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At Gulf Island schools

Student population beats 1989 figures

On enrolment increase of 151 throughout the Gulf Islands represents a 10 per cent increase in the 1989 September roll-call. Total number of students enrolled in June, 1989 was 1348. That number has climbed to 1499 this fall.

Student enrolment at the Gulf Island Secondary School has jumped to 430 from 349 representing an increase of 21 per cent - highest increase in the district.

Second to the Ganges school is the Mayne Island school with an enrolment increase of 26 per cent. Fernwood School's population has jumped from 221 to 259 this September, representing a 17 per cent increase, while on Galiano Island an 11 per cent increase sees the school's enrolment climb from 83 to 95.

Staff at district schools has been increased slightly, most notably at the Mayne Island, Fulford and Fernwood elementary schools.

Some teachers will be permitted to work at other schools within the district. Gulf Island Secondary school teacher John Cameron will be travelling to other schools in the district to establish computer programs.

Gone from the Gulf Island Secondary School is long-time physical education teacher Larry Roy. In his place from Saanich is Doug Pearson.

Fulford School will see two new teachers, one of whom will replace librarian, Susan Underwood.

At Salt Spring Elementary School Elaine Bartier will be

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Clam diggers pay fine worth more than catch

SALT SPRING — Three Ladysmith residents were in Ganges provincial court last week to answer to charges of digging clams in a closed area and being in possession of undersized clams.

The two men and one woman pleaded guilty to being in possession of undersized clams before Judge Hubbard on September 5.

The Crown entered a stay of proceedings on the charge of digging clams in a closed area.

Judge Hubbard ordered Neil Harker and Paul Simon to pay a fine of \$400 or spend 30 days in jail, while Carmen Saunders had the choice of paying \$100 or serving 10 days in jail.

The accused were apprehended with the evidence near Walker Hook at the North end of Salt Spring Island on October 28, of last year.



On show

Mt. Belcher resident Edna Watson displays two entries for the 1989 version of the Salt Spring Island Fall Fair. The is-

lander hand-crafted both items: at left a crochet baby blanket, and at right, a hooked rug. The Fall Fair, scheduled to run this

Saturday and Sunday at the Farmer's Institute promises lots of colourful exhibits.

INSIDE



Back to school

The kids went back last week. See photos Page A10.



Comedy on tap

Paradise Lots now playing at Off Centre Stage. See Page A17.

Passenger-only ferries for Islands?

Projections of increasing traffic volumes between Vancouver and Victoria have British Columbia Ferry Corporation officials investigating alternative methods of carrying people between the Mainland and Vancouver Island.

High-speed passenger ferries may be an alternative to the passenger-car ferries currently in operation, and recently referred to by Social Credit MLA for Saanich and the Islands, Mel Couvelier, as "dinosaurs."

Couvelier, Minister of Finance in the Provincial Cabinet, agrees with the ferry corporation's findings: that traffic volumes on the major routes of Nanaimo-Horseshoe Bay and Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay will make the transportation links between island and mainland prohibitively congested routes within ten years.

The proposal currently under review calls for high-speed ferries

between downtown Vancouver and Swartz Bay carrying 300 passengers each hour to efficient transit routes at disembarkation points.

Such a transportation link would reflect the government's recogni-

tion that current transportation links cannot continue to support projected volumes of automobile traffic.

Such a ferry system, noted Couvelier, would encourage the

travelling public to be less dependent on automobiles.

And as far as the Gulf Islands routes are concerned, the corporation is taking a look at various links

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A woman's victory over cancer

BY VAL RICHARDS

It happened over 30 years ago when Freda and Dave Maguire were living in Toronto with their four pre-teen children.

As always, Freda was fixing up the gardens and the house's interior, while husband Dave was out at work. While she bustled around their Toronto home with her four children, who ranged from age ten to 18 months, she decided to strip and varnish the floors.

"It was one of those days Toronto's weather is famous for," she recalls. "So hot the kids couldn't play outside. So hot, you just didn't want to do anything."

Freda worked all one day stripping the varnish off the hardwood and was exhausted at bedtime.

That night, she was cooling off in the shower when she felt a large lump in her right breast. She immediately made arrangements to get to the doctor in the morning.

It was late August, 1958, when Freda Macguire's doctor told her she had cancer.

"You're not going to get better and we don't expect you to get better was the attitude family and friends took," Freda says.

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Concern is expressed over PCB transport on ferries

SALT SPRING — The Gulf Island School Board has removed containers of PCBs previously locked in a basement room at Salt Spring Elementary School.

But the president of the B.C. Ferry and Marine Workers' Union is not pleased with the policy that allows B.C. Ferries to transport PCBs and other dangerous cargo on passenger ferries.

School trustees recently announced that several small containers of PCBs have been transferred to a Ministry of Environment storage facility in Nanaimo. The board said removal of the toxic waste was undertaken through the correct channels, with permission granted by the Coast Guard and the B.C. Ferry Corporation.

In the meantime, Ferry Workers' Union president Lee Cochran is calling for an immediate investigation into the policy allow-

ing PCB transportation on B.C. Ferries.

"PCBs are carried on passenger ferries with the knowledge and consent of Canada Coast Guard," Cochran said in a prepared statement last week. "The ferry corporation has no provisions for checking commercial vehicles for PCBs and other dangerous goods on passenger ferries."

Cochran said the union views this as a safety concern and a violation of public trust.

In spite of Canada Coast Guard assurances to the contrary, Cochran insists B.C. Ferries do not meet minimum regulations set out under the Canada Shipping Act.

According to the B.C. Ferry Corporation, all terminals have information on what their vessels can and cannot carry.

The dangerous goods regulations are contained in the *International Maritime Dangerous Goods*

Code, published by Inter-governmental Marine Consultant Organization (IMCO). B.C. Ferries staff are required to refer to these regulations should any question regarding cargo transport arise.

According to international regulations, the Ferry Corporation states, there are certain conditions under which PCBs can be carried on the ferries.

The regulations read as follows: "PCBs must be loaded away from other vehicles. The total quantity of pure PCB shall not exceed 10 kilograms. This quantity will be dispersed in a very much larger quantity of oil, the flashpoint of which is 160 degrees Celsius, so the oil itself is well above the 61 degrees limit for the classification as a dangerous cargo."

Youths solve "mystery"

SALT SPRING — The case of the missing brass elephant was solved this week by local RCMP when two young offenders confessed to entering Salt Spring Elementary School on June 30 and removing the trinket.

According to police reports, the two juveniles entered the school through an unlocked window and left with the object. There was no damage done to the school or the property and the brass elephant was not noticed missing for quite some time. It wasn't until the police interviewed the youths that they confessed to the crime. The crown counsel is now reviewing the evidence to decide whether charges should be laid.

Meanwhile, an outdoor party on Saturday evening on Highwood Place Road, near Ganges, ended with police charging one minor with a liquor infraction.

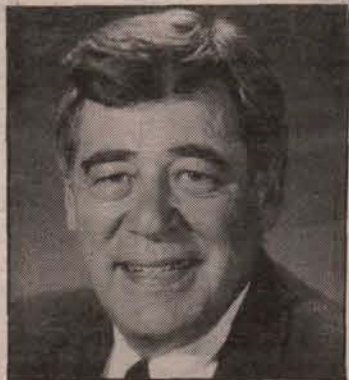
According to police reports, a group of young people gathered at the end of the cul-de-sac road for a party, but got a little too noisy and were reported to police by the neighbours.

Locals applaud plan that was their "idea"

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and in the Caribbean where heavier seas and higher traffic volumes persist.

The catamaran-style ship would be approximately 40 metres in length and capable of handling 300



Mel Couvelier

passengers an hour between the Mainland and Vancouver Island.

While traffic volumes on both the Long Harbour and the Fulford-Swartz Bay route are up this summer, congestion at the major routes

of Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen note passenger counts as being close to one million. Auto-equivalents were as high as 265,000 in August, 1988.

In the event the Minister of Transportation and Highways, Neil Vant, wanted to go ahead with such a plan, the system would be in effect before the Commonwealth Games, noted the Finance Minister.

According to south Salt Spring Island resident, Sam Lightman, who spearheaded a drive in this direction earlier this year, the minister's announcement is a "step in the right direction."

"I'm really excited about this," he said. "I would like to think that our submissions contributed to the government's findings. I'm glad they are looking at the infrastructure to deal with the passengers and not just building more car ferries."

such as Ganges where a high-speed ferry could serve islanders between Vancouver Island and Mainland routes.

A similar system is currently in operation in Finland, in Australia

Familiar faces return as staff changes continue

Some staff changes have been made in the editorial department at the *Driftwood*.

Valerie Richards and Jim Black are on staff as reporters following last week's departure of David Fraser, and the promotion of Susan Dicker to editor. Fraser, who also served time as editor of the now-defunct *Island Times*, has left for the Sunshine Coast, where he has been engaged as a reporter for the *Coast News*.

Senior reporter Susan Dicker, meanwhile, is acting as editor until Duncan MacDonnell returns next month.

Valerie Richards, daughter of Driftwood Publishing president Frank Richards, is no newcomer to the islands paper, having worked in each of the newspaper's departments over a period of many years. She is a graduate of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

She returns after working for the past few years for the provincial government.

Jim Black's byline is also a familiar feature in the *Driftwood*, as he was on staff from September 1988 until last May. He is a native of King City, Ontario, where he worked for the *King Weekly*.

Last week a new publisher was named at the paper. Joyce Carlson, formerly publisher of the *Powell River News*, has taken over the position from Tony Richards.

THE WEATHER

The weather report for the week ended Monday, September 11, 1989.

High temperature: 29 degrees Celsius on September 8.

Low temperature: 8 degrees Celsius on September 10.

Total precipitation: Nil

OUTLOOK

Mostly sunny with a chance of showers on Friday. Warmer on the weekend than a general cooling trend.

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to be frank

by richards



Statistics have been part of living for me for the past half-century, but I have no idea of the proportion of manual transmissions to automatics among Canadian cars. I suspect that automatics far exceed manuals. But I don't know. Neither have I the statistics for this sea-girt land but I would guess that there are at least 50 cars with manual transmissions for every automatic.

Of all the possible reasons for this wide ranging disparity most likely is the effect of automatic transmissions on small motors. In the past the majority of small cars lacked the power to drive an automatic transmission in a pattern even approaching that of a straight manual with a solid clutch. I've heard no Brit suggest that the power factor is related to the lack of interest in the automatic.

One cynic doesn't like automatics for fear of the engine starting while the car is in gear and having it bolt forward or backwards through a store window. Another was fearful of automatic transmissions in snow. The most ambitious opponent explained that while an automatic was fine for places like Canada I should bear in mind that we don't experience an English winter.

Hazards of travel

If you want to leave London by train you may have to go by King's Cross. That's where nobody knows until it's gone, which platform a train will leave from. It's where you line up around the station in a spiral waiting and waiting and waiting. But I don't know any other way of going to the north east from any other station.

The other day I boarded a train from the Cross of the King for Leeds. I sat back in my supposedly reserved seat, which wasn't and read my Sunday paper. With no hesitation we arrived at Peterborough. The train drew into the platform and a number of travellers left the train. The train stood at the platform. A quarter-hour later the train stood at the platform.

The public address system crackled as a voice announced, "This is your conductor-guard speaking. There has been a short delay owing to a mechanical breakdown in the front engine. We apologize for the delay." And the train stood at the platform.

"This is your conductor-guard speaking. The front engine is in need of attention and a mechanic is coming to take care of it. We apologize for the delay!"

The train stood and remained standing.

"This is your conductor-guard speaking. An attempt is being made to connect up the rear engine to the front locomotive. We apologize for the delay."

And the train stood. Three-quarters of an hour after reaching Peterborough we were, once again, put into the picture.

"This is your conductor-guard speaking. Even if the mechanic gets the front engine going we can't get through to Grantham because the overhead wires are down. Sorry for the delay!"

I ate a snack and drank a beer.

"This is your conductor-guard speaking. This train is a dead loss!"

Nevertheless, the company fixed the train and sent us on our way, to arrive at 7:30 in the station that was expecting us about 5:45.

And travel by bus

I was in Lichfield bus station when I saw the Nottingham bus operated by Barton's of the Sherwood Forest city. It was the first Barton's bus I had seen since the second war.

My mind slipped back to the last time, 49 years ago. After a bitter winter in the Marne the Royal Air Force elected to move the squadron to the Pas de Calais. One presumes that the negotiations between the British and French government had led to the change. Winter, a bitter, freezing winter, was over and a small detachment had been left at the site of our new dome. All transport had gone back to the Marne except for a combo with its fifth wheel breaking up; a tandem flat deck with timing gear troubles, an ambulance and a Nottingham bus.

We moved out of the Calais region upon learning that the German army was in the offing and coming up fast.

Within minutes we were aboard the transport and heading south. The back of the bus had been brutalized and a hole had been driven into the rear panel with an axe. Lashed to the chassis cross members was a Bowser fuel trailer hauling high octane aviation fuel. That bus had never been better fed.

In this small convoy we travelled from the Pas De Calais to the mouth of the Loire at Nantes, losing the combo en route. For weeks we lived, ate and slept aboard that bus.

On the back of the ambulance we had scrawled, "On ne passe pas!" They shall not pass! And they didn't!

A month or so later we all left France, new victim of the German war machine. All our vehicles had been destroyed to obviate their capture by enemy forces.

I liked that old camouflaged Barton's bus!

Youth fined for negligence

A Ganges youth will pay a \$100 fine, after Judge A.E. Filmer found him guilty of driving without due care and attention.

The youth, who was 16 at the time charges were laid, cannot be identified under terms of the Young Offenders Act.

The individual was charged under the Motor Vehicle Act following his involvement in a February 19 accident on Lower Ganges Road. He pleaded not guilty to the offence in Ganges provincial court, August 31.

Driver of the second vehicle involved in the accident told the court she was stopped on Lower Ganges Road, waiting to make a left-hand turn onto Crofton Road. She said she heard a screech of tires and then felt the impact of a vehicle ramming into the rear end of her 1981 Datsun.

Then witness said she and a passenger sustained minor injuries.

A second witness for the Crown said he was standing the Ganges Village Market parking lot when he observed a pick-up truck accelerating along Lower Ganges Road. He said the driver of the truck applied the brakes some 150 feet behind the stopped Datsun. The truck swerved into the oncoming lane, before correcting itself and crashing into the vehicle.

The youth, who took the stand in his own defence, told the court the road was wet with patches of snow on the ground. He saw the stopped vehicle, applied the brakes and skidded for some distance before colliding with it. He noted the only damage sustained by his truck was a broken headlight.

In summing up his case, Crown counsel Derek Lister said negligence is the test under this section of the Motor Vehicle Act.

Judge Filmer agreed the accused was inadvertently negligent and fined him \$100.

Permit needed -- Wagg

SALT SPRING -- A Salt Spring Island woman ended up with more than she bargained for, after the local fire department charged her \$93 for burning without a permit.

The cost, according to fire chief Les Wagg, was the price of sending one truck with six men to the scene. Fire-fighters were called on to extinguish the tree stumps the woman was burning.

"Everything is very dry out there," Wagg said. "It wouldn't take too much to get a big blaze going. You are not allowed to have any fires without a permit anyway."

"The only fires allowed right now are campfires and incinerators. The incinerators must have screens on them and a water hose which will fit all the way around the barrel. We are asking everyone to be very careful until after we get some much needed rainfall," he added.

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September 17

Islanders can help Terry Fox's fight

September in the islands is a good time for contemplation.

The hordes of tourists are gone, leaving many residents breathing sighs of relief as their schedules return to normal. Summer is virtually over and Christmas is still some time off. It's a good time to think about life and death because September brings an event that is very close to the hearts of thousands of people all over the world.

On Sunday they will set out on a 10-kilometre journey. Some will walk, many will jog. Others will ride bicycles and a few will cover the distance on horseback. On Salt Spring Island young sailors will mark the event in their sabots.

They will choose varying methods of participating but they will share a common goal. They will be making their contribution to a cause that some day may end countless thousands of unnecessary deaths every year.

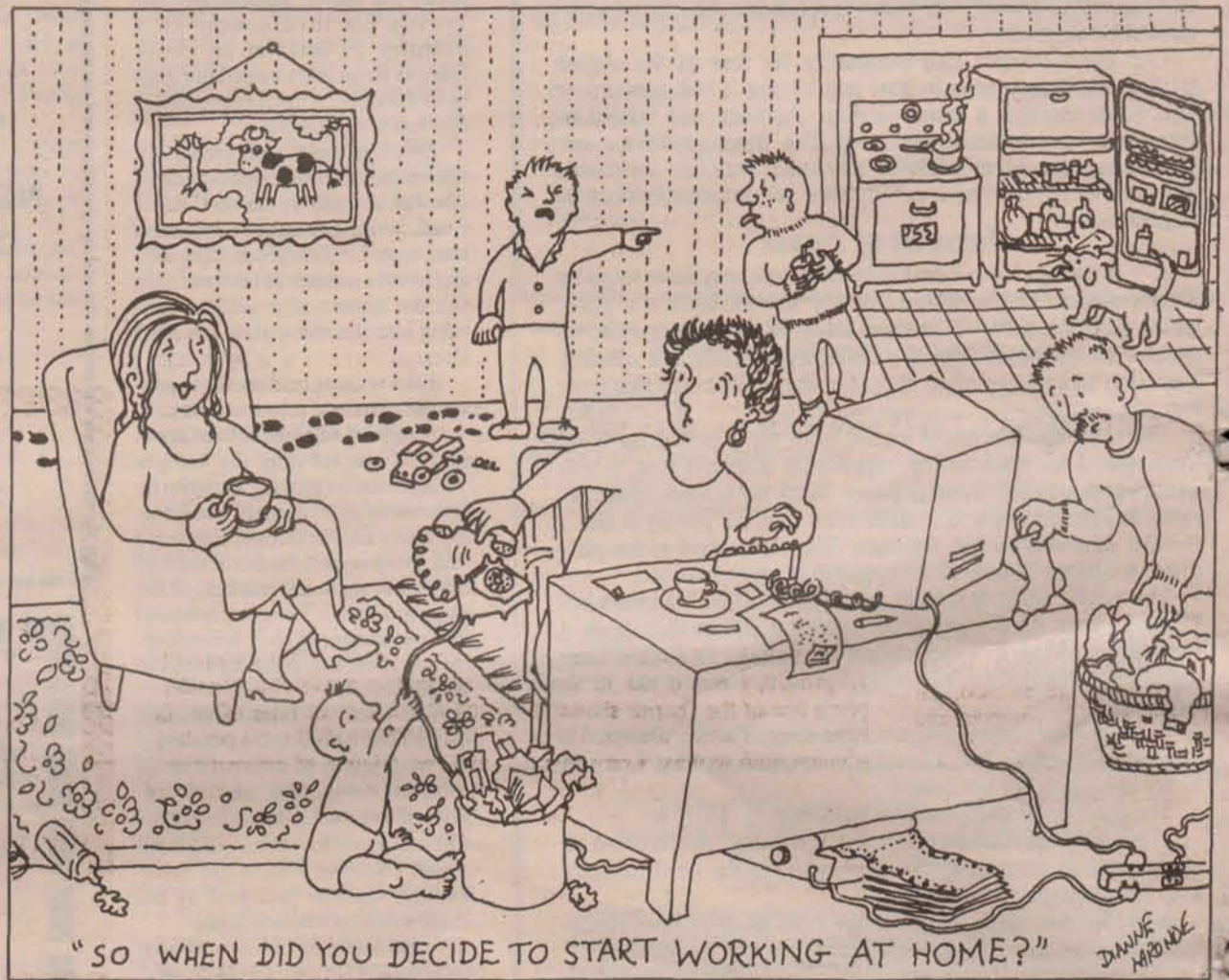
Those of us who join the Terry Fox Run on Sunday will have caught the dream of Terry Fox, the young British Columbian who attempted a one-legged marathon across Canada to aid cancer research.

His attempt ended when cancer struck again. The first time it took his leg. The second time it took his life.

Who has not been touched by cancer? Who has not known relatives or friends who have suffered the ravages of a disease that so often dies only when its victim takes his last breath. Many of us have watched as cancer slowly but inexorably destroyed, cell by living cell, a close friend or family member.

We were helpless at the time, though often it was trying enough to offer care, to provide some measure of comfort to a loved one who suffered so.

On Sunday we have an opportunity to make a



constructive contribution, to take a positive approach. We can actually do something useful in the fight against cancer.

Only through extensive research will we find the means of preventing so many deaths. The pledges obtained by participants and made by contributors add up to a significant number of dollars to continue the work.

It is up to us. Let's think for a moment about those we have lost, about those who are still battling the disease and those few who have overcome it. Let's think too about those who are not even born and face increasing odds against escaping it.

Let's think about what we can do on Sunday to help. And let's do it.

This rustic living leads to unorthodox behaviour

By SUSAN DICKER

We don't usually vacuum the house at midnight. But living in what they describe a "rustic" home, sometimes calls for the unorthodox.

Let me warn you about "rustic." The term may conjure scenes of hot toddies before a crackling woodstove and the romantic scent of burning fir in the winter, or acres of windblown wildflowers and apple trees in the summer.

These images are not entirely false, but hours of back-breaking splitting and stacking eliminates some of the romance of wood heat, and be damned if all those splendid summer days don't just make every little creature want to live in that house too.

Aside from the dog and cat, our 72-year-old log cabin is home to several 1,000 families of mice, the

spider Fred in the bathroom, the occasional bat and a hornets nest in the attic.

Now I don't find the mice too troublesome. Like the other creatures, their ancestors have probably had run of the place longer than us. They can get a little noisy at night, but throw a shoe at the wall, tell them to keep the noise down, and they usually comply.

The spider Fred is as good as a book or magazine in the bathroom, and keeps the area happily free of undesirable, smaller, buzzing residents.

Even the attic-residing bats only make their presence known on the infrequent occasion, flapping into the bedroom through an open French door and sending us diving for cover under the duvet.

It's the hornets, which invariably find their way from the attic

through the doors, walls or ceiling into our room every September, that I refuse to accept as roommates. Especially when one chooses to nestle between the sheets or perch on a chair, just seconds before I make the same decision.

We've been offered numerous suggestions on how to rid ourselves of our undesirable boarders, who do inevitably disappear by the end of the month. Last year, I faithfully followed instructions given to me by some local sage, obtained a fish head, attached it to a jar of filled with something-or-other and happily waited for the miserable creatures to drown.

Unfortunately, the only causality was the sweet scent of the room.

We have a second alternative that apparently involves sulphur, a

hub cap, a magic wand and various other potions. But in the meantime, we have sufficed with swatting the beasts and leaving little piles of corpses for Dexter-the-dog who, incidentally, considers the crunchy morsels quite a delicacy.

Friday night, about 20 hornets clustered together for a snooze in the crease between the wall and ceiling.

"Here's our chance," says the man of the house. "We'll just vacuum 'em up."

(The "we'll" actually refers to "he'll" because I watched the entire exercise from a small crack between the comforter and pillow.)

Of course, as soon as the nozzle hit the cluster, only a couple got sucked in, while the others, less than pleased with having their Zs disturbed, started buzzing around the room.

The next scene (observed from my all-encompassing pillow fortress), is of a hand-held electrovac, hopping around the room, nozzle extended forward, following the angry passage of the first, then second, up to about 15 of the unfortunate hornets.

It has great potential for a horror flick: the high pitched vroom of the vacuum and the great black hole of the nozzle, fearlessly chasing the terrified victims. *Return of the Living Hoover. The Rustic Cabin Murders.*

At any rate, the vacuum cleaner has taken on a whole new aura for me. Once, alone in the house for a period of time, I casually placed a crow bar and hatchet beside the bed. Now I have the vacuum cleaner. I can't wait for the flying ants in the spring.

letters

Flawed

The Meech Lake Accord has undermined the federal-provincial conference in Quebec City. Agreeing to freer interprovincial trade in Canada with disputes between provinces to be settled by a dispute settling mechanism is akin to endorsing motherhood.

The Meech Lake Accord is flawed because it was an elite accommodation engineered by Prime Minister Mulroney, Norman Spector and the 10 provincial premiers.

British Columbia's Social Credit government cannot be trusted to represent our best interests on constitutional matters.

Norman Spector, the accord's chief negotiator, was the principal secretary to B.C.'s Social Credit premiers for numerous years. The premier clearly relishes the input to the Senate and the Supreme Court of Canada that the accord provides.

Premier Vander Zalm should call an election, just as soon as the new ridings take effect, on the Meech Lake Accord to permit British Columbians to record their opinion.

ELMER G. WIENS,
Victoria.

One-quarter

Speaking as one of many island families, we now send one-quarter of the quantity of garbage that used to go the dump.

Thanks to the easy access of the new recycling depot, paper, glass and cans are re-used, all food scraps go in the compost, and all we're left with is plastic (looking forward to its imminent solution), which, unfortunately, still goes to the dump.

If just our one family notices this significant decrease in solid waste needing disposal, and if many of you are also arriving at this point, we are all working towards a powerful, local solution to solid waste management.

GILLES and DEBORAH
CARRIERE,
Ganges.

Unhappy holiday

How unfortunate that Salt Spring Island, with all it has to offer, has a resort on St. Mary

Lake with very unsanitary conditions and very indifferent proprietors.

While vacationing in July for a scheduled seven nights cut short to five, we experienced a very unhappy holiday. The washrooms were in quite a state to say the least. There was no regular time that washrooms were cleaned (sometimes not until late in the afternoon or not at all for a 50 campsite resort), washroom supplies were very nearly never replenished, garbage cans never emptied leaving a strong odour and showers that had dead slugs in their mats.

The staff were very uncaring and unresponsive when asked to remedy these situations. Their general attitude was they had your money so tough luck. We did cut short our unhappy vacation at five days (not receiving a refund as a sign indicated that monies received were non-refundable — convenient for them) and then spent a very lovely, clean holiday in Yellow Point.

Letters have been sent to the appropriate agencies hopefully to correct these conditions.

Such a shame better treatment and conditions cannot be met at resorts to keep vacationers coming back to Salt Spring Island.

DONNA JACK,
Saanichton, B.C.

Reforestation?

Regarding J. Bennet's letter of August 30, I would like to show you a few of the "horror shows" I have seen as a tree planter. There is much truth to what Kerry Martin was trying to say. I am not familiar with St. Mary Lake logging, and trees will probably grow there again.

However, I have seen many areas in B.C. with serious erosion problems where soil has been literally washed away, leaving only bare rock or not enough soil to nurture seedlings in to mature forests. Trees do not grow on rocks. Especially here on the west coast with heavy rainfall and steep, high elevation areas. (And clear cut logging is generally moving higher as the valleys are being creamed out.) Seedlings cannot be planted in high areas until the snow melts, in some places not till June or July. By this time many do not survive the heat

of the sun.

I have seen a whole mountain of "mutant trees" with multiple heads (chemical experiments to make trees grow faster). These trees will never grow beyond knee height. I have planted areas for the fourth and fifth times. I have planted dead trees, with instructions from foresters. I have seen slash piles of waste twenty feet high. Mountains and mountains of waste. Salmon spawning streams choked with logging debris.

I have planted/hiked for miles and not seen or heard one sign of an insect or bird amongst the charcoal remains of a dead old growth forest. The areas of Kingcome Inlet, Quatsino Sound, Alberni/Clayquot, Clearwater, Boston Bar, Squamish etc... all have soil erosion and reforestation problems.

Some reforested areas appear to be surviving very well. However after clear cutting, slash burning and chemicals these forests will never become the forests as we once knew them. Many species die and these new forests will not continue to support the rich and varied forms of life they once did. These are timber farms, not forests. Replanted areas are most often one species (predominantly spruce) covering vast areas and treated with chemicals such as Capstan (recently renamed "Vision") 2-4-D etc... Mature forests take at least 700 years to evolve.

Yes, nature has amazing regenerative powers, but considering at our current rates of cut in B.C. (1600 to 1800 acres per day) and the failures of reforestation, we are profoundly out of balance with nature, and from a global perspective we are moving towards "the end of the forests." As David Suzuki would say, "This is a matter of survival."

"Super Natural B.C.", "Forests Forever" and the narrow strips of forest along many B.C. highways... what deception!

While the industry continues to clear cut, accelerate production, increase profits and spends millions on false advertising.

J. Bennet, our eyes are wide open. We are well informed, aware and concerned about the future of forestry and the future of life on the planet. We are not against industry. We ask for sustainable, intelligent management

of earth's remaining resources.

MORGAN McKAY,
Ganges

Congratulations

The following is an open letter to the Honourable Rita Johnston, Minister of Municipal Affairs, filed with this newspaper for publication.

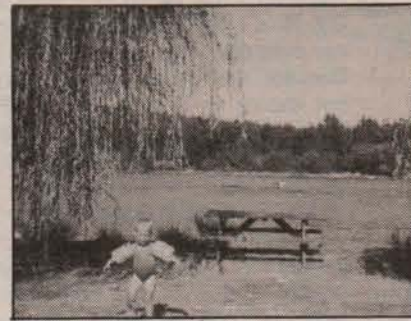
The Board of Salt Spring's Island Watch Society wishes to con-

gratulate you on the new Islands Trust Act. Our initial reading of the Act shows that important goals have been met, namely re-affirmation of the Trust idea, and strengthening the Trust's powers.

In the weeks to come we will be working through the implications of the new Act, and changes to the Municipal Affairs Act. Obviously, we regard funding of the

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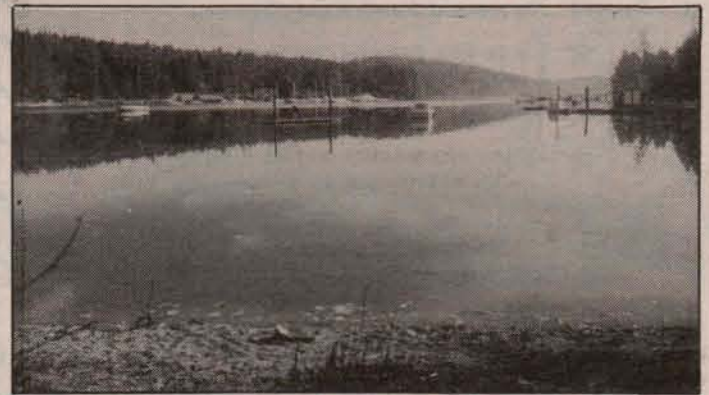
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Trust mandate as a key to effecting the new legislation.

Looking further ahead, we have the impression that the legislation provides an avenue toward more local government, but within the Trust. This is an idea which the Island Watch Society will be working through with great care. As this process begins, we wish to thank you further for the new sense of direction and focus which the legislation gives to this dual question of the Trust idea and local government.

DEBORAH CARRIERE,
Chairperson
Island Watch Society

Well intended

Regarding Tod Creek Watershed Enhancement Society Chairman Ron de Paul's advice to Salt Springers to "take care of your own garbage" (Driftwood, August 30, 1989) is a well intended suggestion. However, he neglects to tell us where we are to put our garbage and how we are to deal with it on-island.

The CRD and the local recycling and solid waste committee has been studying this problem for over five years and, while supporting the concept of an on-island

landfill we have been unable to come up with a publicly acceptable solution. Moreover, in the meantime, the present landfill, which poses a real threat to the watershed of Cusheon Lake, must be closed.

Mr. de Paul states that taking Salt Spring's garbage to Hartland will add to the leachate problem there. The CRD knows that they have problems with the leachate and are taking steps to address them. For Mr. de Paul to say there is no problem with leachate at the Blackburn Rd. dump is misleading. How can he so simply dismiss our own environmental concerns? Because the dump leachate has not shown up in anyone's water supply YET does not mean it does not exist; the real problem is that we do not know where it is going.

Mr. de Paul's suggestion that we carry on with our present method of waste disposal at Blackburn Rd. is not consistent with his concerns about the environmental problems at Hartland. Are we not justified here on Salt Spring to have similar concerns about the real possibility of leachate contamination of our potable water supplies in the Cusheon Lake watershed?

Finally, Mr. de Paul complains we are simply shifting our solid waste problems on to someone else and that the transfer station is

just a temporary solution. Well, the Hartland Road landfill is just as much our landfill as it is his as we are a part of the CRD. Why does he not make the same complaint to residents of Sidney or Sooke? Moreover, the cornerstone of our new solid waste program is recycling and depending on how well we do with that, Mr. de Paul could be right in that the transfer station may play a very minor role in the future.

TOM GOSSETT,
Chairman,
Salt Spring Recycling and
Solid Waste Committee

Extinct

To the Editor,
Every autumn I take my children to the Provincial Museum. They love the woolly mammoth, the facsimile of Captain Vancouver's ship *Discovery*, and the authentic sound effects in the steam railway station.

I, however, think that in one of its exhibits the museum has got things backwards. The curators should return their representation of our first growth forest, which is not yet extinct, to the Province, and replace it with a model of Mr. Parker, the Minister, who is.
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VICTORIA — Despite its negative connotations, you could be called worse things than a bleeding heart. Then again, there are those who say the same goes for rednecks.

Leaving a closer examination of rednecks for some other time, I'd like to deal with the bleeding-heart syndrome today. I'm a bleeding heart myself, to a degree. Tell me a sad story and I'm likely to have tears in my eyes, but like I said, my bleeding heart bleeds only up to a point.

The letter Social Services Minister Claude Richmond recently sent to some 49,000 "employable income assistance recipients" didn't leave any red tell-tale marks on my shirt. My heart was definitely not bleeding.

The letter informed people in the above-mentioned category that they could not count on further help from the government, unless they looked for work and provided proof that they did.

Keep in mind that Richmond didn't just cut 49,000 people off welfare; nor did he threaten to cut them off if they failed to find work. The only provision for further financial assistance was that they look for work and be able to show that they actually were engaging in job searches.

Greeted with pompous admonitions

None of those who received Richmond's letter had dependents. The letter went only to what the government calls "employable singles and couples."

Like all government initiatives aimed at reducing welfare rolls, this one, too, was greeted with pompous admonitions and considerable chest-thumping by many media outlets. Some columnists had a heyday. You know, heartless government, lack of compassion and all that.

All of that government-bashing by the media had Richmond understandably upset and he fired off letters to the editor of any newspaper his office's data banks could find.

In his letter, Richmond says the negative media comments notwithstanding, the public has responded very positively to the program.

"Many people have told me personally that they support this approach. However, editorial writers in some of the major newspapers seem to have missed the point. Even the major electronic media have made a special effort to distort the value of the program," the letter says.

"Temporary assistance is intended to provide support for those who are out of work and who have exhausted all other sources of income. We make every effort to encourage people to get back into the work force as quickly as possible," it says.

Inured to the plight of the less fortunate

Well Claude, I want you to know that this columnist is on your side, not because I've become inured to the plight of those less fortunate than myself, but because the program makes sense.

I would vociferously oppose any attempt by the government to save money on the backs of the elderly, the handicapped, or anyone else whose only means of survival is society's collective conscience and generosity, expressed in the many social assistance programs the government operates on its behalf.

I would also strongly oppose any attempt to simply cut singles or couples without children off welfare. But I see nothing wrong with asking them to look for work and, yes, produce proof that they actually are looking.

Compassion is one of the most important traits in humans. Its lack leaves us open to unfavourable comparison with many species in the animal world. A society without compassion would not survive for long. Asking people to do their best in becoming self-sufficient, however, has nothing to do with lack of compassion.

Wise parents will not just hand out money

Most people I know not only provide for their children as best they can, but also give them the responsibility of administering some funds of their own. Call it pocket money or allowance or what have you, most of us have had such financial assistance from our parents.

But really wise parents will not just hand out the money, they will ask for something in return, some manifestation of appreciation. That could be cutting the lawn, doing the dishes or any other chore. It's a good lesson in responsibility.

There is nothing humiliating in looking for work, nor is it demeaning to prove that you're looking for work while someone helps you over one of life's rough spots. Society has an obligation to help those who cannot help themselves, but it also has an obligation to make sure that those who can take responsibility for themselves do so.

Last but not least, we should remember that any money paid to someone who could, with some effort, find a job but isn't even looking, could be better used to increase social assistance for those who really need it.

Mistake is noted

Last week's *Driftwood* incorrectly identified the Salt Spring Jazz Society as the sponsors of the Music in the Park program.

In actual fact the program is sponsored by an umbrella group through the Chamber of Commerce, and by the Musical Performance Trust Fund. The local group sponsors consist of The Rotary Club, The Lions Club, the Community Arts Council, Sea Capers, the Parks and Recreation Department.

The photo caption also incorrectly identified the final Sunday event as being performed by Second Wind. Actually, it was Les Four.

The *Driftwood* apologizes for the mistakes.

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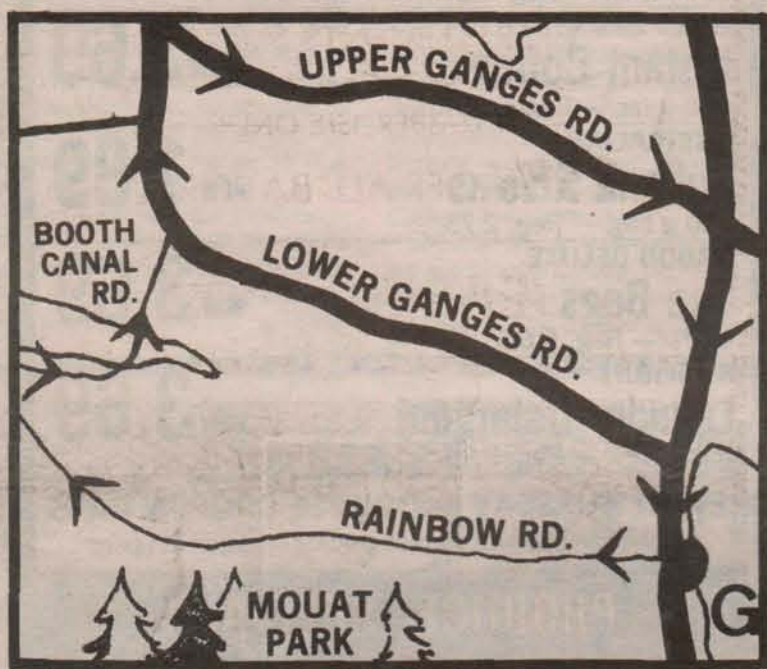
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Eastern Star donates money, as island gears up for Fox run



Islanders of all ages will take to the road for the Terry Fox Run, September 17. The above map shows the route participants will follow.

SALT SPRING — In an effort to provide more than its regular monthly contribution assisting cancer patients and cancer research, Salt Spring's 35 active members of the Order of the Eastern Star donated \$50.25 toward the Terry Fox Run at its first meeting of the season last Thursday night.

The 65-member sister organization to the Masons, meets monthly at Ganges where discussion of funding programs and assessment of cancer work is considered.

In British Columbia, the Order of the Eastern Star's major mandate is to provide funding to assist in cancer research. It is also the major supplier of dressings for cancer patients across the province.

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Fight against cancer

Freda Maguire recalls battle she overcame 30 years ago

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Following a visit to her doctor, the lump disappeared and she cautioned that maybe it was just a "three day lump." But when she awoke one morning, five days later her back, her right side and her right arm were numb.

Her doctor compared the cancer to an octopus, its tentacles reaching out into all parts of his patient's body.

"It was as if the bit of exercise I had done had provoked the cancer to react."

Following surgery, Freda Maguire's doctor at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto said they could not determine whether all of the cancer had been eliminated by the mastectomy.

In 1958, physiotherapy was conducted by the patient. Daily, Freda's doctor would enquire whether she was lifting her arm and rebuke her for not providing the necessary post-operative exercise.

They kept her hospitalized for 16 days to recover from the surgery and she recalls her two-week residency at St. Michael's Hospital as a restful time. She did not take any medication following surgery and has never experienced the ache of chemotherapy or radiation.

"Dave was devastated by the news but he took on an attitude that if you could project a positive attitude it would act as a cure for me, in itself.

"And he was at home looking after the four kids!" she remembers, "He would come in every day cursing about the lack of parking spaces in the hospital parking lot. He'd just got his driver's license so that was a big deal.

"He was wonderful," Freda recalls. In 1958, when someone had cancer you did not discuss it and you did not consider it in today's terms — that it can "be beaten."

"Family and friends said little but their attitude was *you're not going to get better and we don't expect you to get better* so I was ready to leave Toronto when the time came, three days after I got out of hospital," Freda recalls.

Less than three weeks after surgery, Freda Maguire was aboard the train to Vancouver with her four children. Dave was already in the new house, working for Noranda in the Vancouver suburb of Surrey.

"I went to see Dr. Sargeant, a friend of the Toronto doctor," Freda says, "He believed that there was a relationship between the ovaries and the breasts and that by removing the ovaries the likelihood of breast cancer recurring was minimal."

So Freda Maguire went ahead and had her ovaries removed. For the 25 years following the surgery she returned to the cancer clinic in Vancouver only to receive the good news: No sign of cancer.

"The experience with cancer and the sudden realization that yes, I am going to die gave me a new outlook on life and also a new outlook on dying," Freda explains, "I have always lived with the idea that I am being given a second chance, but when I was diagnosed with cancer that attitude was even more pronounced."



"I couldn't have gone through it without Dave," Freda Maguire admits proudly of husband, when

recalling the trauma of cancer of more than 30 years ago.

Freda's experience with cancer was brief, but she was cautious while optimistic.

Unlike her brother and two sisters, Freda survived cancer and believes that a worry-free attitude has a lot to do with her cure.

Her brother suffered half his life from stomach and back pain. During the 1960s doctors found several large malignant growths in his stomach, which today would have been detected during their early stages. In those days, says Freda, they just never looked for cancer.

Freda's sister died in the 1970s, after being treated for cancer for 13 years.

"They performed an autopsy and couldn't find any cancer," Freda explained. "The autopsy report noted she died of radiation overdose."

And in April this year, Freda's second sister died of cancer at her

California home following a brief fight against the disease.

"The secret to helping a cancer patient is to let him eat what he wants to and just do what he wants to do," Freda said, "If you start worrying about everything then he can't relax."

Freda Maguire's attitude is not one of resignation, but of acceptance and her attitude toward life is calm, despite her often hectic social calendar and involvement with the Legion in Ganges.

"I am 73 years of age. I have lived a wonderful life," Freda concludes, "I don't think I would have surgery at this point in my life. While I have a good appetite and eat properly and get just as fatigued as anyone else my age then I know that I'm well."

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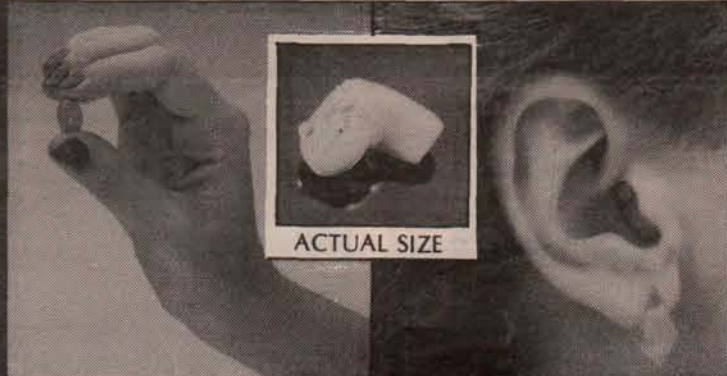
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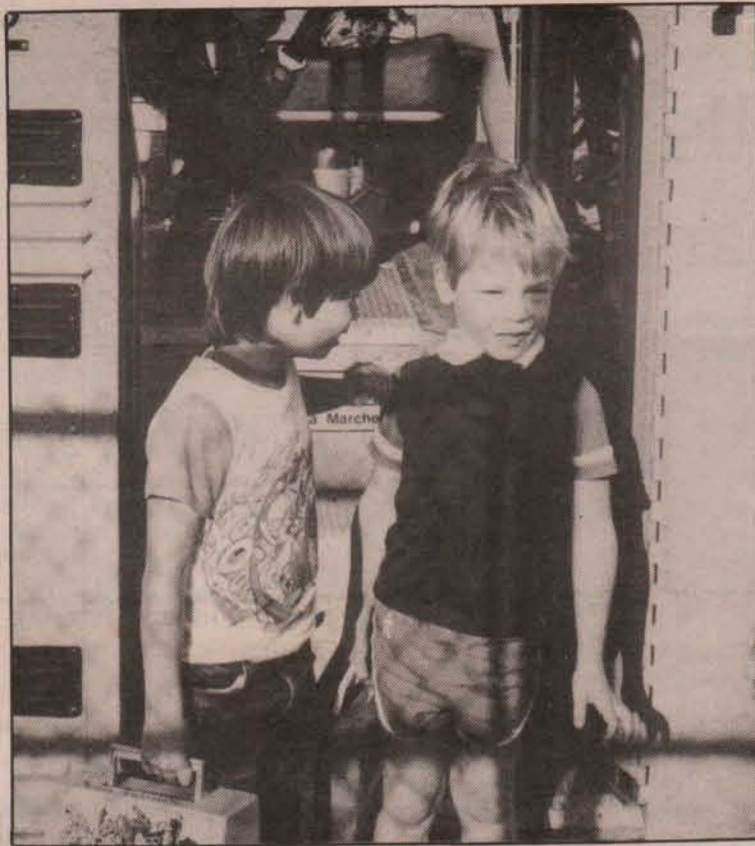
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Back to the three Rs for local school children. On the top left, Chris Coutier tries out swing set; at right Kevin Brogan and Joshua Lightman step from school bus; at bottom left, Tim Laplante hits the books, and above, Amrit Crowther stands by her high school locker. Students went back to school on September 5.

Its back to the books for Island students

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replacing Mike Hayes who left to Victoria this summer.

New at Fernwood School, but not new to the Gulf Islands is Cathy Takagaki, who comes from Mayne Island where she was teacher for several years. Also new at Fernwood is well-known band music teacher Bruce Cresweick who will be teaching band as well as a music program at the north end school.

The Galiano School will be seeing some new faces, too. While Catherine Meneker is on leave to Japan, Cathy Buttery of Galiano will be filling in. Meneker has taken a one year leave from the school. Galiano school principal Elizabeth Brinson is on exchange to Owen Sound, Ontario, so school-teacher Robin Bracht will be temporarily taking her place.

Galiano teacher Pat Saunders will be replacing Steve Ninton who is on a four-month leave.

The Mayne Island school (enrolment: 77) will be enjoying its new primary teacher from Salt Spring Island, Frankie Gowing. Gowing will be launching Mayne School's first kindergarten graduates.

Jack Barkley will be leaving Gulf Island Secondary School to teach the multi-graded intermediate classes of four, five, six and seven at the Mayne School.

Also slated for the roster at Mayne School is Larry Holbrook. Holbrook retired from Mayne at Christmas last year but is returning to teach art and wood-working at the island school.

Finally, newcomer to Saturna School (enrolment: 24), but not to Saturna Island, is Ian Middleditch who will be teaching on a "0.5" or part-time basis.

Ex-Port Hardy resident, Ken Cameron, is new administrator at the Pender Island school where school enrolment totalled 84 this September.

With changes in enrolment figures and staffing, several schools in the district will be undergoing modifications.

Fernwood School will be enjoying additional facilities. Construction includes a new gym and several classrooms, housing special education, computer rooms, additional washroom facilities and expanded storage area.

Plans are underway at the Fulford School for additional space.

Fecal counts stabilize on all local beaches

SALT SPRING — Fecal coliform counts at Salt Spring Island beaches have stabilized over the past few weeks.

Most recent statistics provided by the Capital Regional District (CRD) health department, indicates counts taken on September 7 have remained at the same as those taken one week earlier.

The fecal coliform count is an indicator of sewage pollution of water and the subsequent risk of gastrointestinal disease to swimmers.

The CRD has posted beach warnings in any area where the count consistently exceeds 200 fecal coliforms per 100 millilitres of water.

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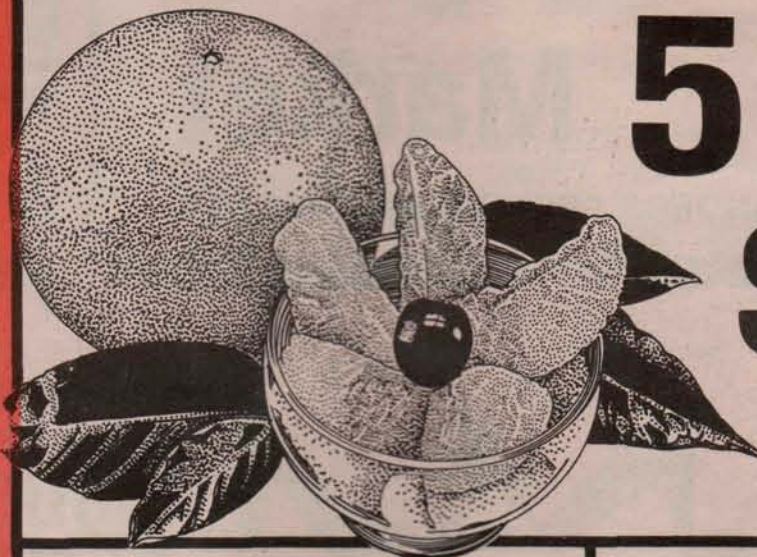
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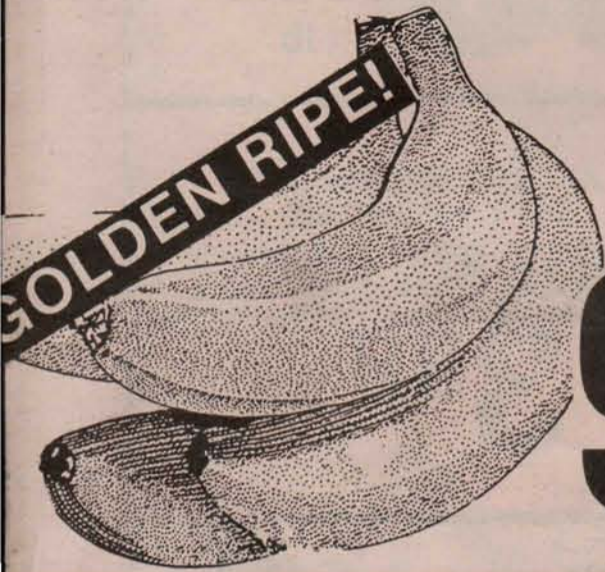
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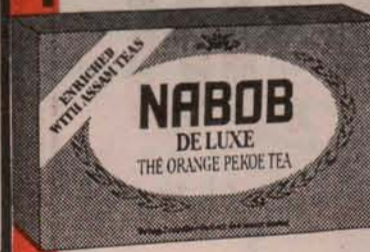


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RCMP Bison Band members perform on Salt Spring

Band performs for local crowd

The RCMP's travelling band — the Bison Band — gathered on Salt Spring Island last week, performing for the crowds at the Gulf Islands Secondary School gym.

The concert was jointly sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Rotary Club and the Ganges Detachment RCMP, with the proceeds directed to Rotary scholarships and youth projects on the island.

The "scarlet tunic'd troubadours" as members of the band are commonly referred to, are a busy group of musician/officers, playing approximately 300 dates per year all over Canada and abroad.

They regularly perform at both public and state functions, not only at home in Canada, but throughout Europe, the U.S., Central and South America, Australia and India. The group represented Canada at EXPO '88 in Brisbane.

The band has also given numerous television performances, not only on the CBC, but in Japan, where it was seen by more than 100 million viewers.

The repertoire performed by the band is a showcase for Canada. A good portion of the tunes they play

are written by Canadian song-writers.

The nine piece band travels to a large number of the more remote areas they perform at, by Twin Otter aircraft.

The band's concerts cater to all age groups and musical tastes, and members take great pride in their roles as the musical ambassadors of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Arts councils invited to annual convention

The tenth annual conference of the Assembly of B.C. Arts Councils, will be hosted by the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria, from September 14 through 17 at the Sherwood Park Inn in Victoria.

Under the theme "Foundations for The Future," this year's conference will aim to help board members of Art Councils and other arts organizations ensure the growth and vitality of the arts. Skills development areas will include fund-raising, financial management, planning and policy development.

Interested parties may attend the entire conference, one day or the Friday afternoon luncheon and seminar session on public policy for culture and the arts, with keynote speaker Patricia Bovey, director of the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria.

Cost for the entire conference is \$175 for assembly members, \$225 for non-members, or \$70 per day for assembly members and \$95 for non-members.

Further information regarding the conference agenda and registration, contact Laurie Hunsberger at the Community Arts Council of Greater Victoria at 381-2787.

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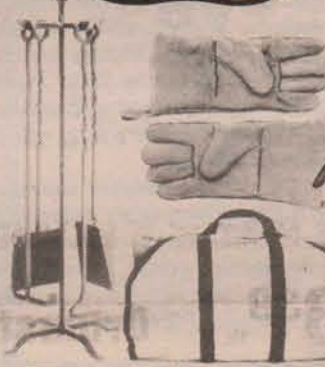
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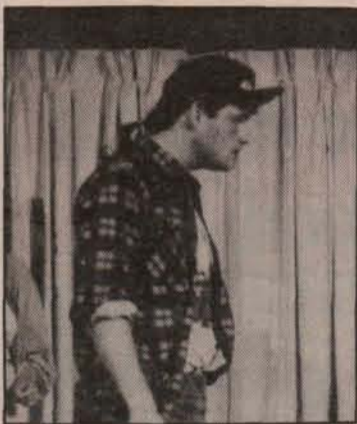
Salt Spring Hysterical Society

Island is the focus of laughs in new comedy presentation

By PETER BLACKMORE

Which realtor has the only Peugeot on the island, which restaurateur has the nicest buns, which lawyer sells bagels and coffees, and which company president looks like Richard Nixon? If your answers are J. Milton Bottomley, Rita Skripnik, possibly Morton F. Steele, and Richard Nixon, then you saw "Paradise Lots" last weekend at Off Centre Stage.

Based none too loosely on an island and characters not a million miles away, "Paradise Lots" is the



James Wilkinson plays Chico in the Salt Spring Hysterical Society's comedy "Paradise Lots."

latest production from the Salt Spring Hysterical Society (SSHS), and incorporates a couple of "firsts." This is the first full-length play (rather than collection of skits) the SSHS has put together, and the first time government money has intentionally been used to make the island a laughing-stock.

For laugh at ourselves we do: our foibles, our characters, our lifestyle, our beliefs, and our prejudices — all are mercilessly attacked, and we reel, laughing, under the blows. What can we say? It takes special talent to look at ourselves the way others see us, and no matter how the iconoclastic SSHS players view us, they are even less sparing of themselves.

Shenanigans abound when Frank N. Stein (Sid Filkow), CEO of a Toronto development corporation comes to Salt Sp—, sorry, Paradise Island for a rest. Imposed upon by Wally Ludwig (an inept genius at Small Motors and Big Schemes, played by Shilo Zylbergold), Stein is introduced to island life via the deck of a ferry and the Farmers Market.

The sleaziest realtor around — J. Milton Bottomley (played by Arvid Chalmers) — coerces Stein into buying a condo, and dangles a lucrative bait in front of him: 160 acres of prime development property.

Entranced with island living, Stein cannot wait to share his attractions with some two hundred lucky condo owners. The greasy realtor (yes, it must be another island — they are called real-i-tors here) uses every devious trick to play Stein and his wife into his net.

Lampooned along the way are the Islands Trust and presentation procedures, the local way of life, gossip-mongers, and various environmentalist groups. Odd-ball characters come and go, we think "that's old Whatsisname" (it might be you), fears and prejudices burst forth, and in-jokes are more plentiful than polyester in a realtor's closet.

Comedy is anarchistic. We laugh at things we hold dear, or towards things we cannot change. If Canada Council is sponsoring this play, does it mean we have an anarchistic government? Or could it be "they" don't know what their constituents are up to? Heaven forbid.

But if it means that the money is to butter us up for an election — give us more so we can laugh our way to the polls. In the meantime let the SSHS throw cream pies into the face of society. Viva L'anarchism!

"Paradise Lots" continues this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 14, 15 and 16, at Off Centre Stage.

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Salt Spring comedy on tap

"Paradise Lots" opened last weekend at Off Centre Stage. Above are Hysterical Society members Sheri Nielson (left), James Wilkinson, Anne Lyon and

Arvid Chalmers. On the bottom left is Sid Filkow as Frank N. Stein, while bottom right is Sheri Nielson and Anne Lyon. The play continues this week.



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First of Two Parts

Ulysses spent the 10 years after the fall of Troy travelling between Mediterranean Islands. Connections were poor and he was duffilled more than once before he finally got to Ithaka and met his son at Eumaios' bed and breakfast. Recently I had a similar experience on a voyage from Salt Spring to Galiano, where I had arranged to stay at Sutil Lodge. In *this* Odyssey, however, my son was with me from the beginning.

"We are going to Galiano," I declared to the ticket lady of Long Harbour in, as Homer always says, 'the rosy-fingered dawn.' She looked down from her throne in amazement and her brows grew cloudy. Perhaps she had been reading the *Driftwood's* Letters To The Editor in which I complained about the bellicose docking practices of one of the her captains.

"With us?" she ejaculated.

Since the B.C. Ferries Corporation operates a monopoly of car transportation in the Sea Of Red Ink, I assumed the question was rhetorical and that she had just read the paper.

Requires training in Egyptology

There was an interval while she gloomily consulted the schedule, a document that requires advanced training in Egyptology to decipher. For some years now I have wondered why it is not used in place of I.Q. tests to select those minds which are sufficiently Byzantine to undertake a successful career in government service. Only at the bottom of the last page does the point of the arcane symbolism and the abbreviations in the text become terrifyingly clear when you read: "Schedules and fares subject to change without notice."

In return for a small sacrifice she forked over a handful of coloured cards that displayed the names of various ports of call in the Gulf Islands. She waved us forward with an expression in which a flicker of pity.

I was suddenly afraid that if we did manage to get to Galiano before growing old, it would require divine help and, accordingly, I promised to offer a crab omelette to Zeus when we reached Sutil Lodge.

The ship flew across the wine-dark sea and we drove off at Mayne, showing the orange card that said Village Bay. I told John there might be a discussion with the goddess who lived here. "Isn't there always?" he asked. My son is only eight, but we have travelled together a lot.

Foreign and potentially expensive

It was difficult to converse with the lady of Mayne because she was disguised. Most of her probably beautiful face was obscured by a helmet of earphones and sunglasses.

She did not appear to understand my dialect. When John produced the next card, however, the one that has "Otter Bay" on it, we sensed she was marginally less aghast than her sister, the oracle of Long Harbour, had been, at what we proposed to do. "There's another way," Calypso said, bursting violently into speech. "You should have taken the ferry to Tsawwassen first."

To me, an insular rustic, Tsawwassen is in foreign and potentially expensive territory. It is thought that the Laestrygonians still live there, and the drowsy tongued lotus-eaters. In any case, Tsawwassen was past the Pillars of Hercules and across the Ocean's Stream, and therefore beyond the outermost limits of our known world. I produced our copy of the schedule and shook it. "But if we transfer here and then get off at Pender, O Powerful Daughter Of Atlas, a ferry will go from Otter Bay to Galiano later this morning."

"Really? It will? Well, I'm surprised you figured it out!" Calypso shouted. Then she walked through the doors of her temple, thunderously, and her armour clashed about her strong thighs, and the parking lot trembled.

Fleeing from the ruler of Vitoria

The Queen of Tsawwassen loomed into the adjacent dock, guided by a shadowy crew. John inserted the blue 'Sturdies Bay' card under the left windshield wiper and we drove on. I begged Poseidon, the sea-god, to give power to the talisman on the windshield.

After a now routine exchange of views with the bristly and peripatetic sailors of the car deck, I agreed to drive off their deserted ship at Otter Bay, and then drive on again one and a half hours later, when they would return from the Bay Of Swartz with a boat load of emigres fleeing from the ruler of Victoria, King Bilious, who had sold their woodlands to the foreign tyrants. After many adventures fortunately too numerous to relate, we arrived on Galiano Island at half past ten, a voyage of two nautical miles from our home port, but far longer when one is pursued by fate. We fell upon the shote tearfully and gave thanks to Zeus, not forgetting about his omelette.



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"Socially responsible options must be considered"

The Island Watch Society is calling for more socially responsible options for solid waste disposal on the island, plus an honest debate on the issue prior to the October referendum.

Responding to a pamphlet distributed to islanders via mail last week, the Island Watch Society challenges many statements made in the pamphlet and intends to hold a public forum on the issue in the near future.

The pamphlet, which arrived in households last Thursday, outlines the "options" for waste disposal on Salt Spring. It states the Ministry of Environment plans to shut down the current Blackburn Road landfill, and presents two alternatives: haulage to Hartland landfill via a Salt Spring transfer station, or a direct haulage system.

The Island Watch Society says there are other alternatives that should be considered and takes exception to the statement in the pamphlet that suggests the landfill will be closed by the ministry and is, therefore, not an option.

"If we examine the Director's

Report in last week's *Driftwood*," states a written response signed by the Watch's waste management committee (Bob Andrew, Heather Martin, and Meg Arteaga), "we find a quotation from a letter written by the Minister of Environment, Bruce Strachan to the Capital Regional District (CRD) in which he states: *it is my desire to cancel the permit as soon as alternative arrangements can be made.*"

The Watch says this falls short of an order to close the dump.

The group also finds the suggestion there is no suitable landfill site on Salt Spring misleading.

"The fact is that no alternative site to the present one has yet been found and tested for suitability — a lengthy process, but it can hardly be said to be non-existent."

Therefore, they conclude, it is erroneous to assume solid waste must be transferred to the Hartland landfill.

The second option, of direct haulage to Hartland, precludes the opinion that transferring waste off-island is the only option. "If the referendum fails, and transfer is

voted down, the democratic process will have stated that other options must be explored."

The pamphlet estimates the user's fee at \$55 per year, with an extra \$60 (per \$100,000 assessed property value) added if a transfer station is established. The Watch points out that many householders who are "conscientious" about recycling and composting pay far

less than \$55. "This plan proposes that these people would have to pay an extra \$60 (average) just the same as those depending fully on public disposal."

Referring to the section that notes user fees may increase after 1990, due to increased tipping fees at the landfill, the group says it believes the situation at Hartland makes these increases a certainty,

and that further increases would be entirely out of our control.

The Watch Society states the Hartland landfill is nearing capacity, that it is already leaching into salmon spawning waters, and any expansion will mean filling in nearby Heal Lake.

"Surely islanders will wish to consider these facts before deciding what to do with our garbage.

guest

column

By DONALD DENOVA

Much of the discussion today about environmental concerns contains a major error of logic and of thinking. In high-falutin' language it might be called "false dis-aggregation." What it comes down to is a failure to ask the question "What is the cost of *not* making a change?"

This dis-aggregated, reductionist evasion is eternally tempting. It reduces a question of change to a simple dollars and cents problem, "what does it cost?" Yet in truth every proposed change will have benefits as well as costs. The requirement is to see and evaluate those benefits.

Reductionist thinking usually has two unspoken assumptions — that the status quo is "free" and that it is static. But the only constant of nature (and of human beings) is change. And it is a truism of ecology and of human society that you cannot do just one thing. There are always "side effects."

Logically (and actually) the decision to not make a change is ethically the same as a decision for change. The universe no where supplies a free lunch. The reductionist view helps simplify decision-making. Alas, it leads to a structure of responsibility that favours the wrong answer.

Dis-aggregated thinking, though simple, tends to overlook benefits that do not show up quickly and to ignore benefits that do not accrue to the decision makers.

An example could be consideration of using tax money to subsidize a bus service. The costs are easily calculated, so many dollars per year. The benefits of decreased accidents, decreased road building, decreased air pollution and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions are not immediately obvious and are hard to quantify.

Worst still, some benefits are an absence of cost — the insurance premium that does *not* increase. Thus these benefits tend to be invisible. It is worth noting that many of the decisions that must be made involve weighing an immediate, local cost against a defused, general benefit. Thus these decisions take on a somewhat abstract quality, approaching pure ethics.

In the example of the subsidized bus, the costs are immediate in local tax dollars. The benefit of reduced air pollution is spread over the entire country. And the reduced greenhouse gases, spread over the planet, can appear to be negligible ("what difference will a few more cars make?").

But a few cars, reduced from each community, will make a difference. Recycling one daily newspaper, multiplied by all the households that get papers, removes many tons from the garbage stream each month.

Because of the defused nature of these benefits, we must, yes, *act* locally but always *think* globally. This will, in time, also lead to local economic benefits. The world has now become so interconnected that what we do to our neighbours, no matter how distant, eventually rebounds directly on us.

This ecological interdependence means that, like it or not, we have become our brothers' keeper — and he is ours. Today we appear to be facing the need to change or physical and political systems on many fronts. Thinking clearly about the benefits as well as the costs is an essential requirement if the decisions are to be at all useful.

It is mandatory to ask, over and over, what is the cost of *not* changing.

And so we must all adopt, and clearly understand, the truth of the slogan of Robert Heinlein — TANSTAAFL — which is to say "There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch."

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Like pulling a fire alarm

Locals respond quickly to notification of any environmentally threatening circumstances

By RANDY THOMAS

If you want to gauge the extend of local concern for our endangered ecology, just announce the formation of a Salt Spring group dedicated to environmental action on a community level — and stand back.

It's like pulling a fire alarm — and pointing to the water buckets. Six weeks after Green Islands was formed, an ever-widening band of Salt Spring islanders has produced and distributed three issues of a weekly environmental bulletin, started work on a "green centre," and moved to block a permit application by Fletcher Challenge Canada to dump toxic Crofton harbour dredgings just off Porlier Pass.

Last winter, dozens of Salt Spring Islanders kicked around the idea of initiating a periodical.

This protest — which has united Native bands, residents and community groups from Crofton, Valdes, Galiano and Salt Spring Islands. — has been echoed this summer by many community actions. Cowichan families have picnicked in front of logging trucks, a Courtenay housewife has camped under hydro transmission towers and Lasqueti residents recently

barged clear-cut logging equipment back to its owner.

Threatened by the loss of their local environment, B.C. communities are finding real power in standing together to redefine "progress" in saner terms.

Environmental crises seem to be necessary lessons. Hope comes from the realization that peoples' "awareness curve" is rapidly overtaking humankind's nearly vertical "destruction curve." Unlike the idealism which mobilized the Sixties generation, today's concerns touch people worldwide — including 90 per cent of all Canadians. We are older now — wiser in the ways things work — and responding to threats not in far-off countries but in our own front yards.

The decrepit dinosaur that is the Crofton mill comes immediately to mind — and nose. When a Penalekut band member spotted a public permit application to dump mill dredgings close off Porlier Pass, she called me to ask what could be done about this latest challenge from Fletcher Challenge.

At Betty Calkins' place last winter, dozens of Salt Spring Islanders had kicked around an idea for a periodical which would serve as environmental information — and inspiration — for Gulf Island residents. Jan McKirdy's warning — the fact that she knew who to call — was the impetus behind Green Islands.

I followed up a phone call to

Environment Canada's ocean dumping permit department with a letter from Green Islands pointing to Environment Canada's own 1989 ranking of the Crofton mill as one of 11 worst polluters among Canada's 122 pulp mills — fourth worst in B.C. I also quoted toxic expert Renate Kroesa's assessment of Crofton bottom sediments contaminated with more than 1,000 organochlorines, chlorophenolic wood preservatives, heavy metals, furans and dioxins — including 2,3,7,8 TCDD, the most toxic substance known to humankind. The mill has to dredge to get deepwater ships into dock — but not at the expense of the salmon, seals, seabirds and humans for miles around.

Our newborn citizens' movement went from a crawl to supersonic flight in about 25-seconds. Amazing "synchronistic" encounters began taking place. I bumped into Nick Gilbert, who just "happened to have" an Environment Canada report on previous dredging and dumping at the Crofton mill.

The study related how dumping was moved from Stuart Channel to Porlier Pass 13 years ago because that waste threatened commercial and recreational fisheries in front of the mill. I wrote Environment Canada suggesting that it doesn't make much sense to transfer this toxic threat to the last best salmon fishery in the Gulf Islands.

The following Saturday, Doug Wilkins stopped by the Green Islands table to put the 600th signature on our anti-dumping petition. The man who had drafted the international law on ocean dredging and dumping "just happened" to be on Salt Spring after leaving his 10-year post with Ontario's environment ministry to become an environmental consultant. Wilkins described videotapes showing sediments dumped from a barge actually bouncing off the bottom. Strong currents carry this plume for up to 100 miles, just off the seabottom — contaminating every creature it encounters.

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Wilkins said very little leaching would occur if toxic dredgings were stored behind concrete walls ashore. "If there are any dioxins present in the dredge spoils at Crofton, under the toxics subsection of the Ocean Dumping Act there is no way they can be dumped in open water."

We already know that Crofton

harbour sediment is loaded with dioxins. A 1988 Environment Canada study found levels of 2,3,7,8 TCDD 10 times higher than federal permissible limits.

On August 2, the head of Fisheries and Oceans, Mike Nasichuk, wrote assuring me that adequate testing was being carried out on Crofton bottom sediments. But in late August, Green Islands learned these tests were being carried out by Fletcher Challenge!

"This is an obvious conflict of interest," I pointed out to the dumping permit department's senior officer, Hal Nelson. Mr. Nelson replied that his department could not afford to do its own testing for up to a dozen permit applications a month. Nor was his department going to audit Fletcher Challenge's technical report before making its decision.

A September 7 interview with Fanny O'Keefe on CBC "Almanac," was followed by a half-page newspaper ad warning Gulf Island residents of this new threat to our ocean "commons." Island Watch co-sponsored this ad — and initiated a new letter-writing campaign — while Green Islands began organizing a Coast Watchers group of small craft owners to protect Gulf Islands waters. Space for a green retail and information centre was also rented in metropolitan Ganges — phone number 537-4653.

Watch is watching

SALT SPRING — In an effort to prevent Fletcher Challenge Canada from receiving permission to dump its dredgings of Crofton harbour into Porlier Passage, members of the Island Watch Society have been handing out form letters at the Saturday market in Ganges.

The letter, addressed to Mr. Hal Nelson, senior program officer of ocean dumping for environment Canada, outlines the dangers involved with such a procedure. According to a spokesperson for the Watch, about 170 letters have already been sent to Mr. Nelson.

Anyone interested in adding their opposition to the Fletcher Challenge Canada application, can pick up a letter form one of several volunteers at the Saturday market.



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Medalist Charlie Watson

Cyclist awarded medals

SALT SPRING — One of Salt Spring Islands most prolific cyclists, Charlie Watson has just returned from the B.C. Senior Games with two gold medals and one silver.

Not too bad for a fellow who only took up riding about eight years ago, when a cycling group asked him to join them for a ride. Since then the youthful 75-year-old islander has been riding daily and chalking over 7,000 miles per year on two wheels.

Charlie, who was entered in the over 64 years of age category, won gold in the 42 mile road race and in time trials. The silver medal came in the hill climb event.

The B.C. Senior Games were held in Trail, B.C. last week.

Slo-pitch ball season winds down with annual Roy Lee tournament

By MALCOLM LEGG

The Labour Day weekend saw the softball season come to a close with the annual Roy Lee Memorial Mixed Slo-pitch Tournament at the Fulford ball fields.

The two day tourney featured seven teams including the Hillbillies of Duncan and Adams Lake along with Rebels, G.V.M., Windsor Plywood, District 64 and Harbour House from Salt Spring.

It took 22 games over two days of play before G.V.M. emerged as the tourney winner on Sunday evening. With the victory they took both the top prize money as well as the Roy Lee Trophy as the number one Salt Spring team.

After the preliminary round the Windsor and Rebel teams emerged from their groups undefeated and

had to be favoured to meet in the final.

Last year's winner Rebels were knocked out with a quarter-final loss to G.V.M. and a losers bracket loss to the Hillbillies. Meanwhile, Windsor made the semi-finals only to lose to G.V.M. and then to District 64 in the losers semi-final. They ended up finishing third.

The most amazing challenge came from the District 64 team in the losers bracket, as they won four games on Sunday to reach the final, then won the first final 12-11 in the bottom of the seventh inning to force a second game.

Unfortunately for District 64, their luck and stamina had run out as they dropped a 9-A division to a good G.V.M. team. But their effort

had to be admired.

G.V.M. were certainly worthy victors as they combined solid defence with good hitting to take the tourney for 1989.

Special thanks must go to organizers Mike Tyson, Brian Little and myself for the work setting up the format and Saturday night dance. Also to umpires John Nicholson and Terry Horrocks for their officiating and to all their teams for their sportsmanship.

Next year looks to be bigger and better as we already have a team from Vancouver confirmed. The dance will be back and we hope to have a home-run competition.

For now we can sit back around the winter fires and reminisce about the big plays we almost made.

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The Galiano Island flower show impressed islanders and visitors alike. Here, Flora Hawbolt (left), Audrey Simas (show steward) and Bill Sashaw (president) view flower displays.

Galiano flower show described "by every measure a success"

By ALISTAIR ROSS

GALIANO — Galiano's annual harvest and flower show took place in the North Hall on Saturday of the Labour Day weekend. By every measure a success, the show drew entries from all over Galiano and was attended by many islanders and visitors.

The latter expressed amazement at the quality of the show and the variety of the exhibits — not what they expected to find on an island of rock and forest.

Through a produce stall managed by Carolyn Canfield and Shirley Chambers, a bake sale organized by Audrey Cook, and by the sale of coffee, tea and goodies

by Bea Robson and Marion Sutherland, the Garden Club met expenses and were able to put a fair sum in the kitty to help provide speakers for future meetings.

The harvest show was entry free. When entering the hall the visitor's eye was caught by individual flower entries on the right and vegetables on the left. At the far end of the room were the hanging baskets; beautiful fuchsias, eye-catching tuberous begonias and geraniums. Monica Roots' fuchsias were notable as were the Ross' geraniums and Edith Wishart's hanging basket of mixed blooms. Along the right-hand wall and near the entry were the floral arrange-

ments. Emily Switzer's bridal arrangement (flowers for a special occasion) was splendid as was Margaret Edgar's silvery dry arrangement and Edith Wishart's miniature.

The writer's harvest fair display of fruit and flowers was highly admired — was it the fruit, the flowers or the garden figs which elicited their interest?

An excellent display of jams, jellies and relishes was entered. George and Win Stephen took prizes for their dahlias, asters and chrysanthemums and also in the vegetable section. Here they received stiff competition from Bill and Barbara Scoones, John Sibbald, Bill Cook and Jev Tothill.

The judges, Aini Haksi (flowers), and Margaret Edgar (vegetables) were assisted in their work by recorder-secretary Audrey Simas. The two judges commented very favourably about the quality of the exhibits this year. First time exhibitors were John Sibbald, Jev Tothill, Sylvia Mounsey, Phyllis Harris and Carolyn Canfield.

Sibbald's recycled plant was one of the hits of the show. As custodian of the solid waste area this summer, John sees and knows a lot. One poor plant — it may have been a potted hydrangea, was rescued, trimmed, potted and with blooms deftly attached, entered in the "any other flower" category. It didn't receive a ribbon, which was a pity because it was unusual. Did we recognize the geranium, poppy and other blooms all on the same plant!

GALIANO

Alistair Ross



Finance Minister Mel Couvelier and his executive secretary Isabel Mackenzie attended the flea market on the Labour Day weekend where they presented Galiano Club president Bill Scoones with a \$12,500 cheque.

The money, made available to the Galiano Club by the government from B.C. Lottery Funds, is to be used to help pay for renovations done to the Hall's kitchen, work completed last winter. On stage to receive the cheque with president Scoones was club treasurer Ron Way and Jim Scoones, head of Galiano's solid waste disposal centre. The minister was introduced to flea market shoppers by Cain Drive resident, Frank Hillier.

After the presentation, at a friendly gathering with about a dozen Galiano citizens at the lodge, the finance minister and his secretary left for Mayne Island by float plane, off to attend an outdoor barbecue.

Another of the same sort

While Finance Minister Mel Couvelier was doing official duties at the Galiano Hall, another well known figure, Mayor Gordon Campbell of Vancouver, was also on the island.

Guest of John Coates of Whaler Bay, two of the Coates family and two of the Campbells took a trail ride up Mount Galiano with Annie Scoones. Not an experienced horseman, Mayor Campbell is said to have enjoyed the view from the mountain top and to a lesser degree, his ride. "A good sportsman" says Annie. "Yes."

Another bottle story

North Galiano's wandering citizen, Al Chambers, is really getting to know our island. He and his two dogs take their daily exercise at Coon Bay, Pebble Beach, Bluff Park or just along the quiet logging roads of the North End.

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Health Centre fund-raising drive picks up speed on Galiano Island

GALIANO — Sparked by the enthusiasm of dozens of canvassers, the drive for money to build a Health Care Centre on Burrill Road is gathering momentum, with almost \$32,000 in cash and pledges received to date.

Added to the Capital Regional District's (CRD) contribution of \$33,600 previously received and the Lottery Fund grant of \$78,300 now confirmed, the fund now totals almost \$144,000. The Society has set a goal of around \$235,000.

Fewer than half of the more than 60 canvassers have reported in so far, while the businesses and off-island canvassers are just beginning. A surprising feature of the canvass to date has been the response from the so-called "weekenders" who have heard of the campaign and come forward.

"We have been delighted with their responses and level of giving," said drive chairman Lloyd Hoole. "The actual canvass of absentee property owners begins next week and if the volunteer responses are any indication, there should be a good level of giving from that part of the campaign," he said.

The only organization to take part in the campaign so far is the North Galiano Community Association. Their highly successful "Dine with Dean" dinner, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alistair Ross netted the 26 guests a delicious meal and the Society the tidy sum of \$260.

With the summer drawing to a close and the island's organizations resuming their normal activities, it is hoped that various projects will be undertaken to assist the Society in its fund raising.

Meanwhile, Society President Art Wood continues to work closely with Provincial Government, Islands Trust and Regional District officials to complete the transfer of the land to the Society.

"It's a long laborious process," Mr. Wood told the Society's directors last Tuesday, but the Minister responsible (the Honourable Rita Johnson), told me on Monday that the papers should clear her desk this week, making fourth reading of the rezoning bylaw possible. Once that is done, we can go ahead with the actual title transfers."

The directors also decided to visit the Pender Island Health Centre to get a first-hand look at how the building is organized and operated.

"Pender and Mayne are unique," reported Helen Hoole, "as they are the only two such centres in operation in British Columbia. We will make the third. Clinics, mostly operated by doctors, are the norm in most communities," she added, "but the concept of a health

centre seems better suited to small communities like those on the Gulf Islands and so they have evolved here."

Society treasurer Mimi Wishart says the nature of many of the contributions received so far reflect that suitability.

"It's amazing," she says, "that so many people with so little are sending in their hard-earned dollars. We've received gifts of a few

dollars from single mothers and handicapped persons, as well as major donations of the \$1,000 and \$2,000 variety. But all of them come with the good wishes of the donors such as "good luck with a worthy cause that will benefit all of us."

Progress of the fund-raising campaign is being marked on the "thermometers" placed at three prominent locations on the island.



Health Care Society president Art Wood chats it up with local MLA Mel Cououvelier at Galiano

Lodge.. The Finance Minister presented a cheque to the Galiano Club.

Islanders are gearing up for a full slate of events

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On the beach at Coon Bay some time ago, Al picked up a bottle with a message in it — as many other folk have done as well. Al's letter was from an 11-year-old Victoria girl who threw her missile into the water at Tsawwassen. The letter included a return address and postage money. The young lady wanted to know how far her bottle would travel — not too far as it happened.

Coming Events

The Galiano Scottish country dance group begins their fall season on Tuesday, September 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m. This class will be a level 1 group and will be for beginners and dancers with limited experience. A level II group is scheduled for Monday afternoon - 2:00-4:00 p.m. The emphasis here will be on technique, and more difficult dances will be attempted.

Dancers will be encouraged to attend both classes. The teacher will be Monica Roots. She can be contacted at 9-5078 for further information.

South Galiano volunteer fire department auxiliary will hold their regular monthly book sale on September 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Anglican morning prayer led by lay reader Margaret Edgar will be held in St. Margaret's Church at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 17.

A Roman Catholic Eucharist will follow at 1:00 p.m., Connie Hofler in charge.

The Galiano Badminton Club season begins Wednesday, September 17 at the Activity Centre, running 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Participants can also play Fridays and Sundays.

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