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Horseback was one method of transport seen at Sunday's Terry Fox Run, in which 118 people ran

the 10-kilometre route to raise funds for cancer research. Seen here are (left) Beverly Caron,

Cathy Winkel and Rebecca Nemeth. Nemeth, riding Ushki — a familiar horse in the annual run

— was one of the event's large fund raisers. See related story and photos on Page A8 and B17.

The new replaces the old

A three-phase development over the next decade will change the appearance of downtown Ganges, and create a creek-side walkway.

The first step of the new development occurred last week with the demolition of an old building on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Owner of the property — Leon Aptekmann — has already leased the retail portion of two buildings, totalling 5,000 square feet, which will be constructed on that site in the near future.

The two-storey buildings, which will be joined by a cedar deck over the linear creek, will offer office space on the second floor.

Architect for the development Jonathan Yardley said the buildings will flank the start of a walkway through the Ganges linear park area. The project will involve a re-alignment of the creek and general landscaping to the area.

Yardley views the walkway as an "in-land" extension of the Ganges seawalk.

Aptekmann is forecasting a March 1, 1990 completion for the first phase of the development.

The second and third phase of the project, slated to occur over the next ten years will involve replacement.

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Three candidates wind up campaigns

BY SUSAN DICKER

Salt Spring's race for the hat of regional director, commenced this week, with three candidates off the starter's block.

Fulford resident Julia Sutton-Atkins and Ganges barber Gary Lundy announced their candidacies, joining alternate director Ron McQuiggan in the fight for the Capital Regional District (CRD) position.

The October 21 election, will give the successful bidder a one-year term as director, finishing former director Hugh Borsman's three-year term. Borsman resigned

from the position last month, due to poor health.

McQuiggan, who has served as alternate director for the past four years, says a request by Borsman clinched his decision to run for the position. Sutton-Atkins, known on the island as Jules Atkins, says her vision of island potential inspired her to run, while Lundy hopes to end the polarity of island politics.

McQuiggan, who moved to Salt Spring with his wife and three children from Toronto in 1975, intends to complete CRD programs initiated by Borsman and "make a sincere effort to do what is best for

our island and all its people."

McQuiggan has been involved in numerous organizations on the island, including the Lions Club, the school board, Advisory Planning Commission, the Ganges Sewer Commission, the Ganges Incorporation Study Committee, the Lady Minto Hospital Board and the Salt Spring Foundation.

McQuiggan is proud of his involvement in the Salt Spring Public Library expansion project, which raised \$100,000 in local funds.

Atkins, a mother of two, says island residents have the talent and motivation to do great things, "but

there hasn't been the political will to let it happen."

She believes she has the ability to garner this talent and motivation, and get the community involved in the decision making process.

Atkins is currently a member of the Islands Trust Task Force on Transportation, Islands Trust Task Force on Mining, the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Fulford Elementary School Parent Group, and the School Board Steering Committee for the Addition to Fulford School.

Atkins has worked as an environmental consultant, and been involved in various research projects.

A father of six, Lundy moved to Salt Spring from Windsor, Ontario, some nine years ago. He is involved in two local jazz bands, has been president of both the Salt Spring Singers and Salt Spring Jazz Society, and a board member for the Island Watch Society.

Lundy believes there needs to be a clarification to island residents of the functions of local government. He says a sense of polarity governs local politics and he would like to see the island move towards a more unified government, "where residents will have direct input with the regional director."

Lundy would like to break down the polarity that exists between pro-

Louis Lindholm collapses enroute to Channel Ridge court hearing

Victoria lawyer and controversial Salt Spring Island property developer, Louis Lindholm collapsed and died on his way into Victoria court Monday.

In court, Lindholm was to answer charges that his company — Channel Ridge Properties Ltd. — had breached a 1986 contract between it, the Islands Trust, North Salt Spring Water Works and the Salt Spring Water Preservation Society.

The 63-year-old Lindholm — a founding member of the law firm Pearlman and Lindholm — was pronounced dead minutes after arriving at Royal Jubilee Hospital by ambulance. He is survived by his second wife, Helen, and son Jason, and by four grown children from his first marriage.

A longtime member of the Liberal party, Lindholm was defeated in his attempts at both provincial elections in 1969 and as a federal candidate in the 1972 federal election. He also entered the mayors race for Victoria in 1985 against incumbent Gretchin Brewin, promising to hire more police officers if elected. He was defeated.

The founding chairman and first president of the Saanich Peninsula Hospital, Lindholm was a director of the Kiwanis Village and a former president of the Victoria Bar Association. He was many times called upon to represent the provincial government in the B.C. Supreme Court.

INSIDE



Crowds of Salt Spring Islanders and visitors gathered at the Farmers' Institute last weekend to enjoy the annual Fall Fair. Games, food, refreshment, and all types of displays were enjoyed by the many participants.

The Driftwood has published a full spread of photographs, found on Pages B14 and B15.

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THE WEATHER

The weather for the week ended January 31, 1927 was cold and damp. A moist low in the Gulf of Alaska held temperatures warmer than usual, but precipitation was above seasonal averages. The system is expected to move through the province and a general clearing trend will appear by week's end.

OUTLOOK

Monday and Tuesday will be sunny and cold with an inch or two of snow in the higher elevations. The rest of the week will see warming winds followed by showers in the valleys and near large bodies of water. Tornadoes and typhoons will reach their seasonal peaks

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Borsman: symbol of courage

Capital Regional District director and island doctor, Hugh Borsman, passed away on Monday, September 18.

Borsman died after a long battle with cancer, which saw him resign as Salt Spring's director to the CRD, before his four-year term had expired.

Dr. Borsman was regional director on Salt Spring Island for six years.

"Dr. Borsman was a symbol of courage and determination for both his colleagues on the regional board and for his Salt Spring Island constituents," chairman of the board, Susan Brice, noted in a letter sent to media throughout the region Tuesday.

Brice noted that Borsman's perseverance in face of physical adversity provided those in elected office with a model of public service dedication.

Borsman will be sadly missed.

District honours director

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has paid tribute to Salt Spring's former regional director, Hugh Borsman.

A Wednesday meeting of the Board of Directors unanimously agreed to name the new Health Centre in Ganges after Borsman, in an effort to recognize the vast contribution he made to the board.

Borsman resigned from the position last month, due to poor health.

Regional Board chairman Susan Brice told the group last Wednesday that naming the new health centre after Borsman would recognize his contributions, "not only of his efforts in working for the Board, but primarily because of his interest in community health."

A motion by North Saanich Mayor Linda Michaluk, seconded by Sidney Mayor Norma Sealey, that the centre be named the Hugh Borsman Community Health Centre, was unanimously approved by the Board.

The new health centre, which will be located next to the nurses' residence at Lady Minto Hospital, is scheduled to commence construction early in the new year.

Design plans for the building currently involve some 2,000 square feet that will house various CRD and health-related entities. Salt Spring's alternate director to the CRD, Ron McQuiggan said incentives are underway to make the building larger.

McQuiggan said that "after all the effect he (Borsman) has had on health here," it is very appropriate the centre be named for the former director.

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Race is in motion

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and anti-development factions and find a common ground.

All three candidates feel the issue of garbage removal on the island should be explored to its fullest.

"We need to move cautiously and explore all avenues of waste management," Lundy says. "We should not be intimidated by ul-

timatums." He believes options will open up with the advent of a new regional director.

Atkins feels Salt Spring should minimize the amount of garbage transferred off-island, limiting it to hazardous-type waste. She says there should be incentives to reduce the amount of waste produced, and would like to see more money committed to recycling programs. She says there needs to be an "open and public discussion of available options."

McQuiggan says the real issue surrounds the current presence of the landfill site in a watershed area. He says he is part of an ad hoc committee looking for an alternative dump site on the island. His mind is not closed on the issue, he says, but believes the current situation cannot continue.

On the issue of incorporation, McQuiggan, who is still chairman of a committee studying a municipal government for Ganges, says the introduction of the new Islands Trust Act, may make incorporation unnecessary. His committee has put its study on hold, until it can determine whether or not the new act, satisfies to need for greater local control.

Lundy firmly believes in the need for local government, but says it should occur "in a rational mode" with informed input from all parts of the island. He sees a natural evolution or unfolding of local government towards incorporation for the entire island.

Atkins says support for the role of the Islands Trust and its mandate is her number one platform. She says the role of the CRD director should be supportive of the Trust.

While Lundy supports the mandate and philosophy of the Islands Trust, he sees a continued problem with the "made in Victoria" policies. He would like to see the CRD and Islands Trust move forward together — eliminating polarization — towards local control.

McQuiggan also cites the importance of a spirit co-operation between the Regional District and the Islands Trust. He notes he has worked on a number of committees with the Island Trustees.



Jules Atkins



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to be frank

by richards



When in York...

They never did serve Yorkshire pudding with spaghetti so I couldn't do as the Romans do. But when in Yorkshire: do as the Yorkshiremen do. And I did. Or was it the Yorkshirewomen?

I enjoyed Yorkshire pudding while I was the luncheon guest of a retired Yorkshire couple. It wasn't served up the way you or I would serve it. Not at all! It was served in the traditional Yorkshire style, before the main course.

The Yorkshire pudding is placed on a small plate and a brown gravy poured over it. When the preliminary course is finished, then the meat course comes on. Mind you, by the time you've eaten the pudding and mopped up the gravy with it, you can't really do justice to the course that follows. And that's the reason for entire process!

Money scarce, but not hospitality

In days of long ago, when muck was money and Wool was King, when the Yorkshire novelists were in the nursery, money was scarce, but hospitality was not. Meat cost money; Yorkshire pudding was cheap to make. The meal of batter led the way and saved the meat.

It was only in later years, and particularly outside the county that the pudding was delayed until the meat course came on. And, although the north country delicacy is a normal accompaniment of roast beef, this earlier course was offered with any meat, or, when things were really tough, with no meat at all.

It must be borne in mind that a meat course was not essential to any meal in past years.

I even found a Yorkshire recipe from my hostess. It sounds like Yorkshire pudding and here it is, right from Yorkshire's mouth!

Four ozs. flour;
a pinch of salt;
one large egg and milk.

Mix the flour and salt and place the egg in a hollowed recess in the middle of the flour mixture. Add milk until the mixture takes the consistency of thick cream. Leave it to stand for a half-hour.

Add cold water and stir it into the batter before cooking. The final mix should have the consistency of a thin cream. Have the fat very hot in the pan before pouring out the batter. Placed in a hot oven, 400 F, the pudding should rise in five minutes.

The gravy? Make it from the meat drippings or prepare an onion gravy if the meat is not available.

Try it, if you haven't already been familiar with Yorkshire pudding.

Good driving skills

It's not just in Britain, but in many parts of Europe that roads are about a foot narrower than the traffic. All this makes the drivers here that much more perceptive in their judgment.

You can't help but admire the way a car is driven along a street with a few inches clearance on each side. The car speeds along at about 40 mph and the driver nonchalantly flicks the steering wheel to clear some trespassing vehicle.

The trucks and buses are more skilfully controlled as the heavy vehicle slips through gaps in the traffic that are patently too narrow.

For all their faults, drivers over here show excellent judgment.

The popular British car

After a lifetime in the newspaper business I have always kept away from boosting some particular product. This just isn't possible when you try to assess the British taste in automobiles. There are too many of one kind.

I have driven my brother's Ford Escort and I've borrowed a Ford Escort. I have driven a U-Drive Ford Escort and a rental Ford Orion. In fact, I reached the conclusion that half the cars on the road were Ford. Some checking up proved me wrong. According to statistics I read Ford makes 27% of all cars sold in Britain so far this year.

Islanders asked to give

The 1989 United Way Campaign is now under way in the Gulf Islands.

And if islanders show the same kind of generosity as last year, the campaign should raise close to \$20,000.

Salt Spring Island campaign chairman, Tony Richards, is hoping for continued support for the United Way, which in turn provides financial assistance to many services that are used by Gulf Island residents.

The Salt Spring Island Community Society is a United Way agency and obtains funding directly as a result of the annual campaign. Last year, under the chairmanship of Arvid Chalmers, the drive took in \$17,000. It was the first full-fledged United Way campaign in the islands.

The fund-raising drive will be similar to last year's, with an insert in this newspaper in early October. The insert will consist of a brochure and a pledge sheet for donors. Personal letters will be mailed to previous donors and to prospective donors, a list which will be developed by a committee during the next week.

Individuals employed in various sectors will be canvassing fellow workers as well.

The local campaign is part of that operated by the Greater Victoria United Way.

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CRD campaign

Director must answer to both

The role of a regional director is not an easy one, particularly in a community that operates like a Greek plaka. Life and death issues such as environmental concerns are discussed over goat's milk cappuccinos; discussions that have far transcended the coffee clutch levels of urbanity.

For those islanders who remember the pre-sewer years on Salt Spring Island, the latter part of the 1980 and the next decade might appear as golden years by comparison.

Many islanders will remember the burning of the barge at Long Harbour and the shooting of the guard dog at the same site. Islanders who wanted the sewer were ashamed. Islanders who opposed the sewer were, too, ashamed.

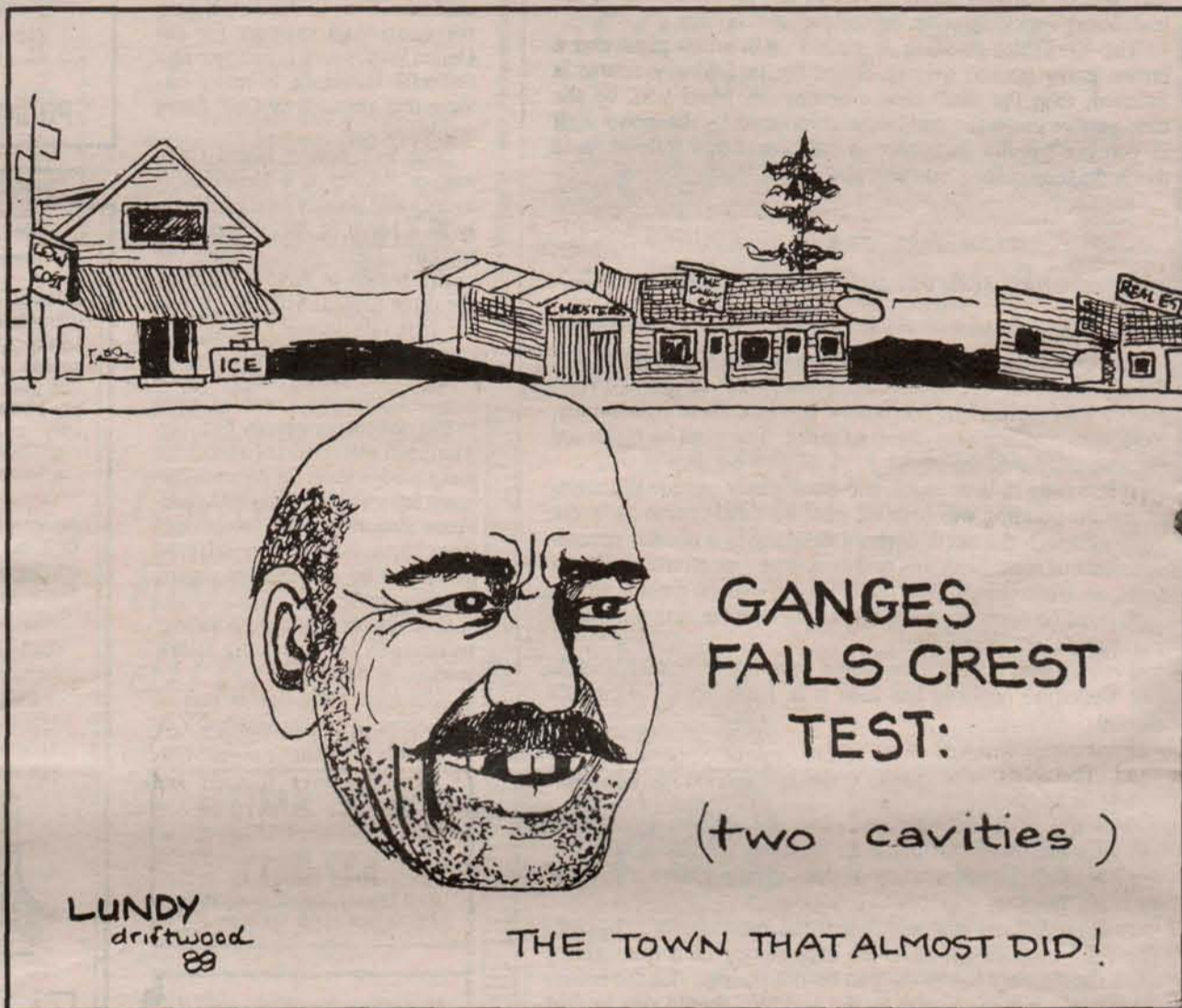
In the midst of all the fighting was the CRD director: the islanders choose to represent them at the municipal level.

For the regional director, maintenance of a bi-partisan approach can be difficult. Convincing the public that one is being bi-partisan is an even greater chore.

Today, as islanders gear up for an election, the role of the CRD director is no different. The director must still answer to islanders, while obliging the majority vote of the District, which is responsible for programs that islanders would not otherwise have.

Health services and animal agencies are part and parcel of the regional director's concern along with more pertinent and contentious issues such as the disposal of garbage on Salt Spring Island.

While the views of a prospective director are im-



portant to the community, the ability of a prospective director to represent the views of others is as important.

And while the tempers during the pre-sewer days have been quelled, there remains a polarity in the community perpetuated by an innate sense in islanders that allows them to determine political affiliation through a system of deduction.

It is this very system that needs to be temporarily set aside during election time in order that those who have decided to run for office be judged fairly.

The CRD director decides to be responsible to a people - not a party.

When this is recognized by "a people," the forum it provides for every candidate will persist in making the plaka and democracy flourish.

You must have heard it through the grapevine

By SUSAN DICKER

I suppose a rumour planted in Victoria, would pass through a series of relevant acquaintances in that city, gather embellished tidbits as it slid along the highway to Duncan, Nanaimo, Parksville, Campbell River, slowly loose momentum with the miles to Port Hardy, and finally wash out to sea in Holberg.

This seemingly natural course of diminishing detail, does not occur on Salt Spring.

Between prevailing winds at the Fulford Inn, and tidal draft at the Vesuvius Inn, these incredible island stories remain in constant motion.

I was actually seated at the Vesuvius Inn when the man-in-the-freezer rumour started.

Sometime earlier, the RCMP had located the body of a man who had been dead for about six months in his Ganges home. And, as I sat at

the Vesuvius, Ganges Village Market was in the process of moving into its new location on Lower Ganges Road.

Being the target for every extraordinary story that does or doesn't occur on this island, I am asked if I heard about the body discovered in the freezer at the old GVM building.

Naturally, a gullible newspaper person is supposed to forget the pint on the table, rush to the phone, hop in the car and only return when the story is neatly punched into the computer.

I didn't bite at the bait, the story was acknowledged as a joke, and the evening resumed.

At least five people, over a period of about two months, stormed into the Driftwood office, demanding to know why the paper and the RCMP were covering up the latest dead body scandal.

That poor corpse went from lying beside a side of beef in the deep freeze, to having his skeletal remains still grasping the wires that electrocuted him.

He came in pieces, he came with a hammer, he came with electricians' paraphernalia.

I finally phoned the RCMP to make sure it wasn't true — and I was there when the story was created!

Just last week, a co-worker and his lady friend, a parent and another friend, were dining in a local restaurant.

They did not know anyone in the room.

Unable to find a wine that appealed to them, they ordered champagne.

The next day, the parent was congratulated on her daughter's forthcoming marriage. Dinner out. Champagne. Obviously an engage-

ment celebration.

This scrambles the brain!

Then there was the hitch-hiker who told another co-worker that digging occurring at the corner of Cranberry and Fulford-Ganges roads was not directed at the water mains, as it may well appear. No. It was the RCMP disguised as North Salt Spring Waterworks officials, planting one of several speed-trap cameras.

Why, I demanded to Larry Wendel, did you have to put one on my road?

It all makes you wonder just what the local buzz is about yourself.

Well I can guess.

Last winter, I traded a friend a black coat for an over-sized man's black sweater. Of course, through general clothes snatching that apparently occurs in households, "my" black sweater ended up keeping his upper-torso warm. This is

fine. As long as he keeps away from my dresses.

So early one morning, he and "our" black sweater slide into Sweet Arts for a coffee. Who should be there, but my good friend, who, without thinking, informs the entire breakfast crowd that he is wearing her sweater.

Heads turn, a momentary silence is replaced by an inquisitive buzz and one-by-one patrons start leaving for their various island ports to inform the rest of the island, that not only have we split up, sold our belongings, and entered a custody battle over the dog, but he bought a diamond for my best friend and soon they'll be seen drinking champagne at local restaurants.

Furthermore, it sadly appears the stressful situation has left him with a strange fetish for women's clothing.

letters

Good News

To the Editor,
Last week the *Driftwood* printed our letter of thanks to the many volunteers at Fulford Day 1989. The Fulford Days Committee has some bad news and some good news about that.

First of all, the good news. Thanks to the generosity of all who took part, \$4,000 has been given to our community organizations: Drummond Park, Fulford Hall, Beaver Point Hall and our O.A.P.'s. At our first Fulford Days Committee meeting, we decided to try to do two things: to gather a greater sense of community in the South End of the island, and to make some money for that community. We think we did okay in both regards. A little music, a few races, some food, hang-gliders and a hovercraft. If you missed it, we'll see you next August.

And now for the bad news. If you didn't miss it, you're on the committee.

JOHN NICOLSON,
Treasurer,
Fulford Days Committee

Celebration

To the Editor,
We are having a party to celebrate the tenth Anniversary of the Respiratory Rehabilitation Course at Victoria General Hospital and the fourth anniversary of the Better Breathers Club and we wish to invite all the "graduates" of the course to come and renew their acquaintance with the Doctors and Therapists who have worked on the program.

The course began at VGH Fairfield in 1979 and was then continued at the new VGH Helmcken. The original and unique program was designed to help patients with serious lung diseases improve the quality of their lives through various exercises and expert techniques. Ten to 12 patients now complete the course each month and those who wish to, attend the monthly meetings of the Better Breathers Club of Victoria, a self-help group offering education, encouragement, mutual assistance and fellowship, which was established four years ago.

The celebration is being held on Wednesday, October 18, at the Saanich Silver Threads, 286 Hampton Road, from 1:30-3:30.

We would like to hear from those ex-patients who would like to attend this celebration. Transportation will be provided for any who need help. Please call us as soon as possible if you are interested. Call either Lael Popham at B.C. Lung, 598-1152 or Barbara Bjerring at 479-9562
BARBARA BJERRING,
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Focus

To the Editor,
After reading last week's excellent column in the *Driftwood* entitled "Development issues addressed," I sense the ball is now rolling in the right direction. I would like to carry this momentum into the CRD election in October.

As you know, our CRD director is the focus of our political system along with the direction in which issues and concerns are resolved. This position does carry some clout and can be used in directing our island to self government.

Our CRD director needs the wisdom to know when to be diplomatic and when to turn into a street fighter. Both are requirements in this peculiar world of politics. As I stated previously, those who say we can't, get out of the way of those already doing it.

Our growth and development needs a new pace. We are presently doing 90 in a 30 mph zone and there are no policemen in sight. Let us take personal responsibility, whatever it takes for the health and welfare of every square inch of this beautiful irreplaceable island.

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges.

Appalled

To the Editor,
It was appalling to read in the *Driftwood* about the puppy found abandoned on the Long Harbour Road, also to think about all the other unwanted abandoned cats and dogs, kittens and puppies, on Salt Spring and everywhere else.

Every time I see little animals offered free, either in the paper, by notice or at the market I wonder how many will be lucky enough to find a good home. I'm afraid this problem will be with us until a

way is found to assist people to have their animals spayed or neutered and receive their shots at a cost they could afford.

Would it be possible for the S.P.C.A. to operate a clinic for those people who would provide a good home for some needy animal if they could afford it? Surely this would be cheaper for them in the long run than taking care of the unwanted animals later. It would certainly help them live up their name of "Prevention to Cruelty to Animals."
C. WILSON,
Ganges

Depressing

To the editor,
It is always somewhat depressing and certainly disheartening to witness greed and deception at work, whether it be here on our own doorstep or farther away.

There seem to be some areas of endeavour in which these characteristics find more fertile ground than others and some environments in which they flourish unchecked.

For some reason, I was thinking of the nature of recent developments and developers the other day and images of Winnie the Pooh, P.T. Barnum and Santa Claus kept nudging their way into my thoughts. Fleeting, Mother Teresa's image entered but, finding the rest of the scenario somewhat incompatible, quickly left.

I suppose it is too much to ask in present-day matters for all of us to have our eyes focused and minds centred, clearly, on the benefits and dangers that are always inherent in development schemes, large and small. In this arena, we prefer to let our gladiators battle it out; they win some, lose some, though, unfortunately, some losers damage not only the physical world around us but also our spirit and humanity itself.

Perhaps it will always be so; a sucker born every minute, believers in free lunches and gifts down the chimney, honey pots deep in the woods just for the taking.

Clearly, we need to find better mechanisms to even the odds. We really are losing!
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VICTORIA — Seems the B.C. Forest Service went down to the woods the other day and was in for a big surprise. The public wants its forests back.

The Forest Service's astonishment over this public concern about the management of the resource it owns, at least in name, is echoed in a recent memorandum sent to all regional and district managers by Wes Cheston, assistant deputy minister of forests.

The memorandum told managers, in so many words, that the public wants the government through the Forest Service to regain much of the responsibility for monitoring forestry operations, a responsibility it had abrogated to the industry.

A few years ago, the government decided it could save a pile of money by down-sizing the Forest Service. In the process, the government saddled the industry with the job of making sure that it manages the timber resource in the public interest.

Companies were asked to sign "letters of understanding" (LOU's) which outlined their responsibilities. The government simply retained the function of auditing the companies' performance from time to time.

It was a strange concept, tantamount to asking the Syrians to monitor a cease-fire in Lebanon, or putting the fox in charge of the chicken coupe. But considering who hatched the scheme, one shouldn't be surprised.

Responsibility for monitoring itself

The idea was first proposed in 1983 by the Council of Forest Industries. In a letter to then Premier Bill Bennett, D.L. McInnes, chairman of COFI's special committee on cost-effective administration, there was this reference:

"Delegate responsibility and accountability fully to licensees in line with their existing and suggested additional contractual obligations, subject to government audit of results."

Sound familiar? It should. It was that proposal which was put into effect four years later. The private sector was given responsibility for monitoring itself, the Forest Service was gutted, and the government washed its hands of any responsibility for looking over the industry's shoulder, except for occasional audits.

Obviously my reservations were shared by a lot of people, because ever since the letters of understanding were introduced, the public has been unhappy about the scheme.

Like waking a bear from hibernation

When Forest Minister Dave Parker earlier this year conducted public hearings into a number of proposed Tree Farm Licence expansions, numerous submissions stressed the necessity of greater Forest Service involvement in the operations of the forest industry.

Rousing public interest in the forest industry has been akin to waking a bear from hibernation; it may take a long time, but when he wakes up, he's mad. It took the government a little time to realize just how mad the public is, but it seems to have sunk in at long last. Consider this paragraph in Weston's memorandum:

"It has become clear that this concept (letting the industry monitor itself) would not be in full harmony with public expectations and that some Forest Service presence on a cutting authority, in addition to the audit, is required to ensure approved plans are implemented as intended and that the public interest is protected."

"For your guidance"

And just to make sure that all regional and district managers get the drift of the new policy, Cheston attached a draft letter "for your guidance" to his memorandum. The letter, to be sent to all companies already operating under or currently developing letters of understanding, says that the concept of self-monitoring has been reassessed.

"As you know, a major condition of the general Letter of Understanding was that the responsibility for all of the day-to-day field monitoring would be shifted from the Forest Service to the licensee. This approach to contract administration does not appear to be in harmony with what the public feels is appropriate and we feel that in addition to auditing, we should do as much monitoring as our resources allow."

Read those last few words again. They're of crucial importance. "... as much monitoring as our resources allow." At the moment, that won't be a hell of a lot of monitoring, because the Forest Service no longer has the resources.

It's estimated that during the past few years, 50 per cent of the Forest Service staff has been let go. That's what privatizing the Forest Service was all about — reducing staff and saving money. Right now, we're only half-way to regaining control over our forests. If the job is to be completed, the Forest Service needs to beef up its staff. Without additional resources, Cheston's memorandum will be nothing more than ink on paper.

Pleased

To the Editor,
I would like to express my pleasure with the decision by Julia Sutton-Atkins to run for the position of CRD Director on Salt Spring Island this Fall.

Jules, her husband and family, have been residents of Salt Spring for six years. During this time she has been an active participant in community activities.

At present Jules is a member of the Islands Trust Task Force on Transportation, the Islands Trust Task Force on Mining, a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, co-chairperson of the Fulford Elementary School Parents Association and a member of the School Boards Steering Committee for the addition to Fulford Elementary School.

Jules brings with her to this new challenge a strong educational background with a specialty in Community and Regional Planning which resulted in experience as an Environmental Consultant to both Government and private business. She has also seen executive experience in a large firm involved with construction activities.

Jules' background leads her to believe in the immediate and continuing need for a strong relationship of mutual support between the Islands Trust and the CRD. She feels very strongly that the opinions of people, both active and retired, must be involved in the in-consultative process that leads to any major local CRD decisions affecting this island.

Having watched the development of this island over the last 10 years, and feeling very strongly myself about due process, I have offered to act as Jules' alternate in this bid for the CRD Directors' position.

IAN FRASER,
Ganges.

Beneficial

To the Editor,
I can see Salt Spring, while travelling across on the ferry from Swartz Bay.

Noticing the large cleared cut sections of trees where logging has recently occurred, this can be a good thing.

I have heard some people say that logging is destructive and it may appear so at first.

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Wild blackberries and strawberries will be there for the berry pickers and a road to get up there.

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A three-phase development will change face of Ganges

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ment of the entire side of the road between Matt's Meat and the Cheshire Cat.

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two and three until he has pre-leased all the retail areas.

Yardley says the buildings will feature cedar siding and earth-tone colours.

Also on track for the downtown core is construction of a new grocery store, next to Harbour Low Cost. A building was also taken down in that area, to accommodate the project.

Boil water order in effect for Maxwell Lake water

Positive bacterial counts of Maxwell Lake water continue to make Ganges' water supply undrinkable.

"Bacteria are coming from either a source in the lake or from the build-up of bacteria in the pipe," said regional medical health officer, Dr. Shaun Peck.

The bacterial count (or presence of fecal coliforms) at the mountain lake exceed Canadian, British Columbian and Capital Regional District (CRD) standards and is present in 10 per cent of the specimens.

Although there are two or three seasonal residences at Maxwell Lake, there has been no effluent discharged directly into the lake, Peck noted.

Tests are conducted on the water every Monday and positive bacteria counts are being read on each occasion.

Drinking water contaminated by bacteria can cause "Beaver Fever", or in the extreme case "Montezuma's Revenge," a disorder commonly experienced in Mexico.

The elderly and the very young are most likely to be affected by Beaver Fever, a name for the chronic diarrhoea caused by poor drinking water.

"We are not aware of any cases of Beaver Fever on Salt Spring Island," Dr. Peck explained. But the medical doctor is worried that if residents don't boil their Maxwell Lake water, there will be cases of this fever in future.

Regional District has yet to determine the cause of bacteria at the lake, but North Salt Spring Waterworks District plans to implement a series of changes to ensure an improvement in water quality.

In the meantime, drinking water will be made available at both Ganges schools.

Peck suggested that islanders whose water supply comes from Maxwell Lake, add two drops of bleach to a gallon of water and let it stand for 20 minutes after shaking. Although not the best system of disinfection it can suffice, he said.



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Among the 118 Salt Spring Islanders who participated in Sunday's annual Terry Fox Run where, (top) Ruth Singbell and Carman Osborne, (bottom, left) Rob Lehman, and Emma Brown, and Nicole, Eric, Jarrod and Tyler Booth. The run, walk, cycle — you name it — event is staged annually to raise funds for cancer research.



Run raises funds for cancer

The ninth annual Terry Fox run held last weekend has proven once again that Salt Spring Island residents are a generous group. The event raised over \$12,000.

People ran, walked, hobbled on crutches, rode bicycles or horses. They ranged in age from three years-old to well past seventy, and they all did it with one thing in mind: to raise money for a very worthwhile cause—cancer research.

While the total number of participants in the run and the amount of money collected both fell short of last year's mark, the event still has to be considered a huge success.

Run co-ordinator, Damaris Rumsby, said that 118 participants took part in this year's run, raising close to \$9,000 in pledges at the run site.

This year's top pledge gatherer was Patricia Brown, who raised \$1431. Running a close second, was Rumsby with \$1361. This marks the second consecutive year these two women ranked as the top pledge gatherers, the only difference being that Rumsby finished first last year.

Several businesses and organizations on the island added to the booty. The Salt Spring Golf and Country Club collected \$639, the Terry Fox Sailathon collected \$225, Carolyn Hickman, of Salt Spring Trial Rides added another \$100 and the Salt Spring Slugs gathered in \$175, with a food concession stand at the Fall Fair.

Add this to more than \$1,100 collected in Terry Fox T-shirt sales, most of which were sold at the Salty Shop, plus money collected by the

schools, and it is not hard to see that nearly everyone on the island was involved in one way or another.

"I think we had a really positive response to the run," said Rumsby. "It looked like everyone had a really good time. The event was better organized this year than last, I think it's only going to get better from here on in.

"I really want to thank all the people who gave of their time and efforts to make the run so successful," she added.

Rumsby reminds those who have made a pledge to please be prompt with their payments. Anyone still wishing to make a donation to this very worthwhile cause may do so at either of the chartered banks until October 13. Donations of more than \$10 will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

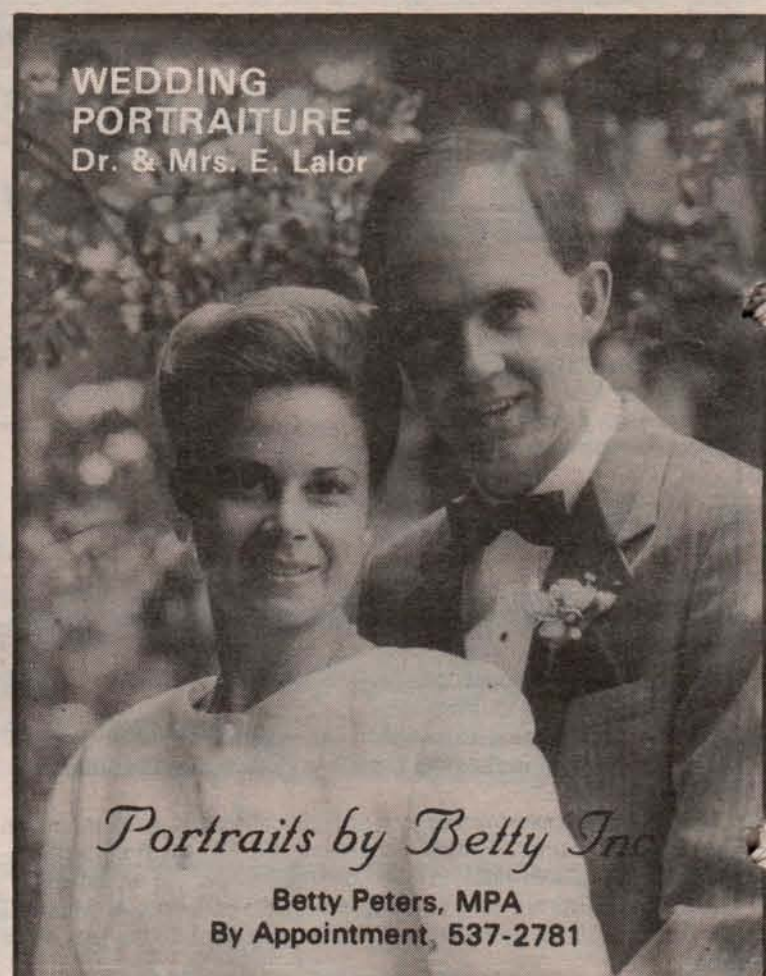


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Expectations surpassed

Recycling program reducing local waste

In the Capital Regional District's (CRD) first six months of recycling involvement, all expectations of how well the system would work have been surpassed.

According to statistics released this week by the CRD, in the first six months, 3138 tonnes of newsprint, glass, and tin have been diverted from the Hartland Sanitary Landfill, recycled and put back into use.

The participation rate of residents living within district municipalities is somewhere in 75 to 85 per cent range, with the weight of the Blue Box pick-ups averaging 16 pounds. This is well above the 12 to 15 pound average for the rest of the country.

In celebration of the program's success and as an incentive for people to begin recycling, CRD board chairman Susan Brice has proclaimed the month of October to be "Recycling Month."

Regional Recycling Co-ordinator for the CRD, Roz Melander, told the *Driftwood*, the contract for the Blue Box program on Salt Spring Island will be awarded at a CRD meeting on September 25. The meeting will also establish up the timetable for start-up of the program.

Special events have been planned for all parts of the CRD during October. The Regional District has organized a speakers bureau consisting of citizens interested in volunteering to operate recycling booths, speak at public meetings or special events. A special kit has been developed to assist the volunteers and is available free of charge.

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Emergency system on hook-up track

Emergency help will just be a phone call away come December 15, as the Capital Regional District (CRD) works towards the installation and hook-up of the 911 emergency phone system for Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands.

William Jordan, executive director for the CRD, told the *Driftwood* crews are already working on the installation of trunk lines to handle the new system.

Cost of the system, which is one-third funded by the British Columbia Lottery Fund, were not available at press time, but Jordan said radio equipment for the various fire departments and RCMP detachments on the islands would cost in the neighbourhood of \$107,000.

While the work on the system should be completed by the end of September, Jordan said islanders should not expect to use the system before the target date of December 15.

"If people start phoning the number before that time, all they will get is a recording," he said.

The CRD is planning a large promotional campaign for the beginning of December. Until that time, residents should keep the phone numbers of their local police detachments and fire departments close to their telephones.

Crown Land ministry considers application

The Ganges Marina has applied to the Ministry of Crown Lands, requesting approval for an extension of its facilities.


The application was submitted to the provincial government in August and will be sent to a series of referral agencies, including the Islands Trust, the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard. The provincial ministry will review input from these agencies as well as

submissions received from the general public.

"It's in its early stages of review," explained Crown Lands spokesman Bill Hubbard.

The notice of intention calls for a destination marina, fuel barge access and a breakwater.

Hubbard added that the ultimate decision rests with Crown Lands director Doug McColl who will not make any final assessment until the new year.




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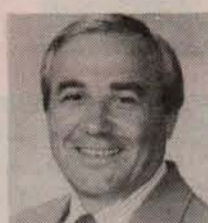
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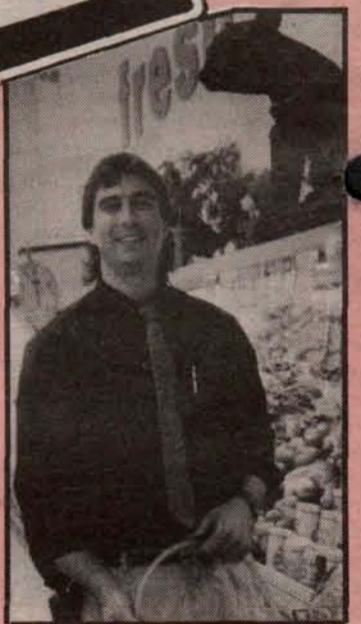


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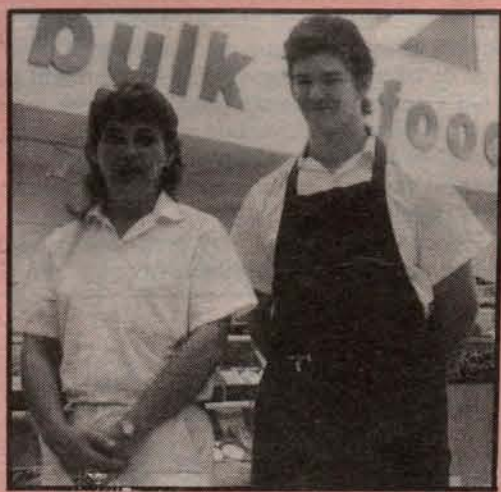
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The rapid exchange of ideas, goods and services in our society is a rather matter of fact, everyday occurrence. To a humble observer, in ancient times, in one of Central Asia's deserts travelling along the "Silk Road," curious foreigners would pass by, bearing exotic trade goods but daily life wasn't likely to change too dramatically over one's own lifetime.

However imperceptible the foreign influence was, it was there nonetheless, dripping away like a leaky faucet, new ideas travelling mouth to ear, hand to eye, from India, Persia and perhaps even from Greece to the ancient Chinese metropolis of Chang'an.

George Woodcock in his book *Caves in the Desert* writes, "Many exotic doctrines entered China by way of the "Silk Road." Christians and Manicheans fleeing from persecution in the Middle east ... made their way to a more tolerant China ... and for many centuries a Jewish community flourished at Kaifeng on the Yangtze River.

Subject to subtle cross-cultural ferment

"Aristotle ... had written of silk in the fourth century B.C. when it was made nowhere but in China, and in the seventh century B.C. in the tomb of a Sychian chieftain near Stuttgart fragments of Chinese silk were found."

The importation of Buddhism from the Indian subcontinent brought the most fundamental changes in Chinese life of all the foreign ideas but these too, were subject to the subtle cross-cultural ferment along their long journey to China.

In his description of a Buddha figure at the Yungang caves near Datong, Woodcock states "the mouth had the enigmatic half-smirk of a smile, that originated in the 'kowroi' of archaic Greece, had been incorporated into the customary visage of Apollo, and had undergone its Asian transitions when the image of the Greek god of moderation was adopted in Northern India as the model for the first images of the teacher of the middle path.

Bias of stereotypical perceptions

"It was only in the eyes that China seemed to take possession, as the epicantly folded lids elongated into ovals."

Well no amount of description will substitute for the real thing and the closest you will get to that in the next month is the exhibition "Distant Reverence" — Buddhist sculpture from the Seattle Art Museum (at the Vancouver Art Gallery until October 22).

Marred by bias founded on stereotypical perceptions, I found that my scepticism of Greek influence shattered as I walked amongst the Buddha images on the top floor of the Gallery. There was an eerie recognition that some of the representations bore profoundly western facial characteristics and references to Greek sculptural motifs.

Performance of traditional strings

The exhibition traces the evolution of the image of Buddha from second and third century India to 18th century Japan. Supporting the exhibition are a number of other events which could be taken advantage of with an overnight stay.

On October 12 former students of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music will perform music of China and on October 19, a 15-person Gamelan Ensemble will perform traditional Indonesian stringed instruments. Both performances are at 7:30 in the gallery.

Several lectures have also been scheduled during the exhibition. Information is available from the V.A.G. at 682-4688.

Salt Spring painters

Guild gears up for fall, winter

SALT SPRING — The Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild has already started its fall program, with a well-attended outdoor sketching and painting session conducted by Jack Avison.

Hopefully, two more outdoor classes will be held with a distinguished Ontario artist, Charles Gilder. Members will gather at Mahon Hall at 10:30 on September 20 and 27, and if it rains, will remain inside.

October will feature Adrien Town, well-known local multimedia artist in four sessions of watercolour with assistance to oil and acrylic painters as well.

A practical session on November 1 will introduce Bob Borbas who has his C.P.F. (Certified Picture Framer) certificate.

November 8 and 15 everyone will co-operate on preparations for the Guild's Pre-Xmas Show and Sale. Programs for November 22 and 29 have yet to be announced.

The traditional Pot-luck Luncheon on December 6 will bring the season to a close.

The Painters' Guild meets every Wednesday between 10:30 and

1:30 in Mahon Hall. President this year is Libby Jones, Secretary Joy Eastman, and Treasurer Ian Waterlow.

Chairman of the Program Committee is Imme McLean, assisted by Chris Pattinson and Judy Borbas. Marg Threlfall will convene the Painters' section of the Pre-Xmas Show. Prospective members are cordially invited to attend. Also welcome are suggestions for future instructors and workshops.

Islanders sell wares in Victoria

The Victoria Christmas Craft Fair will be vending crafts made by islanders this winter.

In its ninth year, the craft fair will sponsor the work of over 100 craftspeople. Pottery, woodwork, linens, glass work, jewellery and a variety of juried crafts will be on display and for sale.

Ganges fabric artist, Karen Day along with Salt Spring Soapworks' Linda Quiring and silk scarf maker Diane Devereux have all exhibited work at the fair in previous years.

This year, the juried show will run from November 5 to 26 at the Crystal Gardens in Victoria.

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community portrait. Seemingly unconnected events, languidly paced, build subtly to a crisis which shocks the audience out of complacency, deliberately tearing the fabric so carefully woven and leaving viewers with no easy moral references. Making it easy is apparently not on the filmmaker Spike Lee's agen-

da. His films consistently refuse to draw conclusions, to make judgements. He gives us a story, creates a situation where opinions may be formed, and leaves us to form them on our own. With *Do The Right Thing*, Spike Lee has established himself as a major force in American filmmaking.

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Second of two Parts

Ann and Tom Hennessy's Sutil Lodge on the southern shore of Montague Harbour on Galiano Island has been going since 1928, and, in a country where inns and resorts made of fir and cedar have short lifetimes, the building is now in the heritage class. The original owner, C. E. Stanley Jackson, lived there until his death in 1983.

For the last three years the Hennessys have been painstakingly restoring the Lodge to replicate the atmosphere and the ambience of the country life of six decades past.

Black and white photographs of the Jackson family, and of bathing parties in Montague Harbour over the years, decorate the dining room with its cheerful woodstove and fireplace. All the guests sit together at two large oval tables, and this arrangement stimulates the arts of conversation in everyone except anchorites or members of Silent Orders.

Information on favourite hiking trails and fishing spots is exchanged and the hosts of Sutil Lodge like to sit with you and talk about the beauty of Galiano.

Lodge sits on 6,000-year-old midden

But Anne and Tom, together with their two children, and C.E. Stanley Jackson before them, are only the latest of many generations to live here. The midden upon which the Lodge sits, is 6,000 years old and its Council Tree, an enormous maple, dominates the site (a similar one was used at the head of Ganges Harbour on Salt Spring and was the location of battle in 1860 between the Cowichans and the Bella Bellas). The chiefs and nobles of the Lamalchi band used to sit in judgement, enthroned on its branches, above the heads of their people. A mystery surrounds one chief, Ah-Chee-Wun, who used Montague Harbour as his base for raids on canoes and vessels in Trincomali Channel in the 1880s. When threatened by forces of the disapproving colonial government, who didn't like the competition, he was able to run with his supporters to a limestone cave up on Mt. Galiano, which overlooks the Lodge.

Once hidden in this roost he was, the story goes, impossible to find. Only one clue remains concerning the location of Ah-Chee-Wun's cave: an unusual growth of flowers covers (or covered) the entrance. I simply must look for this cave next summer!

Avoided the recycled eggs offered by ferries

Coffee was still being served to the last of the breakfasters when my son and I walked in after finishing the Odyssey on the B.C. ferries that was described in last week's "Country Gourmet." I'd tried, and fortunately succeeded, to avoid the coffee and the recycled eggs offered by the various ships upon which we'd sailed that morning, so I collected the pot off the crackling wood stove. Real coffee!

"Tastes like *more*, don't it?" observed a man on holiday from underneath a Harbour Air cap, as he borrowed the pot for a refill to show that he wasn't talking about Sir Thomas or quoting John Donne. The muffins were still warm enough from that morning's baking in the farm kitchen oven to melt the sweet Alberta butter Ann buys, and they were bursting with blackcurrants, just the way I like them.

I followed two with a serving of kiwi, blueberries and orange slices. The main course, and what truly did *break-my-fast* was the seafood omelette. Eggs stirred together with sweet onions, fresh morsels of crab and cream cheese and cooked not a second too long. The French have a word for omelettes like that: *Baveuse*. I have mine: Salubrious!

Sun melted gossamer-thin autumn clouds

When I finished, Ann, whom I later realized had been judging my words, announced that she had booked us on the afternoon's catamaran cruise and picnic...fresh fruit, smoked salmon and cheese on croissants, white wine and Anne's Galiano bars, a sinful chocolate decadence made with finest Callebaut Belgian chocolate and containing just the right balance of walnuts and butter. Moreover, the morning sun had melted the gossamer-thin autumn clouds and a stiff south wind was blowing, perfect conditions for sailing Tom's cat out on Trincomali. Politely I inquired about our destination.

"Past Parker Island and Wise, then to the Ballingal Rocks where the cormorants are nesting in the dead trees."

And the picnic? Would it be at Coon Bay, where Galiano the explorer almost lost his ships in the tide two centuries ago? Or possibly at the wharf at Retreat Cove? I've heard bald eagles mating along the cliffs by the Cove and seen otters playing and seals sunning themselves on the rocks. The prospect was exciting.

"Walker Hook on Salt Spring Island," said Tom, grinning like a Cheshire Cat. There's a sandy beach there and some of the guests want to swim. Perhaps you know it?"

Gallery to exhibit Granville print art

The Malaspina Printmakers Society — from the Malaspina Printshop, on Granville Island — will be exhibiting works at the Off Centre Stage Gallery beginning this Saturday (September 23) through to October 17.

Malaspina is an active artists' co-operative whose members exhibit their works internationally, either as a group or individually. This year's exhibitions include shows in Lima, Peru; Vassa, Finland and a touring exhibition throughout Scotland.

Some of western Canada's finest contemporary artist-printmakers produce their work at the Malaspina Printshop. The facility is the only one of its kind in western Canada, offering professional facilities for lithography, intaglio, silkscreen, relief and photo-printmaking.

The public is invited to an opening reception for the artists, which will be held on Sunday, September 24 between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Off Centre Stage. For more information contact Liz Martin at 537-5211.

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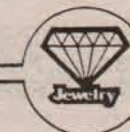
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Alive and Well

Local Health Fair promises information and discussion

A healthy community is important to healthy individuals, according to the World Health Organization.

With this in mind, the Salt Spring Island Registered Nurses Association is presenting the Alive and Well Health Fair, slated for September 23 at the Activity Centre in Ganges. The fair will run between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and is offered to the community free of charge.

With the attendance of 23 groups from Victoria (Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Parkinson's and Epilepsy Association, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Friends of Schizophrenics, and the

Enterostomal Therapy Centre, to name a few), plus close to 40 from Salt Spring (such as E.S.S. Disaster Plan, MADD, Acupuncture, SPEC), the fair promises to provide a broad-cross section of information.

"Rarely do we have such a rich collection of knowledge and information under one roof," says one organizer, Joyce Jamieson.

The fair was last held on Salt Spring in October, 1986. Organizers say this version will be even better.

Jamieson and organizer Vonnie Simpkin, who are both members of the S.S.I. Registered Nurses Association, say the fair will provide

information in the form of pamphlets, displays and one-on-one discussion.

Information on all the major disease will be available, with representatives from the Cancer Society, Lung Association, Arthritis Society, B.C. Heart Foundation, Kidney Patients Association, Canadian Red Cross, Diabetic Association, Aids, Victoria M.S. Society, and Canadian Cystic Fibrosis.

The fair will also present information on holistic health, acupuncture, reflexology, fitness and massage.

One highlight will be a Ministry of Health film presentation for seniors. The films, to be shown in the music room at Salt Spring Elementary, will focus on the pluses of aging, as well as the problems and how to cope.

The Seniors for Seniors group on Salt Spring and Medichair from Victoria will also be present, demonstrating the latest in health-related equipment.

The local Handicapped Association will present puppet shows for children throughout the day, on the Activity Centre stage.

Simpkin said the fair will enlighten people on the many services available to them here on the island, which they may not currently be aware of.

A "new look" to the fair will also make it more appealing to teenagers, the nurses said.

Simpkin said the local Nurses Association is dedicated to educating the public in areas of good health.

"The fair is a great opportunity to get a lot of information out at one time."



Salt Spring Island member of the Registered Nurses Association Vonnie Simpkin demonstrates "Oxymetre" — a new piece of Lady Minto Hospital equipment that measures the amount of oxygen in the blood. The device will be on hand at the

upcoming Alive and Well Health Fair, scheduled for this Saturday at the Activity centre in Ganges. The Fair will provide islands with hands-on information regarding all types of diseases and healing methods.

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Garage "salers" did not check the date

When the Christmas tree goes up in the home of Tracy Hamilton and Doug Barth this coming December it could be a time for sad reflection and not the beginning of another joyous season.

Tracy and Doug are new residents to Salt Spring, having moved here from Calgary earlier this year. They purchased a house on Lower Ganges Road and began renovations, while living at Cedar Beach on St. Mary Lake.

With the renovations complete, they were in the process of moving in when they decided to have a garage sale. And this is where the trouble began.

Took treasured Christmas decorations

"We decided that it would be a good idea to have a garage sale to sell some of the things we didn't need anymore," said Tracy. "So we put an ad in the *Driftwood* classifieds stating that we were going to have a sale on Sunday."

What Doug and Tracy didn't realize was that some garage "salers" on the island read the listings of what is for sale and where, but most of them assume the sales will be held on Saturday.

So when Doug and Tracy went out shopping Saturday morning, they weren't prepared for what they found when they returned home: people browsing through the boxes in their garage - not all of which were meant for the garage sale.

"Most of the people were very good about it," said Tracy. "Some of them left money hidden under a plate or something and then came back and told us later. Others took the things they wanted and came

back and paid for it later.

"But unfortunately someone took our Christmas decorations, which were marked Not For Sale, and didn't even return to offer to pay for them."

These decorations are not the ordinary store bought variety. Collected over the past 15 years by Tracy, most if not all, are irreplaceable.

Some of missing items include pastel hand-blown balls and icicles,

wooden hanging toys, a satin hot air balloon with a Christmas teddy bear riding inside, a white feather dove, satin and porcelain hand painted court jesters.

"All we want is to get our things back, no questions asked," said Doug. "These things mean a lot to us and the kids. Christmas wouldn't quite be the same without them," he added.

Anyone who might have these articles can drop them off at the *Driftwood* office, Doug and Tracy's house at 631 Lower Ganges Road, or else contact them at 537-5035.

RCMP attend car accidents

A 78-year-old Ganges man was charged with failing to yield after stopping, following a minor accident in Ganges on September 16.

Police said the accused made a left-hand turn onto Lower Ganges Road from Hereford Road in his 1986 Cadillac and struck a 1989 Dodge. There was approximately \$600 damage done to the Dodge, while the Cadillac escaped un-

damaged. There were no personal injuries.

A 19 year-old Ganges woman and her passenger were taken to Lady Minto Hospital with minor injuries, on September 16 following a single vehicle accident on North End Road.

According to police reports, the driver was northbound North End

Road at St. Mary Lake, when she lost control and went off the road to the right, doing approximately \$15,000 damage to her 1988 Ford. The driver has been charged with driving with excessive speed for the road conditions.

A two vehicle accident on the morning of September 13 sent a Salt Spring Island woman to hospital with neck injuries. The accident occurred on Tripp Road. Apparently the two vehicles met at the crest of a hill, where the road also bends.

Both vehicles swerved to the right, into the ditch. The woman's vehicle, a 1983 Ford pick-up, was written off in the accident, while the other vehicle, a 1975 Honda Civic, received minor damage. Police are continuing to investigate this accident, with charges pending.

A Ganges area man was charged with having inadequate tire tread on his vehicle, following a single vehicle accident on the Fulford-Ganges Road on September 18.

According to police, the accused was driving on Fulford-Ganges Road when he apparently lost control of his 1979 Mercury Bobcat on the corner near the Cedar View Trailer Park and went into the ditch. The vehicle sustained approximately \$1,000 damage, but the driver was not hurt.

Fulford construction takes forward steps

SALT SPRING — Construction of Fulford School's addition will start next spring, says Ken Starling, spokesman for the Gulf Island School District.

About 25 people attended a meeting at Fulford School last Wednesday night to discuss the final plans for the school's addition. Vancouver architects Kellick, Metz, Bowen and Rose were named to undertake the work last June.

The addition will involve the construction of four classrooms, a multi-purpose room and a special education facility. While the school currently accommodates approximately 199 students, the new addition will accommodate 200 elementary school students and 50 kindergarten students.

The size of the school on completion will be equal to that of Fernwood School expansion, Sterling said.

Many Fulford students are presently being housed in two portable classrooms, which are supplementary to the available space.

Fulford residents were provided an opportunity to view preliminary plans for the school, when the District posted the architectural drawings at Rodrigo's Restaurant in Fulford Village.

Stop for flashing lights, or pay fine - RCMP

Police are advising motorists to stop for school buses with flashing red lights.

After receiving complaints from several school bus drivers, local police have laid four charges of failing to stop for a school bus with lights flashing.

The charge carries a \$75 fine along with three drivers' licence demerit points.

According to a police spokesperson, the school bus drivers are copying the license numbers of the offending vehicles and turning them over to police for prosecution.

Friday night brawl leads to several charges of assault

Three Ganges men will appear in Ganges Provincial Court on November 14 to answer to charges of assault causing bodily harm following a fight outside the Harbour House Hotel on the evening of September 15.

According to police reports, the three accused, ages 23, 20 and 18,

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The ensuing fight sent another man to hospital with minor head wounds.



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Grannies

With a little help from the federal government the Salt Spring Island chapter of the "Raging Grannies" will be able to purchase a portable P.A. system and travel through the province. The Grannies have just returned after appearing at the Edmonton Fringe Festival where they were

met with success after success. The New Horizons Grant totals \$4,078.

Grannies include top, left to right: Marjorie Martin, Marg Simons, Virginia Newman, Sue Bradford, Beth Ariss, Barb Hicks, and Mary Williamson. Front row left to right: Lou Rumsey, Lynn Hunter MP, and Lorna Pentz.

IWS synopsis

Island Watch eyes island happenings

The pursuit of a pleasing, healthy, rural lifestyle in keeping with the special environment of Salt Spring Island has prompted the coming together of various groups of people over the years into associations and societies.

A year ago, the Island Watch Society was formed, spurred on by a desire to maintain this special quality in the face of accelerating pressures on land, water, and population. In essence, the Watch supports the Islands Trust mandate "to preserve and protect the unique nature of the islands."

The Watch has set itself the goal of voicing the unique concerns of Salt Spring in the face of inevitable change. Such issues as mining (Falconbridge), local government, and water policy are examples. The society has rapidly grown to 500 members.

Recognition is called for those who have worked hard to serve the preserve and protect idea, displaying unique talents and commitment. We were extremely fortunate to have on the first board David Williams, Cathy Scarfo, John Lammers, Lisa Lloyd, Bob Andrew, Maureen Milburn,

Uri Cogan, Meg Arteaga, Shilo Zylbergold, Tim Collins and Deborah Carriere. As well, many devoted members contributed specialized talents to task forces, and to running the organization.

Moving into its second year, the society has undergone transition to a new board. We are already active on the Porlier Pass issue (Fletcher Challenge would like to dump toxic dredgings from Crofton into a salmon run). On solid waste management, the Watch is holding a public forum to illuminate options as widely as possible before the October 21 referendum on a transfer station.

Further along, the Watch will be probing the question of local government in one of the last God-given beauty spots on the planet.

The Watch needs members, from those who have skills, knowledge, time and drive, and from those who wish simply to support efforts to defend our shared sense of the quality of Salt Spring. Memberships are available through Meg Arteaga at 537-9898.

Article contributed

Engine slows service

Engine troubles on the *Bowen Queen* slowed service last week and continue to slow the schedule by about five minutes.

The ship is running on three engines instead of the customary four. When the engine first went down on September 14, the boat was being delayed for up to 30 minutes.

As crew has become accustomed to working minus one engine, the boat has been able to keep close to schedule.

The engine is being repaired while on the run and repairs should be completed by next week, notes spokesman for B.C. Ferries, Erin Caldwell.

The *Bowen Queen* services Salt Spring between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay on Vancouver Island.

Saturna is host

Saturna Island will be hosting the next three-day meeting of the Islands Trust Council.

Included on the agenda for the fall meeting will be a tour of the island's atmospheric environment service facility by meteorologist, Bruce Thomson.

The Trust will also be discussing private land forestry - a province-wide issue currently being reviewed by provincial ministries.

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Gail Ann Robinson and Patrick James Beattie were married at Ganges United Church on August 12, 1989.

Mavis Beattie of Salt Spring Island.

The bride is the daughter of Ronald Robinson of Victoria and Patricia Robinson, of Ottawa. The groom is the son of Lin and

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Following a honeymoon on the Oregon Coast, Mr. and Mrs. Beattie will reside on Salt Spring Island.



Colleen and Patrick Payne



Suzanne and James Weidinger

Last week's issue of the *Driftwood*, mistakenly switched the names of the two newly-wed couples shown above. The paper apologizes for this error.

Local IODE chapter schedules fall events

Last Friday saw the first I.O.D.E. meeting of the season. The event took place at Ganges United Church.

The meeting opened with a minute of silence for the late Margaret Toulmin who died August 18 in Victoria. The Ganges Chapter made a contribution to the Lupus Foundation in her memory.

The Fall Fashion Show and lunch is currently being organized for October 19 at the Harbour House.

While Carolee's will present the fashion show, Ann Leigh-Spencer will co-ordinating the event. Tickets are available from I.O.D.E. members, and further information can be obtained from Sheila Palesch at Fulford.

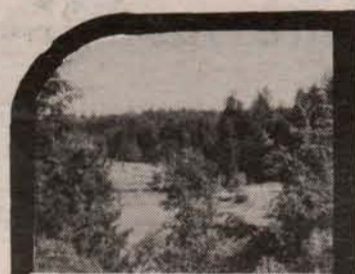
Delegate attends forum

When the B.C. Old Age Pensioners held their 1989 convention at Harrison Hot Springs, Salt Spring Island delegate Louise Foulis attended the two day function.

A total of 138 delegates and 77 visitors attended the event.

Speakers included the retired chief justice, Nathan Nemetz, who spoke on the justice system. Discussion at the convention centred around support for British pensioners in their reciprocal agreement with Canada, medication safety, Pharmacare planning, and Elder abuse.

Notes delegate Foulis: "We have 142,000 members across Canada and we've submitted 25 resolutions to Ottawa that hopefully will improve life for the members."



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Notice of By-Election

REGIONAL DIRECTOR SALT SPRING ISLAND ELECTORAL AREA

(For Balance of Term to Expire in 1990)

Public notice is given to the Electors of the Capital Regional District that I require the presence of the electors at the School District No. 64 Board offices, Lower Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C., on Friday, October 6, 1989, at 10:00 am, to elect a person to represent them as an Electoral Area Director for the Electoral Area of Salt Spring Island.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: Candidates shall be nominated in writing by 2 qualified electors of the Electoral Area concerned. **THE NOMINATION PAPER SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER AT ANY TIME BETWEEN THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE AND NOON OF THE DAY OF NOMINATION.** The nomination paper may be in the form prescribed in the Municipal Act, and shall state the name, residence and occupation of the person nominated in a manner sufficient to identify the candidate. The nomination paper shall be signed by the candidate.

In the event a poll is necessary, the poll will be opened on **SATURDAY, the 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 1989**, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

SALT SPRING ISLAND

- Salt Spring Elementary School
- Central Community Hall
- Fulford Harbour Community Hall

An Advance Poll will be held **WEDNESDAY, the 18th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1989**, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- School District No. 64 Board offices, Lower Ganges Road, Ganges, B.C.
- Capital Regional District offices, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 18th day of September, 1989.

Thomas F. Moore,
Returning Officer.

NOTE: Nomination papers will be available upon request prior to Nomination Day at the Capital Regional District offices, 524 Yates St., 3rd Floor, Victoria, B.C., or at the offices of Mr. Tom Moore, the Returning Officer, at #227-645 Fort St., Victoria, B.C.

Prior to Nomination Day on 6th October, 1989, nomination papers may be submitted in person to the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates St., 3rd Floor, Victoria, B.C., or the offices of the Returning Officer at #227-645 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C.

arthur black



*Oh don't the days seem and long
When all goes right and nothing goes wrong
And isn't your life extremely flat
With nothing whatever to grumble at!*

Thus the song and dance duet of Gilbert and Sullivan made the case against boredom in an operetta called Princess Ida a century and five years ago. They were right, of course. Life would be exceedingly tedious if it was perfect — smooth and featureless as a cue ball — but that doesn't make bores or boredom any easier to stomach.

And it may be my imagination or just creeping senility, but it seems to me there are more boring things around than when I was a tadpole. The Royal Family is boring. All TV is boring. Most movies (and especially the over-hyped ones like Batman) are boring.

And then of course there's politics.

Dial tone drone of Mulroney

You kids in the audience will have trouble believing this, but there was once such a concept as an exciting politician. They came in all stripes — Tommy Douglas, John Diefenbaker, Stephen Lewis, Pierre Trudeau.

Today? We're stuck with bloodless automatons like Joe Clark and Michael Wilson, while we listen to the dial tone drone of Mulroney and the staccato teletype delivery of John Turner. These guys transform the concept of an exciting politician into an oxymoron.

I could go on and on but that would just be, well, boring. Besides, I don't have to. Alan Caruba has already done it for me. Caruba is a 51-year-old New Jersey bachelor who also happens to be founder and chief executive of The Boring Institute.

The enterprise is dedicated to pinpointing, exposing and then harpooning the deadly features of modern life that Caruba says are turning us all into zombies.

Each year Caruba loads his elephant gun and goes hunting the not-nearly-elusive-enough elements of tedium around us. In March, he announces his Most Boring Films of The Year Awards.

July is Anti-Boredom Month

In September, his Institute gives the world its Fearless Forecasts of TV Flops and in December it's the grand finale — Most Boring Celebrities of the Year — Hollywood hams, Wall Street Wannabes and talk show couch lizards who have received what Caruba calls "massive media overexposure."

Oh yes, and the Boring Institute has set aside an entire month for those dog days of summer when nothing happens and everyone's too hot to care. July is officially Anti-Boredom Month on the Boring Institute calendar.

That's the thing about Caruba — he doesn't just whine and sneer about boredom, he frets about it as well. "Boredom is epidemic" he says, and he's deeply concerned that it's having profound effects on young people whose lives, Caruba says, are being warped by boredom.

Caruba spends all his spare time on the lookout for celebrities who have overstayed their welcome. Past winners? Doctor Ruth Westheimer won the uncoveted Most Boring Celebrity Award a few years back. This year the dishonour went to the ubiquitous Bill Cosby. As for the movies, Eddie Murphy's sewer-mouthed celluloid efforts won him the Boring Institute's Most Boring Film Awards.

Alan Caruba has a blind spot

You don't have to be a tedious human to make it in Caruba's Hall of Infamy, he pillories inanimate objects too. Self-help books are in there. So is any on-the-spot news hankie-twister about the Exxon Valdez.

But there's one inanimate object that's conspicuously absent. It's a large, placid piece of real estate directly to the north of The Institute's New Jersey headquarters.

Canada. How come Canada isn't mentioned? Heck, the British and American press never tire of telling us how bland and unexciting Canada is. Are we so boring that the Boring Institute hasn't noticed us? Nope. Caruba likes Canada. In fact he goes so far as to praise — hold on to your ear muffs, folks — Toronto. "An exciting city" he told me over the phone.

Oh dear. Alan Caruba has a blind spot. It's a wonderful selfless thing that Caruba's doing, but it's not worth squat if it lacks integrity.

I've got it.

I know just what to send Alan Caruba to make him see the unexciting truth about Toronto.

A pair of tickets to the next Leaf home game.

Shellfish harvest re-opens

The Dept of Fisheries and Oceans last week announced the re-opening of area 18 to the harvesting of all bivalve molluscs, with the exception of butter clams.

Area 18 includes all the waters surrounding the Gulf Islands with exception to the areas closed due to sewage contamination. These waters were closed to harvest on August 4, after high concentrations of PSP tide were discovered.

Fisheries Officer, Trevor Fields, of the Duncan branch of Fisheries and Oceans told the *Driftwood* that while the Saanich Inlet remains closed to shellfish harvesters due to the high levels of PSP, harvesting around the Gulf Islands is safe once again, with the exception of butter clams.

For listings of areas permanently closed due to sewage contamination, Fields suggested consulting the Sports Fishing Guide.

Market Discovery forum showcases B.C. business

Market Discovery will be holding open its doors for B.C. businesses for another two-day show in October.

The Discovery showcase, which had its first show last October, is a forum that allows British Columbia businesses to show their wares. Often, companies purchase materials from other provinces or countries without knowing a supplier already exists in the province or that the product could be supplied by a producer.

The show presents access to new contacts, ideas and profit-opportunities.

As an example of the showcase, a British Columbia bag manufacturing company in the interior was able to produce bags for a provincial corporation, that corporation was able to cancel its orders to a manufacturer in Quebec.

The showcase allows manufacturers to communicate with other manufacturers and find ways of creating businesses in British Columbia.

In addition to the showcase market, a series of seminars are being held which will include the discussions on the Free Trade Agreement, purchasing power, small business clinics and how to sell to government agencies.

The show starts October 12 at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre and a daily admission fee of \$5 includes directory and seminar attendance.

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CRD Solid Waste Disposal for Salt Spring Island

PLACE: S.S.I. Elementary School Activity Centre

TIME: 7:30 pm

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 28, 1989

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- Frank Leonard**, CRD Environment Committee
- Ros Mellander**, CRD Recycling Co-ordinator
- Tom Lidkea**, CRD Engineering
- Lorne Weiss**, Waste Disposal Contractor (BFI)

more letters

Dignity

To the editor,
I have been a Salt Spring Island resident for more than 33 years and we have always been very proud about our Lady Minto Hospital. But my husband Jake, a retired able seaman from B.C. Ferries, had his first stroke on April 9 at 6 p.m. With a neighbour, I was able to bring him to the emergency unit at our hospital. He lost his speech and was only able to say a few words and was also paralysed on his right side.

We, on Salt Spring Island, always called each other lucky that for such a small place we have such wonderful instruments as the heart machine! I found out, however, that once the patient is close to the nurse's station, everyone can see into the heart unit.

Everyone passing by was able to see all the intravenous tubes and other paraphernalia attached to my husband to keep him alive. My husband was a very proud man and from his expression, I could tell he was very angry about this.

He was unable to speak, but when you are married for almost 40 years to the same person, I didn't need words to understand his frustration. That night I stayed at the hospital, sitting by his bed and holding his hand to give him comfort. We had promised each other that whoever went first would not pass away alone.

The Saanich Hospital was wonderful. My husband was placed overnight in an emergency ward with a nurse always present.

All we want, is to pass away from this life with dignity. It was no dignity to have all the instruments on his body. The doctor in charge told us my husband had only 14 days to live and that he had a rare blood disease. But he had a chance of living if we took him to the Heather Pavilion at Vancouver General Hospital, where there was a machine that could clean his blood.

On April 14 my husband was transferred by ferry to the Heather Pavilion. Once there, he was never put on the machine. No explanation was given to me by the medical staff. On April 19 they decided to bring my husband back to Saanich. We were told it would be by air ambulance, but at the last moment it was changed to the ferry and what a horrible nightmare that was!

The ambulance driver was so frustrated to keep the life support systems going. And it was all for nothing. What a waste of money for the medical system and for us that they send you to Vancouver and then back to Saanich. All we elderly people want when we get sick is to leave this life with dignity.

First, communication between hospitals is to blame. Doctors are so involved with their cases, they are forgetting that the cases are people. It is better to leave the sick people just where they are and not to transfer them.

On the April 21, my husband passed away in dignity in a private room which looked similar to our own bedroom. With a smile on his face and in peace. My eldest son and daughter were with me at his bedside.

I thank all the kind nurses and caring doctors. Just have a closer look sometime.
AUDREY J. BUTTENWERF,
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