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## New act seen as strengthening Islands Trust

By SUSAN DICKER

**SALT SPRING** — Salt Spring Island Trust Committee members say a preliminary examination of the new Islands Trust Act, which gives greater autonomy to the Trust by severing its close ties with the ministry of municipal affairs, looks very positive.

The new act, introduced in the provincial legislature by Municipal Affairs Minister Rita Johnston last week, should undergo third reading this week.

"The significant aspect for me comes in light of the years of uncertainty surrounding the Trust and one attempt (by the ministry) to do us in entirely," Island Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said Monday. "The new act returns all previous powers and gives us some additional ones."

Gilbert said the act reflects strong support given to the Trust by members of the public to a Select Standing Committee of the Legis-

lature, which reviewed the Islands Trust Act in 1987.

Salt Spring Island Trustee John Stepaniuk said that while he does not yet claim to understand the implications of each section in the act, the preliminary look is very positive.

A special meeting of the Trust Council scheduled for this weekend in Sidney will hear briefings on the new act by government officials.

In a prepared statement released by the ministry of municipal affairs, Johnston says the new act "demonstrates the province's commitment to careful planning and development of these special islands." She said the legislation confirms the Trust's mandate to preserve and protect the Trust area and strengthens its ability to do so.

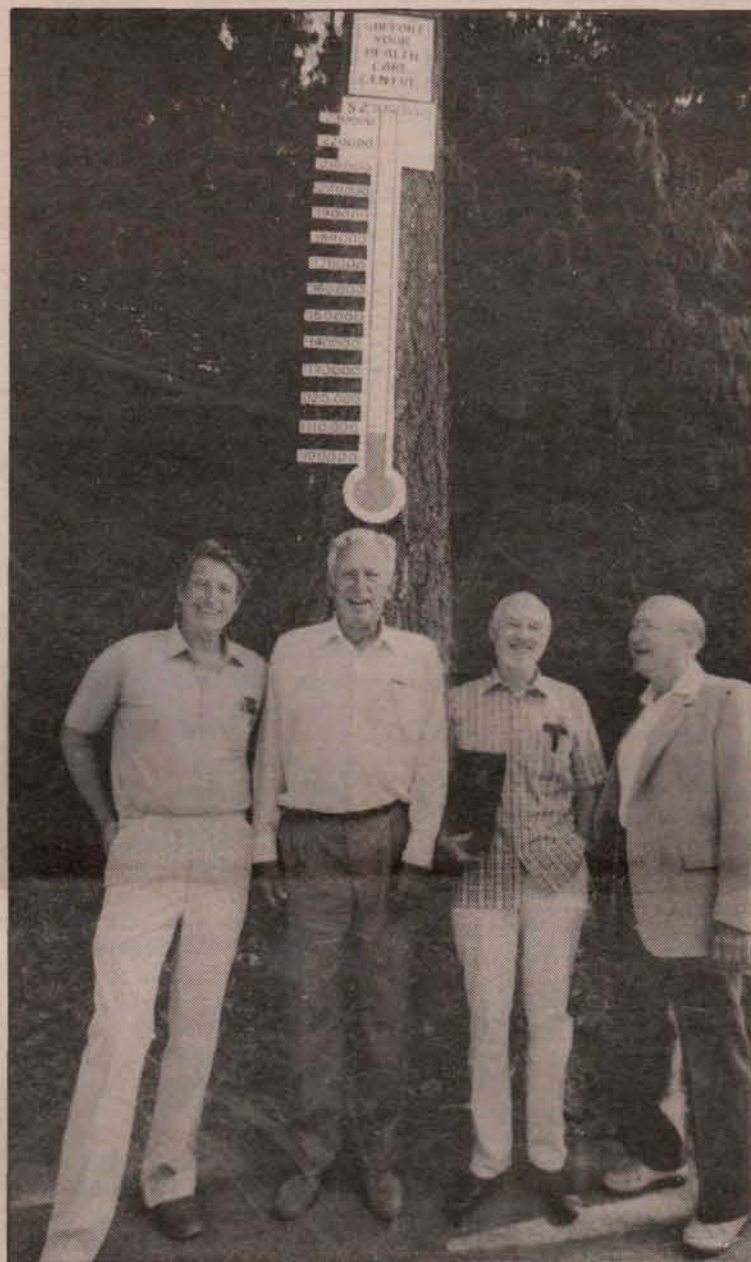
One of the act's major thrusts is the provision of greater autonomy for the Trust — both administrative and fiscal. The act severs close links between the Trust and ministry, effectively reducing the necessary levels for approval, and allowing the Trust to make more decisions on its own.

This part of the act will be physically manifested as the Trust office moves from the ministry building, taking staff with it.

"The Islands Trust will now function more like a local government," said ministry spokesman Philip Newton.

The new act also provides for

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Launching the campaign

From left, Ralph Brine, Art Wood, Harry Stewart and Lloyd Hoole pose before thermometer showing progress of campaign by Galiano Health Care Society to raise funds for new health care

facility. About 600 individuals, households and businesses have been targeted to make donations towards the \$235,000 centre. Story, A8.

## Residents express opposition to company's resort proposal

By DAVID FRASER

**GALIANO ISLAND** - Residents at a meeting here Saturday wanted no part of a world-class resort development planned by MacMillan Bloedel (MB) for its Galiano holdings.

Over 200 people crammed into the activity centre for a public meeting, the theme of which was *Choosing Our Future*. It was called by Clear Cut Alternatives to seek community input for the Forest and Land Use Council, which consists of community, company and government representatives.

As well, there was an explanation of Galiano's official community plan and the Islands Trust, as well as a discussion of community purchase options and MB's logging and development on the island.

Responding to sometimes emotional questioners, a beleaguered but cool Jim Finkbeiner,

MB's vice-president for taxes, properties and risk management, said his company and In-trawest, a Vancouver development firm, "would come up with something the community could live with."

"Our surveys show there are those who favour a development and logging on the island. There's a cross-section of interests here and we're trying to pull together a plan to serve all the island," Finkbeiner said. He added that loggers living on Galiano rely on the land for their livelihood.

He said MB hasn't gone to the Islands Trust for approval of the project because it was the community's wish that the company work through the Forest and Land Use Council. "The council was formed for discussion and consultation. If we come up with any development plan

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Week No. 3 of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts brings music, dance and poetry to Ganges venues. Details, A13

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Country Gourmet John Edwards digresses somewhat this week with the first instalment of what may be fact or fiction. The story begins cooking on B14.

### SAIL AWAY

Sabot sailing has been popular pastime for Salt Spring youngsters for many years. It still is. Story, B1.

### VARIETY

When it comes to life, variety adds spice. When it comes to letters to the editor, new writers do the same. Check out some newcomers in the letters this week, beginning on A5.

## Riding change likely

Gulf Islands voters will probably elect only one representative to the B.C. legislature in the next provincial election.

A legislative committee has agreed to implement changes recommended by Judge Thomas Fisher, who headed up a royal commission on electoral boundaries last year.

The commission was originally ordered to redraw the boundaries to eliminate dual-member ridings, following up on a promise to do so by Premier Bill Vander Zalm. The commission's terms of reference were later changed to allow Fisher to examine the boundaries of all the province's ridings.

The Saanich-The Islands riding will be split in half along the Central Saanich-Saanich boundary, which runs across the Saanich Peninsula just north of Elk Lake. Population of the new northern riding will be 36,000 while the southern riding will have 37,000. Average size of a provincial riding will be 38,500. At the same time, size of the legislature will be increased from 69 to 75.

The changes will eliminate 17 dual-member ridings in B.C.

Terry Huberts, one of the two MLAs who represent Saanich-The Islands, expressed his preference last week to run in the northern half of the existing riding. The other MLA here is Finance Minister Mel Couvelier.

## Vote on toll-free calling

B.C. Telephone customers on Salt Spring and Pender Islands will vote on a new, one-way toll-free calling plan, the company announced last week.

A B.C. Tel-conducted referendum, scheduled for the period between October 16 and November 13, will ask islanders if they want a one-way, Extended Area Service (EAS) to Victoria.

A majority yes vote will result in implementation of the service by April 1990.

Under the new plan, the monthly telephone rate for an individual residential customer will increase by \$5.25, and the rate for individual-line business customers will increase by \$26.60.

Increased monthly rates will also apply to customers with party-line service.

On the other hand, the (EAS) would eliminate all one-way long distance charges to Victoria from Salt Spring and Pender Islands. (It would not include toll-free calling in the other direction).

Area customer contact manager

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Galiano Island residents Sandy Moodie (centre) and Ken Hardy (right) confront Bob Mason of Intrawest, a Vancouver

development firm hired by Mac-Millan Bloedel to help build possible resort and residential complex on its Galiano proper-

ties. Dialogue took place after last Saturday's meeting called to discuss land use issues on the island.

## CCA meeting discusses resort plan

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it will go to the Islands Trust." On Tuesday of this week, MB was to meet with CCA to release its logging plans for the next two years. In August, the company will present its development plans.

Ken Millard of CCA says that both meetings should be open to the public. "I don't think the community should receive that information second-hand." But Millard said following the meeting that despite previously insisting on open meetings, Finkbeiner wants the meetings behind closed doors.

"Finkbeiner is changing the rules for his convenience," Millard explained.

MB officials have stated that the community's opposition to MB's logging practices prompted the company to consider developing the land.

At the meeting Finkbeiner said Intrawest would strive to come up with a "reasonable resort proposal. We'll give you something that you can accept." He was accompanied by MB's Gary Kadatz, communication consultant Bruce Rozenhart, and Bob Mason of Intrawest.

But Sandy Moodie told *Driftwood* that islanders want no part in the plan. "The power of the people was being exercised," Moodie said about the meeting.

"The elders of the community had a chance to speak (retired police officer Tony Kingscote called the Gulf Islands little jewels) and they (MB) got to see that it wasn't just a small interest group but a dynamic community concern on this island and they're not going to just lay down and get mowed over by a multinational corporation."

Moodie said company officials could not understand the concerns of the community. "They're paid to promote the company line.

"I told Intrawest (in a discussion with Mason) that they should seize

a unique opportunity and work positively with the community, allow the community to buy the land and get all the public relations benefits that they could. But they just can't see that. It's so antithetically opposed to their corporate viewpoint."

Moodie, who owns a small sawmill on the island, said it's not viable for MB to take much more timber of value off their property because what's left is in sensitive areas and not that merchantable. He said there's room for community-based sustainable logging on the island.

This is not the first time MB has considered developing its holdings. In 1972 MB expressed interest in converting much of its Gulf Island holdings over to residential use. The idea was abandoned due to

### It was before anyone had ever heard of tree-huggers

market forces, before anyone ever heard of tree-huggers, said Woody Coward, who gave an explanation of how Galiano's official community plan was formed.

Trust representative Margaret Griffiths said the Municipal Act requires that community plans, including zoning and subdivision bylaws, conform to Islands Trust policy.

A written statement from the island's other trustee, Diane Cragg, noted that a world-class resort does not conform to the Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate.

Geoff Gaylor told the meeting he had a petition with the signatures of 500 Galianoites opposing a large-scale development on Galiano Island which exceeds the limits of the community plan.

Millard explained a community purchase option where a land trust or private corporation could be set up to work towards purchasing all or part of MB's 7,800-acre hold-

ings. It would not be purchased for profit but for the benefit of the entire community.

The land trust could be assisted by conservation groups such as the Nature Trust of B.C., the Nature Conservancy of Canada, and possibly with government grants, such as Go B.C.

"The bulk of the purchase funds would come from some form of limited development, determined by the owners — the community. The corporation would oversee management of the land." For instance, some lands would be set aside for preservation, some for limited development and some for sustainable forestry, providing continuous employment for the community.

Millard said the concept of community purchase has been acknowledged by MB in several published statements and that CCA had two meetings with MB on the community land purchase option. The first meeting was friendly, Millard said, with both parties expressing opinions on the value of the MB holdings on Galiano.

At the second meeting, however, MB was hostile to the idea of community purchase. "MB stated its determination to proceed with development and that the community purchase option would only be considered if the development was not allowed."

Millard said it is simplistic to think that large-scale development or selling the land to foreign interests are the only options for MB's holdings. "Large-scale development holds out the possibility of excessive monetary gain for MB but at a tremendous loss to the quality of our community and totally out of keeping with our community plan and the mandate and policy of the Islands Trust.

"Selling to a foreign interest is a possibility but no competent business person would pay more than a fair price under current zoning restrictions."

## Accidents prompt bicycle warnings

SALT SPRING — Two similar collisions involving youngsters on bikes has prompted a reminder from police regarding bicycle safety.

Local RCMP are encouraging parents to emphasize to their children the need for care and caution while on a bicycle.

In both collisions youngsters failed to stop as they approached a main road and were struck by oncoming vehicles. Both of the young cyclists were taken to hospital and treated for injuries.

In the first incident, which occurred July 9, a five-year-old Salt Spring boy was struck by a car on Walker Hook Road.

A police spokesman said the youngster accessed Walker Hook Road from his driveway, without stopping to check for traffic.

Driver of the vehicle immediately took the youth to Lady Minto Hospital where he received stitches to his lip. He also suffered bruising.

In the second incident, a six-year-old was taken to hospital by ambulance and treated for bruises and cuts last Wednesday after he rode on to Charlesworth Road from Reid Road without stopping.

RCMP have available a short video entitled *Right Rider*, which teaches bike safety to children. Parents wishing to borrow the video should contacting Ganges detachment office.

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Harbours End, Ganges

## Upland owners pay 100% of seawalk

In last week's front-page story on construction of the Ganges Harbour waterfront walkway, it was mistakenly reported that businesses contributed about \$45,000 towards their section of the walkway.

In fact, that was the amount paid by Mouat's Trading Company Ltd. towards their section of the

public seawalk.

Upland owners are paying 100 per cent of the cost of the boardwalk where it fronts their properties.

B.C. Lottery Fund money is paying for the walkway where it fronts public land.

On Wednesday, July 26 at 4:30 pm there will be a

public meeting sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee to discuss the proposed seawalk.

At the meeting, scheduled for the Activity Centre, the two Salt Spring Island Trustees and members of the seawalk committee will discuss various concerns expressed by the community regarding the seawalk.

**to be frank**

by richards



ISLE OF ARRAN -- Just picture a small island, of 30 or so square miles. Lying off the mainland, it is protected by the larger islands lying to its west. Populated by a fair number of retired citizens, its main trade is tourism because a warm southern current rushes across the ocean to bring palm trees and temperate breezes to more northerly climes.

Just imagine that the island is not Salt Spring. It must be the Isle of Arran, off the west coast of Scotland. Arran lies some 400 or more miles to the north of Salt Spring Island, but it lies in the path of the Gulf Stream, streaking through the Atlantic to warm the island coastlines just as the obliging Japanese Current serves the Canadian west coast and islands.

Arran is reached by way of Glasgow, a two-hour journey by ferry and rail. A second, smaller vessel plies between the island and the Mull of Kintyre, a peninsula with road links to the northwest. The larger ferry makes half a dozen trips a day and the smaller, with its capacity of 12 cars, rather more. Last ferry at either end sails late afternoon.

It is likely that the dissimilarity of ferry services is responsible for the major differences between the Scottish island and Salt Spring. Arran maintains a population of about 4,000 souls, mostly Scots souls. This year-round figure goes up to 6,000 or more in summer when the tourists arrive.

Well-served with drinks, Arran offers dozens of hotels and restaurants, a bus service, with further hire facilities for more buses.

**Too distant for commuters**

Rolling hills and steeper hills to a height of nearly 5,000 feet add to the appeal of sea and shore. Evergreens are not rivals to the towering Douglas fir of the islands at home, but various types of pine and other evergreens cover much of the island.

Too distant for convenient travel, the island houses few commuters. The busy ferries carry more islanders in search of supplies from wholesalers for island consumption. The tourist trade rounds it all off.

There is a local newspaper, the Arran Banner, published Fridays from its office in Brodick, the port of entry from Ardrossan and probably the largest of the island's small communities.

There is one aspect to the Scottish island which cannot be matched on Canada's west coast. In addition to a number of ancient structures, there is a real live castle in which Scotland's classic royal hero, Robert Bruce, was imprisoned at one time. While some parts of Brodick Castle remain from the Scotland of 1,000 years ago, the main structure is 20th century and represents one of the most attractive and livable relics of a past era that I have seen in my travels.

**Framed lumber home not uncommon**

My sister-in-law will live in a conventional house of brick and block. The Arran home of framed lumber is not the first I have seen over here. Throughout the island such construction is to be seen everywhere. While on the English-Welsh border, a few weeks ago, I stayed in a brick-clad wood-built house and I would not have known it had the owner not told me.

A brick house is not really a tradition on the island. Original building material was stone. Stone is a fine material for building a house. In the old castles it has resisted many a cannonball and it is still standing and proud of its antiquity. In many a farmhouse the stone is of a newer era and a sharper hewing, but still bearing its burden with dignity. Stone resists weather, invader, bullet or ball, but it does not resist cold. Thank heaven for insulated lumber!

I left Arran with regret. I would have enjoyed seeing my family under their new roof and I enjoyed the feeling of insularity in a new setting. But I left with that sense of slight superiority which comes from knowing secretly that one has the whip hand and that a Canadian island is worth two in the Scottish bush. I didn't dare say so, however.

**Minister introduces act**

**Trustees' response is positive to amended Trust legislation**

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the adoption of a Trust policy, to guide planning and development approvals by local and provincial agencies. In other words, the Trust will democratically develop a policy to submit to the government, establishing a theme for the islands and determining the tone for future development here.

"The province is not ramming through a policy for the Trust," Newton said. "The Trust has a mandate and now it will set up a policy on it."



Nick Gilbert

**Victoria calls may be free**

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Bernice Benekritis said the telephone company will ensure that all customers on the islands are made aware of when and how to vote on the matter.

To qualify for one-way EAS, customers on Salt Spring and Pender met the following criteria: at least 60 per cent of islanders call Victoria at least once a month, three months out of four; and the distance between the exchanges involved does not exceed 40 (airline) miles.

According to the phone company, 16 routes on Vancouver Island qualify for one-way EAS, with proposed implementation dates in the 1990 to 1993 time period.

The new act also provides for the establishment of a Trust Fund Board, giving it a clear mandate and budgetary and support staff. The opportunity to create a Trust Fund, allowing the Trust to accept monetary donations and land title grants that are in keeping with its preserve and protect mandate, has been available for sometime, Newton said. The new act essentially enacts this opportunity.

Trust Board members will be appointed by the Trust Council and the minister of municipal affairs.

Another important aspect of the new Trust Act is its provision for the membership of new municipalities on the Trust Council. The act enables the Trust to regulate the use and development of land, and requires community plans to be consistent with Trust policy.

Through the new act, the Islands Trust Council — comprised of local and municipal trustees — is the principal body for the Trust's administrative and land use policy decisions.

Johnston said the new Islands Trust Act is based, to a considerable degree, on the findings of the Select Standing Committee, which invited public comment at meetings held on all of the major islands, and in Vancouver and Victoria.

Johnston said the committee found strong public support for the fielded numerous suggestions on Islands Trust and its mandate, and how the organization and its legislation could be improved.

The Trust was established in 1974 in response to growing urban pressure that threatened the unique environment of the Trust area. With the introduction of Bill 78 Islands Trust Act in 1989, says Stepaniuk, "the Islands Trust appears to have come of age."



John Stepaniuk

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## New Trust Act means no more forecasts

Forecasting can be an entertaining but generally useless exercise. Pride and self-satisfaction with a successful prediction provide one with entertainment of questionable value, questionable because it probably accomplished little.

And when a forecast goes awry, the fewer the people who heard it in the first place, the happier you are.

So we ought to know better.

Within days of last week's comment in this space about the gloomy prospects for the Islands Trust, the minister of municipal affairs presented the provincial legislature with a document that doesn't come close to threatening the islands' system of government.

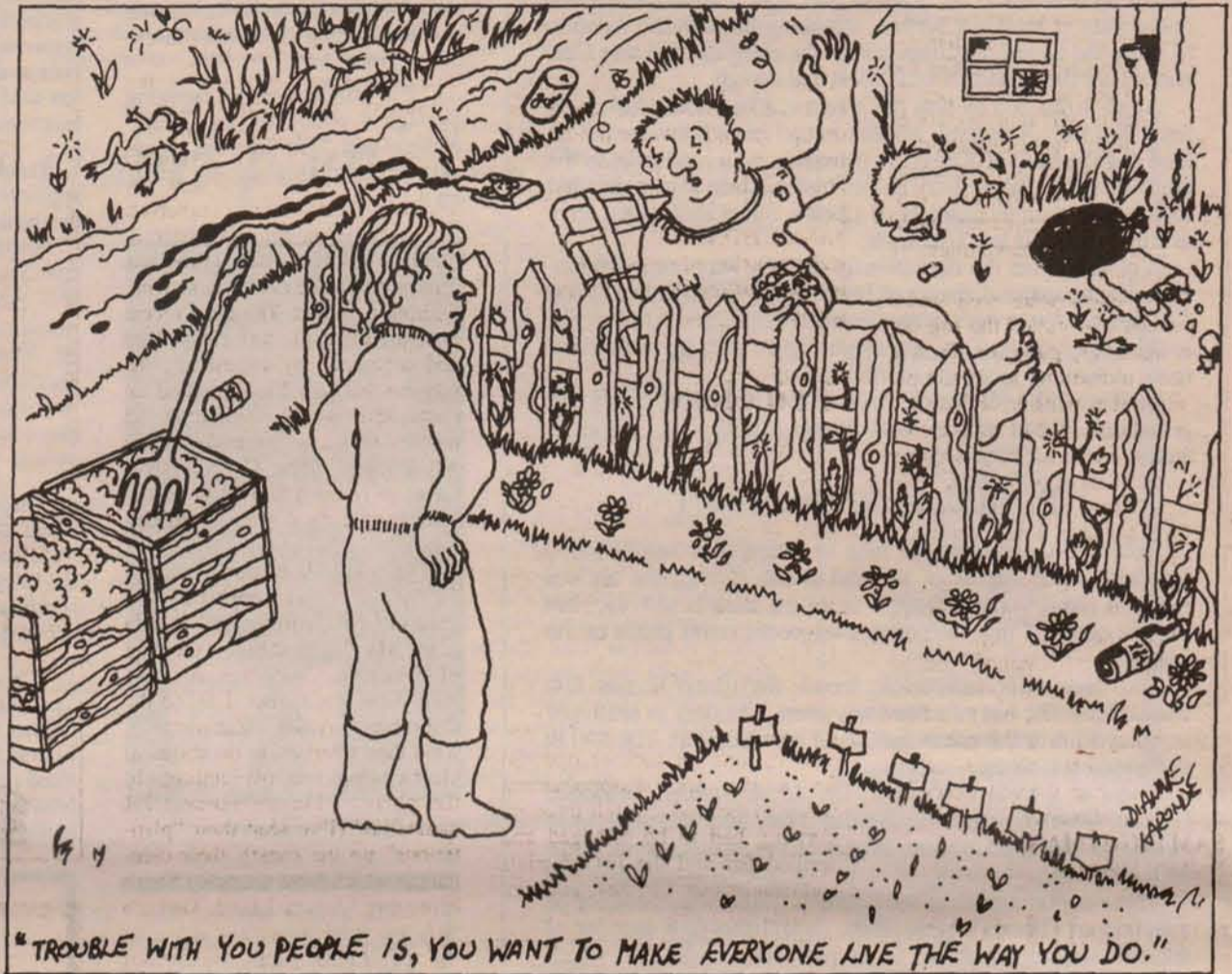
We said here that the silence surrounding the new legislation might be construed as an indication that the Trust's powers were to be limited. We expressed the suspicion that the Trust may once again be threatened by a government whose premier once wanted to severely limit its powers.

We were wrong. A cursory look at the new act indicates that the government is prepared not only to accept the Islands Trust but grant it further autonomy from the ministry of municipal affairs. It allows for the possibility of areas within the Trust to incorporate as municipalities.

It enables the Trust to accept donations of land and money through a Trust fund.

The legislation, a result of hearings by a legislative committee, reflects the widespread support enjoyed by the Islands Trust among the islanders it serves. The provincial government has obviously realized this fact, and acted accordingly.

More details on the act will be published next week. Meanwhile, we shall refrain from further predictions or prognostications, for the time being at least.



## Shall it be Salt Spring or Saltspring?

Salt Spring Island: one word or two?

Disagreement over how the name should be spelled has been around for as long as most of us can remember. Officially, it's Saltspring Island, although several phone calls to various government agencies last week failed to uncover just which officials are responsible.

The federal and provincial governments (with the exception of the Islands Trust) spell Salt Spring as one word, as does the Capital Regional District. The B.C. Ferry Corporation used to but has adopted the two-word spelling on schedules. The B.C. Telephone Co. also employs the two-word spelling.

Many years ago this newspaper raised the matter

of the spelling and it was subsequently resolved that Salt Spring Island it would be. Today, however, many businesses and organizations are using "Saltspring" in their name. In the B.C. Tel directory, in fact, there are more listings with the one-word spelling than there are with two.

We find few things in life as distasteful as inconsistency. If we are to adopt a certain procedure, let's stick with it. So do we go with the official designation of Saltspring. Or shall we stay true to form and go our own way with Salt Spring?

Or perhaps we should eliminate all disagreement and go back to the earlier name of Admirals Island. Your comments are welcome.

## Pounding keys tops list of strenuous work activities

By SUSAN DICKER

Physical labour is not something that is often required of a reporter. (Sure we run to the odd assignment, or trek up a hillside to a fire, but generally the most strenuous aspect of this occupation is borne by our fingers pounding the keyboard).

Every once in a while I get roped into undertaking the sort of work that leaves callouses and blisters on your hands, and renders muscles immobile for days down the road.

Usually, I'm more successful at the keyboard.

Last weekend, for example, I decided to offer my hand at deck building. (Sounds much better than it actually was — a few slightly

irregular lines of nails are my only contribution to this deck building project). It's a good thing I can laugh at myself, because everyone else will be laughing at the pretty "petal-type" patterns around the nails.

Who would have thought making a connection between a hammer-head and nail could be so challenging.

Then there was the wood-stacking incident a week or so ago.

I doubt sustaining injury from stacking wood is a common occurrence. And, if one were to get hurt from this chore, you'd think it would be serious — like having a 10-foot-high stack of small trees

fall on your head.

Not me. There I am, being totally macho, carrying a gigantic stump (maybe it was just a large piece of wood) into the old shed at the side of the house. Sure enough, I step on the wrong board and one leg goes crashing, thigh-deep, through the floor.

I left it there for a few moments to ensure that everyone got the full benefit of my mishap.

Earlier in the year, I offered my questionable shovelling skills in another of these home-improvement projects. For some time I put up with the apparent scrutiny of my partner, who seemed intent on

watching my every move (and swallowing the urge to chuckle, I imagine).

Eventually, I moved my hand to brush a strand of hair off my face, causing my male counterpart to bolt upright, eyes gleaming, and ask if I could possibly be wiping sweat from my brow. Not a chance, buddy.

(Even without buckets-full of sweat rolling off my forehead, the entire process of watching me perform this masochistic exercise seemed to satisfy him in some gleeful way).

The close proximity of the road did force me to keep up a fairly

good pace (this can be compared to the psychology of jogging, where a moderate, sauntering run — or even a walk — occurs while the road is empty; and the sound of an approaching motor causes one to burst forward in an energetic display of athletic prowess). Even if the shovels-full were less than full.

Whatever humiliation one might suffer at recounting experiences such as these, there are two sure things: key-pounding fingers don't ache for days to come, and you can bet there'd be some sweat on the keyboard if certain shovelling experts had to punch out a story by deadline.

letters

**Firm stance**

If Ms. Quist's letter to *Driftwood* last week is any indication, FOG is aptly named. She rewrites the history surrounding the disposal of MacMillan Bloedel's land on Salt Spring and then uses that misinformation as a reason why the Friends of Galiano support MB's plans for the defoliation and despoliation of the island. Some friend!

History does not show that Salt Spring would not co-operate with MB on the matter of the disposition of its holdings here. On the contrary, I personally took part in meetings with MB representatives at which plans were discussed to create a project which would demonstrate how well the company and the community could work together to achieve mutually satisfactory goals.

Those plans were well under way when MB pulled the rug out from under us, gave the Trust a 12-hour ultimatum to quadruple the allowable density or lose the lands and then sold them to a consortium which had been secretly assembled months before. MB literally threw us to the wolves. All this to save a few thousand dollars in taxes.

My advice to the residents of Galiano is that they come in out of the FOG and join forces with CCA to present a united front to MB — not necessarily in a confrontational posture, but in a firm stance that requires the company to live within the confines of the community plan the way everyone else on Galiano does.

**SAM LIGHTMAN,**  
Fulford Harbour

**Successful year**

On behalf of the parents and teachers of the Beaver Pt. Pre-school, I would like to thank those who helped to make this a successful and exciting year.

We will have lights and water by school opening in the fall. This has been made possible through fund-raising efforts and volunteer help from teachers and parents and the generosity of our community.

First of all I would like to thank all the people who contributed to our fund-raising auction and those who supported it. A very special thank you to David

Rainsford who generously volunteered his time and donated materials for the inside plumbing.

Thanks to Jonathan Yardley for his advice, Burritt Bros. for donating the carpet squares for our patchwork rug, and to all the parents who put in extra hours to help make things run smoothly.

I would also like to thank those who gave of their time and the use of their facilities for outings: Embe Bakery, the Ganges Village Market, Barb's Buns, the Coast Guard, the ferry crew, Dan Akerman for a fine tour of the fire department, Geoff Goldie for inviting us all aboard his fishing boat, Mike Byron for letting us tromp around his farm and all those whose contributions and good will helped to make a special year.

**JANET HOAG,**  
Representing parents and teachers of the Beaver Pt. Pre-school

**Priceless**

I would like to thank a member of our community for all the time, energy and skill he has donated to all of us.

Rick Laing has made a priceless contribution with his planning and building of the new recycling depot at the old Driftwood site on Rainbow Road.

It didn't come about easily. There was over a year of continuous meetings to attend to discuss options (or lack of options) for a site and disappointment when an assured site fell through. Funding had to be arranged and applied for and the list of trials and tribulations, I'm sure, goes on.

Hats off to Rick and the other people who were involved in the whole affair. Off to the depot!

**JOHN HERBERT,**  
Ganges

**No answers**

With regard to the question of Crofton mill, an information video on the overall pulp and paper mill situation in B.C. has been produced by the West Coast Environmental Law Association (co-sponsored by the coalition of groups fighting pulp mill pollution), and will be shown here in the near future. At that time, we

can perhaps gauge which direction to take. The Coalition recently met with Environment Minister Strachan, who was most agreeable, but charges against polluting mills are a long, drawn-out expensive process; in the meantime, as Randy Thomas' article illustrated (*Driftwood*, July 12), we are fighting the largest industry in Canada and the corporate connections are very strong.

Although one would think Fisheries, the Health Department, Tourism and the Department would all co-operate to ensure our success, our two-year battle goes on. Environment Canada is not "proactive" and functions basically as a screen for political and corporate interests. We probably should take them over and administer their budget ourselves. Think of the number of environmental causes the grassroots groups in B.C. have to deal with, without a budget. The most recent one, the oil spill, was cleaned up and organized by volunteers, the government still hasn't settled on costs and is commissioning \$3 million to study the issue. Some government! (The Conservatives have never been known to be environmentalists. I grew up in Ontario).

The highlight of this campaign for me has been an opportunity to confront the chairman of Noranda at the March shareholders meeting of Macblo in Vancouver. A friend loaned me his shares. I asked the chairman, Adam Zimmerman, what they intended to do about, a) clear-cutting and overcutting; b) the phoney "Forests Forever PR campaign" (I've seen their "plantations" up the coast); their campaigns which have alienated South Moresby, Meares Island, Galiano and Salt Spring, and c) the pulp pollution (their mill in Powell River is third worst in B.C.).

Zimmerman didn't answer any questions. I finished by asking how he got to be the chairman of the Task Force on the Environment. No response. In the period that followed, the board of directors really didn't answer any questions; they didn't discuss business profits and worst of all, they didn't serve coffee. So, there it is. These corporations are not responsible to the people and they don't care.

In any case, July 22, this Saturday at 5 pm, everyone is welcome to join the Sierra Club potluck at

Beaver Point Hall and meet members of other Sierra clubs; we'll celebrate what success we've had and discuss ongoing issues.

**SUE HISCOCKS,**  
Sierra Club,  
Ganges

— not visitors, but our own Island children.

Today I went into Ganges and bought three bike helmets for my own children. I urge every parent to do the same.

They are somewhat costly, but can we really afford *not* to purchase them? (There is no sales tax on them, at least.)

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**MOIRA BERGSTROME,**  
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Committee has examined many options

# Solid waste plan follows five-year study

By TOM GOSSETT

The important issue of Salt Spring's solid waste — how shall it be disposed of, on or off-island? — needs clarification.

The decision to transfer garbage off-island was made only after almost five years of study and detailed investigations of several solid waste disposal options available to Salt Spring Island.

Beginning in 1983 the Water Preservation Society, the Salt Spring Centre and others raised objections and concerns about the island landfill which was located in the Cusheon Lake watershed. Regional director Hugh Borsman took these concerns to the Capital Regional Board, and also formed a local committee to study solid waste disposal alternatives. Then in 1985 the Ministry of Environment asked the Capital Regional District (CRD) to provide a 30-year waste management plan for the region, including the Gulf Islands.

A committee was formed by the CRD in early 1986 to study the collection and disposal of garbage for the district. A subcommittee was formed at that time to study data for the Gulf Islands.

Part of the study involved two consultants: Cameron Advisory Services and UMA Engineering Ltd. and the latter evaluated possible landfill sites for Salt Spring Island.

## Committee was struck in 1986 to look at solid waste disposal

The mandate of the subcommittee was to study the best possible methods of solid waste management for the Gulf Islands including recycling, local landfills, transfer facilities to a regional landfill and local incinerators.

The subcommittee first dealt with the selection process for landfills and it was comprised of three steps. The first step was to screen Salt Spring Island on the basis of land use information. The outcome of this step was the formulation of candidate areas for potential landfill sites. The second step was to select potential sites within the candidate areas. The third was to determine the preferred sites.

The candidate areas were screened according to the following constraints: The subcommittee agreed to avoid watersheds for drinking water; ecological reserves and special wilderness areas; residential, commercial and institutional areas; parks and recreational areas.

Screening constraints of the study area for our island were established to mitigate the risks of involving human health and the aspects of social and environmental impact. Three areas were selected as potential landfill sites: one east of St. Mary Lake, one near Long Harbour and one just inside the Stowell Lake watershed.

The results of these and other studies by the subcommittee were made public at an open house held in Mahon Hall in April 1987. The public was able to see the various

## guest column

options open to Salt Spring Island for garbage disposal including a summary of possible landfill sites, incineration, recycling, composting, and transfer of garbage off-island and also compare the costs of each method.

Those islanders who attended the open house were asked to fill out a questionnaire indicating which method they would support. Almost everyone chose recycling and off-island transfer.

The subcommittee also asked for and received a submission from Norman Twa. His plan involved establishing a transfer station on his property at Blackburn Road and sending all garbage to the Hartland Road landfill.

After compiling all the pertinent data from the studies by the consultants and the subcommittee, the submission from Norman Twa, and the opinions of all islanders who attended the open house, the CRD decided against another landfill site.

As all selected sites were obviously publicly unacceptable it was decided instead to go for a comprehensive recycling program with transfer off-island of all solid waste not recycled to the Hartland landfill. In January 1989 this decision became part of the overall solid waste plan for the CRD.

The new Twa proposal to establish a new landfill on Mt. Tuam has never been formally proposed to the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee or to the CRD or to the Ministry of Environment. Moreover, any new landfill site would have to be a Level A landfill meaning strict environmental safeguards would have to be in place at all times including test wells for monitoring ground water, leachate control for surface waters, gas control, leachate treatment, and daily covering of all garbage.

Absolutely no burning would be permitted. All applications require long and intensive hydrogeological and environmental impact studies. Permit application time is between two and three years — no exceptions, and for good reason.

Environmental impact studies take time and they cannot be rushed for the sake of expedience. Piling garbage in an open pit, Salt Spring style, can no longer be accepted. Twenty or 30 years ago when we didn't know any better it was OK and we should all be thankful to the Twa family for doing this job when no one else wanted it.

However, we must ask ourselves, in view of the landfill hazards to the Cusheon Lake watershed which multiply every day, can we afford to wait two to three years for a new landfill application process with no assurances that the permit will be granted?

If an application for a new landfill is to be put forward then it should be done concurrently with the new transfer station in place and operating. In any case a transfer station will have to be built as Norman Twa's prospective site on Mt. Tuam is not accessible by an all-weather road, and it is too isolated for convenient use by island residents.

Where does Norman Twa, our local solid waste businessman, fit in to the plan? The committee and the CRD have kept Norman informed about its findings and decisions throughout the investigative process though conversations and correspondence.

In 1988 the CRD asked Twa to submit a cost proposal for a transfer station-recycling depot on his property together with operating costs for transfer of garbage to Hartland. Twa submitted his proposal to our local committee and the CRD. The regional district, upon appraising the figures presented by Twa, decided to go to public tender at a transfer station site selected in the Fulford area.

Transfer stations have virtually little or no environmental impact. The Fulford site was selected over four other sites because it met almost every criterion for selection. It is an excellent site but if a better site were proposed, the regional district would certainly look at it.

The minister of environment has stated that he will cancel the Twa-CRD landfill permit on Blackburn Road when an alternative solid waste disposal method has been brought forward by the community and the CRD. An overall solid waste plan has been decided upon after five years of study and public input.

The decision to transfer garbage to Hartland has been made. As part of the Capital Regional District, the Hartland landfill is just as much our island landfill as it is for Sidney, Sooke, Victoria and Oak Bay. More than that, it is a closely monitored Level A landfill with all the safeguards in place along with a large staff of engineers and scientists with a laboratory and testing equipment.

Aside from the site selection problems, can we on Salt Spring afford to have a Level A monitored landfill site? Close monitoring is the reason for the regional landfill concept, a concept that is widely accepted in the world today.

## Several on-island sites were examined for suitability

Local landfills such as ours on Salt Spring are being phased out because very little monitoring activities are being carried out by our provincial government.

The Recycling and Solid Waste Committee and the CRD are awaiting the return of public bids on proposals to transfer solid waste and recycling materials off-island. We plan to hold public meetings to outline our total program. The program will include a strong emphasis on recycling and reducing the volume of solid waste to be disposed of.

Each of us who lives on Salt Spring must ask how committed are we to recycling? Recycling holds the answer to solid waste problems all over the world. Salt Spring has been recycling in a small way for 12 years and now with help from the CRD, the "blue box" recycling program will be coming to our community soon.

A new recycling depot has just been opened in Ganges across from

the school and is geared up for large-scale participation by residents. Recycling drop-off receptacles will be located throughout the island for our convenience. Recycling is our big hope in reducing the volume of solid waste needing transfer.

Some communities in North America have achieved 70 per cent participation. The same can be done on Salt Spring Island.

The solid waste plan for Salt Spring is a good plan, affordable and environmentally sound and one

which will serve the island for many years to come.

It will be a plan that residents of Salt Spring will be proud of and a plan that may become a model for communities of similar size. The committee will explain its plan publicly after we have had an opportunity to put together all the relevant facts and figures. We can then debate the issue in public before going to the polls this fall.

Tom Gossett is chairman of the Salt Spring Island Recycling and Solid Waste Committee.

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# Islanders are tolerant, generous; there's no secret army out there

There was a guest column from John Lammers in *Driftwood* June 29. It was written in conjunction with his stepping down as a director of the Island Watch Society (IWS). He was trying to assess the efficacy of the IWS after its first year of operation, but he appeared to doubt that the society had been really effective — certainly not as effective as he had hoped. I think his expectations were too high.

The IWS at its inception was viewed as a possibly major influence in support of the Islands Trust and matters of environmental protection. My initial concern was that it might not stick to these admirable objectives, and attempt to steamroller over opposition on almost any public matter. My fears have so far been groundless, but I suspect that Mr. Lammers, and at least a few others, had hoped that the impact of the IWS would have been more overpowering.

For a fledgling operation I think the IWS has done a more than creditable job. It has extremely capable and energetic members devoting themselves to very worthwhile projects. I admire their efforts and have tried to assist them in varying ways, including giving the money from grants-in-aid. They can count on my continued support in the areas they are presently pursuing. So I differ with Mr. Lammers in his rating of the society in one year.

However, I now come to a more pertinent criticism of his views. He goes on to write about "a local economy driven by the desire for profit, and administered by untold

## director's report

by hugh borsman

developers." This supposedly results in "local residents feeling frustrated because the system doesn't allow them to influence the process in a beneficial way." The APC and the Islands Trust, and the hearings they conduct, clearly provide opportunity for influencing the process. Furthermore, can Mr. Lammers conceive of any system in which the profit motive can be successfully denied? We all work for profit. Even those who unfortunately depend on welfare, are receiving funds that resulted from someone making a profit.

His paranoia again shows when he writes: "There are two factions on the island. 'Ours' (his), and a largely invisible faction which has no public profile, and no defined structure," and yet, he believes, wields tremendous power. The unnamed group "operates on the principle that everything that makes money is eminently desirable."

I completely reject his views. After almost six years as the island's local government representative, I know enough about this island to categorically deny that any conspiracy exists by selfish, profit-motivated, greedy developers, or greedy business people, or greedy professional people, or any other group of people, greedy or otherwise. In fact, I consider that we are most fortunate in having a community

remarkably free of selfish people. As a group, Salt Spring Islanders are particularly tolerant, generous, compassionate, and very public-minded. So where does Mr. Lammers get the idea that there is a secret army out there that is intent on frustrating his aims and objectives?

First of all, we don't all have the same priorities. Secondly, most people go about their private lives without becoming involved in "causes," no matter how important they are to others. Thirdly, there are a significant number of people who take issue with some of the views expressed by the IWS. Interestingly, it is the people who were born here, or have lived most of their lives here, that are the most tolerant; i.e. they recognize change is continuous and inevitable. That is not to say that they, and all the rest of us, are not aware, and in accord with, any reasonable efforts to keep what we have more or less intact.

Finally, Mr. Lammers asserts, "whether we like it or not, this is a classical political struggle." This suggests that the IWS is on one side, and this faceless, unnamed establishment is on the other. I would be very disturbed to hear that the general membership of the IWS feels that they are a political group fighting the uninformed and uncaring "rest of us."

It can safely be said that this fortunately blessed community will be ill-served by the propagation of the attitude expressed by Mr. Lammers.

## Coliform counts taken

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has released the latest fecal coliform counts taken from Salt Spring Island lakes.

The results are as follows: Blackburn Lake, 4; Cusheon Lake, 11; St. Mary Lake, 16; Stowe Lake, 19; Vesuvius Beach, 35; and Weston Lake, 10.

The fecal coliform count is

an indicator of sewage pollution of water and subsequent risk of gastro-intestinal illness to swimmers. Beach warnings are posted when counts consistently reach or exceed 200 fecal coliform per 100 millilitres of water, or when values fluctuate dramatically.

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# Health care group on way to raising \$235,000 for new Galiano facility

**GALIANO ISLAND** — The health care centre fund-raising campaign was only an hour old when membership and money raised went up by five per cent.

About 50 people attended an information meeting at the Galiano Community Hall on Saturday, where the Galiano Health Care Society officially launched a fund-raising drive for a proposed \$235,000 health centre.

Initially designed for doctors and a dentist, it is hoped that facilities will eventually house optometric, physiotherapy, public health, chiropractic, holistic medicine, acupuncture, counselling and other services.

At the meeting \$6,800 was raised and membership in the non-profit society jumped by 11, bringing the total to 268 members. The society has its sights set on raising \$116,000 by canvassing 600-700 households and 70 or so businesses on the island. Off-island property owners will also be asked to make tax-deductible donations or pledges.

Lottery fund grants should come to \$78,300, while the group has over \$40,000 in hand.

"It's been a fascinating experience for the Lions, for all of us," said Health Care Society president Art Wood. "This is a good cause."

Over 600 written notices were sent out to Galiano Islanders describing the project. Other fund-raising events will include a North End benefit dinner on July 25 and a

raffle, co-sponsored by the Galiano Island Visitor's Association, for a trip for two to Mexico.

The centre will be located on two acres of 10-acre Bellhouse Field off Burrill Road. Negotiations for the land's purchase by the Lions is current'y under way. Wood said it has taken a year to get the Bellhouse property removed from the agricultural land reserve.

Tentative plans call for a 2,000-square-foot building, an ambulance building and a helicopter landing pad next door. Water taxis will also be used for rapid evacuation of seriously ill people.

In drawing up their plans the society looked closely at Mayne Island's and Pender Island's health care facilities. Wood said it doesn't pay to scrimp on construction costs because it could cost a lot more in the future to expand the building to accommodate other uses, such as x-ray, storage, labs, examination rooms and others.

"We'll take whatever people can afford to give," explained Lloyd Hoole, chairman of the fund-raising committee. He said between 60 and 70 people will be actively engaged in the campaign, which is expected to take about a month.

Wood said that if all goes according to plan construction should begin in the spring or summer of 1990. It was pointed out that there will not be any direct taxes to anyone on the island. Rather, operational costs for the centre will come from rent charged to the

professionals using the building.

Donations should be sent to Mimi Wishart, treasurer, Galiano Health Care Society, Box 95, Galiano, B.C. V0N 1P0. Tel. 539-5337.

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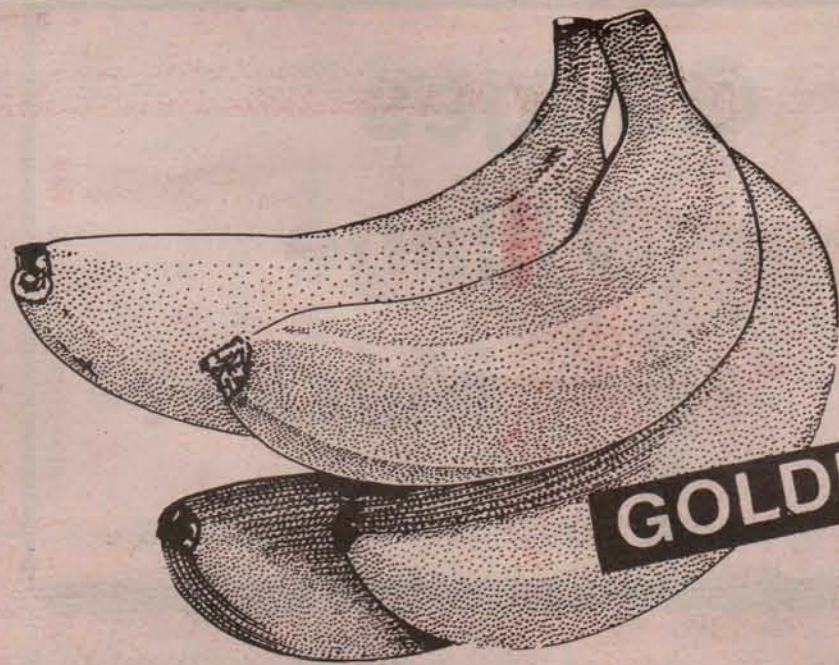
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The early worm gets the bird, they say! Or — just a minute — maybe it's the other way around.

Well, with a start like that, a fella could write about almost anything. So what about the Farmers' Market on Saturday morning. Picture yourself, groggy, at 4 am, the dim pre-dawn sock gradually lifting like a giant eyelid to permit the entry of filtered rays into a colourless room. Sensors say there's no rain yet, so you stumble to the wash basin, then to a pre-arranged rendezvous with car keys, wallet, sun screen, and hat.

The old VW van coughs cold into the resistant morning silence. The five-minute jaunt is hazardless at that hour and is just enough time to stretch reflexes. If you're the first to arrive, Centennial Park is bleak but very shortly warms to the relaxed musings of other vendors.

Thermos coffee and muffins are shared with a friend. Reflections concentrate on the last episode of *Thirty Something* or how life was in the wilderness areas of Kitsilano and Jericho Beach at six years old, and how it is now.

**Vendors, early risers out and about**

It's about 7:30 and displays are being set up. Vendors and early risers are wandering about, checking for rare finds and special bargains. Real sales don't get rolling until around 10 am.

Sales are important, but there is more. The plastic bag culture and the checkout counter are absent. Communication is a prerequisite for purchase. The Saturday Market is an information brokerage, where on any given day, you may interact with an assistant curator of the Vancouver Art Gallery, or an enterprising resident wishing to make productive use of a backyard clay deposit. The conversation strays from clay processing and flower pot making to historical notes on brick and tile manufacture on James Island and the extinct pozzolan plant on Salt Spring.

**Some think purely of economics**

Inevitably, you encounter the purely economic thinker, one who cannot value that aspect of a whimsical flower pot that provides delight for the mind as well as shelter for the vegetable. As you rationalize afterwards, that function is not merely an issue of moisture transmission, breathing capacity and drainage efficiency, but also one of humour and exhilaration over form and colour in the context of the plant's character and the home environment.

Well I could go on till the market ends in the early afternoon, but have you heard about the Salt Spring Centre for the Arts? The early bird in this undertaking is the Centre for the Arts Committee whose proposal is to build a 250-seat theatre plus gallery, exhibition and workshop space for visual art activities. The site favoured for this development is the 1.17-acre subdivided portion of Mouat Park on the northwest corner of the Jackson-Seaview Avenue intersection.

**It's now or never for arts centre**

With the acquisition of two adjacent, privately owned quarter-acre lots, the proposed art centre will be making a net contribution to the park acreage instead of a subtraction. In addition, the Ganges creek linear park would be extended through the development providing a natural pedestrian access from the Ganges core area.

The feeling afoot is "now or never" for a community-operated arts centre in the village. Other developments are proceeding rapidly, and the economic justification for an arts centre would decline if pedestrian access became awkward.

With the present proposal, evening art centre activities in summer months would encourage pedestrian tourist participation from boaters and campers alike, as well as from downtown residents of new condominium developments.

Extended restaurant hours are envisaged as audiences enjoy before and after event relaxation.

This proposal is a vital step in the net addition of quality arts facilities on this island: one that could vault the arts community into a national level of excellence. But only if this vision is appreciated and supported by residents and the business community.

Next time you go to a Festival of the Arts event or Artcraft or any of the island galleries, pick up the blue information sheet giving you the opportunity to voice your moral and, if you wish, financial support to this project.

**On Knowledge Network**

**College to offer telecourses this fall**

Gulf Island residents will be offered three "made in B.C." visual arts telecourses, beginning this September.

Emily Carr College of Art and Design (ECCAD) and the Open University will present *Contemporary Art in Canada, Colour—An Introduction*, and *Mark and Image* through facilities of the Knowledge Network.

The course will be offered for credit to those working towards a college diploma or university degree. They will also be available on a non-credit basis for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

Participants will use television presentations in conjunction with home-study materials and telephone tutoring to complete the course.

ECCAD telecourse program director Elisa McLaren said the courses mark an important part of an effort to provide quality arts instruction to all British Columbians, and not just those living in the Lower Mainland.

"With (the telecourses) we offer people in Ganges many of the educational benefits which were previously available only to those attending our Vancouver campus," she said.

*Mark and Image* presents a new approach to drawing. Instructor Tom Hudson — dean emeritus at ECCAD — works with a group of students in the studio to illustrate a variety of mark-making techniques.

Hudson also hosts *Colour—An Introduction*, which recently won a coveted Ohio State Award for excellence in educational television. It presents the theory and practice of colour in a wide range of applications. The course is intended for all those who work with colour, and is now closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.

The third telecourse — *Contemporary Art in Canada* — presents a

broad overview of the lives and work of significant artists in this country. It provides a new perspective for those whose focus may have been dominated by the European art experience.

*Contemporary Art in Canada* is a two-semester course, which continues through the spring of 1990.

Both other courses will run for a single semester.

Registration deadline for those enrolling in telecourses is August 22. Further information may be obtained from the Open University, at 660-2221 or toll-free 1-800-663-9711, or from ECCAD, at 687-2345.

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**Grant information offered**

Visual artists, curators and critics are invited to an information session to be hosted by the Canada Council.

The informal information session on Canada Council programs for "A" Grants, "B" Grants, Project and Travel Grants will take place at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria,

1040 Moss Street, at 5 pm next Tuesday.

Artists wishing to meet on an individual basis with an officer may make an appointment at the information session.

These individual meetings will take place the following day, with the location confirmed at the time the appointment is made.





Members of Miles Black Sextet, on the bill for Thursday at Ganges

## Music, dance, poetry on tap this week

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instrumentals on Friday. The troupe of more than eight performers, who come from the ancient city of Xian in north central China, is billed as family entertainment.

Their instrumentals range from a solo on the four-stringed pi-pa, to various wind instruments such as the Beijing opera fiddle, the two-stringed Chinese fiddle and the Canton fiddle and flute. Customs of the Chinese working people are seen in some of their performances.

Tickets are \$8, \$5 for children under 12. Curtain time is 8 pm at the Ganges Activity Centre.

Jennifer Mascall will share the bill Saturday with Salt Spring's Turnagain Dance Collective. Mascall, who has choreographed over 40 works for herself and dance and theatre companies, has won various awards for her work, including the Canada Council's Jacquelin Lemieux Award.

She has also published a collection of dance notes from 60 North American choreographers, entitled *Footnotes*. For the festival Mascall will do a solo dance performance of original work which she has just recently choreographed.

The Turnagain Dance Collective will offer a selection of new works for the festival. Members include Sue Bowler, a local entertainer with training and performance experience in tap, ballet and jazz; Mike Krayenhoff, a graduate of the Simon Fraser University dance program; Robbyn Scott, a teacher and performer who has danced throughout the United States, Europe and the Caribbean; and Yarrow Sheehan, who has studied modern dance with Anna Wyman in Vancouver.

Anna Haltrecht will perform as

a guest of Turnagain. She co-founded Metropolis Dance Company and teaches dance.

Tickets for the Evening of Dance, scheduled for the Activity Centre, are \$8.

Poetry readings on Sunday at Off Centre Stage will round out the week's activities. The poets:

↳ Montreal-born Doug Beardsley studied English at York University and creative writing at the University of Victoria. He has lectured in English, creative writing and poetry at schools across Canada.

Several of his works have been

published, including the book *Country On Ice*, the story of Canada's attraction to hockey.

↳ Maxine Gadd, born in England in 1940, came to England five years later and grew up in Kitsilano. She attended the University of B.C. where she received a Bachelor of Arts in 1962.

A fringe radical during the late 60s at Simon Fraser University, she lived until recently on Galiano Island. She is now in Vancouver writing poetry.

Tickets for the evening are \$6.

All festival events, unless otherwise noted, begin at 8.30 pm.

### Field of Dreams

## Gem of a Hollywood movie

SALT SPRING ISLAND — *Field of Dreams* is the movie scheduled for Central Hall this Friday through Monday, July 21 to 24.

A gem of a Hollywood movie, this film is the screen version of former Victoria writer W.P. Kinsella's book *Shoeless Joe*.

Obviously a labour of love, this production requires a considerable stretch of the imagination: the hero hears voices, sees signs, chases portents, and watches a team of phantoms play baseball on a field he has constructed for reasons unknown to himself.

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## Guilty of parking infraction

Judge A.E. Filmer found a Victoria man guilty of obstructing traffic after he parked outside the Credit Union in Ganges, in a location near the spot taken by vehicle in photo. Charles Clarke was fined \$10 for the Motor Vehicle Act violation. See story below.

### Parking in front of Credit Union

# Ticket protester won't give up

SALT SPRING — A Victoria man who lost his fight over a parking ticket in Ganges provincial court last week says he will not close the door on the issue.

Charles Clarke, who was issued a \$50 ticket for parking outside the Credit Union in Ganges and therefore obstructing traffic on the long weekend in May, argued his case before Judge A.E. Filmer on July 11.

Clarke argued that drivers parking in that area were not warned of its illegality because only remnants of yellow paint remained on the curb and there was no No Parking sign.

Judge Filmer said the existence of a yellow curb or No Parking sign was irrelevant because the ticket was issued for obstructing traffic.

The Crown's case, defended by Duncan highway patrol officer Wally Beatty, used photographs of

vehicles crossing the double, solid centre line in order to safely pass a car parked outside the Credit Union.

RCMP Constable Brian Brack, who issued the ticket, told the court vehicles parked in that location disrupted the flow of traffic, at a time when the downtown area was heavily congested due to the holiday weekend.

"Vehicles travelling in the same lane had to go into the oncoming lane to avoid hitting the parked vehicles," he said.

Speaking in his own defence, Clarke said he drives a "classic" car and is fussy about where he parks. He saw a vehicle pull out from a spot in front of the Credit Union, and he pulled in.

"It has become a matter of principle for me," he said. "I think it is unfair to be ticketed for something you haven't been warned off."

Under cross-examination by Beatty, Clarke said he did not pay attention to whether or not vehicles had to cross the centre line to avoid hitting his vehicle. He said it was not until he took photographs the following week that he noted that was the case.

Clarke said he measured a 14-foot span from the curbside to the first centre line. He said his vehicle was approximately six feet wide, leaving eight feet for cars to negotiate a pass.

Judge Filmer said that although the issue is a subjective one in Clarke's mind, he had to determine whether an infraction occurred under the section of the Motor Vehicle Act in question. He said judging from photographs taken by both parties, it was apparent that parking in that location impedes other traffic. He ruled a violation had occurred, and fined the accused \$10.

Meanwhile, a second individual who argued against a similar ticket issued the same day, was found not guilty of obstructing traffic. As Brian Roy pointed out, his vehicle — an MG — only measures four feet, 10 inches in width. Therefore, he said, his vehicle could in no way obstruct traffic. Judge Filmer agreed and dismissed the charge.

Outside the court Clarke told *Driftwood* he feels it is the RCMP's duty to inform the highways department should a curbside need repainting. He said he will continue his fight on the issue by writing letters to various authorities.

### By regional district

# Permit fee hike planned

It will be more expensive to build in the Capital Regional District if new building permit fees are approved.

If a proposed bylaw is adopted by the CRD and approved by the provincial government the new fees would be as follows:

There would be a flat fee of \$20 for work valued between \$100 and \$1,000. Above that, for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof and not exceeding \$5,000, the fee would be \$12.

For work valued between \$1,001 and \$200,000 the fee would be \$12 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof.

Above \$200,000, permits would be the same as current fees, costing \$5 for each \$1,000 in value.

Currently, permits cost \$20 for the first \$1,000 of work. If the total value of the work is between \$1,001 and \$200,000 permits cost \$9 for each additional 1,000 square feet.

But Bill Smith of the CRD's building inspection office in Langford says there are "quite a few variables" in calculating permit costs. For instance, \$1,000 is deducted from the value of the building if there is no basement. And construction costs of the first


floor in a building is valued at \$45 per square foot; \$30 per square foot for the second floor, and \$30 for additional floors.

Permits for plumbing, sewers, fireplaces, chimneys and solid fuel burning appliances, and for building demolition and other details, will also be subject to fee increases if the proposed bylaw is implemented.



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# COURT REPORT

## Refusing to leave pub costs Salt Spring Island man \$100

SALT SPRING — A local man was fined \$100 when Judge A.E. Filmer found him guilty last week of refusing to leave a licensed premise.

Richard Rockliffe of North End Road pleaded not guilty to the offence, which occurred April 12 at the Harbour House Hotel pub.

RCMP Constable Brian Brack told the court he observed the accused attempting to start a motorcycle outside the pub prior to the offence taking place. He felt Rockliffe was too impaired to drive and called for a taxi.

Brack said he returned to the pub at approximately 12:30 am the same night, and saw the accused at the bar, trying to order a drink. Rockliffe was told he would not be served and was asked to leave the premises.

When he refused to leave, he was placed under arrest.

Speaking in his own defence, Rockliffe told the court he had intended to stay in one of the hotel's rooms for the night. Therefore, when Brack asked if he was refusing to leave the premises, he said yes. Had the officer asked if he was

refusing to leave the bar, Rockliffe said, he would have answered no.

Judge Filmer said the question was put to Rockliffe in an appropriate manner. He said he had no problem with the Crown's evidence, and fined him \$100.

**Trespassing on a former girlfriend's property cost a Salt Spring man \$100.**

Andre LaFlamme, 37, of Jackson Avenue, pleaded guilty to loitering on someone's property without lawful excuse when he appeared before Judge A.E. Filmer in Ganges provincial court last week.

The Crown's evidence said local RCMP received a complaint at approximately 2:31 am on May 2, after the accused showed up "drunk and causing problems" at the residence of a woman he had lived with for two years.

Judge Filmer fined him \$100.

**A Vancouver man was found not guilty of impaired driving when Judge A.E. Filmer said he had reasonable doubt as to whether the individual was in fact driving.**

Charges were laid against 19-

year-old Richard Mark Andrews, following his involvement in a single motor vehicle accident in August of last year, which took place on McGill Road at the north end of Salt Spring.

The Crown's evidence indicated Andrews denied driving the vehicle, which had apparently fish-tailed on an S-turn, hit an embankment and flipped on to its roof. Two other males at the scene said the driver was up the road at a cabin. When they returned with a third male, each denied driving, and nodded in the affirmative when asked if Andrews — the registered owner of the vehicle — was the driver.

In his summation, Judge Filmer said he was not satisfied Andrews was the driver. He said the Crown could have called witnesses to testify on this point.

The judge also questioned the existence of "reasonable and probable" grounds for making a breathalyzer demand.

In examining the "totality of the evidence," Judge Filmer said, he was left with reasonable doubt and found the accused not guilty.



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### Coastline Challenges program is lauded

## Youngsters get glowing reports

SALT SPRING — Ganges provincial court heard glowing reports last week on three young offenders who appear to be headed in the right direction.

Judge A.E. Filmer said he was happy to terminate the probation orders of two youths, and refrained from adding to the probation period of the third.

In each case, Sidney probation officer Neil Pearce described to the court the positive steps taken by the youths.

A report from the Coastline Challenges Outward Bound program in Metchosin played a major role in the judge's sentencing of a 14-year-old, who had pleaded guilty to shoplifting.

Pearce told the court it was one of the "more outstanding" reports he had read, especially considering the youth had performed better than youngsters older than himself. Pearce said the youth, who cannot be identified under the terms of the Young Offenders Act, is beginning to understand "crime does not pay."

Judge Filmer agreed the Coastline Challenges report was "excellent." He did express concern over the timing of the offence, which occurred immediately following an appearance in court by the youth. He decided the sentence would not include an extension of the probation order, but fined him \$50.

Pearce said a second youth who appeared before the court had matured a great deal since he received a stiff probation order last May. He said the youth had paid restitution, completed the Coastline Challenges program and community work service, and toured the Vancouver Island Regional Correctional Centre.

A third youth has undergone a "remarkable" change in attitude and behaviour since completing a residential behavioural program on the Mainland, Pearce told the court.

He said both youths had justly earned early termination of their probation orders.

Judge Filmer agreed and said he was happy to terminate both probation orders as of that date.

## Police have baskets vandal suspect

Ganges RCMP have apprehended an individual they believe was involved in vandalizing a number of hanging baskets at the Ganges Pharmasave several weeks ago.

The suspect is a 17-year-old, who cannot be identified under the terms of the Young Offenders Act.

The local youth will appear in court later this summer.

Ten hanging baskets outside the Pharmasave were vandalized during the night of June 28-29. At that time police estimated damage to the baskets, which were ripped apart, at approximately \$300.



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*This is the greatest week in the history of the world since the creation.*

Richard M. Nixon, then-president of the United States, mouthed those sentiments 20 years ago, on the 24th of July, 1969. He should have been right, but he wasn't, and I've never quite been able to figure out why.

He was talking about the Space Race and the fact that, after several years of frantic effort and the application of some 24 billion American dollars, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had successfully placed a human bootprint on the face of the moon.

It was a heady moment. American astronauts had managed to reach out and touch a heavenly object about which humans had written songs and poems for as long as we've been able to gaze upward and wonder about that silent, silver orb in the night sky.

**Was there anything we couldn't do?**

President Nixon's words did not seem pompous or overblown in 1969. They seemed appropriate — understated, even. Putting men on the moon felt like a human achievement on a par with the discovery of fire, or the invention of the wheel. If we could put men up there and bring them back, was there anything we could not do?

That same week, American writer and philosopher Norman Cousins wrote: "The message from the moon which we have flashed to the far corners of this planet is that no problem need any longer be considered insoluble."

Back in 1969 that didn't seem preposterous at all, and yet, 20 years later it makes you want to shake your head at the collective naivete of humanity.

What happened?

Well, for the Americans, Vietnam happened. And an international oil crisis, and a president who claimed that he was not a crook, but clearly was. There were also Russians in Afghanistan, Chinese in Cambodia, Contras in the White House basement, a mad Ayatollah in everyone's nightmares and sundry other headaches, from AIDS to stagflation, that wouldn't go away no matter how many Yankee greenbacks were thrown at them.

**Astronauts not quite adequate to occasion**

Then there was the problem of the astronauts themselves. Brave as they undoubtedly were, they just didn't seem adequate to the occasion. We had achieved the impossible! We had put men on the moon, dammit! And what did they do when they got there?

They spouted cliches and golfed.

The moment called for a canvas from Picasso, a soliloquy from Shakespeare, a symphony by Beethoven.

Instead we got an inter-office memo from Shipping and Receiving.

Watching the banal antics of the astronauts, another American by the name of Michael Rossman wrote: "Torn between joy and despair, I thought, those graceless clowns, with their locker-room boy's toys society and poetry of Gee Whiz, they're supposed to represent me?"

**Now it seems so flat**

Maybe that's why, 20 years later, it all seems so flat, so anti-climactic.

Shouldn't be. You'd think the 20th anniversary would be an international holiday with gala celebrations at the NASA Hall of Fame, televised around the world — by satellite, of course. But there is no NASA Hall of Fame as far as I know, nor is there anything similar for Soviet cosmonauts in Moscow. About all I've seen by way of celebration is the re-issue of a couple of old video documentaries, both of them made more than a decade ago.

I remember that summer of '69 when I, like every other human being with access to a television screen, sat mesmerized by the bleary, wavering signal that showed what looked like luminous deep-sea divers walking in a gravel pit.

Live from the moon.

If you'd told me then I would live through a summer in which a movie about Batman, a second-rate comic book character, would receive more hype and hoopla than the 20th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon, I'd have dismissed you as, well . . .

A lunatic, I suppose.

# Impaired driver ordered to attend Nanaimo centre for treatment

Judge A.E. Filmer said rehabilitation would be the primary incentive in the sentencing of a woman "with a serious medical condition," who pleaded guilty to a "serious offence."

The Pender Island resident, who is not being identified due to extenuating family circumstances, pleaded guilty to charges of impaired driving and refusing to provide a breath sample when she appeared before Judge Filmer on July 12.

Because the January 22 incident marked the accused's third refusal to provide a breath sample, she faced an automatic period of incarceration.

Defence counsel Jim Pasuta argued, however, that incarceration would be detrimental to her unstable condition.

The Crown's evidence indicated that a number of witnesses observed the accused driving northbound on Fulford-Ganges Road at approximately 3:30 pm January 22. The car weaved from one side of the lane to the other, straddling the centre line, forcing oncoming traffic on to the shoulder of the road.

Statements made by witnesses at the Long Harbour ferry terminal said the woman drove past the ticket booth and attempted to board the ferry. She was sent back to the booth, and knocked over cones as she backtracked.

RCMP Const. Chris Bomford attended the scene and formed the opinion that the woman was severely impaired. The accused was taken back to the RCMP detachment, where she refused to provide a breath sample.

Crown counsel Derek Lister said she was fined \$300 in 1985 and \$600 the following year for refusing to provide a breath sample.

Having had the benefit of numerous discussions with the defence, Lister said, the Crown was seeking to avoid the 90-day jail sentence. He requested, however, that she have her driver's licence suspended for at least one year.

Pasuta said discussions with an alcohol counsellor and a Pender Island doctor revealed the accused was an "intelligent, likeable" person who suffered from depression and an abused past. He said the court should focus on treatment rather than punishment, and directed the court's attention to a women-only, residential alcohol treatment home in Nanaimo as a suitable location for the accused to attend.

On count one (the impaired driving charge), Judge Filmer fined the accused \$300, suspended her

driver's licence for a period of one year and placed her on six months' probation. (Terms of the probation order include attendance at the Maiya House in Nanaimo).

The judge said he would withhold sentencing on the refusal charge until he could see reports from a probation officer and a Maiya House counsellor.

**THIS WEEK IN RECREATION**

**LADIES' SOFTBALL:** Wed., July 19: Crackers vs Accentrix, Portlock; Gamblers vs Derelicts, Fulford. Mon., July 24: Gamblers vs Crackers, Portlock; Derelicts vs Accentrix, Fulford. Rained-out games will be made up July 25-28.

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*In provincial court*

# Four fined for impaired driving

SALT SPRING — Three Salt Spring men were fined \$475 dollars each and forced to surrender their drivers' licences for 12 months, after appearing before Judge A.E. Filmer in Ganges provincial court last week on charges of impaired driving.

A fourth man, who was charged with the same offence prior to April 1 of this year when the mandatory licence suspension increased from six to 12 months, will pay the \$475 fine, but only lose his licence for six months.

John Albert Jewell, 46, of Victoria Street, pleaded guilty to the offence, which occurred on May 2 at approximately 11 pm.

Crown Counsel Derek Lister told the court Ganges RCMP were attending a motor vehicle accident on Tripp Road at Vesuvius Bay Road, when the accused was seen approaching irregularly in a vehicle.

The Crown's evidence indicated Jewell was combative and unco-operative with police once taken to the local detachment.

As he handed down the sentence, Judge Filmer said it was apparent to him that the accused was highly impaired at the time the offence occurred.

Ganges resident Herbert Johann Durlinger, 32, of Bulman Road, also pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving, which resulted from an incident on May 27 at 12:20 am.

According to the Crown's evidence, a local RCMP officer was southbound on Fulford-Ganges Road when he noted a vehicle weaving from the right-hand shoulder of the road, across the centre line, into the oncoming lane and back again.

The accused, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, showed signs of impairment when approached by police. The Crown told the court Durlinger has no prior record.

Durlinger told Judge Filmer that it was the first time he had consumed alcohol for several years and that he was unused to its effect.

Also appearing for impaired driving was 22-year-old Peter Kenneth William Collins. The Tripp Road resident pleaded guilty to the charge which resulted from an incident on June 1.

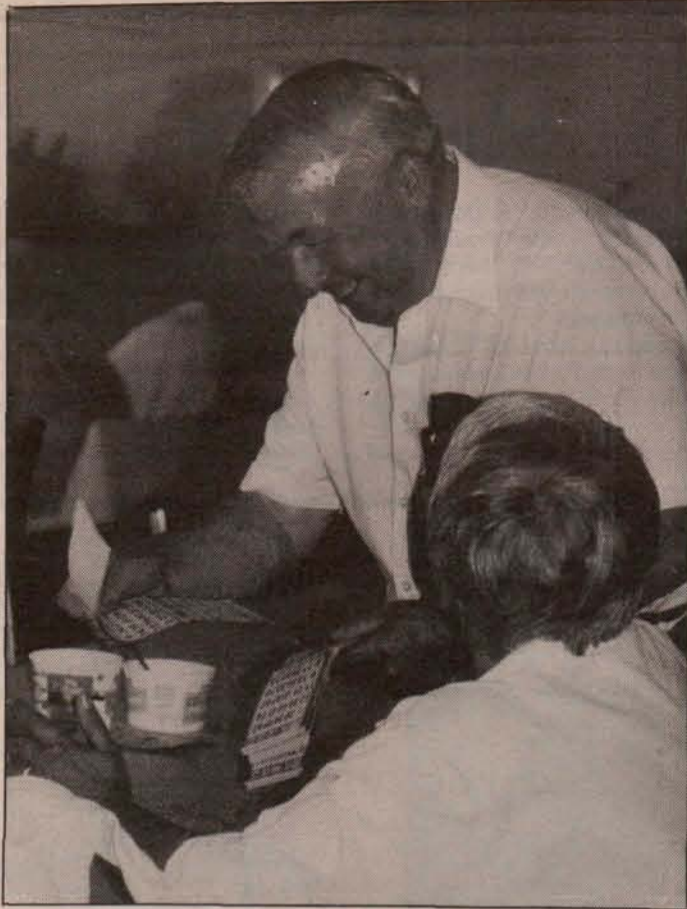
The Crown's evidence indi-

cated Collins' vehicle struck a car parked at Grace Point in Ganges at approximately 5:30 pm. Witnesses in the parked car said the accused appeared highly intoxicated — a fact substantiated by sobriety tests undertaken by the RCMP at the accident scene.

As Judge Filmer handed Collins the fine and licence suspension, he noted the accused would also be responsible for the cost of damage

to the second vehicle and any injuries sustained by its occupants: insurance claims are invalidated if an accident occurs due to impaired driving.

Victoria resident Morris John Bunyan also pleaded guilty to impaired driving. The 21-year-old will pay a \$475 fine and refrain from driving for six months as a result of the offence, which occurred last September.



## Under the R, Rotary Bingo

Salt Spring Islanders and visitors were out to try their luck at the bi-monthly Rotary Bingo, held last Thursday at Meaden Hall in the Legion. At top, Rotarian Rod MacDonald sells bingo card to player Stella Vreim, while below, Don Slotten calls out the lucky numbers. Proceeds from bingo fund various local projects of the island Rotary Club.

## Openings for auxiliaries

The Ganges RCMP detachment is looking for two individuals interested in volunteering time as auxiliary constables.

To qualify for the position, which is open to both men and women, the applicant must be 21 years of age or older, and interested in law enforcement.

During a six-month training period, the auxiliary constable will learn a variety of skills, from the use of firearms to legal training.

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**Aeration system working**

# Signs of improved water quality at St. Mary Lake

By MIKE LARMOUR

After several seasons of operation there are some encouraging signs that the aeration system at St. Mary Lake might be starting to improve water quality.

A joint effort of the Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Ministry of the Environment and the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, the aeration system is aimed at improving water quality for both drinking water and fisheries purposes.

For drinking water purposes, the objective is to maintain dissolved oxygen in the bottom half of the lake during the summer and fall, when it is normally low or absent. This accomplishes two things: it prevents the formation of hydrogen sulphide (which can give a strong "rotten egg" taste to the water) and it also eliminates iron and manganese compounds which can cause staining.

Even more important, maintaining dissolved oxygen in the water next to the bottom sediments helps to reduce the amount of phosphorus that is "recycled" back into the lake from the sediment, by forming an insoluble phosphorus compound, thus reducing the key nutrient that

causes algae to grow in the lake.

Algae may cause taste and odour problems, discoloured water, filter clogging, etc. The St. Mary Lake study, published in 1983 by the Ministry of Environment, identified the bottom sediments as the largest source of nutrient input to the lake.

Last year, with improved dif-

fusers, the aeration system was able to add approximately 600 kg of oxygen to the lake per day, and this maintained dissolved oxygen at the bottom above the critical level.

Total phosphorus levels in the lake for a period in the spring are a good indicator of the amount of algae that may grow in the lake during the summer. This spring,

total phosphorus levels are one-half or less the levels found during 1980, 1981 and 1982, indicating the probability of fairly good water quality this year.

Because a lake like St. Mary is subject to great annual variations in quality due to weather conditions, it is too soon to make any judgments about the effectiveness of

aeration. However, it is known that aeration has proved helpful under similar circumstances elsewhere, and so there is a reasonable expectation of improvement in water quality here.

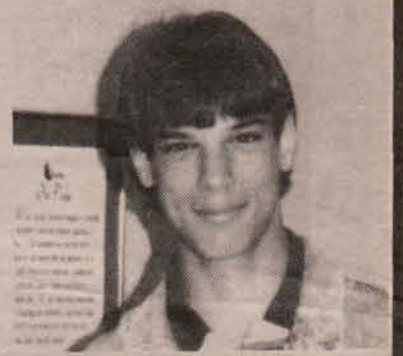
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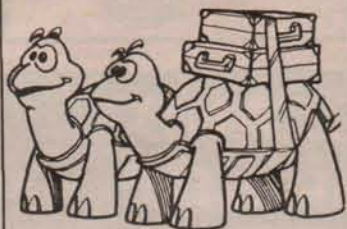
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