its water from a protected area on the south side of the lake.

Residents who recalled the smell and taste of their water prior to the filter installation described the present-day water quality as much improved.

When individuals at the meeting expressed concern over potential increases in water rates again next year, they were assured such a scenario is unlikely. The cost may even come down if the charcoal filter does not need replacing next year, they were told.

Although it is not required that the water district advise residents of fee increases, the meeting was told there will be notification next time.

Also addressed at the meeting was the likelihood of meter installations to the system — at an initial cost of \$300 per household — in the near future. McFarland told the group the move was inevitable due to future development and the high amount of water drawn per household on this system.

"The people on this system are

using much more water, per capita, than those in similar districts," McFarland told Driftwood. "The winter consumption is about the same as others, but in the summer months they use much more water."

McFarland said consumption of 500 gallons of water per household per day is what the CRD typically allots. Currently, users on the NSSWD draw an average of 368 gallons per connection; and in the Fernwood water district, this figure

drops to 330 gallons. For the Highland-Maliview system, summer consumption exceeds 800 gallons per household per day, he said.

McFarland said that unless water consumption in the area is

brought down, the system will have to be upgraded — at a further cost — to meet this demand. He said metering the system should help to cut down on the acute consumption occurring somewhere in the system.

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Apologies

The Parks and Recreation Commission apologizes to the public for the deplorable condition of the parking lot adjacent to the tennis courts. Since mid-April, we have been negotiating for the grading and chip sealing of the area, and have entered into an agreement with the Victoria Highways Maintenance Corporation to have this work done.

The best price was obtainable provided the work be done in conjunction with their chipsealing program in mid-July. In the meantime, we will try to have the preliminary grading done, which will make the parking lot more usable and we urge the public, particularly the softball players, to use the lot (albeit like a logging road) in order to keep vehicles from parking on the highway, as requested by the RCMP.
KELLY BOOTH,
Parks and Recreation.

Support

Having read the advertisement for "The Late Ferry" in *Driftwood* for the past three issues, and having heard many citizens comment about what a good idea this was, my wife and I made reservations for Saturday, June 3.

We drove to Fulford, arriving 20 minutes before scheduled departure, so that we might get one of the limited parking spaces, and were extremely surprised to discover that we were the only patrons. Our evening went as planned, and as advertised. The water taxi trip to Swartz Bay was a delight, we were deposited and picked up in downtown Victoria on time, and returned to Fulford by water taxi at 12:45 am.

Imagine our surprise when discussing the poor support the service had this particular Saturday evening, to learn that we were the first paying customers in the three weeks the service has been operating. We imagine there are many residents like ourselves who have noted the service, and the schedule, and have said to themselves: "We must do this sometime."

If that is the case, I suggest they make their plans and reservations now. It seems obvious that this additional service for Salt

Spring can't continue without support. We just happen to think that this initiative deserves the support of a goodly number of residents. Like the government comments about Via Rail, this must be a use it or lose it service.

D.G. WELCH,
Ganges

Adapt to loss

Due to the sudden, tragic loss last month in our community of Sandra Moore-Black's one month old baby boy Perrin, to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and the ensuing obvious lack of understanding and information about SIDS, I feel it is important to pass on to this community the information I now know about crib death.

SIDS takes two out of every 1,000 babies and is the major cause of death in children under one year of age. It is most common in boys and always occurs while the baby is sleeping.

Contented, happy healthy babies are most commonly taken by SIDS. These babies show no sign of distress or give any indication that would cause parental concern. There have been cases where the baby has died in a Snuggli or even while asleep on a father's chest.

These babies did not suffocate or choke, there is no congenital malformation or illness involved. It is unpredictable and unpreventable at this time.

SIDS babies are taken from us quickly, quietly and with no suffering. It is those of us left behind who must suffer the tragic loss of a happy, healthy and loved baby. We must learn through time, to adapt to the loss of our little angels.

VALERIE NIELSON,
Ganges

Thank you

The graduating class of 1989 would like to extend a very warm thank you to the Fulford Hall Committee for their kind letter and generous donation to us. We appreciate the letter very much and enjoy hearing good comments about activities that we have done.

A big thank you goes to Mr. Ray Fraser for donating the first prize of a hind quarter of beef back to the grad class.

We would also like to thank GVM for donating pop, as well as the Gulf Island Trading Co. for donating pop and for supplying us with potato chips for the concession at the Big Electric Cat dance in Fulford.

GISS GRAD CLASS

Good work

Last year I wrote *Driftwood* about my highly negative reaction to the high school annual. Four dozen people (I started counting after the first 10 or so...) phoned or stopped me in the street to say they agreed with my concerns, especially about the glorification of teenage drinking.

This year I'm delighted to say that the student staff has produced a book of much higher quality in every way. They should be proud, now and in the years to come, of their hard work, good judgment, and obvious creativity.

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MAGGIE HAYES,
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Faith and hope

Several of last week's letters to the editor shouted the same plaintive message in different ways.

A number of students wrote expressing their urgent concern about deforestation and drift-netting. The sincerity of their pleas was nothing short of stunning.

"When I grow up I would like to see all the neat things we have now in the ocean, all of those beautiful sea creatures..."

"People will become extinct if forests keep on getting destroyed."

"We are concerned that our children will grow up to an ugly, polluted barren environment."

"If the Amazon is cut there will be a big loss of air."

"We have to do something before there is nothing left to worry about."

At the same time, one disgruntled Anglo-Saxon wrote decrying French Immersion, declaring French a "stagnant language" and claiming that "British Columbia should make a stand against this westward-sweeping French tide by declaring the province English-only and do away with French Immersion schooling."

Obviously little thought was given to the effect such an attack has on the students who have chosen the challenging road of doing school in a new tongue. What might it feel like to a grade six to have her educational choice branded an "undemocratic, unjust insult"?

Meanwhile, in Vancouver this week, municipal leaders were learning that fully 10 per cent of 12 year-old students use cocaine regularly.

It occurred to me, as it must have to many readers, that kids whose futures we all care about need to know that there is lots of support for the hope they have. They have a right to know it. Furthermore, the rest of us have a right to let kids know that we don't intend to abandon our world (and theirs) to destruction, bareness and loss. We know the frustration they experience and we

want to do what we can to help them change the world. We also don't intend to give up on our kids when they make demands of educational excellence. Kids deserve lots of acknowledgement for the challenging educational choices they make: decisions against stagnation and boredom.

Most of all, we have the obligation to let kids know that they are doing a fine job of reforming the old world. We have faith they can do so without relying on a cheap fix and giving up hope.

GORD SLOAN,
Ganges.

Special night

A special evening was held at Ganges United Church Saturday to honour two special members of their staff. The Rev. Dale Perkins has just completed his nine-month contract as an interim minister and has moved on to St. Paul's United, Sidney B.C. Dale is specially trained in interim ministry and the congregation have been inspired and invigorated by his leadership.

Following a potluck supper, tributes were paid by two teenagers — Lisa Koski and Tracy Cunningham — as well Olive Mouat and the chairpersons of the committees which comprise the new Unified Board of the church. Ruthe Grant, secretary to the church for the past four years, will retire at the end of July. She will also be missed by all.

Following a program of music from the Church choir (accompanied by Angela Funk) and Raging Grannies, a Carol Evans print, *Unity and Diversity*, was presented to Dale and his wife

Trish from the congregation. As well, they were given a collage of artwork from *The Messenger*, a church newsletter inaugurated by Rev. Perkins. Artists featured in this were David Halliwell and Tim Williamson. Ruth was presented a Carol Evans print, *Homeward Flight*, and a quilted picture by Mary Williamson who emceed the program.

The choir, led by Arlene Dash-

wood, presented Dale with a sculptured pottery box made by Melissa Searcy.

The new minister at Ganges United Church will be the Rev. Barry Cooke, who will arrive with his wife Sharon in June and begin his ministry Sunday, July 2. We invite the community to share in welcoming Barry to Salt Spring Island.

MARY FRASER,
Ganges.

Bus Service

I have to offer my regrets to the lady who boarded the bus last Friday. There was a misunderstanding. She thought it was Judy Kelly's regular island bus service; I told her it was chartered by the Seniors for Seniors organization. She left.

I wanted to say that this "Friday Bus" picks up members at their homes and transports them to Ganges for a two-hour stay, that to become a member it is only necessary for a senior to call and register at the office. (Room 203, Upper Ganges Centre) or telephone 537-4604 for information.

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Islands Health Services Society
FORMATION MEETING

7:00 pm, June 29, 1989

AGENDA:

1. Full Discussion Re: Formation of Proposed Society
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ANNUAL MEETINGS

Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Society

and

Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society

AGENDAS:

1. Acceptance of previous minutes
2. Receiving of annual reports
3. Receiving of financial report for year ending March 31, 1989
4. Nominating committee report and elections to Board of Trustees (Directors)
5. Appointment of the auditor
6. Motions re: Formation of Islands Health Services Society
7. Any other business that may arise

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Heading for the finish line

A full force of school students from throughout the district descended on Portlock Park last Thursday for annual holding of track and field contests. Above, youngsters strain for lead in one of many relay races pitting school against school.

Islands Trust report recommends stands on logging practices

Multiple use of forests should be encouraged in the Islands Trust area, suggests a report written by former Salt Spring trustee Pat Byrne.

The report, drafted in February and accepted at the June 2-3 Trust Council meeting on Gabriola Island, now is to be used as a policy document.

It says the Trust "should not automatically oppose logging." Harvesting in second- and third-growth forests "should be allowed and even encouraged as an economic activity appropriate to the rural character of the Trust Islands," while old-growth forests should be saved. The bulk of the three-page paper offers comments on harvesting methods the Trust should consider as appropriate or inappropriate.

Byrne, who chaired the council's forest and land use committee when he served as a trustee, notes in his report that the Trust should not endorse large-scale clear-cut logging practices. Considered as acceptable are selective logging methods and small-scale clear-cuts.

"The Trust should encourage logging practices that preserve other forest values, both tangible and intangible," the report says.

The full range of values, it continues, include aesthetic appeal, recreational uses, wildlife habitat, protection for surface and subsurface water supplies, soil preservation and a source of logs and firewood.

Of the forest's role as a supplier of wood, it says "this is the only use . . . that can be directly valued in dollars; as a result, it is the only use of the forest recognized by some people."

However, Byrne's paper says, removing wood products from forests by using environmentally-poor harvesting techniques will "seriously impair" other forest values.

"For this reason, some environmentalists take the extreme position that trees should never be cut down. The Trust should avoid this extreme position. People should have as much right as pileated woodpeckers to use and benefit from the forest (and vice versa, of course)."

It continues: "With good harvesting practices, trees can be cut down with only a minor and temporary effect on other forest values. These practices should be en-

couraged by the Trust in all possible ways."

Sustained yield, Byrne writes, should mean more to trustees than a flow of wood products. The term should apply to a sustained and largely uninterrupted yield of all forest values.

"Tree harvesting can cause temporary or permanent loss of other forest values," the paper notes. "Harvesting that causes long-term or widespread loss of other forest values is not appropriate in the Trust area."

Large-scale clear-cuts are frowned upon for that reason. The paper says that method "totally devastates a forest for eight to 10 years or more," destroying wildlife habitat, aesthetic appeal and recreational values.

"The impact of these problems is much less if the area being clear-cut is relatively small," it continues. "The loss of beauty becomes a very local phenomenon, good wildlife habitat is preserved in and along the edge of adjoining forests, and erosion becomes minor. Because it causes only minor and temporary damage, small-scale clear-cut logging — or patch logging — should be considered as an acceptable logging practice in the Trust area."

"A better logging practice is to cut down only merchantable trees, leaving smaller trees that will mature into future merchantable timber and provide seed for natural regeneration."

"The most satisfactory logging methods for many sites are the shelter belt method and careful selective logging. These methods require skill and can be more expensive than other methods. Nevertheless, they have the least impact on other forest values and should be encouraged."

The key word is encouraged. Byrne's paper points out that the Trust has no authority to regulate logging practices on Trust islands, and is limited to making recommendations to the provincial government. Victoria, in turn, can regulate logging on Crown lands and influence logging on private lands through tax incentives.

"For the foreseeable future, the Trust can only influence logging practices by persuasion," Byrne writes. "There are growing signs that public opinion is swinging against the 'cut and run' philosophy, so persuasion may eventually prove to be easier than it now appears to be."

Although in the long-term the Trust may want to seek legislative authority to control logging, Byrne concludes, the move may prove to be counter-productive "unless the Trust had enough competent staff to draft and enforce reasonable regulations."

The Trust's current forest and land-use committee is moving to meet with the ministries of municipal affairs, forests, environment and finance in an attempt to find a resolve the question of control over private-land logging practices. It has also asked the forests ministry to prepare legislation covering private-land logging in the Trust area.

Recycled papers offered on island

A Salt Spring retail business is doing its part to cut down on the man-made poisons that are polluting our environment.

Dawn Luker of *et cetera* has stocked recycled paper on her shelves for the last two months. Luker carries two types of recycled paper — a cream-coloured unbleached paper that uses 100 per cent recycled fibres; and an off-white, partially bleached photo-copier paper (which needs to be white in order to copy properly).

Luker says she started stocking the paper because of special requests from customers. She says that because of its "fairly limited market," recycled paper is a little more expensive than other paper. To encourage its use Luker says she is selling the paper at cost. "We're doing it as more of a service."

The Island Watch Society of Salt Spring recently started printing its newsletter *Tide Line*, and all printed material, on recycled paper.

Each ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees. The total amount of paper thrown away by Canadians is equivalent to about 80 million trees annually.

Production of recycled paper consumes 64 per cent less energy and 58 per cent less water than conventional paper. Mills also produce 74 per cent less air pollution and 35 per cent less water pollution.

Luker says that although a few businesses and groups on the island purchase her recycled paper for stationary, it's mostly individual buyers who account for the bulk of her sales.

The main benefit of recycled paper is that it reduces harmful substances that are produced in the pulpmilling process, she noted.

"Trees will grow again," says Luker, "especially with careful woodland management. Chemicals are the more serious problem. We're poisoning our planet."

And is if that wasn't enough, Luker uses bio-degradable plastic bags which will decompose when buried in soil. Plastic accounts for 30 per cent of the waste volume sent to municipal landfill sites.

Canada generates 30- to 35-million tonnes of waste a year, of which only two per cent is recycled. In contrast, Western Europe recycles 30 per cent of its waste and Japan recycles 50 per cent.



Dawn Luker

Cutting plan input promised

Weldwood of Canada will consult with local Islands Trustees before proceeding with any cutting plans for its Salt Spring properties.

That promise was delivered June 2 by a Weldwood official attending the Islands Trust Council meeting on Gabriola Island, where the company has extensive holdings.

The official said Weldwood is already committed to discussing its Salt Spring cutting plans with local trustees. No firm plans are in place to log the land, which lies in the Burgoyne Valley area.

It was noted that Weldwood also remains un-

decided about the method it might use to harvest the timber on its Salt Spring property. The land is quite steep, the official said, and most of the timber is old-growth.

At the council meeting, Galiano trustee Diane Cragg applauded Weldwood for "dealing with the forest in a sensitive manner" on Gabriola. The company had made adjustments in its plan after meeting with local residents.

A tour to see the extent of Weldwood's harvesting activities on Gabriola caused other trustees to express similar sentiments.

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Toronto is a foul, loathsome, disgusting capital abounding in filthy lanes and alleys, muddy and unpaved streets and as a whole, presents a dreary and disagreeable aspect, both from its low situation and contemptible appearance of the buildings.

A 19th century Yankee by the name of Donald McLeod penned that sulphurous sketch of Ontario's capital back in 1841. He should see the place now.

The streets are all paved and the only mud he'd find would be around the construction sites of yet another clutch of highrise office towers soon to redefine the Toronto skyline. As for filthy lanes and alleys, they've been wrought-ironed, cobbled and boutique-d out of all recognition.

For visitors from other parts of Canada there is but one word to describe Toronto and the word is fat. Toronto fairly reeks of money. Go to that temple of Mammon, the Eaton Centre, and you find not one shoe store but five, six, seven of them, practically side by side.

And if you can't find anything you like, let the elevator whisk you to the upper tier. Still not satisfied? Glide down the escalator to the "basement" — if so plebeian a word can be used to describe the bazaar of glitter and glitz you'll find there.

It's only money

Just a short limo ride from the Eaton Centre is the newest zircon in Toronto's architectural necklace, the Skydome, a \$450 million playpen which can nest up to 40,000 pleasure-seekers at a time. So what if it cost more than 10 times as much as predicted? It's only money — and this is Toronto!

It was recently announced that the average — average — price of a new home in one of Toronto's dormitory boroughs has passed the \$800,000 plateau. How does that news fall upon the ears of, say, an out-of-work Nova Scotia fish packer or a wheat farmer in Estevan, Saskatchewan, faced with another summer of watching his topsoil blow away?

How will they handle the information that a Toronto entrepreneur by the name of Peter Grunspan is doing turnaway business leasing wristwatches to Toronto Yuppies? Yep, for a trifling \$500 down, Mister Grunspan will put a \$15,000 Presidential Rolex on your arm. After three years of \$500 a month payments, that baby is all yours.

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Eager to fool the world

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I don't know why I thought about Toronto when I read about Video Girlfriend, but I did.

Video Girlfriend? That's an \$18 videocassette you can buy from a Pennsylvania firm called How To Fantasy Films. Video Girlfriend runs for 22 minutes. You put the cassette in your VCR, punch the play button and a blonde actress fills the screen. She tells you that her name is Debbie and that she is your date for the evening.

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Now I know why I thought of Video Girlfriend and Toronto together. It's a natural connection. Any guy with a leased Rolex on his wrist hustling to make the mortgage payments on his \$800,000 bungalow doesn't have time for a real girlfriend.

Bureau warns against high-pressure tactics

The Better Business Bureau in Victoria believes a "high pressure," unlicensed sales company may be travelling door-to-door on Salt Spring, attempting to sell islanders vinyl siding and construction contracts.

Bureau spokesman Sylvia Horvath is warning islanders not to be pressured into buying from the company.

She said the individuals involved in the company, which was incorporated in December, 1988, are known to the Better Business Bureau for their involvement in high-pressure sales tactics and bad business dealings in the past. The newly-incorporated company does not have a licence to sell in Victoria, she said.

Using information gleaned from former employers, Horvath said the two salesmen involved may use scare tactics and intimidation techniques to convince homeowners to buy their products. The bureau spokesman also said the pair may target elderly people on Salt Spring.

She stressed that metal or vinyl siding offers good protection, low maintenance and an attractive appearance, but said: "Don't let them tell you it's a cost-effective way of conserving energy."

Horvath offered a number of recommendations to people considering home improvement projects, including a reference check. She suggests people talk to previous customers and refrain from rushing into a project.

Horvath also said the homeowner should obtain three bids on a job, and request that a contract — documenting all work, scheduling and the completion date — be drawn up.

"Read the contract carefully," she said, "and don't be threatened by scare tactics or intimidation. Be wary if you are asked to pay cash to a sales person, or if you're asked to pay for the entire job in advance."

"Remember," she added, "when a contract is signed in your home, you have seven days to change your mind or cancel it."

Horvath also said the

homeowner has the right to hold back 10 per cent of the cost for 41 days after completion of the job.

"If you have any doubts," she said, "or if you are dissatisfied with the work, then call the Better Business Bureau."

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