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Gulf Island building activity increases

The value of building permits issued between January and June of 1989, slightly exceeded those issued in the same time period last year, according to statistic recently released by the Capital Regional District (CRD).

While permit values increased seven per cent values in the Outer Gulf Islands, Salt Spring Island experienced a 22 per cent increase during the first six months of this year.

A total of 209 building permits were issued in the Outer Gulf Islands representing values of \$3,333,353. Residential permits totalled 201, compared with 195 during the same period in 1988, while commercial, industrial and institutional collectively accounted for eight permits compared to six in 1988.

Dwelling unit permits issued in the Outer Gulf Islands were up by 12 per cent over last year.

The total includes 44 single family unit permits, plus 157 permits for residential construction.

Notable construction in the Outer Gulf Islands is the Galiano Island Country Inn at Georgeson Bay, which accounts for a \$400,000 worth of building permits.

Residential building permits on Salt Spring Island were up from 235 in 1988 to 296 during the first six months of each year. Total value of permits issued from January to June this year is \$5,421,368. Last year, this figure was slightly less at \$4,970,993.

Dwelling unit permits were down by 1 per cent this year. Of the 296 residential permits issued, 55 were for new homes, five were for townhouses, one was for an apartment, seven were for mobile home units and two were for duplexes.

During the same period last year, of the 235 permits issued, 33 were for new homes, eight were for duplexes, 21 were for townhouses and nine were for mobile homes.

Architectural challenge

Spacious home for family of four, contained within 1,000 square feet

By VAL RICHARDS

What's more challenging than designing a 3,500 square foot home? Building a 1,000 square foot home for four that takes in a laundry room, walk-in closet and other extra features.

For Pam and Ken Featherstone, their 1,000 square foot house is proving to be more than satisfactory. Located in a grove of fir trees off Walker Hook Road, the grey sided and shake roofed house blends in with the natural surroundings of forest, filtered sunshine and west coast colours.

A wrap-around deck provides access to the living room, kitchen and the master bedroom. Wood from a demolition house on the island was salvaged by the home-

owner and house-builder, Featherstone, and set again at the house.

The interior floors are oak, while the bedrooms are carpeted in blue.

"All of us nailed the floors down," Pam Featherstone notes, "Even the two boys helped. They'd lay the shorts down and we'd nail them."

The house is entered through French doors in the kitchen and living room. The living room features a corner heatilator fireplace and hearth.

"We haven't decided how we'll finish the fireplace," Pam says, "We're tired of the oak so we'll probably go to tile."

The cedar window frames, French doors and oak floors have all been stained with cherry oil, which adds a rust tint to

the rich wood textures of the house.

The oak floors continue into the kitchen, where an open plan gives the house a feeling of spaciousness. Pam and Ken had considered adding a breakfast nook in the kitchen, but decided it would restrict use of space in the area.

A hallway from the living room leads to the laundry room where a back door is located for winter access. Further down the hall, the boys' room — featuring two windows — is complete with a large closet, while the master bedroom has a large walk-in closet and French doors on to the verandah.

"We've plumbed the walk-in closet in case we want an en suite later," Pam ex-

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Your guide to Gulf Island properties

COMPLIMENTS OF:



Century 21 realtor Ed Davis stands beside his Cessna 185 float plane. Davis uses the plane to transport clients to listings that would otherwise be difficult to access.

Realtor accesses waterfront listings with pilots' licence and sea plane

Salt Spring Islander Ed Davis is a realtor with wings.

The local agent, who works through Century 21, combines his love of flying with the sale of real estate and gets his clients into areas that would otherwise be difficult to access.

Davis says that in the past seven years, his Cessna 185 float plane has helped him sell more than \$10 million worth of waterfront property in the Gulf Islands.

He has flown clients to waterfront listings on each of the Outer Gulf Islands, Prevost Island and private islands.

"It's a lot faster and more convenient to service Outer Islands properties," he notes. "I can have us there in a 10 to 15 minute flight."

Davis, who began flying in California in 1962 — some 10 years prior to moving to Salt Spring — uses his plane primarily for business. And the occasional fishing trip, he adds.

(Davis is not available for commercial trips: he recommends local charter companies for this purpose.)

The local realtor plans to use his big bird in the sale of Belle Island — a 4-acre

parcel — and a south Salt Spring waterfront piece that is easily accessed by sea plane.

Through use of his plane, Davis has taken on listings outside of the Gulf Islands, although he does prefer to stay in the Islands Trust area. One of his listings will take him and a client all the way to Port Hardy, where he is working on the sale of a 200-acre island.

In the meantime, he agrees it's a great way to get around.

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After spending the summer months with the children at home, the SPCA advises, pets will likely try to follow them to school.

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California sea lion

B.C.'s least known tourist doesn't spend a dime here

By BARRY BROADFOOT

"It's kind of hard to get your mind into that of a herring," said Peter Olesiuk, thoughtfully, "but the California sea lion seems to have it figured out. They are his big ticket item, his bread and butter."

He is British Columbia's least known winter tourist. He doesn't spend a dime in the local economy. He leaves his wives at home. He's a dead beat and he arrives dead beat and all he wants to do is lie on log booms in the sun and growl gossip with his 3,000 buddies and gobble down 25 pounds a night of prime, foot long herring. He'll also snack on hake and any salmon that is in the neighbourhood.

These migrants begin to drift in early December when about 20,000 tons of herring ball up in Northumberland Channel hard by Nanaimo Harbour. Everything works perfectly for him. By the time the herring's roe has ripened and they are off to the spawning grounds, he has gorged himself and built up a thick layer of blubber and then he's off south a thousand

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miles to do battle in the name of love.

That's his story, says Olesiuk a sea lion expert at the nearby Pacific Biological Station of the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, a scientist who admits there is still a lot we don't know about the visitors and our own resident Stellar sea lions.

In an aside, he says, "They're kind of funky. Like kids. A diver will go down and they'll come round and see the bubbles coming up. They like bubbles so they've learned to pull out the air hose because they know they'll see more bubbles. Playful. A lot of clown in them."

Funky, the local fellows may be, but the life of the California sea lion is a serious business.

First, there's the business of breeding down south on the rocky shores. From the start, it is every bull for himself among the 80,000 sea lions in the Golden State. They have to stake out their breeding territory and the fighting and growling that goes on as the bulls battle for turf is something to see. Bullying is part of it, but slashing and bashing is part of the game.

"Pretty tired, I should imagine, after all that," says Olesiuk, "and then they have to defend their territory after they've won it. For up to 60 days when the females are in heat. Round the clock. No time off for food. Some real big battles. They don't have a harem, you see, and any female who wanders into their turf is for them. We figure a bull will impregnate up to 40 females in a season and the females are coming and going through every bull's turf all the time. They don't get impregnated at once. It takes time and all the time each bull is still defending his turf against the others. You can say she's polygamous, but then, so is he."

But the time comes when the female is pregnant and though only a quarter of his size, she drives the bulls away. No more. Finally the beaches are left to the females

and the bulls haul out on distant beaches to ponder it all.

When the egg is fertilized, it goes through several divisions and then becomes dormant. Otherwise the pups would be born at different times. Then, as if by signal, all the females synchronize their breeding time, the egg starts growing and there are thousands of expectant mothers happily expecting.

Summer passes and the winds of autumn become chilly and then — and no scientist knows why — several thousand peel off and head for Canada where the herring are. In the sixties, the first California sea lions showed up around Race Rocks near Victoria and local commercial fishermen wanted to know who these new guys were. They were much smaller than the Stellar breed in B.C. where the big fellows run up to a ton. In the following years more showed up. The B.C. lions barked like sea lions should. The visitors growled.

In the seventies they moved up to Active Pass in the southern Gulf Islands where the herring were, after feeding in the open sea. Then the herring moved north to Porlier Pass near Chemainus on Vancouver Island. A few years later they moved north to Nanaimo to have their ball.

"We really don't know why, but it may be due to a shift in warmer water the herring like or some kind of turbulence as the tides shift through the passes. But they are there now, and that's where the sea lions are ours and theirs," says Olesiuk.

"They feed at night. Their big whiskers pick up the vibrations of movement as the 20,000 tons of herring move up to the surface and break into schools," he says. "The sea lions go through them, grab, grab, grab. We've even seen blind ones doing well for themselves."

"When they first came, there were a few. Then a lot. Then more. Soon our fishermen were asking, *hey, what are you going to do about these things??* Increasing at 30 per cent a year, the situation could have got serious in a big way. Then, after going up over the 4,500 mark and that had us worried, they stabilized at 3,000. With our 1,000 Stellars, that's about right. They solved the problem themselves."

"We figure the sea lions in Georgia Strait take about 2,000 tons of herring, and last year's catch by fishermen was about 16,000 tons."

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When the sea lions arrive from California they weigh about 400 pounds and when they leave, some have blubberized themselves up to 700 pounds while lolling around the acres of log booms at MacMillan Bloedel's Harmac mill.

It's an easy life, with the only distraction being the killer whales which grab a few every winter, but every vacation has its hazards. For humans it is crowded highways; for sea lions, it is death.

Then it's back to the long haul to California where the pups will be born soon. The females will nurse them for a month, the males will again fight for turf, and then the female comes into heat and again it's a replay of Sixty Days



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Design will accommodate additions to bedroom area

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plains. A wardrobe could take the place of the walk-in closet if the addition was made.

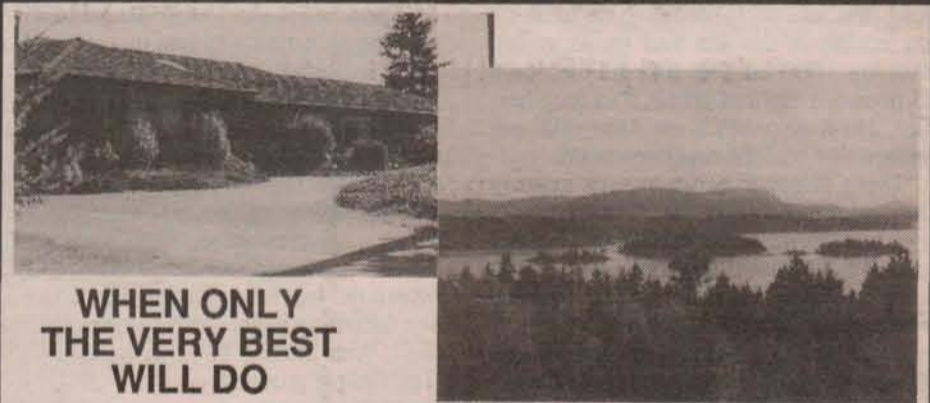
The bathroom was the first room to be completed. As wide as the bath is long, the bathroom itself is located down the hall. The bath is surrounded by clear, cedar, double paned window, fitted with screens and providing a peaceful view of the forest that surrounds the cottage.

In the event the Featherstone family

decides it wants a little more space the house has been designed to accommodate additions, which can be made to the bedroom end of the house.

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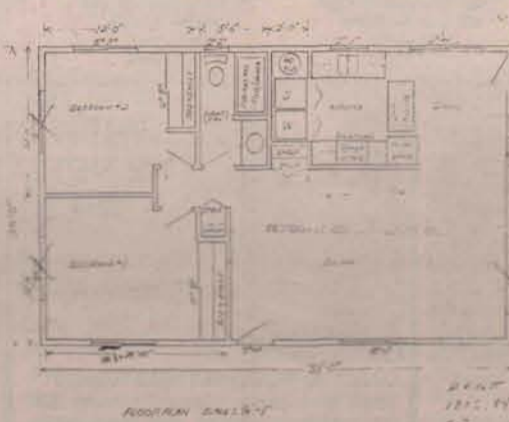
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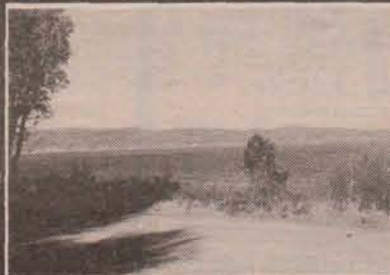
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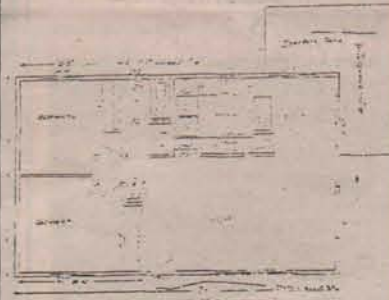
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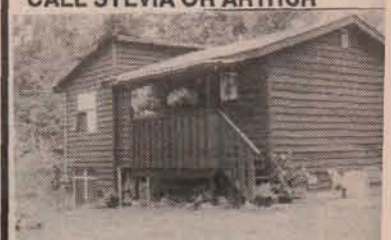
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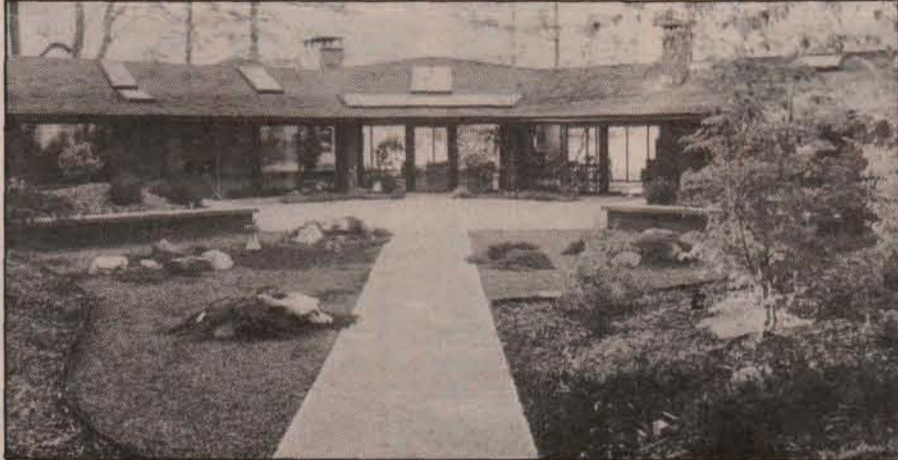
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your garden

by **chris schmah**



With this lovely warm weather we've been having, it's hard to get motivated or interested in making preparations for fall and winter vegetable growing, but it's time to give it some attention.

What we are blessed with in our usually mild, moderated marine climate is the ability to grow and harvest fresh vegetables from our own gardens virtually twelve months of the year, something we should be grateful for.

When we lived in Northern Ontario, the term "winter vegetables" referred to those tender perishables which had to be trucked up from California via Thunder Bay, often arriving with some frost damage. Wilted lettuce and frozen cucumbers, or carrots which hadn't seen the ground for four months or four thousand miles, (whichever came last) were barely edible let alone palatable, but now that we're gardening in better climates winter veggies have a whole new meaning.

The term "winter" vegetables doesn't really tell the whole story, as many of them are planted in the spring, summer, and fall, while harvesting goes on in the fall, winter and spring. In truth, what we are dealing with should be called cool season crops, but as it sounds more exotic and intriguing, we'll refer to them as winter veggies. Many of the varieties which are suitable for winter cropping are also the best main season ones, but for some vegetables the cool season varieties are different, as shorter days and colder temperatures make some more productive and hardy than others.

We'll cover the best types or varieties later, but first a little discourse on the principles of "winter" gardening.

You can't fabricate or relocate the sun

Most important of all is the need for a sheltered, site with well-drained soil and a sunny aspect, with protection from the wind, and yet it should have good downslope air drainage. Shelter from wind and the inflow of cold air, allows for the build-up of heat and warmth generated by the sun, permits more soil warming, and encourages faster growth as well as protecting the plants from severe temperature drops and killing freezes.

A south-facing slope with a sandy loam soil would be ideal, but as long as there is sunshine on the site you can work around the soil texture and drainage problems. You can build raised beds, box beds, and/or planters to allow you to grow healthy, tasty vegetables, but you can't fabricate or relocate the sun. Having a wall of the house, shed or garage, or a hedge or fence to the north or top side will give some protection and help in the storage of heat. Conversely, to the south face or lower slope, be certain to allow the cold air to escape through openings in the fence or a hedge, as the cold air flows just like water and will back up in an enclosed space to chill the plants and the soil.

As far as soil is concerned, the lighter-textured soils, such as sandy loams will heat faster, allow better moisture drainage, and remain workable through wet weather without compacting or sticking to tools and boots. The best things to do if you are stuck with heavier-textured soils such as a clay or clay loam is to improve drainage by adding sand, peat or organic matter (most desirable), and make boxes or raised beds to enhance drainage and enable you to work without tramping through the muck.

Liming and fertilizing levels will depend on what you're growing, but overall with phosphorus being less mobile and less available for uptake by plants during colder weather, you should be certain that some supplementary phosphorus is provided.

Choose from sprouting or head-forming types

Now that we've worked our way down to the menu of cool weather vegetables to grow, we can run through some of the more popular ones, and mention suitable varieties. One of our favourites is broccoli and you can choose from sprouting or head-forming types for late summer and fall crops. For winter-early spring cropping you should choose the sprouting types, either the Italian green or the purple sprouting for continuous crops of small side-shoots which resist rotting due to excess moisture (a real winter risk).

For brussel sprouts, Jade Cross or Long Island are virtually the only choices without starting your own from selected seed varieties such as from the Bedford or Roodnerf series. For cabbages, kales and cauliflowers there are so many to select from that listings as can be found in Territorial Seeds' catalogue, or extensive experience by trial and error are the only solutions, but suffice to say that winter varieties are abundant and productive.

There are collards, chinese cabbage, pak choy, corn salad, endive, dandelions, New Zealand spinach, parsley, lettuce, Swiss chard (fordhook Giant and Lucullus), spinach (winter Bloomsdale and cold resistant Savoy), kohlrabi, and a whole raft of chinese greens or mustard which round out the selection of leafy greens for cool weather growing and harvesting.

Very readable and helpful book

The other group to be planting in the not too distant future are the onions, and garlic group, and in November you should sow out some Windsor Broad beans.

For veggies which could have been planted earlier on in the season and will be harvested during the colder months of the year, a really good book to get a hold of is *Winter Gardening In The Northwest* by Binda Colebrook. It covers all aspects of cool weather gardening as well as giving experiences on varieties, timing, and problems to look out for. Overall, it is a very readable helpful book with lots of information.

A final note about winter veggies is that when you're sowing a late crop of radishes, lettuce, or some other fast grower, consider sowing down a green manure at the same time. After your harvest, the cover crop is already well underway, and the soil won't have to be reworked or tilled to get rid of the weeds.

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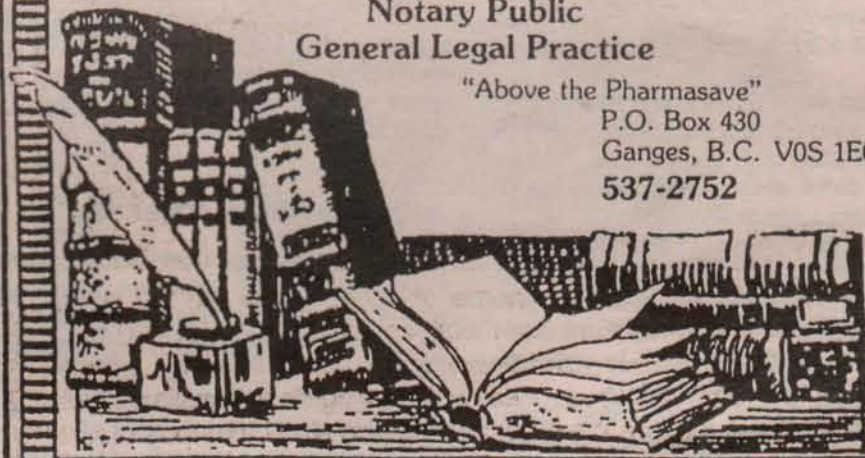
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Provincial

Roundup

Premier Vander Zalm said last week he will not be blackmailed or bullied into making cabinet changes. Yes, he said, he's working a cabinet shuffle, but he won't be brow-beaten into firing this minister or demoting that one just because a bunch of protesters ask him to.

"Cabinet changes happen from time to time. I can't tell you what these changes will be or when the changes will be. I can only tell you it will not be as a result of threats," the premier said.

The premier's comments came following a protest by about 300 people near his Richmond home last week. The protesters indicated they wanted Vander Zalm to replace Forest Minister Dave Parker and Health Minister Peter Dueck.

Supernatural Award

A government magazine advertisement, which had a lot of environmentalists scratching their heads recently, has captured a top award for creative excellence.

The ad showed a deer and her fawn on a misty morning in a beautiful old-growth forest setting. The caption said, "When you go down to the woods today, you're in for a big surprise."

It was later found out that the animals had been taken to the scene, Cathedral Grove on Vancouver Island, from a petting zoo. The early-morning-mist atmosphere had been achieved by way of artificial light and smoke sprays.

Vicky Husband, conservation chairman of the Sierra Club of Western Canada, had no quarrel with the beauty of the advertisement, but added that it was a fake, nevertheless.

"The irony is that if you do go down to the woods tomorrow, they may not be there," she said. The Sierra Club wants old-growth stands protected from logging.

Resource Management

A draft plan for resource management along British Columbia's Inside Passage calls for a chain of marine parks, protection of scenic values, and prudent timber harvesting. The plan, released last week for public review and input, calls for the creation of nine marine parks.

The proposed plan covers 250,000 hectares along a 400-kilometre marine

corridor from a point on the Mainland, almost level with the northern tip of Vancouver Island to Prince Rupert.

Forest Minister Dave Parker says about 10 per cent of the area visible from the transportation corridor has commercial timber and only a portion of that would be subject to harvesting at any one time.

"The key issue is to balance the need for recreation, tourism, transportation and timber harvesting in this area," Parker says.

Divers Ahoy

"Life's a Beach and then You Dive" may soon be more than a T-shirt message for tourists in British Columbia.

A Regional Development Ministry report, released last week, urges the government to develop attractions for the promotion of recreational scuba diving, including artificial wreck diving sites.

The report says artificial wrecks in Ontario and U.S. waters attract thousands of scuba divers. Similar attractions here, the report says, could provide a significant boost to the tourist industry.

Business Awards

Regional development Minister Elwood Veitch last week announced an awards program for small businesses in the Mainland-Southwest Development region.

"The awards will recognize the value of small business in the region by honouring those who have taken an idea, turned it into reality, and developed a thriving small business," Veitch said.

Hey, do you think a small, independent, entrepreneurial political columnist would qualify for the award? Nah.

Take That, Ottawa

Highways Minister Neil Vant thinks the provincial premiers were on to a good thing when they demanded at the recent Premiers' Conference in Quebec City that Ottawa assume greater financial responsibility for highways of national importance.

Vant pointed out last week that nearly half the price of gasoline is tax and that half of that tax goes to Ottawa. "The provinces pay for highways, while Ottawa taxes users," Vant said.

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British motorway -- every driver's dream

By FRANK RICHARDS

You make a quick check on the traffic in the next lane, swing over at something less than 70, floor the throttle pedal and hold the speed in the overtaking lane. The truck in front of you is losing speed and you turn into the third lane, winding up to 90 or better as you pass the hesitant drivers in the centre lane. And those are miles per hour, not kilometres! Not as spectacular as the German autobahn, but generally less hazardous, the British motorway is what every red-blooded Canadian driver has dreamed of.

Restricted access highways, geared to handling heavy traffic at fast rates, the motorways are cross-country speedways forming a network of communications all over the United Kingdom. I love 'em!

In truth, the driver who travels at speeds in excess of 70 miles per hour is breaking the law. The legal limit is set at 70. There are three lanes. Slow traffic, trucks and slow cars, use the left lane. The centre lane is for overtaking. From the slow lane cars and trucks; or "lorries" in the Brit vocabulary; pull into the centre lane. The right-hand lane is designated for passenger vehicles only. Trucks may not use the right lane.

Simply touring? Stick to the left lane. You can hold speeds of about 70 mph, dropping to 60 or less when the road gets steep and the trucks start to change down. But you'll get to your destination gently and without challenge from the faster-moving traffic. If you are in a hurry, then you have the road quite clear ahead of you.

Alas! Not every driver is competent

All you need on the motorway is skill, competence and a good car under you.

I was talking to a highway patrolman. Of course I break the law, he agreed with me, most everyone does when it comes to speeding. But there are many factors bearing on the speed of traffic.

"You're driving a Porsche 924," he suggested. "The highway is clear on an early morning run ... with that car and a skilful driver 100 miles an hour is probably perfectly safe."

Not every driver pushes a Porsche. Alas! Not every driver is competent.

So the Porsche is pulled by a highway patrol for speeding.

"If the driver had been fully alert he would have seen the police car before he was on it and he would have amended his speed," suggested my mentor. "So the very fact that he was ticketed would indicate that he was driving with less than proper care and attention." There are other factors.

I was eating sandwiches on the motorway. Brown-bagging saves stopping; saves time; gets you there before you want to be there. Eating, I took the left lane, the slow one. But it was getting too slow and I swung over to overtake. From about 60, the speed rose to somewhere close to 80. I quickly grabbed a bite and missed, to feel the wet tomato and greenery slide down my shirt and settle comfortably on my light coloured pants. As the traffic pressured me I turned into the fast lane, dropping the emasculated sandwich on the floor or wherever.

Hours planning the most effective motorway route

It's all so unnecessary because the system offers every opportunity of getting a meal or a snack or refreshments. You get warning miles ahead that services are available at these points. Clean, efficient, providing food, toilets, gasoline and sundries, the regular stops suffer one shortcoming. The food tends to be the same everywhere across the country and service meals resemble aircraft meals in one respect. They're both inclined towards monotony. On the motorways you wonder whether a monopoly in catering is really a good thing. So do the publishers of a handy guide to eating "off the motorway" in which the reader is directed to alternative restaurants in handy reach of the motorway.

The motorway is a motorway of life in Britain today. Thousands of housewives, husbands, holiday-makers devote close study to maps and atlases, planning the most effective motorway route to a favourite resort or a trip to another part of the kingdom united by motorways. Every motorway is wall-to-wall traffic and although accidents are, fortunately, not common despite the monumental load of traffic, they often prove spectacular when many vehicles are involved.

But you don't have to use a motorway. There are the primary roads bearing the prefix "A" and a suffix of "M". Thus a road designated "A 500 (M)" indicates that it is not part of the motorway system, but enjoys limited access and a direct route. The commonly found "A" roads are usually single lane each way and so packed with cars and lorries than a snail with a wooden leg would make faster progress.

No possible means of turning around

The "B" roads are worthy of mention for their interesting features. Many such roads provide a valuable service to the traveller. Others were designated for cyclists under the impression that two cyclists would never meet. There is no possible means of turning round if you want to go back where you came from and heaven help you if you want to pass an oncoming vehicle.

However, any driver who enjoys the view of a bus's back end and is fond of the delicate perfume of diesel oil while experiencing a leisurely journey from A to B will thoroughly enjoy a trip away from the busy motorways.

Massive signs, some extending overhead, give clear directions to motorway users and every outlet is marked by white markers counting down from three lines to one. These warn the motorist of the imminence of the turn-off.

This system of communications has some disadvantages, not the least of which is exasperation. Running with two lanes of massive combo units from every land in Europe, all in a hurry and a third lane of amateur speedway artists tightens the nerves and frays them a little. A careless move on the part of another driver is a direct insult and the blood pressure undoubtedly rises. When the other fellow swings in front of you without signalling, then that's fighting talk from the outset. These little irritants take on bigger dimensions than they deserve, but every driver, slow, fast or medium, is well aware that maintained high speed in dense traffic allows for no false step.

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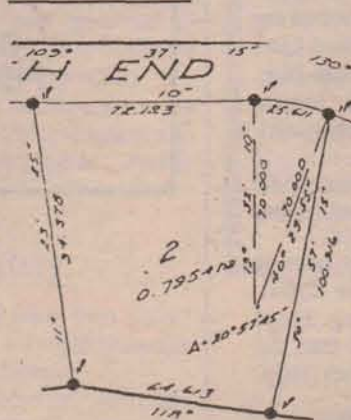
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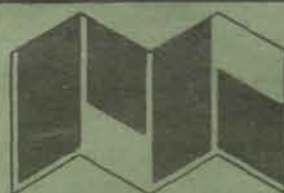


The warmth of wood will surround you both inside and out, with this well-maintained 3 BR character home on an easy-care .73 acre sunny private lot with some mountain views. Living room features large rock fireplace. \$109,000. Price reduced \$99,000 MLS.

SATURNA WATERFRONT

Tucked away at the head of Boot Cove on over 1/2 an acre with over 140' of low bank waterfront is this 3 BR home in need of some T.L.C. Sunny location with good year-round moorage in front offers many exciting possibilities — as an investment holding or as a weekend getaway for boat or aircraft access. Vendor will consider carrying a mortgage and is open to any reasonable offer. \$99,000 MLS.

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RETIREMENT — GARDEN HOME!



1213 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms, 2-car garage, on .64 ac. A delightful tidy home and garden that has been the delight and pride of the owners for many years. A well constructed house with many excellent features. Worth more than the asking price but owner's unfortunate disabilities force move. SPECIAL REDUCED PRICE: \$119,500 MLS.

DEEP SAFE SHELTERED MOORAGE-LONG HARBOUR AREA

1.39 park-like acres with level access and level building site. Serpentine trail leads through a Stanley Park-like forest to an easy, walk-on sandy beach. All this and a 10'x40' water lease allows you to anchor or dock your boat in the same safe deep moorage basin enjoyed by Maracaibo yachtsmen. Asking \$135,000.

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Over 5 ac. with 1100 ft. of year-round creek frontage on Cusheon Creek. Piped water, driveway in to bldg site. Arable soil. Beautiful trees, especially maples, for privacy. Great buy at \$49,500 MLS.

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Taylor is not a realtor but he is a reality to Bill & Tracy. Born August 20, 1989, 8 lb. 8 oz.

INVESTMENT

Holding property with rental houses close to town. 4 1/2 acres zoned commercial service with potential to subdivide or strata title into 12 lots. Vendor will sell all or part. Light industrial zone. Great potential. \$490,000 MLS.

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Lots of windows and skylights allow for all day sun and bring the beauty of the outside to your chairside in the solarium and dining area of this spacious family home. Two full levels of living include 3 BR, a den, and a recreation room. Just steps from schools, shopping and the hospital, you can leave your car at home. Price below replacement value — SEE IT TODAY! \$114,000 MLS.

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27 Acres with solid log home, log barn, cabin & outbuildings. Approximately 10 acres cleared. Good timber. Pond. Good soil, old well. South facing — all day sun. \$259,000 MLS. Vendor will consider trades either on or off island.

ACREAGE

Over 5 acres — 3 1/2 acres in natural state with exceptional view home building site prepared & road in. Approx. 1 1/2 acres has been reclaimed from gravel extraction — an ideal site for certain home occupations requiring a large flat area or possible re-zoning for light industry. Offers to asking price of \$45,000 MLS.

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