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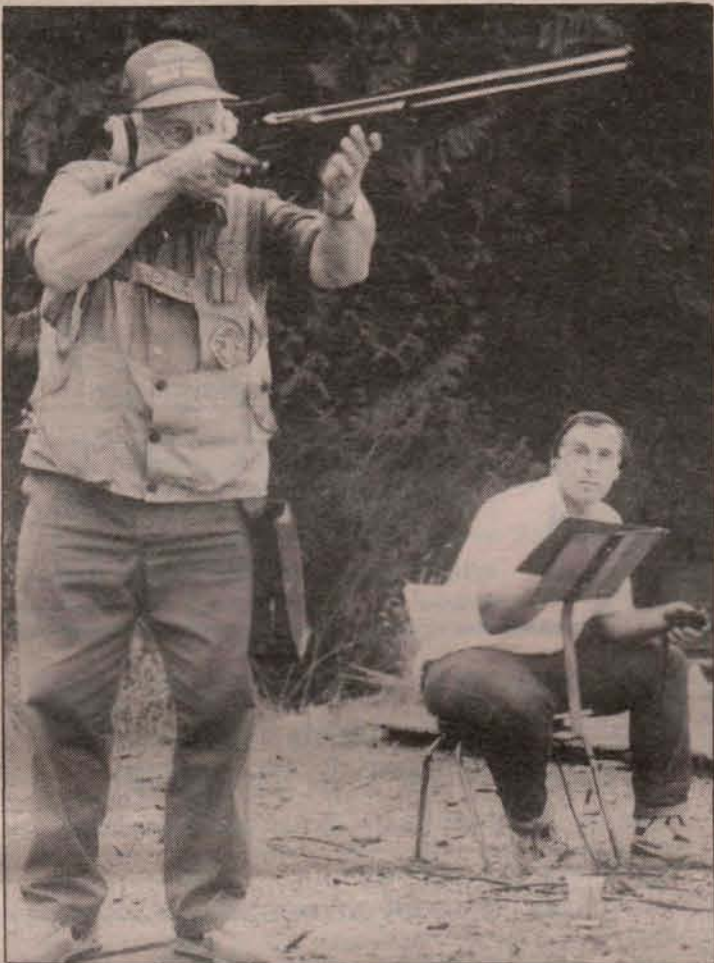
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Marksmen gather for shoot

Johnny Bennett takes aim, left, as Bernie Reynolds keeps score during weekend trap shoot at the Salt Spring Rod and Gun Club. Above, top lady shooters were Karen Pike, left, of Victoria

and Sharon Reynolds of Salt Spring. Weekend shoot and luau, an annual event of the club, drew a large number of shooters from various off-island points.

In harbour

High count indicates sewage

SALT SPRING — Boaters are blaming the sewer, but sewer officials blame the boats.

A fecal coliform count of 1,400 was obtained from water samples in Ganges Harbour Sunday after brown-coloured water and a thick, brown scum were evident at the head of the harbour.

And while boaters report seeing brown water from the mouth of the harbour to its head, the acting head of the Ganges sewer commission says red tide is causing the discoloration.

Tom Toynbee told *Driftwood* that the Ganges sewer treatment plant and outfall has been functioning well and is not responsible for either the water colour or high coliform count. An engineering department spokesman at the Capital Regional District (CRD) agreed.

Bob Warman said there was "absolutely no reason to believe"

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International firm wins bid

Garbage plan cost \$81 for average home

By SUSAN DICKER

SALT SPRING — The average homeowner will pay approximately \$81 per year for the operation of a garbage transfer station here.

Based on figures presented by the transfer station's successful bidder — Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) — the owner of a \$135,000 home will pay an annual fee of \$81 towards the proposed operation.

The BFI proposal was accepted two weeks ago by the Capital Regional District (CRD) as the basis for a referendum on the establishment of a transfer station. The vote is scheduled for this fall on Salt Spring.

Should the referendum pass, the CRD will enter a five-year contract with BFI to operate a transfer station as described in the proposal.

Spokesman for the local solid waste committee, Tom Gossett, said BFI is a worldwide organization — "probably the most experienced of all the contractors that submitted bids."

The proposal includes several design considerations that apply to all transfer stations. The proposal says the building design should not have architectural features that provide perches for pigeons and other scavenger birds; fences should rim the property and be high enough to provide a site barrier; grounds and surrounding areas should be fre-

quently policed for litter; vehicles using the station should frequently be washed; and waste should be promptly processed out of the facility.

It further states that any waste stored in containers should be tightly closed to discourage disease vectors and odours.

At the Salt Spring station, BFI proposes employing two part-time gate attendants, plus support staff from the Victoria district.

Cost to islanders breaks down to \$57.07 per tonne for hauling the waste to the Hartland landfill, plus a \$23 per tonne tipping fee, plus a 10 per cent CRD administration fee.

Multiplied by the estimated 2,824 tonnes generated annually on Salt Spring, the total cost equals \$242,234. The assessed value of land on Salt Spring amounts to \$41,847,000. This breaks down to just under 60 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

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Early death by cancer is grief that's more difficult to accept

By TONY RICHARDS

The figure on the bed slept fitfully, tossing but not turning — she was incapable of that. She made frequent but incoherent sounds that may have been attempts at speech.

The sounds were in sharp contrast to those from the swimming pool outside. The children — her grandchildren — played happily together in the water. They were not oblivious to the pain and the suffering inside, but life must go on, particularly their lives. The old must make way for the new.

The figure on the bed rolled into a different position. A more comfortable one, perhaps. But what comfort is there for someone whose mind can no longer function because of a steadily growing, evil presence that destroys the body cell by cell, and eventually destroys life itself.

There were other sounds in the house, normal household sounds. The rattle of dishes and pans in the kitchen, a washing machine churning, a bed being made upstairs. Muted conversations could be heard from different quarters as life went on.

The figure on the bed said something that brought me out of my reverie. I leaned closer, murmured some encouragement and gently squeezed the hand I'd been holding. It was a hand that should not have lost all signs of youth, but it had.

I waited hopefully, expectantly for the figure to say something more, to begin a conversation, perhaps, to show recognition, to ask about her grandchildren. Deep within, I knew I was not being realistic but does hope

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INSIDE



130 years later

The Sampson clan reunion drew 375 people to Vic Sampson's Fernwood farm. A8

Money Matters

Our monthly money section appears this week on B18.

THE WEATHER

Weather report for the week ended Monday, August 28, 1989.

Days with precipitation: 3.

High temperature: 26 deg. Celsius on August 27.
 Low temperature: 10 deg. Celsius on August 28.
 Total precipitation: 5 mm.

OUTLOOK:
 Mostly sunny with some cloudy periods during the week. Chance of precipitation. Weekend weather outlook: good.
 Highs near 19, lows 8.

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Fecal count of 1,400

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that pollution at the head of the harbour is from the outfall. Not only is the plant not discharging raw effluent, he said, but it would be impossible for raw sewage to travel all the way back in to the head of the harbour.

Warman and Toynbee said the pollution was likely the discharge of boats anchored and moored in Ganges Harbour. Warman said the outfall effluent is tested regularly. April testing results (the most recent he had available at press time) for fecal coliforms were consistently negative, he said.

Hundreds of dead jellyfish were also floating up on the beach Sunday but a spokesman for the firm that carried out tests on the water said it was unlikely they were killed by the pollution. The testing was done for *Driftwood* by MB Research of Sidney. The spokesman said the absence of other dead marine life would indicate that it may have been a natural occurrence.

The CRD is testing Ganges Harbour at various locations twice a year. The highest count reported following tests conducted July 25

was 65 fecal coliforms, near where the dinghy dock is to be built below Rainbow Road.

Testing done before the sewer was installed showed 31 in September 1985 and 170 in July 1985.

Pre-sewer tests at the head of the harbour were: 2 in July 1985 and 27 in September 1985. In July tests showed a count of 5. Testing above the outfall showed a count of 2 in July.

Tests at the mouth of Ganges Creek found a fecal coliform count of 170 in July 1985 and 8 in September 1985. The count was 13 on July 25. Variations in test results are attributable to factors such as runoff and boats releasing effluent into the water.

Meanwhile, owner of the Cheshire Cat, which is located near the treatment plant, says the area around the plant smells all the time. Clive Williams said they get the smell of the beach from the front, and the smell of the treatment plant from the back.

"We have to keep the back door shut," he said.

"Calgary has its tower," he added, "and Ganges has its sewer farm."

Duncan man lost in Sansum Narrows

The last words ever heard from missing Duncan sailor John Tilley were that he "had had a few bites."

There are still no signs of the 73-year-old sailor who disappeared last Tuesday while motoring his 27-foot sailboat *Lady R II* from Maple Bay to Sidney Spit on Vancouver Island.

Ganges RCMP said Tilley had been fishing alone in Sansum Narrows and is presumed to have fallen overboard and drowned. The victim was a non-swimmer and probably not wearing a lifejacket at the time, said Dave Howell, officer in charge of the Ganges Coast Guard station.

Tilley was last heard from at about 3:15 p.m. August 22 when he radioed his friend Bob Moss, who was on the same course in another sailboat with his wife.

Moss said he grew concerned when he got no response from Tilley by radio after his last message.

About 40 minutes later Moss found the boat with the engine idling in neutral near Burgoyne Bay

Diver drowns in pass

A prompt response by local crewmembers aboard a B.C. Ferry Sunday was not enough to save the victim of a diving accident in Active Pass.

Scuba diver Paul Shaw Makinson of Richmond was pronounced dead following the accident.

The *Queen of Nanaimo* was on its way to Tsawwassen Sunday morning when two divers were spotted in trouble off Mary Anne Point on the south end of Galiano.

The crew stopped the vessel and lowered a lifeboat to allow two doctors to treat the divers. A Coast Guard hovercraft responded and took the divers and doctors to Tsawwassen Causeway, where they were met by an ambulance from Delta Hospital.



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on Salt Spring Island. "There was no one in the cockpit but I thought at first that he was asleep down below. I sounded the horn and tied up beside him. I went below and to my horror and surprise I found he was not there."

Moss said he radioed a mayday and fired flares to alert two nearby sailboats to come and help in the search.

A private helicopter was the first to respond to the emergency call and was soon joined by a Canadian Armed Forces chopper from Comox. The Victoria Search and Rescue Centre launched a full-scale search of the area, which continued until 9 p.m. that evening.

"I have nothing but admiration for the search and rescue people," said Moss, who met Tilley five years ago through the Maple Bay

Yacht Club.

Howell said surface vessels criss-crossed the bay numerous times. Search conditions were excellent with little current. He said it was unlikely the victim could have remained on the water's surface.

Taking part were Coast Guard vessels from Gabriola Island and Ganges, an auxiliary Coast Guard unit from Brentwood Bay in Saanich, and private boats from Maple Bay.

Trevor Haddow, at Salt Spring Log Sort in Burgoyne Bay, was about to quit work for the day when he heard about the missing sailor. Haddow jumped in a small tugboat and searched the area for 90 minutes, only giving up when helicopters and Coast Guard Zodiacs arrived on the scene.

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to be frank

by richards



ENGLAND — Seems to me that my colleague John Edwards is far better qualified to comment on early recipes, but I include this advice to enthusiastic cooks to illustrate that even a hot dog-hamburger cook can look to the skies at times.

In the Bowes Museum, located in Co. Durham, I came across this recipe. When I explain that I came across it, honesty compels me to admit that a female accomplice actually found it and wrote it out for me.

It is a recipe for boiled ham and this procedure of boiling has stayed with many Brits through the ages although baking the meat may have tempted some at times. The Romans clearly enjoyed both styles of cooking.

Boil ham with three pounds of dried figs until tender. Remove skin, score and fill with honey. Make a paste of flour and oil; cover ham and bake.

I did not see the original Latin so I merely offer somebody else's translation.

Those place names!

Of course I know where Bellingham is to be found! I've been there often enough! But I discovered it again last week in a new setting. Bellingham, in Northumbria, doesn't even sound the same as its Washington namesake.

Any fool can pronounce the name of the United States border town. Not so in the north of England!

It is called, I am assured, "Bellinjam." And Bellinjam was there long before Bellingham.

English unheard

In the elevator, which is Canadian for "lift," was a Californian. He told me so. I got in the car and made some comment.

"Change to hear some English in London," he commented. I misunderstood him at first and asked where he came from. Then it dawned on me that he was echoing what a lot of Brits complain of. There are so many tourists that a Babylon tower of languages is to be heard on every street and in every store.

That's London. All tongues, all colours, all talking, all laughing; dodging cars and deriding irate drivers.

But why would a Brit complain? Those tourists are London's bread and butter today. Tourists like me keep the cash flowing through Britain's capital and through the provinces. They should be greeting the tourists because every foreign accent means that a cash register, somewhere, is ringing cheerfully.

When the rains came

Weeks of weather gave the British scene a bright, sunny smile. She smiled on visitors and Brits alike. Visitors and Brits sweated it out in record temperatures through the early summer.

Then the rains came. And with them came the umbrellas.

Happy feet were splashing through the puddles as Brits made their way to work and tourists found the popular spots. The umbrellas were the most hostile weapon seen in London since the second war. Heads buried beneath the brollies failed to steer away from victims and it was every man for himself as the spiky umbrella wires missed the vulnerable passerby. The umbrellas were of every colour and style as the entire city appeared to shelter under a roof of wet, waterproof cloth.

On Regent Street was the answer. Protruding from a garbage can was the pseudo-silver of an umbrella handle. I was the only passerby curious enough to peer into the garbage. The colourful cover appeared to have been blown inside-out and some furious owner had abandoned it. Left there, unwanted, untouched, abandoned, the umbrella was the very symbol of a wasteful age. I felt it shouldn't have been left thus when it could more properly have been used to attack tourists' eyes, like any other city broolly.

The Baccarat Scandal

I was alone in London. And there is one lonely place when you're on your own!

I toyed with the idea of a theatre and I inquired at a booking counter. I had been recommended to the *Baccarat Scandal*, but I couldn't remember the name. It was a play about the king and a scandal, I explained; a British king.

The clerk's face lit up with recognition.

"Would that be *Hamlet*?" she asked in triumph.

I abandoned the idea and read for the evening.

Vehicle rolled

SALT SPRING — Local RCMP are investigating a number of incidents of mischief that took place last weekend.

Local police have been called to the Shell station in Ganges three times to deal with a vehicle intentionally flipped over by a group of individuals.

RCMP are seeking information from anyone who may have witnessed the offences.

The vehicle — a black, 1981 Toyota Tercel — sustained damages after its involvement in a motor vehicle accident last week. The car belongs to Port Coquitlam resident Jeffery Moger.

Police are also investigating a series of minor mischief offences which occurred last weekend outside the Cheshire Cat restaurant in Ganges and the Petrocan station.

Also under investigation from the weekend is a series of gas thefts from vehicles parked at Mike's Repairs on Robinson Road.

Police say the offence occurred sometime between Saturday night and Monday morning. Gas was siphoned from 11 vehicles and a number of gas caps were damaged.

In other police matters, a 39-year-old Ganges man has been charged with impaired driving, after he was stopped on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Police were on routine patrol early Saturday morning when they spotted the driver, who will appear in court October 10.

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The minister keeps forgetting to ask us

Just what exactly the provincial government has planned with respect to ferry service in the Gulf Islands might prove to be interesting information. Unfortunately, planning appears to be a pet project of the minister of transportation and highways, who decides on a whim today how we will be travelling tomorrow.

The June issue of Vancouver-based *Harbour and Shipping* magazine quotes the minister, Neil Vant, as saying once again that the Fulford Harbour ferry terminal will be relocated and that service to Swartz Bay would become hourly. Early in the year the minister made the same statement, only he specified Isabella Point as the site of the new terminal.

In this latest announcement, the terminal's location is not mentioned. Should we assume that Cape Keppel is under study as a possibility, or Beaver Point, perhaps? Or is it still Isabella Point and the minister is just too cautious to say so?

Caution seems an unlikely reason. Some Social Credit cabinet ministers are not often given to caution in their public statements these days.

No, we suspect the minister felt inclined to tell

everyone what magnificent plans he had for the Gulf Islands. And once again, he forgot to ask us what we thought.

Job well done

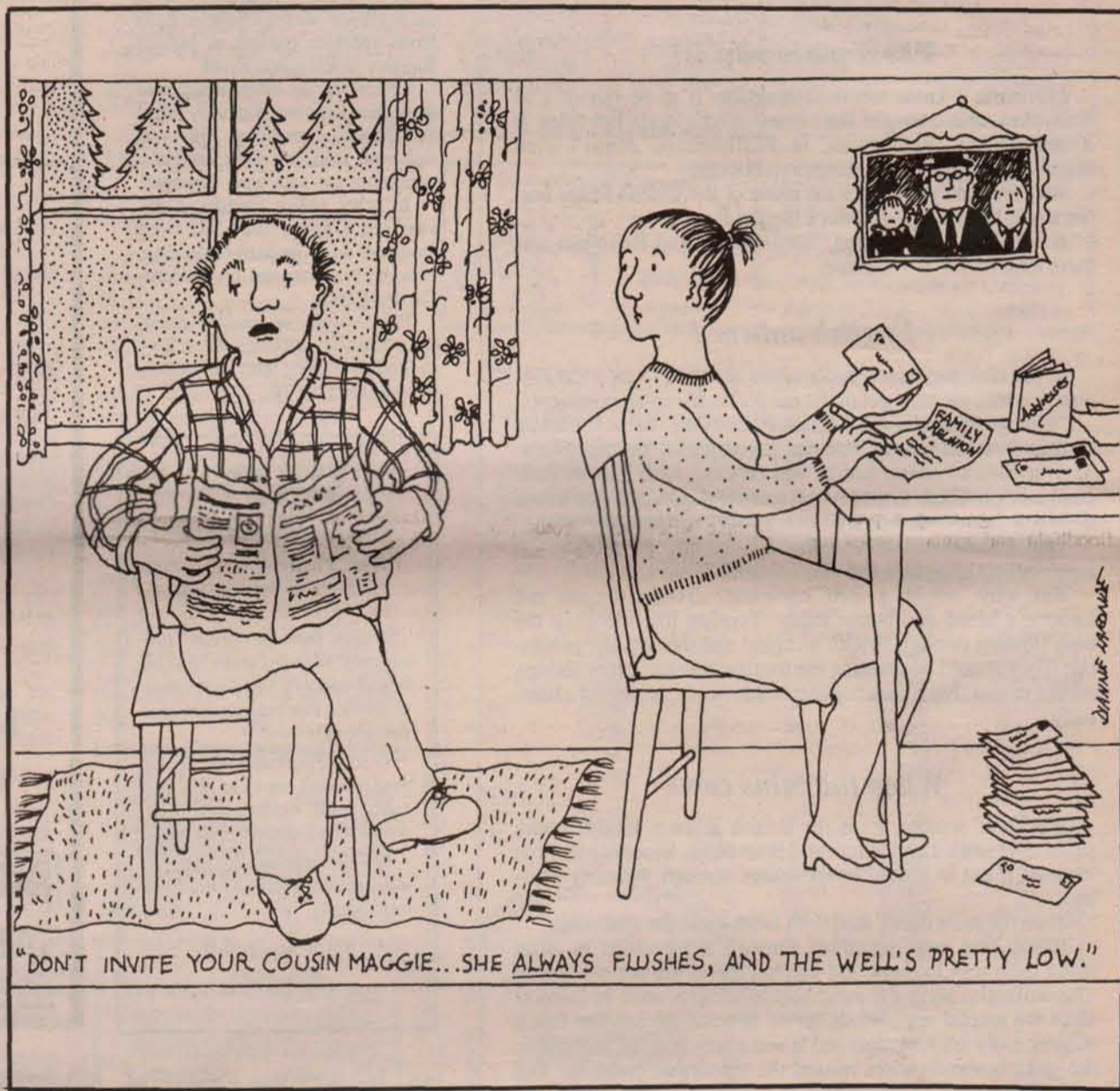
Most people who attended one or more of the various productions staged by the Salt Spring Island Festival of the Arts, or who experienced a locally produced performance of the *The Fantasticks*, must have felt the thrill of having quality entertainment in the "back yard."

The performing arts have come of age on Salt Spring.

The community has attracted and will continue to attract talented people from all walks of the artistic community. A focal point for this artistic expression would be a welcome asset for both residents and visitors.

We support the Island Arts Centre Society and its push to create a centre of the arts for Salt Spring. We believe such a facility will contribute to the island economy in a positive way and encourage the spontaneous expression of the many talented people who reside here.

And we salute the arts festival, its organizers and its participants for a job very well done.



These jars of beets are worth 10 bucks each!

By SUSAN DICKER
 It began with the garden, although hints of it surfaced before. I can't exactly define what "it" is, but it has something to do with these embarrassing recurrences of domesticity that occasionally crop up, despite growing up in the 70s, and despite taking a Women's Studies course at UVic. I've known for sometime that I don't have to stay home, wash the floors and bake three pies, four dozen cookies and a chocolate zucchini cake every week. No way. Equal opportunities. I can blast out that door in the morning, slug away from 9 to 5, bring home the cash, put my feet up and read the newspaper. Not that life

actually happens that way — that casserole doesn't voluntarily jump into the pot and paper plates aren't always environmentally (not to mention aesthetically) acceptable. But it *could* happen that way. And I do appreciate this forward-looking way of thought, especially in light of a rather strong aversion to housework. It could actually have been this dislike of vacuuming, dusting and knitting socks that drove me through four years of university, and sent me marching through the streets for work. My genes just haven't produced many domestic traits. A few years ago, I sat in the kitchen openly snickering at my

mother as, once a week, she scanned the grocery ads looking for bargains. All for a few pennies here and there, I said. Then I moved out and had to buy my own groceries. First I succumbed to looking for good deals in the grocery store. Then I let my eyes slip over the grocery ads. Finally, I brought out a blasted pen and started making wretched lists. Gardening was another occupation I felt took place a little too close to home. Why break your back, pulling out weeds when fresh beans are available in the summer anyway? Three years ago and with some reluctance, I helped plant our first garden. I dug little holes and mixed

real B.S. into the dirt. I started talking to the plants and ripping out those nasty weeds. At night, I heard my thirsty beans and tomatoes calling to me. I wanted to frame my first zucchini and cursed all Bambi-eyed deer when my cabbage disappeared. I liked gardening! This irritating development of domesticity recurred this year. I went and bought a how-to canning book. Then I spent \$130 on a pressure canner. Then I canned 20 pounds of beets. And enjoyed it. ("I'm glad you like canning, dear. Maybe you'd find vacuuming just as rewarding." "You should be very glad that

she wants to purchase this \$130 canner," says the sales woman sternly. "Wouldn't you spend that much for a radio?" A car, maybe. "I've had my canner for 35 years.") Combining the price of the canner, jars and beets, plus about \$50 for my labour, I figure each can of beets is worth about \$10.10. Although if I've got 35 years . . . All this makes me wonder just what sort of odious task I'll be enjoying this time next year. I'm pretty certain it won't be vacuuming; dusting and dishes are unlikely and, as a final note, I still won't be doing windows.

letters

High treason

"Show me an acceptable alternative," Mr. Mulroney shouts to those opposing his infamous nine per cent tax. It is a deadly trap, it caught even the premiers who went on scurrying for such an "alternative" at their Quebec get-together. Mulroney used this trick to fight free trade opponents and deploys it as part of his strategy to force Meech Lake upon us. It is his favourite retort, it seems.

Many Canadians share Mr. Turner's assessment that the Mulroney actions amount to high treason against Canada. They would like to see Mulroney charged and tried in a court of law, accordingly.

Perhaps Mulroney should now "show us an acceptable alternative" to charging him with high treason before a court of law. Exile to Timbuktu would be a welcome penalty, especially if he is ordered to take Mike Wilson along.

HELEN H. VARZELLIOTIS, Ganges.

Thank you

At dusk on Saturday, Aug. 5, I lay spread-eagle with a broken ankle at the bottom of a small cliff near the Spanish Hills Store on Galiano Island.

Help soon arrived including neighbours, an emergency response team of the North Galiano Volunteer Fire Department and the Galiano ambulance and crew. The ambulance attendants did an excellent job in splinting my ankle while the fire department rigged up a portable floodlight and haulage ropes for the stretcher.

I wish to thank all of these people for the fine job done and the moral support given to me in my awkward position.

ROBIN H. DAWSON, North Vancouver.

Excellent care

On August 6 my husband and myself came to visit Pender Island, but before I could see any of it, I had an accident with my motor scooter at the ferry.

I would like to compliment you for your excellent medical care. The men on the ambulance — I'm sorry I didn't get their names — and Dr. Williams were very kind and caring. I felt that I was in very competent hands. There were two

nurses that helped which I would like to thank also.

Thank you RCMP Officer Antaya for your kindness to myself and my husband.

We are looking forward to returning (on four wheels) to Pender Island for a visit and even though we met some very nice people, I'm hoping this time won't be so eventful.

GINGER PENNER, Victoria.

Regenerate

I would like to know who the adult is, tutoring 11-year-old Kerry Martin on the evils of logging. Kerry wrote in *Driftwood* August 23, Page R10, with regards to the logging by St. Mary Lake and I quote: "I saw clear-cut logging up there and when it rains all the dust and mud will slide right into the lake and no more trees will grow there."

I dispute that statement because it is absolutely false. No mud will slide into the lake and there is no reason on this earth why trees should not flourish there again.

I would like to extend an invitation to Kerry Martin and his tutor to come for a walk with me through some of last year's logging slashings and see for themselves all the new seedlings that are already growing to perpetuate the forests.

Also, I would like to show them some of the clear-cuts I worked on in the 1950s. I am sure it would open their eyes to the regenerative powers of trees.

Logging is not the end of the forests as so many uninformed people believe and I would like to prove that to anyone interested enough to come out with me, provided they have their ears, eyes and minds open.

J. BENNETT, Ganges.

Signs

When one is selling one's house, or property, a for sale sign is absolutely necessary. Real estate signs are very common on our island. It is, however, difficult to find a better way to locate properties that are on the market.

The sign discussed in last week's *Driftwood* is legal and conforms to existing regulations. My associate, Arvid Chalmers, is certainly one of the more sensitive people in our community. If the general public is seriously con-

cerned about signs then perhaps they should establish a more stringent bylaw. I am sure that Mr. Chalmers and all island realtors would readily comply.

The use of the word "shark" is a bit "old hat." For several years real estate salespeople have been required to complete a very extensive course run by the University of B.C. Ethics is high on the list in that course.

There are "shark-like" people in every walk of life. However, on Salt Spring I am pleased to find that realtors are professional and genuinely concerned about our community.

PETER BARDON, Fulford Harbour.

Fine selection

I would like to show my appreciation to the fine selection of summer staff that have diligently worked for the Recreation Commission.

Leah Kitchen was back again this summer as camp director of the Summer Discovery Day Camp. Her previous experience, organizational skills, and leadership qualities were essential to the success of this program. Camp counsellors Sandy Nelken and Kim Anderson performed excellently, adding spontaneity, creativity, and guidance to the day camp. Jami Armitage and Heather Denton voluntarily helped the counsellors all summer, assisting in games, arts and crafts, and nature activities. Thank you to each day camp staff member for your super services this summer.

With aquatics in mind, I have never seen such competent teachers of swimming lessons as Brent Philips (aquatic director) and Jared Shutty (aquatic instructor). Their contributions to the expanded swimming program were invaluable. Jane Cunningham, an islander, assisted the aquatic program all summer by volunteering her services. Many parents have been extremely pleased with the instruction displayed this summer.

Tennis was a big smash this summer. Thank you to the instructors, Betty Boyd, Jorge Coelho, Loes Holland, and Tony Mason for sharing your knowledge and excitement with the pupils.

Leanoir Hearsey conducted all the first aid and CPR courses this summer with ease. It is great to have this qualified instructor on the island.

Tavia Testart instructed the

successful pre-school tumble time program, with Sofya Raginsky assisting her. Marla Sloan taught several gymnastic lessons for elementary school age children. Thank you for your enthusiasm and instruction.

An arts and crafts program was offered on weekends in July for children. Another Salt Spring Island-produced instructor, Jenny McClean, shared her knowledge of arts and crafts with the children.

Thank you once again for all who provided quality programs on the island this summer!

SANDRA HENRY, Ganges.

Contributions

Thanks to *Driftwood* for covering my trip in last week's paper and sharing a little bit about Canada World Youth with the community.

For any who may have misunderstood, I would like to shine some light on Canada World Youth's participant fund-raising policy.

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by **hubert beyer**



VICTORIA — Four decades after the forestry giants were given a virtual monopoly on the province's vast timber resources, the unthinkable has happened. The government has set in motion a strategy that may break the industry's stranglehold and vest some control over British Columbia's forests in local communities.

Earlier this month, cabinet decided to appoint a local-government task force that is to make recommendations on the appropriate use of forests in the Clayoquot Sound area on Vancouver Island.

The decision constitutes the most radical departure from the province's sacrosanct forest planning policy since the creation of the forest licence tenure system in the aftermath of the Sloan Commission in the 1940s.

That system gave the large forest companies almost complete control over the publicly-owned resource. It also eliminated many of the small businesses in the forestry sector, thus further strengthening the position of the big players. The rule of the industry over B.C.'s most important natural resource was unchallenged — until now.

Community-based strategy

The task force is to work out a community-based sustainable development strategy which takes into consideration not only the harvesting of timber, but a range of other land uses, including tourism, mining, aquaculture and fishing.

The task force will look at all aspects of present and future exploitation of the land, including social concerns, aesthetics, economic development and what constitutes a sustainable rate of logging.

The idea of community-based forest planning is nothing new, at least not in other jurisdictions. Many European countries have managed their forest resource with input from local communities. In West Germany, about 30 per cent of all forest land is actually managed by municipalities.

In Canada, however, the concept is new and evokes some fears in the industry. Not surprisingly, therefore, Fletcher Challenge and MacMillan Bloedel tried to derail the task force before it could even get off the ground, by proposing their own scheme that would allow for some community input into the forest planning process. To the government's credit, it went ahead with the task force instead.

Forest ministry is not represented

The task force was the direct result of pressure from the town of Tofino, which was able to present its plan barely a week before Fletcher and Mac and Blo submitted their own proposal.

A curious aspect of the task force appointment is the fact that the forest ministry is not represented on it. Perhaps Dave Parker's cabinet colleagues felt that the minister's close ties to the industry couldn't help but adversely affect one of the most important experiments with regard to land use in decades.

"Let's not lose sight of the fact that this is a cabinet document (the task force appointment). It has cabinet consensus, developed by cabinet, and it will prevail," the minister said.

The appointment of the task force at the exclusion of Parker's ministry may also have some direct political consequences. It may well herald the end of Parker's tenure as forest minister.

A friend of the big forests companies

With the government's new emphasis on sustainable development, Premier Vander Zalm cannot afford to have as forest minister a man who is widely regarded as a friend of the big forest companies. Two people appear to be in line for Parker's job — Strachan and Graham Bruce, the MLA for Cowichan-Malahat.

Strachan appears to be a likely contender because he has been leading the government's new sustainable-development initiatives. He was instrumental in the creation of the task force.

Bruce could be in contention for the job because of his past involvement with community-based forestry projects, such as Strategy for Survival, also a Vancouver Island initiative.

Bruce, however, is not expected to accept the portfolio, unless the premier guarantees him a relatively free hand in the implementation of his ideas.

But whoever the next forest minister will be — and there will be a new one shortly — he will preside over one of the most dramatic departures from this province's resource policies ever.

The appointment of the community task force is a turning point in B.C. history. It marks the end of an alliance between government and industry which has ruled the public's most precious resource to the exclusion of all but their own interests.

It's difficult to be ready for death

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for a loved one ever die?

The hopes recede to the back of the mind as there are no further sounds from the person on the bed. The hopeful thoughts are replaced once again by the memories, 36 years' worth. Earliest childhood memories through to the present. They flood the mind, one at a time, the ups and downs, the good times and the bad, but they're mostly good.

The household sounds continue. Occasionally, one of the "nurses" will stop by the portable bed, which has been placed for the morning in the centre of the living room, and softly whisper words of endearment to the person on the bed. The nurses are family: husband, children, sons and daughters-in-law.

They can administer medications, provide care and offer love to the person on the bed, but that is all. No one can halt the march of the disease through the body.

We know that she will never again look at any of us and speak coherently. Yet to her children she was a dominant and forceful but loving influence upon their lives. We know she'll never again take up the brush and pursue her love for painting. But it was a love she had been unable to pursue until the latter years of her life.

Two days later, the household sounds were different. They were there but they were restrained. Conversations were whispered and brief. The bed was gone and the grandchildren no longer played happily in the pool. They sat together on the deck outside, saying little. Their tears said it all.

They had known this day would come, as had we all. And they discovered that despite knowing it would come, you are never fully prepared for the loss, the sorrow and the grief.

Older members of the family were gathered in the bedroom, trying to accept that the end had come, that life would continue without the person who now lay still on the bed, the person whose sleep was no longer fitful and whose hand I would never touch again.

They exchanged memories,

looking into a past that held few regrets. They swapped amusing tales that told lovingly of the character of the person who had left them. And they tried hard to quell the bitterness they felt — bitterness for such an untimely, early death.

Outside on the deck, a granddaughter, not yet seven, breaks into sobs. An older brother, just turned 12, encircles her with his arms and offers consolation. The sobbing slowly stops, but the tears remain.

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Leachate problem at Hartland

'Handle own waste,' — visitor

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING — Salt Spring Islanders should take care of their own garbage instead of shipping it off to someone else's backyard.

That advice comes from Ron de Paul, chairman of the Tod Creek Watershed Enhancement Society, who recently visited Salt Spring to investigate the Blackburn Road dump site.

De Paul was invited by the Saly Spring Island Salmonid Enhancement Society to speak to volunteers working in the Cusheon Lake watershed.

"Most Gulf Islanders don't want

to accept garbage from other areas. They should handle their own waste."

He says a garbage transfer station, such as the one considered for Fulford Harbour, would take away the incentive to pursue other alternatives such as recycling and composting.

De Paul says the dump does not have a leachate problem in the watershed. "The creeks are not fouled and there is sufficient percolable material to handle the landfill's contaminants."

That is in stark contrast to the Hartland Road landfill which has a

"tremendous flow of leachates," peaking to 450 gallons a minute. During the summer months much of these hazardous leachates are collected in lagoons and percolated back into the landfill. But much of the leachate flows into a nearby watershed.

He says to accommodate the Capital Region's mounting garbage problem Hartland dump is planning on filling nearby five-acre Heal Lake to allow the landfill to handle another 40 years of waste.

De Paul says the regional district is just about to connect a 10-inch pipe between Hartland and Esquimalt, a distance of about 12 kilometres, to flush away leachates from the dump site into the ocean. He says the pipe is only a temporary solution, just as is a transfer station on Salt Spring.

"We're solving our problems by shifting them on to others, like trying to get Wales to accept our PCBs. We have to address the problem ourselves," he says.

De Paul suggests wells near the Blackburn dump site be tested for run-off contaminants from the dump.

He says at Hartland leachates flow into three creek systems which empty behind Butchart Gardens where they are destroying an estuary.

Garbage disposal could cost \$81

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Users will pay an additional 50 cents per bag, although recyclables will be accepted free of charge.

Gossett describes the proposal as "definitely affordable."

He says islanders have two alternatives for solid waste disposal on Salt Spring: if voters reject the transfer station, garbage will be hauled directly to the Hartland landfill. This, he says, will involve an independent contractor undertaking door-to-door pick-up and will be more expensive.

The second alternative will involve bagged waste only — eliminating the disposal of other materials such as home construction debris.

"From the best estimation of what the ministry has said, we understand the present landfill will be closed down," Gossett said.

While the solid waste committee has been unable to get a definitive answer from environment ministry officials, it appears they intend to suspend the landfill permit as soon as an alternative is found.

A ministry of environment spokesman would not provide *Driftwood* with a definite answer on the matter. He said the ministry supports the CRD's solid waste plan, which includes a transfer station for Salt Spring, but would not comment on the possible ramifications of a failed referendum.

He further stated that the ministry is concerned with the location of the present landfill site in a watershed area on Blackburn Road.

While leachate has not appeared in water systems in the area, many people are concerned with that possibility. At present, no one knows where the leachate is going. Gossett said that should leachate appear in water systems, the CRD, ministry of environment and land owner Norman Twa could be liable.

Gossett also noted that the landfill's Class C permit requires the site be covered on a weekly basis. (A Class A permit — such as that regulating the Hartland landfill — requires a daily coverage). Due to lack of enforcement, Gossett said, the landfill on Blackburn Road has not met this standard.

The BFI transfer station proposal is based on a site located on Isabella Point Road, near Drummond Park in Fulford. Gossett said the solid waste committee has not ruled out the possibility of having the transfer station located at the current Blackburn Road landfill

site.

Gossett said the issue surrounding solid waste on Salt Spring points to a problem with our society's way of life and, if nothing else, is bringing this problem to the forefront of our thinking.

The more individuals learn to recycle, he said, the less important solid waste disposal issues will become. People will also see recycling as a means of saving: both dollars and the environment.

"I believe something good will come out of all this," Gossett said. "There may be some pain involved now, but in the future, the way we dispose of it will be the most important. Hopefully some successful and creative initiatives will come out of all this."

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Reunion marks 130th year of family's arrival on island

By DAVID FRASER
SALT SPRING — About 375 descendants of Henry and Lucy Sampson gathered on Salt Spring

Island for the weekend to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the Sampson clan's island beginnings.

The celebration at Vic Sampson's Fernwood Road farm drew relatives from as far away as England and Ontario. It was a time to swap stories, addresses and old photographs.

All 13 of the late Chester Sampson's children attended the reunion. They were raised in a small farmhouse in the Fernwood district.

The event was planned by family historian Lil Irwin, one of Chester's two daughters, along with nephew Rocky Sampson of Victoria. Irwin says late arrivals due to ferry overloads caused the only glitch in an otherwise successful weekend.

The weekend included slow-pitch games, balloon races, a "B.S. contest," talent show and potluck dinner. There were prizes for the oldest, greyest, biggest beer belly and for those who travelled farthest.

Irwin says the event was captured on video and audio tape. She adds that another reunion is planned for five years from now.

It is 130 years since Henry and Lucy Sampson settled on their north end farm. Henry came to British Columbia from his native Kent, England, in 1859 after a six-month journey aboard the *Norman Morrison*, accompanied by fellow Hudson Bay Company employees James Douglas and J.S. Helmcken.

Douglas became governor when B.C. became a colony in 1858. Helmcken's house, the oldest house in Victoria, still stands next to the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Sampson briefly worked as an HBC factor in Prince Rupert. He

married Lucy Peatson, a full-blooded native Indian, and settled on what was then called Begg's Settlement.

Because he was fluent in several Indian tongues and had a wealth of knowledge about their customs Henry was appointed Salt Spring's first constable to help quell violent outbreaks between native Indians and white settlers.

Henry, whose picture hangs in the Ganges RCMP station, took part in several punitive expeditions on Her Majesty's gunboats against turbulent Indian tribes. In one incident, says Lil Irwin, her grandfather swam after a canoe full of Indians escaping after a robbery.

Irwin remembers being raised in a three-bedroom farmhouse and living a self-sufficient lifestyle — hunting, farming, and selling wool to groups of Thetis and Kuper Island natives. At that time the nearest hospital was in Nanaimo.

The first jail also stood on Sampson land — a wooden shed with wooden slats on its doors and windows — later replaced by a jail at Central Hall.

"We have such a lucky family," says Irwin, pointing out that all 13 of Chester Sampson's kids are alive today. Six of her brothers also fought in World War II and came back alive. Chester, the youngest of Henry's 14 children, left land to the original school at Fernwood. He left 60 acres to his eldest son, Harold, and three acres to each of his 12 other children. He passed away in 1960.

Irwin says her mother, Elizabeth Hutchinson, came to Salt Spring from England at age 12 on the *S.S. Empress*. She met Chester when he delivered groceries to her family's Mount Maxwell farm.



Six-year-old Amy of Duncan, daughter of Brian and Donna Sampson and granddaughter of Bruce Sampson, was happy to pose for photographer during Sampson reunion last weekend. She is wearing T-shirt printed for the occasion. It depicts Henry and Lucy Sampson, who arrived on Salt Spring 130 years ago. Behind Amy is the musket used by Henry Sampson when he served as Salt Spring's first constable.

Among those celebrating the Sampson family reunion last weekend were, from left: Vic Sampson and daughter Liz of Salt Spring, Ernie Sampson of 100 Mile House and granddaughter Rachael Davidson of Nakusp, and Cliff Sampson of Courtenay. Vic, Ernie and Cliff are among the 13 children of Chester and Elizabeth Sampson.

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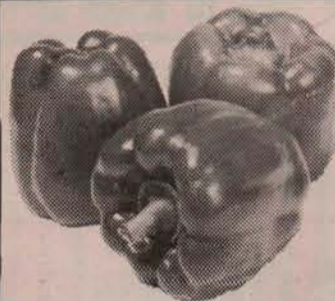


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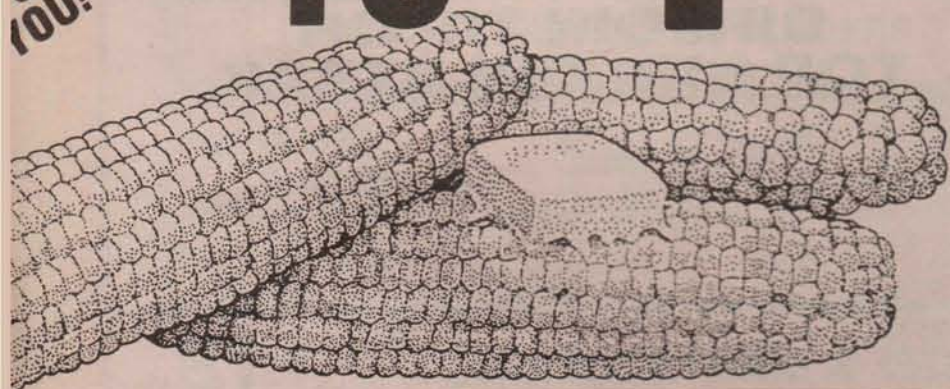
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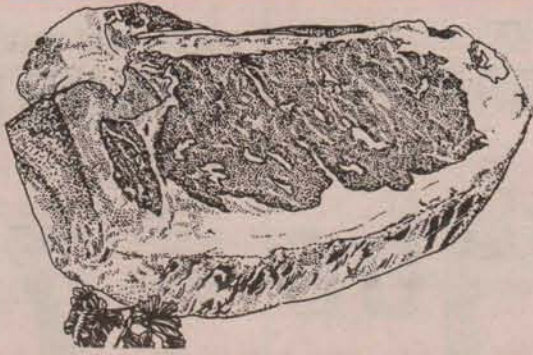


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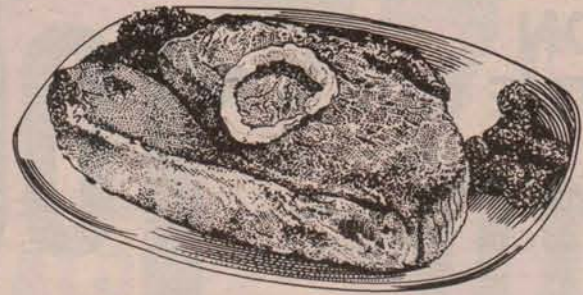
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Feathers and Bones, Flowers and Stones

Local watercolour artist has show at Off Centre gallery

SALT SPRING — The work of local artist Patricia Brown will be featured in a showing at the Off Centre Stage gallery during September.

The watercolour artist paints nature and natural objects in a style she describes as "magnified realism." Larger than life views of seashells, bones, feathers and flowers are a few of the subjects she has explored on canvas. She cites Georgia O'Keeffe as a major influence on the style and content of her paintings.

"I find nature endlessly inspiring," says the artist. "I am concerned greatly for our environment, and if my paintings can help someone appreciate Mother Earth, be a little more respectful of the planet, I feel I am succeeding in what I am trying to say."

Brown was born and raised on the Lower Mainland and has lived on Salt Spring with her husband and three children since 1985. This year she illustrated the locally published book, *Spinner's Inlet*, and was one of the artists represented in the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts group show.



Patricia Brown

The artist studied print-making, sculpting, drawing and painting at Fraser Valley College in Abbotsford in the early 1980s. Her interests also include photography and fibre arts.

An opening reception at Off

Centre will offer the public an opportunity to meet the artist. It will be held Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The show, entitled *Feathers and Bones, Flowers and Stones*, opens tomorrow (Thursday) and runs until September 20.

Comedy troupe is serious about upcoming stage presentation

SALT SPRING — They're even rehearsing for this one.

That's the latest word from the island's hysterical group of comedians, the Salt Spring Hysterical Society, who will open with a full-length comedy play September 7 at Off Centre Stage.

Paradise Lots follows the adventures of Frank Stein, a successful Toronto developer whose doctor sends him on a sabbatical to Paradise Island. Frank finds himself buying a condo from J. Milton Bottomley of Paradise Realty.

Frank hardly gets a chance to rest, though, before he is pulled in all directions by his neighbour, Wally Ludwig, the weedeater

wizard; by Rita Skripnik's coffee and buns at the Farmers' Market; by Sheila Halfcox of the Paradise Preservation Society; by seagulls, seals and salmon. By the time his wife Fanny flies out to check up on him, Frank is up to his ears in trouble.

Hysterical Society members say they've had to keep rewriting the play. Said Anne Lyon: "Every time we turned around there was another hot issue we had to include."

The current list of targets includes condos, the Farmers' Market, logging and the Islands Trust.

Director is April Curtis, also artistic director at Off Centre Stage.

Her last production, *The Fantasticks*, has enjoyed rave reviews and sold-out houses for its month-long run.

Curtis says directing the Hysterical Society is a challenge quite different from any she has previously tackled. "It's like organizing a troupe of monkeys," she says. "But it's fun. These people are so creative and talented; you never know what they'll come up with next."

Paradise Lots will run September 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 at Off Centre Stage. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Shows at Beaver Point Hall and on the Outer Islands will follow.

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Four patients from a New Jersey

Painters meeting set for September 6

SALT SPRING — The Salt Spring Painters' Guild invites all members to the opening meeting at Mahon Hall September 6 at 10:30 a.m.

The executive for the coming year are president Libby Jones, vice-president Norman Stewart, secretary Joy Eastman, treasurer Ian Waterlow, program committee Imme McLean, Chris Pattinson, and Judi Borbas.

The September format includes an information meeting for old and new members, followed by three outdoor sketching workshops with visiting artists.

The painters' guild welcomes all interested people to join them for the coming season.

The annual membership fee is \$10 and the guild meets weekly on Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Mahon Hall.

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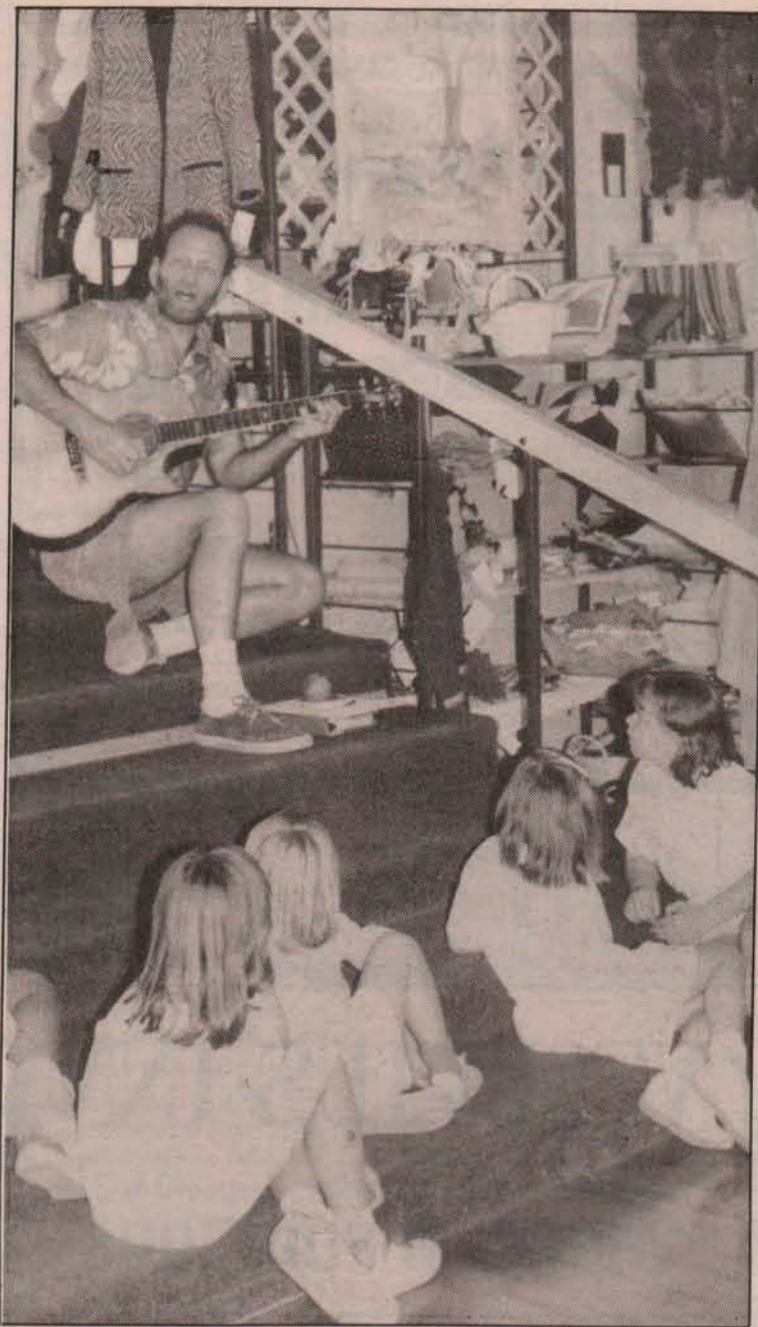
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Health care information, advice to be offered at fair next month

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Information such as the foregoing will be among that offered at the upcoming health fair, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Ganges activity centre.

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Bison Band leader, RCMP Sgt. Jim Brough is pianist and vocalist

Music of the Mounties

Bison Band at Ganges next week

SALT SPRING — A concert catering to all tastes is promised next week when islanders will have an opportunity to hear the music of the Mounties.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Bison Band will perform two concerts next Wednesday at Ganges, one for local students during the afternoon, and a second for the public in the evening. Both performances will take place at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym.

The nine members in the Bison Band — all of whom are ranking RCMP officers — are versatile musicians. To join the band they

must have had training and experience as professional musicians.

Many play up to five instruments and some take on vocals, emceeing and even composing.

Their primary role is to entertain Canadian audiences from coast to coast. The band has also travelled abroad to play at public and state functions in Europe, the United States, Central and South America, Australia and India.

The band is an enthusiastic promoter of Canadian music, and includes in its repertoire compositions of songwriters from Newfoundland to British Columbia.

The Bison Band and the

RCMP's larger Concert Band play 300 performances a year, 85 per cent for charities or community service projects and the remainder for state or ceremonial occasions.

Wednesday's evening concert begins at 8 pm. Tickets — \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors — are available at et cetera, Gulf Island Electronics and the Driftwood office.

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There had been a surfeit of school and not enough of travel. I must, through speaking it, have acquired some entrance into their language; and so I wanted to go with my friend R. to Port Angeles by ferry across the Juan De Fuca Strait.

We got to the Black Ball dock in Victoria a complacent two hours early. The scene that preceded us was, nevertheless, chaotic. Large American men with hats apparently stolen from aircraft carriers were breathing heavily over the ticket counters. Lines of cars and "recreational vehicles" (a phrase that always puzzles me) were strewn in all directions, sometimes even grill to grill, as if at a signal the whole place would erupt in a colossal demolition derby with the winner given the prize of sailing to Port Angeles in solitary splendour in the hold of the ship.

They were no doubt watching for smugglers

Officials with badges on their breasts and revolvers on their hips walked purposefully between them, no doubt watching for guilt on the faces of smugglers, although it is impossible to imagine what they could have hidden that had value south of the border, with the exception of our quixotic embargo on the vertebra of extinct whales.

In return for most of my \$30 American, we received a piece of white paper with the message "Reserve #18" written on it, but not by a student of the MacLean Method. We parked where we were told.

"Do you think we'll make it?" I asked the cheerful woman in the next row who was driving a car with Oregon licence plates.

"You bet!" She grinned. "I'm a minister, I said a prayer!"

Buoyed by this (I'm open to spiritual radiation of any kind if it helps me catch the boat), I tried to read the author a friend back on Salt Spring had recommended for my voyage. But it turned out to be the hastily composed reminiscences of an American in China whose craving for hamburgers and Pepsi-Cola intruded upon almost every setting.

When I got to the part where he christened his hostess in an Inner Mongolian yurt "Mongo Mama," I threw Peter Jenkins' wretched tome, *Across China*, under the seat in horror, where it competed unfavourably with my son's crumbled chocolate bar wrappers and bits of stale cheese.

At last the Black Ball ferry began to load. Two guys in sneakers and football shirts must have known the secrets of this serpentine parking lot because they disentangled the rows with astonishing efficiency.

Menu was written in an obscure dialect

To my surprise we reached Port Angeles, a jumble of a city with no obvious centre and which always reminds me of an inflated version of Ladysmith. Ravenous, we stopped at Aggie's Restaurant.

I studied a menu which was printed in an obscure, perhaps hitherto undiscovered, dialect. Two dishes, particularly, intrigued us.

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As we ordered I decided to test a theory of mine. It is thought impossible to get a professional American waitress in Port Angeles to forget to add "uh huh!" after each sentence.

"Would you also bring us two bottles of Mexican beer?"

"Sure thing, uh huh."

"Is there a good bookstore in town?" (I had to replace the execrable Peter Jenkins as soon as possible).

"The Odyssey, right down at the corner, uh huh."

"Thanks."

"Uh huh!"

Pleased, I left the dining room and with some difficulty found the WC.

The student of another country's language should not overlook its graffiti and this visit produced a superb example:

"This toilet paper is like John Wayne.

It's ruff & tuff and don't take no sh—from anyone."

After the Main Street ambience of Aggie's, R. and I went to the Odyssey.

I wandered over to some tables to check the remainders. There was the usual collection of obscure titles. But what was this? Richard Olney's *French Menu Cookbook* for only \$6.98 US? I grabbed it covetously and ran up to the counter before they could change the price. This was a book I'd wanted desperately in Canada, but had quailed at the price.

"Good price, eh?" I observed to the Odyssey's owner in my best Canadian.

"Uh huh."

Ganges arts centre proponents seek support from business

SALT SPRING—A group lobbying for a centre for the arts on Salt Spring is requesting that local business people write a letter of support for the concept.

In a letter sent to local business proprietors, April Curtis, art director at Off Centre Stage, says: "Salt Spring Island has a chance to build a centre using building capital cost grant monies from the provincial and federal governments.

"We need a support letter — only a letter — from you, showing your enthusiastic affirmation of such a centre."

Curtis suggests the art centre would result in year-round increased profits for local business people: "people who attend this centre will need some place to eat and drink, off-islanders will need some place to stay, and certainly something to buy to take home. Support services will be needed . . . Such a facility will be a tangible asset when considering a place to live. And it will directly contribute to revitalizing the downtown core at off-peak hours — all year round."

Curtis further quotes figures produced by the B.C. Cultural Services Branch and the Canadian Conference for Business and the Arts, which indicate that "for every dollar spent on the arts within a community, an additional \$2.50 of further spending is generated."

The Island Arts Centre Society believes a centre for the arts on this island would become a focal point for all Gulf Island interest groups.

The proposed centre would be centrally located — the chosen site is 1.67 acres, situated below Mouat Park on the northwest corner of Jackson, Seaview and McPhillips Avenues.

The design takes advantage of the sloping property by being a multi-level structure, Curtis says. The proposed design includes a 235-seat theatre, 4,000 square feet of multi-use area and a future 400-seat amphitheatre.

Curtis says every letter written in support of the centre "adds a little more credence to our request for grant money."

Once built, she adds, the centre will be entirely self-supporting.

Those writing a brief support letter should mail it to the Island

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Once upon a time a nosey *New York Times* reporter asked an Amtrak passenger why she insisted on taking trains whenever she travelled any distance. Was it, asked the reporter, because she was afraid of flying?

"No" came the crisp reply. "Crashing."

Well, exactly. And any air traveller who says he or she doesn't feel just the teensiest tingle of terror when he or she steps off the tarmac and into that winged cigar tube is either bluffing or sadly deficient in imagination.

Flying is a miracle! There is no way in hell that 35 or 82 or 327 people in polyester suits or PF Flyers ought to be zinging along at 36,000 feet sipping Kahlua and riffling the pages of *Macleans* magazines!

Nothing makes me more humble than flying. Every time I wedge myself in my seat, fumble for my seat belt and wait for the oxygen mask demonstration, I remind myself that I am defying gravity, tempting fate and thumbing my nose at the gods.

Are they young? Mature? Decrepit?

Actually, one of the first things I try to do even before I board is get a glimpse of the pilot and co-pilot. Are they young? Too young? Mature? Decrepit? Do they look like they had a good night's sleep or like two guys who just splashed water on their faces after an all-night brothel-cum-crack house?

Even if I don't get to eyeball the fly guys, I like to speculate on what they're saying as we wait for takeoff clearance. And as I look around the plane it seems to me that other passengers are playing the same game.

How about you? Do you ever wonder what the pilots are thinking about when all the folks in the fuselage are thinking about them?

Well, thanks to the cockpit flight recorders we now know the answer to that question.

You're going to be sorry you asked.

Flight recorders are, of course, the devices that automatically record all conversation in the cockpit before and during commercial flights. The idea is that if an accident occurs and the flight crew is wiped out, investigators will be able to listen to the recorded tape and figure out what went wrong.

A whole new language is evolving

Over the past few years investigators have had the unenviable chore of listening to more than a few of those tapes. One thing they've learned is that there's a whole new language evolving up there in the cockpit.

Pilots speak to each other of "doing a slam dunk." That's when a plane is kept above congested air traffic then banked sharply at high speed and "slam dunked" through the holding pattern down to the runway.

The conversation behind that door is also often racist and sexist. Female pilots are "empty kitchens." Small private aircraft which get in the way are "Indians."

I love their name for the standard in-flight dinner choice pilots are usually offered (filet mignon or chicken cordon bleu) — the pilots call it "leather and feather."

I'm not so crazy, on the other hand, about the name pilots have for live freight like you and me. They call us dogs — as in "How many dogs have we got in back today?"

Sound check from a radio talk show

Sometimes the conversation sounds like a sound check from an all-night radio talk show. On a Delta Air Lines 727 flight out of Dallas last summer you could hear the pilot and co-pilot swapping such pre-flight chitchat as:

An assessment of Jesse Jackson's political performance. "It's scary that someone could get as far as he did."

Speculation about the genealogical roots of the U.S. vice-president's spouse: "She looks like she's from Texas. She's got that horseface."

The Delta pilots also joked about the dating habits of the flight attendants "in case we crash, so the media would have some kind of a juicy tidbit . . . they're such vultures."

How come we have all these juicy tidbits about one particular flight? Oh, because some media vulture from a Dallas TV station asked the courts for a copy of the tape. Reason for interest? Because moments after the above conversation was recorded the Delta 727 crashed on takeoff from Dallas, killing 14 people, including the pilot and co-pilot.

Garbage collection problem too

Vandalism at Centennial Park plagues commission members

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING — Salt Spring Island's Parks and Recreation Commission is at a loss as to how to combat vandalism of Centennial Park washroom facilities.

The problem was pointed out by Ian Fraser at a recent commission meeting. Fraser said he has noticed "little kids" dumping pea gravel into toilets.

He said parental supervision would go a long way towards correcting the problem.

Plum trees planted at the park two years ago have also been abused by youths swinging on branches. Fraser points out that the youths, who are of high school age, have ignored his warnings.

Commission chairman Neville Smith said vandalism is a major concern because people are complaining about the condition of the washrooms.

He said the washrooms are kept open as long as possible as a service to the Ganges community. "But we'll be forced to curtail hours of operation if they can't be properly supervised."

Fraser said there is also a problem with garbage collection in the park. At the meeting, Jules Atkins explained that Farmers' Market vendors, who pay fees for garbage collection, are complaining that bins sometimes overflow over the weekend.

Fraser said the Capital Regional District (CRD) purchased four 45-gallon barrels for the rubbish but they often go astray during special events.

To correct that problem the commission is acquiring a large dumpster container for Centennial Park. Although boaters and islanders might use the refuse bin, "at least this way garbage won't be scattered all over the island," said Fraser.

Smith said it is difficult for Parks and Recreation to keep refuse under control at parks as the commission is volunteer-run with only one full-time paid employee, Bruce McFadyen.

As a possible solution two temporary employees' time will be rescheduled to keep the park tidy. And next year the group will apply for

funding to clean up the park's garbage.

It was pointed out at the meeting that a disproportionate amount of space was going to off-island vendors at the weekly Ganges market. But the commission decided not to

intervene as the Farmers' Market appears to be self-regulating.

Meanwhile, commission members agreed to send a letter of thanks to Mouat's Trading Company for giving a discount every year for Parks and Recreation purchases.



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Island team trounces Sidney in exhibition

Salt Spring F.C. 3, Sidney 1
By ALAN WEBB

SALT SPRING — Men's soccer returned to Salt Spring this past weekend, albeit in exhibition form. Two-thirds of the local football club trounced Sidney 3-1.

Some of the faces have changed from last year's squad. Leaving are the Legg brothers, Marty, Carlo, Tony and Steven. Not that we're left without a Legg to stand on, however, as Malcolm is still here.

Lyle and Michael Brown are gone, possibly temporarily. Lyle is recuperating from another knee problem and Michael is away chasing job prospects. Both may be back, Lyle if he recovers fully enough (and gets the okay from

mother and girlfriend) and Michael if he has his trusty bank card handy to pay for a return flight. Jack Braak may or may not play — we're still working on him.

New faces are many. Corbin Scott, Chad Little, Chris Mullin, Colin Walde, and Woody Scott join us from Malcolm's graduated boys' team. David McColl and Brian (I didn't quite catch the last name) are two other new faces.

To complete the line-up picture add returnees Malcolm Legg, Captain Ken Marr, Jonathan Oldroyd, Arnie Hengstler, Johnny Villadsen, Ken Duke, David Toynbee, Darren Strong, Kerry Walker, Mayer Krayenhoff, Graham Tweddle (the last three are actually new

players but they seem like they've been teammates before), this writer and William Todd Tamboline, 20, of Ganges. Have I forgotten anyone? If so, I apologize.

Anyway, on Sunday, David Toynbee showed mid-season form by scoring three times in a matter of minutes in the first half. A fourth was called back shortly after the interval and shortly afterward David was, shall we say, rested. Summer soccer has definitely provided David with the sharpness to enjoy a quick start when the season begins in mid-September. Look for David to fill the net this year.

The rest of the team looked very good as well. Ken Marr showed the

form we've all come to expect from a truly top-flight goalkeeper.

The backline was solid: William Todd Tamboline, 20, of Ganges, Malcolm Legg, Jonathan Oldroyd, and Graham Tweddle all had excellent matches.

The mid-field looked quite good as well. David McColl, Brian Something-or-other, and this writer ran hard and showed some good ball distribution.

The front line, in addition to David, included Johnny Villadsen, Darren Strong, Kerry Walker, and

Ken Duke, who, as an ambulance driver, was deprived of the first hour by an emergency call, but returned to have a blistering volley travel narrowly over the bar. All the forwards worked tirelessly and were all unlucky not to hit the net themselves.

So it was an encouraging start for the new-and-improved F.C. One more "friendly" in two weeks and the regular season. Promotion to second division next April? Stay tuned.

golf report

By MAXINE WHORLEY

The winners of the irons-only competition played by members of the ladies' 18-hole division were Bev Menzies, Kas Black and Marj Cade who all finished with a net 70. The putt pot was shared by Marj Mills, Shirley Parsons and Irene Hawksworth, each recording 29 putts.

In team play Salt Spring hosted ladies from Royal Colwood with the local group taking 84 points to Colwood's 60 points.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, in the ladies' nine-hole competition, Ann

Vodden won low gross and also took the putt pot. The runner-up spot was taken by Jean Williams. Other winners for the day were Shirley Vida, Mary Hogg and Vi Austin.

In the men's division, congratulations go to Al McLean, winner of the Schwenger Cup over Stu Hopkins in an 18-hole play-off.

The eighth round of the Ringer and Bestball was played on Thursday with Norm Zacharias winning first place with a net 65. This was followed by Bob Marshall and Art Botham each posting a net

67. Fred Broadbent, Larry Davies, Ernst Kramer and Glenn Hewitson all finished with net 68, while Gordon Parsons, Walt Turnbull and Jack Dosco had net 69.

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Cyclist to join lung ride

SALT SPRING — A local cyclist will participate in a fund-raising ride to combat lung disease next month. Susan Box will join other riders for the fifth annual Bicycle Trek for Life and Breath on September 9 and 10.

The British Columbia Lung Association (BCLA), the organization behind the ride, is dedicated to improving the lung health of British Columbians.

Through research, scientists are making breakthroughs in the prevention and treatment of lung diseases. The BCLA educates the public on the dangers of smoking, occupational lung diseases and air pollution.

"As an asthmatic, I feel a great deal to the BCLA for their development of drugs to help control this distressing disease," says Box.

"Fortunately I am able to participate in sports such as swimming, aerobics and cycling without much difficulty."

Starting at Fort Langley, riders will wind their way through the Fraser Valley, through Sumas and Lynden in Washington State and back to the starting point.

"This non-competitive tour will challenge both my stamina and my self-confidence. I'll be proud to ride the trek as a representative of Salt Spring."

Box says although she is determined to complete the tour to participate she must raise pledges. "I will be happy to accept any pledge, no matter how small or large, and donations over \$5 are tax-deductible."

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