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Fishing at the fair

Christian and Varuna Tulloch take a second look at the United Church fair fish pond, tightly holding on to their "catch." The two youngsters were part of a large number of

children and adults who attended the fair under sunny skies Saturday. The fair offered a variety of sale items plus several games for the children. Related photo, Page A7.

Regional director for six years

Hugh Borsman steps down from CRD due to poor health

SALT SPRING — After six years of actively representing Salt Spring Island on the Capital Regional District (CRD) board, director Hugh Borsman tendered his resignation last week.

"Even though I knew it was coming, it was a pretty sad time when his resignation was announced," alternate director Ron McQuiggan said Monday. "Many people feel there is a big loss here."

Borsman, who was first elected to the CRD in 1983 and has held the position longer than any other regional director on the island, resigned from the board due to ill health. His resignation was effective August 15.

Borsman told *Driftwood* he has been "very happy" representing Salt Spring as regional director. He described the experience as worthwhile and interesting.

"There have been a lot of good people from the community working on a large number of projects," he added.

Borsman plans to remain active via the telephone on a number of island projects, and remains confident that the two issues currently in the limelight here will be resolved.

"Believe it or not," he said, "I don't think the issue of solid waste is going to become hugely conten-

tious. There are only so many things that can be done. There can't be a lot of controversy over it because there are not enough options available."

Borsman also hopes and believes the Ganges seawalk will go ahead.

With regard to health, Borsman remains an advocate of the creation of a health services society — something he lobbied extensively for in his position of regional director — but says the time is not yet right. The proposal, which was based on the amalgamation of the Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital boards, was turned down

at the two societies' annual general meetings.

Borsman feels, however, that the formation of a health services society without the involvement of one or both of the institutions is probably a "waste of time." He said an association could offer a forum for discussion and support, but needs the financial backing provided by the government through the hospital or Greenwoods.

In the meantime, he plans to write each of the committees involved in the proposed society, to gauge the direction they hope to take.

As McQuiggan noted Monday, Borsman has been particularly successful in his role as regional director at mediating contentious issues on the island, by drawing together people from all sides of the argument to work towards a solution.

Borsman entered politics in 1983 when he contested the seat held by Yvette Valcourt. It was a high-profile and closely followed election campaign with the major issue being sewage disposal in Ganges. He was re-elected to the position in 1985, and continued on as director by acclamation in 1987. Last spring, residents honoured

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Islands Trust angered by watershed logging

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING - Local Islands Trust representatives have expressed shock and disappointment over the clear-cut logging of watershed land in the Channel Ridge subdivision.

"It's a real blow to all of us," said Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, who has charged that property owner Louis Lindholm has clear-cut over the St. Mary Lake watershed line in the past few weeks.

"It was totally irresponsible. It

was almost a cut and run operation. I'm very disappointed with Mr. Lindholm. He's been fair and cooperative up to this point."

The area affected is seven acres of sloped terrain on the subdivision between St. Mary Lake and Vesuvius, land which will eventually be transferred to the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society.

Gilbert says large arbutus, wild cherry and major fir trees were cut in a swath 200 feet by 1,000 feet wide. He says Lindholm did not

approach any other party before the area was logged.

Fellow Salt Spring Island trustee John Stepaniuk estimated that some of the trees were 100 to 180 years old with some logs as long as 42 feet. Louis Lindholm, however, claimed that most of the timber was third-growth "junk trees" that were no more than 50 years old.

The owner of Channel Ridge Properties, developers of the subdivision, says Stepaniuk's and

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Trust budget awaited

Incorporation on hold

SALT SPRING — A group studying the incorporation of Ganges has put the proposal on hold, pending the introduction of the Islands Trust's budget next April.

In a letter to the ministry of municipal affairs, Ron McQuiggan says the committee has reviewed changes made to the Islands Trust Act and feels the Trust now has the opportunity and ability to deal with problems specific to Ganges.

"We do not know how the Trust will deal with problems that are specific to the Ganges area but they are promising better service in general, because of their increased independence, thus implying that incorporation is no longer necessary," the letter states.

McQuiggan says that until the Trust has revealed its first budget and indicated whether or not it is able to deliver on its promises, the committee feels it should adopt a "wait and see" attitude.

"Time will tell whether or not the requirements of administering rapid urbanization and economic

growth are best handled by the Trust," the letter reads. "If they are not, then the study for incorporation will have to be reworked, taking into consideration changes brought about by Bill 78."

The new Islands Trust Act gives the Trust many of the powers a municipality would have. Under the terms of the legislation, a municipality within the Trust area falls under the jurisdiction of the Trust Council on issues relating to land use.

"With this being the case," McQuiggan told *Driftwood*, "they (the Islands Trust) should have a crack at it, without any complications from others."

Therefore, the committee studying incorporation plans to take no further action "until those who are within the proposed incorporation area have had some experience in dealing with this new situation."

The committee believes there are currently too many "unknowns" for it to obtain a vote favouring incorporation.

INSIDE

RUN WALK JOG RIDE WHEEL

The 9th annual

TERRY FOX RUN

For Cancer Research

Sunday, Sept. 17th



Terry Fox Run plans begin

The ninth annual Terry Fox Run is scheduled for September 17. Plans are well in hand for the run at Salt Spring Island. A2

Seamstresses sew it up

Salt Spring seamstresses are sewing up the local clothing manufacturing industry with a new concept. Page B1

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THE WEATHER

Weather report for the week ended Monday, August 14, 1989.
 High temperature: 28 deg. Celsius on August 8.
 Low temperature: 10 deg. Celsius on August 11.
 Total precipitation: .32 mm.
 Days with precipitation: 1

OUTLOOK:
 Cloudy with sunny with periods for the rest of the week. Chance of rain on the weekend.
 Highs near 20, lows 11.

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McQuiggan in running

By-election October 21 for CRD director's seat

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Borsman as citizen of the year.

Borsman practised medicine in Victoria for 25 years before moving to Salt Spring in 1978. At that time, he became chief of staff at Lady Minto Hospital — a position he held until last year.

Borsman has served on numerous local committees, including the sewer commission, the solid waste committee, the St. Mary Lake task force, the incorporation study committee, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Ganges Advisory Group.

Borsman has also been the vice-chairman of the CRD hospital board; chairman of the community health committee; regional board representative on the hospital and health planning committee; and coordinator and chairman of the proposed Salt Spring and Gulf Island Health Services Society.

At the time of his resignation, Borsman was chairman of the CRD health committee. He will be replaced in that position by North Saanich Mayor Linda Michaluk.

The CRD has set a by-election for October 21. A director will be elected to serve the final 13 months



Hugh Borsman

of Borsman's term as regional director. In the meantime, McQuiggan — who plans to run for the position in October — will function as the island representative to the CRD.

Borsman said he has every confidence in McQuiggan's ability to take on the role of regional director.

"We've worked together now for four years," Borsman said. "I believe he is particularly capable. He has a great deal to offer."

September 17

Run plans under way

SALT SPRING — Preparations are well under way for the ninth annual Terry Fox Run.

Event organizer Damaris Rumsby, an advertising sales representative on the *Driftwood* staff, expects proceeds will exceed last year's total of \$18,000, or \$117 per participant, the highest raised in B.C. per capita.

Pledge sheets can be obtained from local merchants for the annual run, sponsored by *Driftwood* for the third year to aid cancer research.

Rumsby says anyone can take part in the event, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 17. "You can walk, run, piggyback, cycle, bounce a basketball or any other form of locomotion — except drive — around the 10-kilometre course," she said.

It starts at Salt Spring Elementary School, follows Rainbow Road, Booth Canal Road, Lower Ganges Road, Upper Ganges Road and Fulford-Ganges Road to finish back at the school.

Event registration starts at 9 a.m. with Salty Sweat's leading warm-ups at 9:30 a.m.

Other events planned for Sunday include a sailathon, organized by the Salt Spring Sailing Club junior fleet. Everyone with a small boat is welcome to take part in the event on September 17, starting at 10 a.m. — call 537-9745 for more information.

Equestrian-minded participants can rent horses from Salt Spring Trail Rides and ride horseback for 10 kilometres. A limited number of horses are available. Call Caroline at 537-5761.

Rumsby is challenging all island realtors to be wearing their Terry Fox T-shirts — available at Gulf Island Sports, Island Spoke Folk, Carolee's, Rainbow Crafts and Sooz Sewing Company — on Friday, Sept. 15 when she makes advertising sales calls.

Pat Corneille of Fulford Marina and Salt Spring Log Sort has challenged other business owners and operators to meet or beat his pledge of \$100.

Last year \$5.8 million was raised across Canada by 350,000 people in 2,400 separate runs.



The Terry Fox Run

Boil-water advisory

SALT SPRING — Local residents whose water comes from Maxwell Lake are still be advised to boil their water before consumption.

Health officials at the Capital Regional District said Tuesday that tests of the water last week are still showing fecal coliforms despite installation of a chlorination system. The North Salt Spring Waterworks District began adding chlorine to the water two weeks ago.

A health department spokesman told *Driftwood* that there may be a build-up of fecal coliforms in the water lines. They were unable to say how long it may take the chlorine to completely disinfect the water.

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537-4202
 Harbours End, Ganges

Boat thefts reported

GANGES — Local RCMP are advising small boat owners to purchase a chain and padlock and secure their boats against theft.

Police have received numerous reports of boat thefts — mostly taken by joy riders.

On Sunday one boat was recovered in Ganges Harbour, while another was stolen from Salt

Spring Marina.

The missing boat is a 13-foot aluminum vessel, with a 15-horsepower engine, valued at approximately \$2,400.

Also taken from the same area were a lifejacket and gas tank.

Police are continuing their investigation.

Red tide closure in effect

Also affected are Moresby, Portland and Piers Islands; Swartz Bay and Saanich Inlet; and areas south of Crofton.

Red tide, or paralytic shellfish poisoning, generally takes place in the summer months and is caused when algae in the water blooms, giving it a red colour.

A red tide closure affecting some local waters will remain in effect until further notice.

Areas closed to shellfish harvesting, as of August 4, include all of Ganges Harbour and Long Harbour; the south end of Salt Spring Island and Erskine Point (south of Booth Bay); and the southerly shore of Prevost Island.

arthur black



Do you ever feel hard-done-by? I do sometimes. It's kind of luxurious to wallow in self-pity once in a while. The trick is to know when to quit. Feeling sorry for yourself is okay as an occasional indulgence. As a lifestyle it's decidedly unattractive.

Fortunately, I have a mental mantra that instantly levers me out of the Woe-Is-Me mode and back to real life.

I simply remind myself that, but for modern medical technology, I wouldn't even be *around* to feel sorry for myself.

A few years ago I went through a bout of acute appendicitis, followed by an encore of peritonitis. The doctor who Hoovered out my innards and blanket-stitched my midriff back together came by my hospital bed a few days later to check on my recovery. He asked me how I felt. I told him I'd had more delightful experiences. He laughed and said in effect, Big Deal.

Lucky to be alive

"You're lucky you're alive at all" he told me. "If this had happened 20 years ago, you wouldn't be. We'd have lost you on the operating table."

That's when I remembered that, when I was growing up it wasn't at all uncommon to hear of people popping off from appendicitis.

And polio.

And cholera and typhus and rheumatic fever.

Today, thanks to vaunting medical strides, kids think you're speaking Italian when you toss those words around.

Alas, in medicine as in most other earthly arenas, every great leap forward usually precipitates at least a half step back. Herewith a compendium of 20th century ailments you probably didn't know were lurking out there, ready to do you in.

JEANS FOLLICULITIS. This is an affliction that strikes those disgustingly fit-looking folks you see walking down the street wearing jeans so tight they look like they were spray-painted on. Tight jeans can in fact cause an inflammation of the hair follicles in the upper thigh. Painful, but easily remedied: just wear baggier clothes.

SLOT MACHINE TENDONITIS. A particular hazard for those little old ladies with Dixie cups full of quarters who spend hours yanking the levers of slot machines in casinos.

Prescription: Switch from one-armed bandits to lottery tickets. You'll still be throwing your money away but you won't be straining your tendons. Mind you, you do have to contend with those long lineups at the Loto 649 booths. There may be a pair of fallen arches in your future.

FRISBEE FINGER: A painful inflammation of the hand, usually around the first knuckle of the index finger, caused by — you guessed it — excessive frisbee flinging.

JOGGER'S NIPPLE: A minor irritation caused by friction between the affected protuberances and the jogger's sweatsuit or T-shirt. The next time you encounter someone wearing two strategically placed Band-Aids, don't assume he or she is a two-time loser to a bout with a potato peeler. It could simply be a serious marathoner recuperating from a bout of JN.

RUBIK'S THUMB: A second cousin to the aforementioned Frisbee Finger, Rubik's Thumb is an excruciating inflammation of the thumbs afflicting people who still haven't discovered that the correct solution to the Rubik's Cube involves the brisk application of a ball-peen hammer.

Late bulletin: *The New England Journal of Medicine* has just published a list of "Trivial Traumas" — normal everyday activities that, says the *Journal*, have the potential to cause strokes. The activities include heavy lifting, childbirth, diving into water, knocking back a shot of booze . . . and brushing your teeth.

Good grief. I'm beginning to feel sorry for myself again. Think I'll jump into bed and pull the covers over my head.

No. On second thought I'll call the Victorian Order of Nurses and get them to send someone over to tuck me in.

Wouldn't want to risk a stroke.

Island driver is fined \$150

SALT SPRING — A fight with his girlfriend cost a Ganges man \$150 last week, when he pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention.

William Tamboline, 20, pleaded guilty to the offence before Judge D.K. McAdam in Ganges provincial court August 8.

Crown counsel Derek Lister told the court Tamboline was stopped by Ganges RCMP on July 20.

Police had watched the accused veer suddenly from Fulford-Ganges Road into Gasoline Alley, where he narrowly missed a group of people, hit an embankment, reversed and fish-tailed in the parking lot. The crown's evidence indicated that Tamboline was the sole occupant and driver of the vehicle.

Tamboline told police he had just fought with his girlfriend and had consumed two and a half beers. Police agreed that the accused did not show signs of impairment.

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He deserves our gratitude for dedication

Salt Spring Island politics have long been regarded with interest by some, scepticism by others, puzzlement by many and scorn by most. A constant flow of issues rises to the surface, heats to boiling and then subsides.

To voluntarily place oneself in the middle of Salt Spring Island's political scene means to immerse oneself in an isolation tank on public display, where the electorate can poke and prod you at will. That's the kind of job Hugh Borsman volunteered for in 1983, and that's the job he endured until this week.

For nearly six years Dr. Hugh Borsman has served Salt Spring on the Capital Regional District board, winning two elections and going in by acclamation in 1987. He won his first election by 125 votes over Yvette Valcourt in a hard-fought campaign that focused on the Ganges sewer issue.

Two years later he increased his margin to 400 and last time around there was no one to oppose his candidacy. That says a lot for the kind of job Hugh Borsman did as regional director.

In a community where issues tend to be divisive, where emotional reactions often replace sound reason and where controversy is our middle name, the citizen who enters the political arena must be brave — or nuts — indeed. We don't think Hugh Borsman is nuts for entering the political fray. He was not only brave but he gave selflessly of his time.

We think the community spirit shown by this man through six years of service merits accolades from all of us.

For many islanders, the legacy of the Ganges sewer issue is bitter memories of a long and drawn-out battle. For many, the name of the regional director is inextricably linked with the final resolution of the issue — installation of the system.



They may find it difficult to think of Hugh Borsman as the person who restored harmony on Salt Spring and enabled us to turn our attention to more positive endeavours. But they must bear in mind that Borsman has worked untiringly for the

benefit of the community, doing what he believes is best for the island.

He had the guts to take many a controversial stand and stick to his beliefs. For that and the time and effort he put into his job he deserves the gratitude of every Salt Spring Islander.

Ninety years ago we couldn't even get off the ground

By SUSAN DICKER

About 20 kilometres outside of Abbotsford, we hit the first backlog of airshow seekers.

"Must be an accident," my father said.

"Radar trap," I mumbled to myself, still feeling the effects of a ticket slapped on me on Vesuvius Bay Road.

My father hummed and hawed for a moment, before rolling down the window and addressing a driver in the opposite lane: "Couldn't be the airshow line-up, eh?" he questioned tentatively.

The man in the yellow car nodded matter-of-factly.

My father twiddled his thumbs, cleared his throat and asked me if I felt like worrying. "I wasn't going to say anything," he said, "but

yesterday they turned away 20,000 people."

Why should this bother me? I like getting up at 5:45 a.m., suffering through copious amounts of ferry coffee, waiting on board the car deck for 20 minutes while—for a reason known only to ferry officials — Gulf Island-bound pedestrians and cyclists board the ferry.

I enjoy speeding through the Tsawwassen ferry terminal half an hour late and finally finding my father, seconds before he gives up and catches the next ferry back to Swartz Bay. Stress?

My father and I, joined by a mutual fascination for flying (which managed to surpass a common dislike of crowds), had left uninterested parties behind and scooted off to the airshow.

With the amazing powers of women's intuition (aided by a suggestion from my father), I zipped into the faster of the two lanes, passed the line of lemmings attempting to turn off at Aldergrove, left a second line-up in a cloud of smoke, proceeded to another Abbotsford turn-off and drove, without being stopped, straight to the airport. We parked outside and slipped in just as they closed the gates, joining another 124,998 plane bluffs.

I have strong opinions about the senselessness of war, but cannot help the thrill that hits me in the gut when a fighter jet blasts overhead. And boy would I like to feel the sensation of flying at that speed.

For me, the emphasis of the airshow has nothing to do with war: the day left me with a genuine ap-

preciation of some amazing technology. Ninety years ago, we couldn't even get off the ground.

On Sunday at the airshow, it was difficult to even move on the ground and getting lost in the throng of people was a definite possibility. (My grandfather made the airshow famous in our family when, aware that he had no sense of direction, used a firetruck to mark his whereabouts. Of course the firetruck moved, and my grandfather wandered about the airport for hours trying to find his vehicle.)

My father and I spent most of the six hours gaping at the sky. Near the end of the show, as the Thunderbirds thundered above us, completing amazing feats that required split-second timing, I couldn't help but momentarily gape at a non-

plane buff sprawled out on the hood of a car, engrossed in a Sidney Sheldon novel. The ground shook and the sky exploded, but those eyes did not leave the book.

I guess Sheldon should be congratulated.

The show ended with the largest plane in the world making awkward turns above the crowd. It took about an hour to warm this beast up, and I have no idea how it can get off the ground. It was a grand finale.

Dad and I managed to beat the mass exodus as we hopped in the car and headed for the highway. At the last moment, I remembered I wasn't piloting a jet fighter plane, and reduced my pressure on the accelerator.

letters

Resigning

Due to ill health I have submitted my formal resignation as regional director for Salt Spring Island to the Capital Regional District, and this is my opportunity to make the same announcement to the people of this island.

There are a number of matters I would like to have seen to completion, but there are two mitigating circumstances. The first is that I am satisfied that the proven common sense of you all will eventually lead to correct decisions. The second is that Mr. Ron McQuiggan has been the Salt Spring alternate director for four years, and since he fortunately will be the new director to at least mid-October, his experience with the CRD, his experience and involvement with almost all facets of the community, and his sound common sense and good judgment will assure that we will be in good hands.

With the kind consent of the editor of the *Driftwood* I hope to write one or two further reports which will bring a number of current matters into focus. I will also look forward to paying due tribute to a number of very hard working members of the community.

Thank you very much for your support at the time of three elections, and more particularly thank you for the confidence you have demonstrated in what I have done in order to serve you.

I have considered it a great privilege to have been your local government representative for almost six years.

CHARLES H. BORSMAN,
Ganges.

Culturally rich

On behalf of the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts, I would like to thank the many volunteers who helped make this year's festival such a success. Many members of the community offered their time and energy to help operate the festival and to billet the numerous performers involved. The Voice of Women sponsored a potluck supper for the Chinese theatre troupe, welcoming these far-distant travellers to our island in fine style.

Community participation is a key factor in the festival continuing its highly successful operation.

The Salt Spring Elementary School and Off Centre Stage provided the venues for the entertainment and we are very grateful. We are also pleased to acknowledge the assistance we have received for this year's festival from the Department of Communications of the government of Canada, the Department of Culture of the government of British Columbia, and our local Community Arts Council.

We've had a culturally rich month on Salt Spring, experiencing the entertainment of Japan, China, and Nicaragua, to mention a few. Once again, thanks to all those individuals and organizations that helped make it possible.

And congratulations to Lynda Gordon of Ganges, winner of the Robert Bateman reproduction of Kudu Bull.

LYNDA LAUSHWAY,
Chairman,
Salt Spring Festival of the Arts.

Sustainability

James Pine urges loggers and preservationists to join forces to achieve "the thoughtful, sustainable harvesting of our forests" (Loggers, preservationists should be on same side — Letters).

He'll get no argument from forest firms in British Columbia. Forest companies that want to stay in business support the goal of sustainable development.

Unfortunately, Mr. Pine uses misinformation to make a case for more dialogue on forest issues. By so doing, he just adds to the polarization.

He says we get a poor economic return from our forests, citing the Pacific Northwest forest industry as creating three times as many jobs and three times the unit value from comparative volumes of wood. The volume of wood may be comparable but any similarity ends there.

The number of jobs and value per unit of wood is a function of geographical, biological and economic factors.

About 60 per cent of the provincial harvest comes from the B.C. interior, compared to about 20 per cent for the Pacific Northwest. Highly productive, our interior mills are mechanized to produce construction lumber, the product most suitable to the interior log types. These products do

not command a high price even though they are produced in almost final form.

Coastal species lend themselves more to the manufacture of value-added products, and other coastal regions of the Pacific Northwest and B.C. are rather labour-intensive compared to the B.C. interior. However, the U.S. enjoys lower labour and transportation costs, fewer tariff barriers and currency exchange risks, and a more favourable tax situation than does B.C. Since 80 per cent of the Pacific Northwest harvests comes from the coast, compared to 40 per cent for B.C., their value per cubic metre and employment numbers are higher than in B.C.

The forest industry in this province is spending billions on future development. That's hardly an indication of a "cut and run" mentality.

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Mr. Pine sees selective logging as a saviour. It isn't. Selective logging is expensive, dangerous, and damaging in old-growth forests on coastal terrain. Its use in the Alps and Jura mountains of Europe are primarily for snow pack concerns. The small woodlot owner may want to utilize the selection system to obtain some revenue from the forest every few years. However, more access roads are required to log selectively, and roads reduce productive forest land and contribute to slides and soil erosion, especially on steeper slopes.

Tourism is no panacea either. It may be, as Mr. Pine suggests, that tourism is the fastest growing sector of the economy. But the \$585 million spent by international travellers and the \$618 million spent by U.S. travellers hardly compares with the nearly \$13 billion earned by the forest industry.

Mr. Pine uses a report which shows coastal old-growth forests will be gone in 17 years. He could have just as easily quoted Peter Pearce, the royal commissioner on B.C. forest resources (1975-76) who predicted, also in 1986, there

was a 74-year supply of coastal old-growth.

Soil degradation created by skidder logging and other forest practices is of great concern to forest managers. Research, innovation into new ways of harvesting, and new guidelines will result in a substantial reduction in soil degradation.

In the interior, the use of skidders is now being limited on steep slopes to prevent soil degradation. Skidder logging has never been widespread on the coast. This will

significantly alter Mr. Pine's prognosis of widespread soil degradation.

While Mr. Pine is spending his time scaring people, the forest companies are working for positive change on the road to sustainability. Some of us use our energy where it will do the most good.

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by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA — Let's talk about sewage. After all, if the topic was good enough for Ombudsman Stephen Owen to write a 60-page report about it, it's good enough for me.

The report, released a couple of weeks ago, went completely unnoticed in the media. Perhaps the reason it was greeted with a collective yawn was its somewhat uninspiring title. When something called *The On-site Septic System Permit Process—Public Report No. 18* is dumped on their desks, few reporters will rush to the phone and ask for the presses to be stopped.

Too bad they didn't give the report a cursory glance or they would have seen where \$47 million of the taxpayers' money is about to go. They also would have seen that they didn't do the reading, listening and viewing public any favours by ignoring the report. But then, maybe that's the problem with sewage. It's not a sexy subject and nobody wants to waste any time thinking about it.

Society reluctant to deal with it

Owen's report, in fact, blames the sewage problem in part on society's reluctance to deal with what's after all a very messy and smelly business.

"Few of us, especially those among us who are urban dwellers, give much thought to where it goes. And for the most part, even those of us who live in the country go through life never wondering about sewage," the report says.

With communities expanding everywhere, land capable of absorbing waste is becoming increasingly scarce. The result has been that land only marginally capable of absorbing waste is throwing the stuff right back into our faces.

Owen says he has received numerous complaints about malfunctioning septic systems during the past few years. Some were merely a public nuisance, others posed a threat to the environment, others yet were potential health hazards.

"Effluent from these systems has the potential to contaminate ground and surface water with a variety of disease-causing microbial agents. This contamination then becomes a potential health risk if the water is used as a drinking supply, for recreation or for shell-fishing," he says.

Report offers necessary solutions

When there was no indication that the number of complaints about malfunctioning septic systems would decrease, Owen decided to do what he refers to as a systems study, that is, he tried to find potential solutions to a frequently occurring problem.

His report, Owen believes, offers the solutions necessary to prevent most problems associated with septic systems. What sets Owen's report apart from previous studies is that it tackles the problem from both a health and an environmental point of view. He also made it clear that legislation and rules brought in 30 years ago are no longer sufficient to regulate modern septic systems.

The report recommends that the health ministry engage in and encourage research into on-site septic systems. It also suggests that the Health Act be amended to provide for a formal appeal mechanism with regard to decisions by health officials.

Owen recommends that the municipal affairs ministry revise the provincial subdivision regulations to prevent future public health problems. He also wants developers and contractors and installers of septic systems to be bonded to ensure adequate standards and insure against loss from malfunctioning systems.

Causing enormous grief, frustration

"There remains little dispute that on-site sewage problems continue to cause many government officials, elected politicians, land developers and homeowners enormous grief and frustration," he says.

To correct a faulty septic system in the Charlie Lake subdivision near Fort St. John, Owen points out, cost \$2 million; the bill for repairs of the Black Mountain subdivision's sewage system near Kelowna, he says, was about \$6 million, and to fix the sewage system at the Barnhardtvale subdivision near Kamloops cost a whopping \$20 million.

But the worst is yet to come. According to the report, the cost of fixing and upgrading currently malfunctioning on-site septic systems in 73 areas of British Columbia is about \$47 million, a sum no government would part with easily. Yet, the money will be spent, and soon.

Stan Dubas, deputy health minister, is enthusiastic about Owen's recommendations. He says his staff is already working on implementing every one of Owen's suggestions. And the money is in the current budget.

"We are going to rearrange some priorities. The ombudsman's recommendations will get top priority. We regard it as an excellent report," Dubas says.

Temporary system in place

Water district looking at options for treatment of Maxwell water

By **SUSAN DICKER**

SALT SPRING — The North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) is considering a number of alternative water treatment methods to replace the temporary chlorination system it established at Maxwell Lake earlier this month.

Water district spokesman Mike Larmour, who noted the district has received several complaints about the taste and use in general of chlorine on the Maxwell system, said there are several alternatives to consider.

A temporary chlorination system was established at Maxwell Lake at the beginning of August, after the Capital Regional District (CRD) health department detected fecal coliforms in the water.

Since that time, numerous users on the water system have expressed concern over the use of chlorine as a disinfectant. Opponents to this method of water treatment say too little is known about the far-reaching effects of chlorine on human health.

Whether or not chlorine is safe, head of water supply and health engineering for the ministry of environment, Ove Hals, said chlorine is usually the most objectionable method of disinfecting water.

"People don't like chlorine," he said. "Most are opposed to the basic principle of adding chemicals to water."

He said many of the studies denouncing chlorine are based on samples taken from areas in the United States where the water is polluted with industrial run-off from chemical plants combined with sewage discharges. He said water in these areas cannot be compared to Maxwell Lake water, which has a "high chemical purity standard."

Hals said ultraviolet treatment is the main alternative to chlorinating a water supply. In this method, water is disinfected as it swirls around a fluorescent light which sends off specific wave length rays, similar to rays emitted by the sun.

Hals said an ultraviolet system is simple to operate: one just plugs it in. Chemicals are not added to the water: it is disinfected as the rays kill off micro-organisms.

There are, however, some disadvantages to this method. The light process will not work if the water is coloured or filled with particles that screen it from the rays. Therefore, the water is usually passed through a filtration system prior to undergoing the ultraviolet treatment.

This method of water treatment is usually between three and 10 times more expensive than chlorine, Hals added.

Ultraviolet is more commonly found in smaller water systems. Hals said the most comparable system in this region currently using ultraviolet is the Graham Lake Improvement District on Denman Island. He said this system, which installed the ultraviolet equipment

three years ago, pumps an average of approximately 350 gallons per minute.

The district installed two sand filters and two ultraviolet units at a cost of \$25,000 in 1986. Hals said the same equipment would probably cost around \$30,000 today.

A third option for water treatment, Hals said, is an ozone system. Although Hals is not aware of any such systems in the Vancouver Island/Gulf Island region, he said there are some "hybrid" systems in use in the Okanagan.

If air flows through an ultraviolet unit at a high intensity, it creates ozone-enriched air, which will disinfect water. This method of water treatment, therefore, involves an ultraviolet unit plus an ozone generator, Hals said.

Hals does not believe ozone treatment is "the way to go." He is not convinced it functions as an adequate disinfectant.

At the NSSWD, Larmour said the Maxwell system is currently pumping approximately 200 gallons per minute during peak operation times. Allowing for future

demands on the system, plus the existence of several fire hydrants in the district, the system should look to a maximum capacity of 700 gallons per minute.

He agreed that installation of an ultraviolet or ozone system would prove more expensive to users than chlorine treatment, but said the district is not closing the doors on any alternative methods.

Larmour said one alternative other than ultraviolet or ozone involves the use of chloramines, which are created by the natural reaction of chlorine on ammonia. This results in a much weaker but longer-lasting disinfectant and is used in the Victoria water system.

He said this method is usually used in conjunction with some sort of filtration technique.

"There are all sorts of angles for us to look at," he said. "It can become quite complex."

While the district continues to look at alternate methods of treating Maxwell Lake water, the NSSWD expects it will continue hearing from users who are not impressed with the results of the temporary chlorination system.

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Vancouver MLA fined \$100 after St. Mary Lake boat-plane mishap

SIDNEY — A Social Credit MLA was fined \$100 in Sidney provincial court Thursday for his involvement in a boat-plane mishap on St. Mary Lake last summer.

Stephen Rogers, a former cabinet minister who represents Vancouver South, in the provincial legislature, pleaded guilty before Judge Kennedy McAdam on a charge of failing to ensure the takeoff path for his float plane was clear.

The crown withdrew a second

charge of operating an aircraft in a negligent or reckless manner after the guilty plea to the first charge was entered.

The 47-year-old former airline pilot was charged with the two counts after his float plane struck a boat on St. Mary Lake during takeoff last August 19. Coquitlam resident Edward Aird and his two children were fishing aboard the small aluminum craft.

The crown's evidence showed that immediately after the right pontoon of Rogers' plane struck the

boat, the pilot stopped the plane and offered assistance.

At the time the incident occurred, Rogers said he saw two vessels on the lake but both were heading away from the plane.

Defence lawyer Winton Derby told the court Rogers had been flying since 1959 and has more than 8,000 flying hours, between 1,100 and 1,200 hours on small aircraft and some 200 hours on float planes. He said Rogers had landed on St. Mary Lake before.

Grant termed good news

SALT SPRING — A Salt Spring man who sits on the board of governors at Camosun College says a recent announcement by the provincial government is good news for the Gulf Islands and other areas served by the Victoria-based college.

The ministry of advanced education and job training recently approved spending \$750,000 to allow Camosun College to begin planning the \$13.5 million first phase of its Campus Consolidation Project.

The announcement marks the conclusion of a letter writing campaign established by Camosun early this spring to convince the ministry to approve a plan to consolidate the college's four "ad hoc" campuses into two comprehensive sites.

Last April, Salt Spring resident Jack Althouse, who sits on Camosun's board, made a presentation to the Gulf Islands school board, encouraging support for the "Write Now" campaign.

Althouse says several letters from the Gulf Islands were among the 2,000 letters received by the ministry.

The approved project will consolidate Camosun's academic, business and health programs at the Lansdowne campus, and the trades and technical programs at the Interurban campus in order to provide "up-to-date training and educational facilities."

Camosun also currently occupies leased sites at Carey Road and Junction Centre.

Dr. Neil Murphy, acting president of Camosun, said the project's first phase will include a first-class library for the Lansdowne campus and a new technology centre at the Interurban site. The anticipated completion date for phase one is September 1991.

Enrolments at B.C.'s second largest community college have skyrocketed in recent years, increasing to 6,200 credit students last year, from 5,200 in 1982. An additional 16,000 non-credit registrations were also received last year.

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Wrong act for ticket; judge dismisses charge

SALT SPRING — Judge D.K. McAdam dismissed a parking ticket in Ganges provincial court last week when it did not fit the act under which it was issued.

After listening to evidence submitted by Gary Cherneff, who pleaded not guilty to parking on a boulevard (section 191a of the Motor Vehicle Act) on August 8, the judge said the ticket was not appropriate for the offence.

Ganges RCMP Constable Gary Styles told the court he issued the ticket during a Saturday Farmers' Market when the downtown core was extremely congested with traffic. Styles said Cherneff's vehicle was parked on the white lines between the crosswalk and designated parking spaces fronting Centennial Park.

Speaking in his own defence, Cherneff said he has parked in the same spot in previous years — when there were no white lines — and not been ticketed. He said there were no "no parking" signs and he has seen other vehicles park in the same spot without penalty.

Judge McAdam said there is no requisite for "no parking" signs because the white lines already indicate a "no parking" designation.

The judge also said, however, that issuing a ticket for parking on a boulevard was inappropriate for the area in which the offence occurred.

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No respect for private property — resident

Patience, consideration go far, cyclists respond to complaints

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING - A recent bicycle road race has added fuel to anti-bicycle feelings on Salt Spring Island.

But three cycling advocates are saying critics are not being fair to their sport.

"A little patience and consideration goes a long way," says Gary Allen of the Victoria Wheelers Bicycle Club, who was commenting on objections to the 1989 B.C. Open Road Race Championships held on Salt Spring Island August 6.

Allen says the race drew almost 200 participants, many of whom went on to the national bicycling championships. He says at least 14 race officials stayed on Salt Spring and many cyclists and companions stayed at local campgrounds.

He says the Salt Spring course is considered by top riders as one of the best in B.C. "It's technical, has lots of corners and requires a lot of gear shifting."

But in a letter to *Driftwood* island resident Rita Dods criticized what she called "thoughtless cyclists," accusing some of them of despoiling her lawn and shrubs.

Dods, who lives near the race's start-finish line at Central, says other valuable tourists, "who contribute generously" to the island economy, are inconvenienced.

He says the Salt Spring course is considered by top riders as one of the best in B.C. "It's technical, has lots of corners and requires a lot of gear shifting."

"They drive cars and pay a lot of insurance and licence fees for the privilege of driving on the highways. They do not appreciate being held up going for the ferries and even missing some."

Dods says the Islands Trust should look into the race as the event could grow if left unchecked.

"It was an absolute disgrace what happened," says Andy Dietrich, another North End Road resident. He complains that a neighbour's driveway was blocked by officials and spectators "with no respect for private property."

Dietrich says he will take a petition around to other residents along the race route and approach those responsible for authorizing the event.

But at least one Ganges businessman takes a different view.

"Some (cyclists) come into my shop and say they'd never ride on these islands. That's unfortunate because they missing out on riding on some very nice roads," says Bruce Grey of Island Spoke Folk.

Grey says Gulf Island roads are safer than metropolitan areas.

"Have you ever ridden in Victoria or Vancouver? It's crazy."

Grey, who marshalled one of the busiest intersections during the race, says he got an earful from one "fuming" motorist. "He was shouting 'why don't you take those bikes back to where you come from.'" But Grey says the longest any motorist waited was 90 seconds.

"Would people rather see more vehicular traffic like RVs and less bike traffic?" Grey says he meets a lot of cyclists who are "bad-mouthed" on the ferries and on island roads.

he says cyclists are a shot in the arm to the local economy, adding that some of them come from all over the world. One American bicycle touring firm stays at Hastings House while many patronize local restaurants.

"Like it or not we have a tourist economy," says Grey.

The cycling club's Allen says the biggest problem for cycle clubs is gaining access to roads for road races.

"There's someone battling you all the time." The key, he says, is educating cyclists and drivers.

"Bicycles are a fact of life on the road and there's going to be more of them. It's not as if motorists have never inconvenienced anyone."

Allen says the sport of cycling is really growing, particularly among young people. This is because of increased media attention and the promotion of the sport in schools with the help of groups like the Wheelers, who have presented Victoria area schools with tapes from the Canadian Cycling Association.

Locally, Island Spoke Folk will offer safety rodeos for cyclists of elementary age and technical courses for all ages starting this fall.

Austin Smith, chief organizer for the race, says no race officials reported seeing the incidents mentioned by Dods. "If they had they would have been corrected."

"We can only continue if we don't upset the general public and authorities." But he says the incidents mentioned by Dods could have taken place anywhere along

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the 20-kilometre route and would be hard to control.

The biggest problems at races are usually caused not by racers but by people "milling about before and after the race," says Smith, adding that in 10 years of managing races he has only witnessed one accident.

Racers are safer than solo riders because they are more visible and have two or three support vehicles, he says.

"One of the reasons we go to North Salt Spring is because it's fairly free of traffic, except for when the ferry traffic unloads from Vesuvius. Fortunately, cars are going against the flow of bicycle traffic."

Smith says last year the Salt Spring event drew 150 participants. If held again next year it could attract 250.

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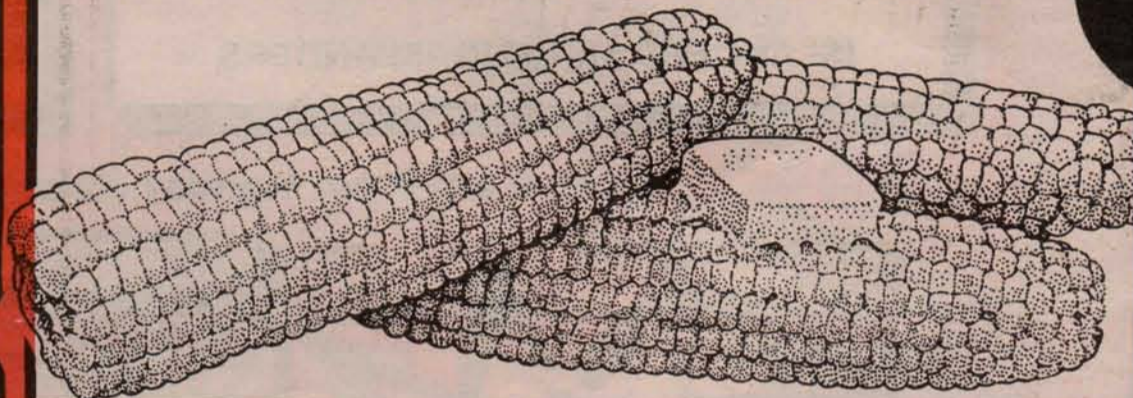
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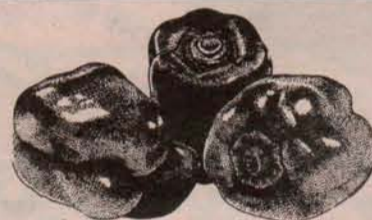
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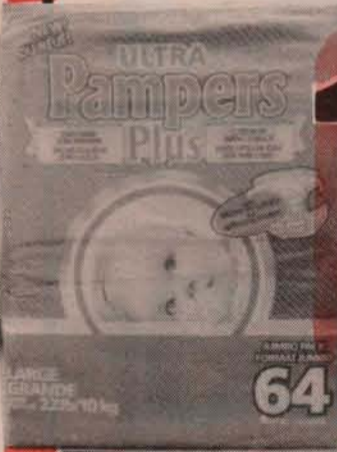
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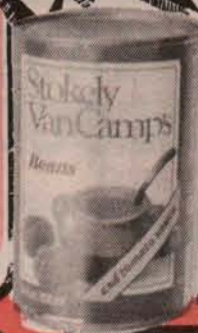
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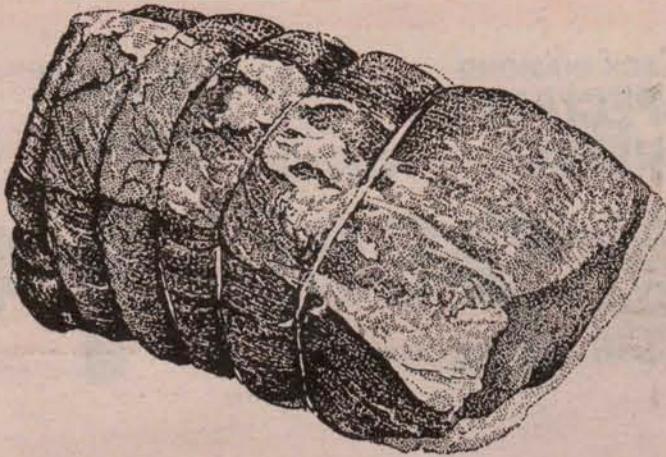


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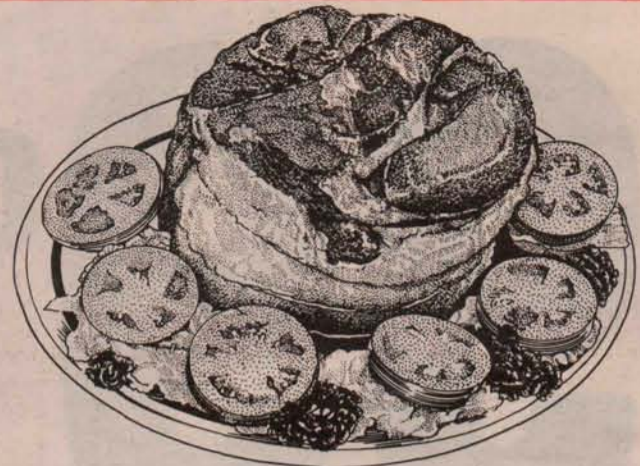
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At Channel Ridge

Agreement violated by logging — Trust

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Gilbert's charges are groundless. He says he started clearing the area July 21 "when he was forced to proceed" after working constructively with the Trust for the last five years.

"We bent over backwards for him," says Stepaniuk. "I'm very disappointed. He's done a great disservice to the community."

Stepaniuk says the ministry of environment has agreed to examine the area to determine the environmental impact of the logging.

Gilbert says the Trust is examining the agreement between it and Channel Ridge Properties to determine what steps to take and whether legal recourse is possible. Meanwhile, the Water Preservation Society and North Salt Spring Water District have jointly asked for an injunction to stop logging within the watershed.

Stepaniuk says a meeting is also being set up between the Salt Spring Trust Committee and Lindholm to clarify the future intentions of the developer. He says there is a chance the agreement with Lindholm will be voided.

"The society feels that the terms of the agreement have been violated and is now examining its options for future action," says Water Preservation Society spokesman Tom Wright.

Gilbert says the clear-cutting goes against the spirit and intent of an agreement worked out five years ago between Lindholm and the Islands Trust, North Salt Spring Water District, Gulf Islands School District and Salt Spring Water Preservation Society.

In return, the Salt Spring community plan was changed

Under the agreement Gilbert says the public was assured that the watershed would be protected. Of Lindholm's 1,400 acres, 277 acres would be put into a watershed protection zone. The land would be turned over to the watershed protection society over 15 years.

In return, the Salt Spring community plan was changed to give Lindholm a "bonus density," permitting him to build 577 units — 275 lots as acreage properties and 302 lots in an urban-like setting, which will include commercial retail space, a fire hall, post office, restaurants and other amenities.

"It's one of the saddest things that happened to me during my tenure on the Trust," says Gilbert. "We worked long and hard to put that package together and to assure the protection of the watershed."

Gilbert says Lindholm seriously violated the agreement and may have committed a major zoning infraction.

Stepaniuk says Lindholm shot himself in the foot. "He needs the co-operation of the very watershed he's cutting. Without water his development is zilch."

Lindholm says that charge lacks substance for under the agreement the water district guarantees potable water will be provided to the subdivision.

Stepaniuk says the clear-cutting took place directly opposite the main intake for the North Salt

Spring Water District. He says there are only two major sources of potable water on Salt Spring, St Mary and Maxwell Lakes.

"If he's allowed to go ahead God help us from all the other developers if they do the same."

Stepaniuk says Lindholm never provided a long-range plan for his project. "He was exposed to the Advisory Planning Commission. We granted him easements and variances. We tried very much to work with him."

Gilbert says Lindholm fell back on a clause where he was allowed to create views for his buildings. But he says selective cutting could have opened up view corridors while preserving a lot of trees.

"Instead, he logged right over the slope. We can't put the trees back. But we will make plans for damage control and to repair the site."

Says Gilbert: "The ground was heavily disturbed. The sandy soil will be subject to rapid erosion when heavy rains hit."



Louis Lindholm of Channel Ridge Properties

But Lindholm says lakeside resorts with septic tanks "only feet from the water" are a bigger threat to the water supply than his development. He gives three reasons why there is no erosion problem at the clear-cut site — there are no water courses there, it's at the crest of a watershed and the grade is at the most 15 per cent.

He says Salt Spring consulting engineer Valmar Tamm has examined the site and concluded that after reseeding and landscaping there would be no erosion problem.

Public land grants are 'unparalleled'

SALT SPRING - Victoria lawyer Louis Lindholm says Channel Ridge Properties is a "model development" which preserves the natural beauty of 1,400 acres of land near Vesuvius.

He says with buffer strips and shared cul de sacs most house sites are not even visible from collector roads.

The area is sunnier and warmer than other parts of Salt Spring and blessed with an outstanding panorama of islands, North Shore mountains, Mt. Baker and other views.

He plans to make every one of his 577 lots view properties. Lindholm says giving 272 acres as watershed and over 200 acres as common property is "without parallel" among other developments.

He notes that Channel Ridge's public land will amount to almost one-third of the property. Lindholm adds that under the Municipal Act developers are required to give only a maximum of five per cent of their property as parkland.

"It was agreed from the outset that within my land and watershed I could cut trees for views. You can't have views of the harbour without cutting trees."

Less clearing would have been required

Lindholm says he worked with other parties in a consultative way all along. He says as far back as November he asked the Trust and island water agencies for permission to move his house sites eastward over the watershed line closer to the cliff edge, requiring less clearing to open up the site's panoramic views.

He says sewage disposal fields would only be permitted west of the watershed lines. In exchange for this variation Lindholm says he would have dedicated an adjoining 18-acre parcel of land as a park.

Lindholm says both the Water Preservation Society and North Salt Spring Waterworks District refused the offer but did not come up with any alternative suggestions. He took his plan to the Advisory Planning Commission in April and back to the Trust Committee in June and again August 9 but still they wouldn't go for the deal.

"So I went ahead with my undoubted rights. I can't understand them taking umbrage at clear-cutting the land if they didn't agree to move the house sites eastward of the line. I was trying desperately to minimize impact on the watershed."

"I was trying to meet the Trust and community more than half way. But negotiation should be a two-way street."

Lindholm says he has had very little return from the project so far although it's cost him \$3 million for the development's infrastructure such as roads and water lines "which will beef up water pressure for all the island."

"I'm not a quick-buck artist. My children will probably finish it off. I'm in for the long haul."

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Once upon a time ago in Pierre Elliot Trudeau land, there was an optimism and romance about this country which was shared by many of us baby-boomers.

During those years, lots of money seemed to be available for a sack-full of projects. Some of this useful bulge in our demographic statistics was kept occupied in community-directed social projects. We were eventually swallowed and digested by our cultural mosaic. Money conveniently seemed to dry up, the "youth problem" once again becoming manageable.

Project was summer arts centre

I became involved in Opportunities For Youth (OFY). Our project was to operate a summer arts centre for children in East Vancouver.

Called "Magic", it was located in an old church hall in a residential street northeast of the Knight and Kingsway intersection.

Well, operate it did, combining fabric arts, video and photographic instruction, pottery, painting, drawing, theatre, arts, and music making. By virtue of the open door drop-in format, the living room atmosphere, free instruction and the dedication and idealism of the artist-educators, the project flourished.

These thoughts were brought back to me one day when I walked into the Crossroads storefront on McPhillips Avenue. There, on the wall, was a woven tapestry from Egypt, made by an artisan, a poor fella who'd been recruited as a child to learn the craft by the far-sighted architect and educator Ramses Wassef.

In 1952 Wassef was involved in his experiment in the small village of Harranai on the outskirts of Cairo. Dismayed by the conventional historical approach of art schools to the study of art, he designed a program which allowed poor, uneducated children to record and express the imagery they possess of their life and experience.

Vision valued on technical, artistic merit

The philosophy of the school was, in part, to allow the individual as much support for his own interpretation of the world as was possible, and to value each person's unique vision according to the technical and artistic merit of the piece rather than the content. The young artisans were paid according to these principles and as their expertise grew, so did the return for their work.

Eventually, the tapestries began to receive international recognition.

Wassef, writing in his book *Woven by Hand* says: "Modern education starts by smothering the child's potentialities . . . my point of view is that one must use the child's own forces to educate him, starting at the moment when they are still strong, and protecting them so that they can take effect and lead to actions that will become an integral and useful part of his life."

Busy weekend

Avalon Fair, Fulford Day scheduled

SALT SPRING — The weekend is shaping up to be a busy one here with two major events slated to take place.

The three-day Avalon Mystical Fair kicks off Friday on the St. Mary Lake grounds of Shady Willows Resort on Tripp Road. Forty-four booths will offer everything from numerology and runes readings to salmon burgers and Celtic artwork.

Fairgoers will be offered facial massages, laser therapy, numerology, psychic readings and other personal care services. Musical entertainment will be offered during the event by a variety of musicians, including Susan Cogan, Phoenix Eye-Orson and 100th Monkey-Dan Miller.

Salmon burgers, hamburgers, hot dogs, Greek food and the island's own Knoth Sausage will be offered as sustenance for the hungry. And a variety of goods will be offered for sale, including leather work, tie-dye shirts, Mexican art, Celtic artwork and more.

Admission to the Avalon Fair is \$5 per day.

The island's south end will have its day Saturday when the first annual Fulford Day is held at Drummond Park.

The action will begin at 10 am with family games that run until 2 p.m. A lamb and beef barbecue will be served from 1 p.m. on and a refreshment garden will open from 2-6. Musical entertainment will be heard all afternoon.

The day will wind up with a dance at Fulford Hall to the music of Salt Spring's Hi Risk Chili. Dance runs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and tickets are \$7.50 at Captain's Cupboard, et cetera, Fulford Inn and Patterson's.



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Some 125 people relaxed to the sounds of jazz music provided by the Dixieland Express (featured above) and Second Wind jazz bands. The event, staged

among fruit trees on the Farmers' Institute grounds at Salt Spring, was described as highly successful. The jazz event, organized by the Salt Spring Jazz

Society, has become an annual event here, drawing many off-island spectators.

JAZZ?

'You're crazy if you don't like it'

SALT SPRING — The sun shone on some 125 people who got together to groove on some toe-tapping jazz music at the Farmers' Institute Saturday.

Organizers of Salt Spring's annual jazz festival are calling the five-hour event a great success. A relaxed atmosphere greeted those

who attended the festival and enjoyed the sounds of the Dixieland Express and Second Wind jazz bands.

Sunny skies and a backdrop of fruit trees and picnic tables definitely added to the flavour of the day, organizers and participants agreed.

"The main emphasis of the day was the music," says Jazz Society president Gary Lundy. "Anybody who doesn't like that type of music has got to be crazy."

In addition to consuming the sounds, those attending the event had the opportunity to partake in a refreshment and food garden.

Wilder, Pryor are at it again

No Evil, Hear No Evil Starring Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor, showing at Island Cinema Friday to Monday, August 18-21, rated mature with some coarse language, occasional nudity and violence.

Together again for the first time since the very successful and hilarious *Stir Crazy*, Gene Wilder and Richard Pryor are at it again. This time they portray a blind man and a deaf man involved in a crazy crime.

As the ads say: "The blind guy couldn't see it. The deaf guy couldn't hear it. Now they're both wanted for it."

This film — by turns outrageous, very funny, and completely tasteless — has been castigated by some critics for its insensitivity to the problems handicapped people face, and has also been praised by others as the funniest movie of the summer. I guess you pays your money and you takes your choice.

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SALT SPRING — The works of internationally recognized artist Jose Trinidad will be featured later this month at Pegasus Gallery on Salt Spring.

The seaside gallery, which features Canadian art, has expressed enthusiasm over the prospect of showing Trinidad's work. The gallery will exhibit at least six originals plus a selection of Trinidad's latest limited edition prints.

The opening date is Saturday, Aug. 26, at which time the artist will be in attendance at the gallery.

Pegasus is also recommending islanders mark Saturday, Sept. 16 on their calendars, noting the date it will hang a major exhibition of new works by David Barker.

Barker presented a show at Pegasus last October. He recently returned to his Gulf Island home from a period of time in New Zealand and Britain.

In early November, Pegasus will introduce Peter Lynde in an exhibition and sale of original watercolours.

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book review

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When you don't live in a big city, it's reassuring to think that you're far removed from many of the social ills that plague our times.

Murder, soaring crime rates, a healthy drug trade — these are rarely matters of immediate concern for most Gulf Islanders.

But there's one social problem that, according to the authors of this column's book, very few of us will be able to escape. That's the growing problem of "unattached" children: children who weren't successfully bonded with their caregiver during their early childhood and who, as a result, have very little sense of right and wrong.

High Risk: Children Without a Conscience, written by Dr. Ken Magid and Carole A. McKelrey, is a frighteningly believable account of what can happen if consistent, loving care isn't given a child in his first years of life.

They have had a rotten childhood

It's no coincidence, they point out, that psychopaths who become mass murderers almost uniformly have had a rotten childhood that involved them being abused or deserted by their supposed "care" givers.

Nor do they feel it is a coincidence that the number of working mothers is growing steadily, just as is the number of children who are actually charged with murder.

When the topic of mothers working outside the home is raised, it is easy to take a very political, ideological stance on the subject. Those who battle for equal opportunities for women may blindly advocate women returning to work, if they so choose, days after the pregnancy. The right-wing group Real Women, on the other hand, may disapprove of any mothers in the work force, whether their children are two months or 20 years old.

This book, however, made me slow down and question my previously held assertion that no harm would be done to the child given substitute care.

A child who learns not to trust anyone

"After all, it builds character to have to learn to get along with other people early in life, doesn't it? Doesn't it?" I would ask, albeit a trifle tentatively. "And if the child didn't have any other arrangement to compare it to, it wouldn't mind being in a day care centre, would it? I mean, really, would it?"

Yes. The studies this book points to show that when a child's care is given poorly or inconsistently, the result is an "unattached" child who learns not to trust anyone.

One of the most frightening of the authors' statements is that these children, and later, adults, are incredibly difficult to spot. They are, in fact, charming individuals to most of their day-to-day acquaintances and certainly to psychiatrists, many of whom have been fooled by their facade.

But, to varying degrees, they are people who can, and often do, destroy others emotionally or physically when the mood overtakes them.

A number of case histories are given, and not all of them are of mass murderers. Some are of children who display a number of the symptoms of this "anti-social personality disorder," which include pointless cruelty to animals, difficulty in maintaining eye contact with others, and a distaste for being held or cuddled.

Children become unattached for a variety of reasons, not just because a parent has left them in poor day care. It can also result from being bounced around from foster home to foster home, from being born to an immature mother who wasn't keen on having the child in the first place, from prolonged stays in a hospital because of illness as an infant and from being brought up in an abusive situation where no one is really "there" for the child.

Desire to get message across

Although some of the case histories — for instance, of the teenage killers — seem sensationalized, I think it stems from the authors' urgent desire to get their message across.

While they don't have all the answers, the authors are able to offer tips on identifying children at risk, how to bond effectively with your child, how to choose good substitute care when both parents do hold down jobs, and how to "re-bond" with children who have become unattached.

Unfortunately, they say, once past the age of seven a child's chances of undergoing successful therapy plummet dramatically.

This book is sobering and it is important. If nothing else, it takes topics such as day care, maternity leave and the foster care system and forces us to see the human trauma that underlies these "political" issues that affect us all.

**Spinner's Inlet
Local
book
is B.C.
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A book written by a part-time Galiano resident and published by a Salt Spring company has made the British Columbia bestsellers list.

Spinner's Inlet, a collection of humorous short stories by Don Hunter, is the sixth most frequently purchased fiction book in the province, according to the August 5 bestsellers list.

The book, which features the fictionalized Spinner family who emigrated to the Gulf Islands in the 1880s, documents the quirks and particularly the Gulf Island characteristics of an island-bound community.

The stories in *Spinner's Inlet* originally appeared in *The Province*. The book was published earlier this year by Horsdal and Schubart Publishers Ltd., of Salt Spring Island.

Hunter, who has owned a home on Galiano Island since 1971, is a journalist at *The Province*, and script-writer for the CBC hit series entitled *9B*.

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Three-pound debt began with lust for a 1937 Austin Seven

It is 49 years since I borrowed three pounds sterling. And I never paid it back.

I didn't know that the debt had remained unpaid until I met the creditor last week. Not unlike creditors all over the world, in the bible and out, she wants her money. She figures she's waited long enough. Seems a short wait to me!

It all started in 1940, when I lusted after a magnificent automobile, a 1927 Austin Seven touring car. The car was there as were two of us Royal Air Force stalwarts. Like many a business, you never made a million serving with the armed forces and, while we could produce between the two of us most of what the owner sought for his gas buggy, however we figured it out we were three dollars at that time, about 30 bucks.

A girl friend was with us to check out the purchase and she just happened to be in possession of better than three pounds. What was better, we didn't borrow; just the three. We took possession of the car and duly butchered it to provide maximum mileage at minimum gas consumption, but the debt was never paid.

It's just tough running into the creditor like this. I couldn't repudiate the obligation because I could scarcely remember it. And I couldn't pay it because I didn't know what the interest on three pounds over a half-century might amount to. I had visions of a three and a whole slue of "0's" tagging on. My mathematics retired with me several years ago and the calculation was beyond me. Furthermore, I couldn't hope to figure the interest compilation over nearly 50 years. But somebody else might.

I tried the local paper; they know everything! The receptionist at the *Harrogate Herald* was friendly and helpful, but nobody had any idea of cumulative interest. That was a blow. I explained while I was pleading with her that the banner sign on the wall announced a circulation of some 85,000 and therefore they should be several degrees better informed than me with a mere 5,000 papers each week. To no avail; I could learn little. The Halifax Building Society, a company devoted to house purchase and other finances, was quick to put me right. A spokesman for the society explained that their records only went back to 1947 but that the princely sum of three pounds invested in 1947 would be worth \$47.23 by today. A simple arithmetic produces the assumption that the missing period would have yielded rather less than one-sixth of the later total. Taking seven dollars as the arbitrary figure for the first seven years may be setting the figure high, but it comes up with approximately 54 pounds for the entire half century.

But there is worse! It is alleged that, despite this considerable share in the Austin, my creditor was not permitted to drive it. How do I make good on that deprivation? This going back into the past is getting expensive!

So Deep in Love!

It's the people I meet. Like the time I was stationed in Canada during the war (the Second War) and I sent a telegram to another young lady who was pining for me. I sent the message because I had

to be frank

by richards



been neglectful in writing.

The gesture made, I was bathed in that sense of obligation-met-and-cancelled-out. I discovered afterwards that I had launched a spy tale. The addressee, who was also in the air force, was called to the orderly room to be directed to the adjutant's office.

That dignitary was accompanied by two intelligence officers. The questions were more mystifying than the presence of the spycatchers.

Did she know anyone in Canada? Did she know a man named Richards? And on went the questions. Was he eccentric? Did he write strange messages?

While she was trying to ascertain whether I had been murdered by enemy agents or held as a spy the senior examiner triumphantly presented a telegram. "What do you make of that?" he demanded.

Last week the recipient of the telegram could laugh about it. Of course she knew the meaning, she had told her tormenters. Lover-boy (that was me!) had owned an ancient car which was named after a line from the *Water Witch*: "My father kept a bawdy house! Hullabaloo belay!" And the line was painted on the car's hood, each side.

The interview was over. The air force was satisfied and the military intelligence was satisfied.

Milady was fuming and I was blithely unaware of the furor I had caused.

But, do you know, she never received the telegram. It was, I gather, confiscated. I think I should be entitled to get it back on the grounds that it was never delivered.

Pound note is gone

Gone is the pound note. Except in Scotland. The ancient pound has been overtaken by a bronze coin. It looks like bronze, but it might be gold. On the other hand, of course, it might not.

Money may talk in some quarters, but these British coins tell you nothing. You have to guess them out all the way from the bank to broke and that's no pittance at all.

The sovereign, and there again I'm not sure and I can't find anyone to reassure me, a sovereign used to be a pound. Does that mean that pound, today, is a sovereign? I call it so. I was spending a sovereign or two and they go like our two-dollar bills, which is their value.

I noticed the script around the edge of the coin. "Nemo me impune

laccit," snapped the coin. Proof of its superior erudition lay in the use of Latin. Translated roughly it would tell you, "Don't nobody cross me!" The next sovereign I examined told me, also in Latin, "Decuse et tutamen." Being so widely informed, myself, I looked for the Egyptian connection. There ain't one. It reads, "Safeguard by decoration". Yet a third coin of the same denomination bears the inscription, "Pleidol wyf I'm gwlad." Any fool can see that that is Welsh and any fool could translate it into "Time 5 am to home."

Funny thing is that I could find no stores clerk who knew what the messages represented. Many admitted that they had never even noticed any words around the rim.

I found a well-informed brother who told me that each is the motto of one of the components of the United Kingdom. The Welsh legend is obviously the motto of Wales. The Scots warn the world not to threaten the north and the English is unrelated to ancient pharaohs.

I was also invited to observe the obverse. Back of the coin shows the coat of arms of each of the three parts.

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Thoughtless

On August 6, islanders were asked to show special kindness and consideration for those involved in the B.C. Open Road Race Championships. Motorists were asked to be super careful driving and even stopping for them.

This we did — however, some of the participants displayed blatant disregard for personal property.

They jumped a ditch to park their bikes against shrubs that survived a severe winter, only to be damaged by thoughtless cyclists. (I wonder if broken spokes would have adjusted their attitudes!). Fifteen or more spread themselves on our lawn. They drank beer and gave lip service when asked to stop. They took objection to being asked to take their empties. One of their fans walked their dog in the yard without benefit of a "pooper scooper."

Who needs this kind of treatment? Why are we asked to be kind and make them welcome? Can "Protect and Preserve Our Island" include one's private property?

It is not only our residents that object to this invasion. We have other valuable tourists who contribute generously to our island economy. They drive cars and pay a lot of insurance and licence fees for the privilege of driving on the highways. They do not appreciate being held up going for the ferries and even missing some.

Who gives the Victoria Wheelers Cycling Club permission to have the race here? Who gives permission to tie up traffic? Does the local RCMP appreciate this extra load on a holiday weekend? Is the Island Watch really watching and can we trust the Islands Trust to look into this situation. This event will only grow in numbers if not checked now.

Cycling may be good for the participants' bodies, but it seems to put their brain in neutral.

Could it be their shorts are too tight?

R. DODS,
Ganges.

In jazz pot

The Salt Spring Island Jazz Society is alive and well after presenting the Dixieland Express and Second Wind Bands to an eager, responsive gathering.

Special thanks to those who helped in the pouring, cooking, ticket sales and clean-up. We were quite a team and we had fun — just ask Bob Burbidge.

Thanks also to all those who responded to our scrounging things, like corn pot burner, barbecue grills, chairs, sound equipment and of course, LaBatt-man and Harbour House cooler.

It all goes into the jazz pot for the support of this musical form of expression. We must do it all again some time.

GARY LUNDY,
President,
SSI Jazz Society.

Regret

It is with deep regret that I learned of Dr. Hugh Borsman's retirement, due to ill health.

Hugh's contribution to the Salt Spring Island community and to the Capital Regional District (CRD) will be long remembered.

As a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Chief of Staff at the Lady Minto Hospital, Chairman of the Regional Hospital District, and of course our Regional CRD director, he has served his community well.

He brought dignity to his office and gained respect from all those who worked with him on these numerous projects.

W. JOHN STEPANIUK,
Salt Spring Island Trustee.

Don't give up

Regarding your "eulogy" for Maxwell Lake water, let's not give up on it yet. It still can be the best water on Salt Spring or even on the coast if the North Salt Spring Water District would use some other form of disinfection besides chlorine.

It is eutrophication caused by human activities in the watershed that can really make water taste bad. It also adds greatly to the cost of treatment. Fortunately, the Maxwell Lake watershed remains intact and, if kept that way, it should deliver good tasting water for years to come.

So, let's let the Water District know how we feel about chlorine in our pristine Maxwell Lake water. Write to them at Box 749, Ganges, and urge them to use an alternate method of disinfection.

TOM GOSSETT,
Ganges.

Water works

I would like to let your readers know that Tom Wright (537-5347) will be the interim president of the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society, until the annual general meeting in October.

I have enjoyed my years on the board of directors of the society. It has been an interesting and challenging time. As development pressures grow, there will be no reduction in the work of the society and the need for a large, committed membership will increase in proportion to the stress these development pressures place on Salt Spring's limited water supplies. If you are not yet a member I hope you will become one in the near future.

There are many positive

projects on the agenda. The society is hopeful that a recent court ruling will allow it to seek reinstatement of the Electric Motor Only (EMO) status for St. Mary Lake. Also, the board continues to work very hard to find a rational, affordable solution to the threat posed by the community dump in the Cusheon Lake watershed.

On the other hand, the fight to save Maxwell Lake as a pure, untreated source of potable water has not succeeded against pressure from Victoria. It can only be a matter of time before the dam and diversion project goes ahead and the degradation of this once-pure water source is complete.

How has this happened? In my opinion, it is fruit born of local reluctance to take responsibility for the community's needs, standards and future. In the vacuum created by the absence of clear community leadership the politicians and civil servants in Victoria impose their vision on island lives. Whether it is the black-topping of the island by the highways department, the planning of the Isabella Point terminal by the ferry authority or the chlorinating of water by the CRD it means that profound decisions affecting Salt Spring are made by "faceless bureaucrats" who do not live here.

What is the solution? I believe that incorporation of Salt Spring is the only rational way to regain control of the community. Like children struggling to leave the "nest" there must be a rebellion against the parental attitude of big government. They do not always know what is best, no matter how sincerely they believe that we should live by their standards.

And if it is a bit scary to think of accepting responsibility for the future and paying for island-made decisions, it is far more frightening to think of what Salt Spring might become if the status quo remains unchanged.

I sincerely hope that enough vision and commitment exists here to see the Ganges incorporation study expanded to consider island incorporation. It cannot be a panacea but it may be the best answer. Certainly it must be looked at.

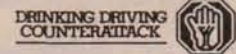
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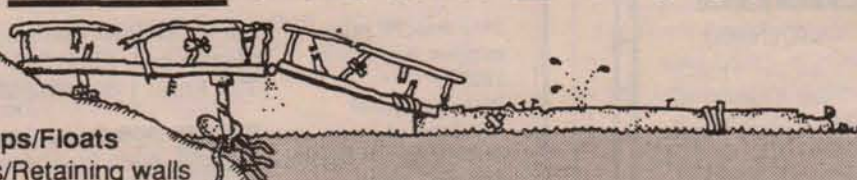


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They only want to be heard

The Friends Of Galiano Society are running into technical difficulties in being allowed to sit on the Forest and Land Use Council (FLUC). The chairman, Andrew Thompson, has agreed that "the request of FOG (to be seated on the FLUC) as I am informed, is a serious and substantial one . . ." M&B's Ralph Urban stated at the February 4 FLUC that "We believe that CCA represents about a third of the island and we need to have input from others who have different concerns." I have a note from Shane Jensen supporting our request. The FOG executive looked into all of this in June so that we would not hold up proceedings of the FLUC.

On July 18 the council met on Galiano to discuss logging plans, community representation and the time of the next meeting. FOG was not allowed to sit at the table at that time, but were generously heard from the floor by the chairman. The things that we needed to say were heard. As far as the community representation issue went Dianne Cragg, Ken Millard and myself were asked to step outside and schedule a meeting time for CCA and FOG to get together and discuss the issue of community representation on the council.

I have just returned from that meeting and would like to share with you what transpired there. The three CCA (community representatives?) members claim that they are the only three properly elected community representatives. Their rationale behind this is that in January they held a proper public meeting and were duly elected by the community.

FOG feels that that meeting did not necessarily include exclusively community members. The problem that CCA has with the FOG meeting held on May 20 to elect officers to represent the society is that community members voted for FOG representation rather than community representation. There is a problem of how each group then views the other's meeting process. It was suggested at the meeting today that yet another public meeting be held to see if the community is satisfied by the present community representation (three members all from CCA) on the FLUC. Is this satisfactory to you or do you wish to see changes in the representation?

FOG does not wish to hold up proceedings of the FLUC and does not wish to burden the community with unnecessary meetings, knowing that there are many important meetings to come in the future over the fate of the Mac-Millan Bloedel lands on Galiano (which is the real issue). Therefore we propose that as long as all FLUC meetings are held in public and as long as the chairman promises to recognize us generously from the chair of the FLUC that we will be quite happy to sit on the floor with the community and let CCA keep all their seats on the council. I feel the community already knows who represents their best interests and I don't think it really matters where people sit as long as they are heard.

If you have any input into this matter please talk to me, my phone number is 539-5770, or

contact any of the FOG executive or write Box 40, Galiano.

NANCY QUIST,
President,
Friends of Galiano Society.

Told to quit

I was told by Welfare to quit my job! I am a local, working, single mother of one.

I found after a month's work the daycare facility my son attended was inadequate as he wasn't able to get the attention and extra supervision he needs, which means a one-on-one situation to get him through a difficult period. My staying at home with him is not the answer and several people are ready to step right in upon approval of funding. Yet the woman who runs the Daycare, my community worker and myself are getting nowhere in our daily attempts to contact the right people at Social Services and Housing.

When I call them, my original worker has been replaced by a new one who is on vacation for two weeks, and the case is being handled temporarily by a third party who is in a meeting until 3:30.

I arrive there at 3:30 with child in tow. The daycare approval worker is out on an emergency and after an hour's wait I'm told by the interim/substitute worker I should give a lot of thought to quitting my job! I only work from five to three lunches a week — why is it so difficult?

From my perspective, a short time is set aside for each case. Demands on precious time create extra paperwork and the easiest way to deal with me is to place me back on the Welfare rolls.

Easiest isn't always best.
CHRIS BUDEWEIT,
Ganges.

Conflict

Last year, after the event, I wrote to you about the Terry Fox Run.

Among other things I said: "When Terry Fox was alive, he told the press that he was a believing and practising Christian who could not accomplish what he was accomplishing but for the strength he derived from his faith in Jesus Christ.

Since his death, year after year, all across Canada the Terry Fox Run has been organized in his honour to raise money for cancer research; always on a Sunday and always at a time which conflicts with church services.

Since you cannot honour a Christian by ignoring or mocking his faith it follows that, though money has been raised in his name, it has done little for his memory.

It is unimportant that many participants are agnostic when Fox was not.

Churches have failed to protest and organizers have failed to consider whether the churches, whose faith motivated Fox in the first place, may have an opinion.

I appealed to the *Driftwood* to consult the Ministerial Association and I appealed to the Ministerial Association to have a unified position to communicate.

Now has come the time for Salt Spring Islanders to be counted. It is useless to agree with me, passively. If you do agree with me, let your voice be heard. Write to the *Driftwood* and say so. Plague your priest or minister to get after them, too. — Newspapers, like

politicians, don't like to be seen as un-Christian or anti-Christian, but as long as they think I'm the only islander who sees them that way, they are likely to continue to ignore the Christian viewpoint.

RONALD HOLCROFT,
Ganges

Continuity

The B.C. Day Weekend was special this year. I attended the opening night performance of *The Fantasticks* and was enchanted by the entire production. Mike Hayes said at intermission that his eyes never left the performers on stage and I concurred. They were so good that I cannot imagine anyone else in those roles; April Curtis' casting was brilliant.

It was a wonderful evening and, driving home, I mused on the brilliance of some people's children, feeling lucky to be here to experience such fine theatre.

The next evening I went to Salt Spring Centre's production of the children's *Ramayana* and magic was in the air. Yes, there was smoke rising on the stage, a dragon appeared, the costuming was incredible, and the rock music chanting was perfect accompaniment to the timeless tale of good and evil.

The children were marvellous in their roles and it was a directorial feat to comprise a whole of so many parts. The theme that had begun the night before expanded and my heart felt indeed full in recognition of the continuity of life. Our community owes much to those who give so much that I as audience may experience so much.

There is still time to catch *The Fantasticks* this year. April Curtis and Active P.A.S.S. will present us with another musical next year and Salt Spring Centre will offer island youth another opportunity to grow with theatre as the vehicle. I look forward to both, feeling very fortunate to be living here in these moments even if I did get the very last parking place in all of Ganges on Saturday!

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Changing times

Let's go over it one more time. Women must be paid the same money as men who perform similar work. It cost W. Schmidt \$3,200 last week to find that out.

Schmidt, proprietor of Mission Auto Wrecking in Mission, hired Karen Powell as an auto repair journeyman in June 1986, paying her at a rate of \$7.50 an hour. In October 1987, he hired a second-year apprentice at \$9 an hour. The man quit his job a few months later.

In March 1988, Powell got a raise of \$1 an hour, followed by another 50-cent raise a while later. After she quit her job in December last year, Powell complained to the B.C. Council of Human rights, alleging that for a period of five months she was paid less than the second-year apprentice.

The council agreed and ordered Schmidt to Pay Powell \$1,200, the amount representing the difference in her wage and that of the apprentice, and a further \$2,000 "for the hurt and humiliation" caused by the contravention of the Human Rights Act.

Ode to Summer

NDP Leader Mike Harcourt came down with a severe case of poetic affliction last week, counting his and his fellow British Columbians' blessings in his weekly column which is sent free of charge to most newspapers in the province.

To those who complain about the cool and rainy summer, Harcourt said one look at eastern Canada's humidity or prairie droughts put our weather in perspective. His memories of the summer past, he said, would linger for a long time.

He cherished "the opening of the rodeo at Billy Barker Days in Quesnel, his discussions with Haida chiefs on the Queen Charl-

Charges follow noise complaint

GANGES — RCMP made two liquor seizures and charged two individuals with being minors in possession of alcohol, after responding to a complaint in the Beddis Beach area.

Police received a "loud party" complaint by a resident in the vicinity of Beddis Beach last Friday night.

The penalty for being a minor in possession of alcohol is a \$50 fine.

In other police matters, a woman has been charged with driving too fast for road conditions after her involvement in a single motor vehicle accident on Fernwood Road.

The woman, who was driving east on Fernwood Road, lost control of her vehicle when she slammed on the brakes to avoid a second vehicle pulling out from a driveway.

The vehicle spun off the road and disappeared into bushes on the road side.

There were no injuries in the incident, which occurred at approximately 8:30 a.m. Monday.

Police are continuing their investigation into two incidents of wilful damage in the Vesuvius Bay area. The local RCMP detachment received reports of a damaged fence and mailbox on Sunday.

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tes, travelling the Bulkley Valley's long and winding roads, the towering mountains, the borscht and homemade break in the Kootenays, the breathtaking southern crossroads lookout on the road up Anarchist Mountain in the Okanagan and the pleasant afternoons spent with good companions on the long fairways of Vancouver's golf courses."

We got it all in British Columbia, and better days are coming, Harcourt said, and no matter how often I read the piece, there wasn't a harsh word about the government. You slipping or something, Mike?

Heere's Gracie

Why did Grace McCarthy have lunch last week with an executive of CKNW, the Lower Mainland radio station that sports a prominent former Socred cabinet minister, Rafe Mair, as the prime open-liner?

Surely McCarthy, who quit the Vander Zalm cabinet over differences with the premier, isn't interested in following the example of Mair and Dave Barrett and Barry Clark before them? Then again, this is British Columbia, where stranger things have happened.

Sabre rattling

Whenever governments feel the need to curry favour with the red-neck voters, they go on a welfare-bum attack.

During the NDP regime, Norm Levy, human resources minister, ordered an investigation of welfare fraud. During Bill Bennett's days, both Grace McCarthy and Bill Vander Zalm made noises of welfare fraud. It was at that time Vander Zalm said the government had ways of dealing with anyone who refused to pick up a shovel.

Dusting off the old and proven welfare-bashing theme, Social Services Minister Claude Richmond threatened recently that any employable welfare recipients refusing to look for work would not longer get financial assistance. What else is new?

Pediatric care program

The government allocated \$436,000 last week to fund a Pediatric Critical Care Program at the B.C. Institute of Technology's School of Health Sciences.

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