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Mealtime

Eileen Perry picks up hot lunches at Greenwood's for delivery to local shut-ins under 'Meals on Wheels' program. Non-profit service, available to people who can't prepare own meals, has room for

more clients interested in thrice-weekly deliveries. Contact co-ordinator Louise Conlisk (537-2349) for details.

Galiano incident raises concerns about police response procedures

By SUSAN DICKER

GALIANO ISLAND — Last week, two men were charged with a January 14 break-in at the workshop of Galiano resident Jim Ford. The two, who had reportedly clashed with Ford in the past, allegedly overturned workshop furnishings and smashed breakable items.

Ford was off-island but his 75-year-old mother, Pat Ford, heard the commotion from her house nearby. She grabbed an unloaded

shotgun and confronted the two men, advising them to leave.

One of the two men reportedly wrestled the gun away and tossed it over a nearby bank. In the scramble, Mrs. Ford suffered a cut on her head.

The two men then fled the scene.

At approximately 11 pm, the Ganges RCMP detachment — which polices Galiano Island — received a complaint call from the

Ford household, relayed via the Nanaimo dispatcher.

The constable on duty spoke to Mrs. Ford and others at the scene. Feeling the danger had passed, he chose not to travel to Galiano Island that night.

A number of factors led the constable to make that decision, but for many people on Galiano Island, the situation is just another example of insufficient pol-

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Meat bylaw under attack

Although it has passed three readings at the board level, a Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw governing meat inspection is still being opposed by Gulf Islanders.

A renewed effort to curb the proposed legislation was mounted this week by the Farmers' Institute on Salt Spring Island, and by local sheep producer Ross McLeod.

The CRD bylaw, which underwent several revisions in committee before being given three readings by the board, prohibits the sale of uninspected meat except "to individual members of the public for their own use." Carcasses must be inspected by a veterinarian.

The bylaw would bring the Gulf Islands into line with requirements in the rest of the district. The islands were excluded when the Meat Inspection Act was first applied to the region in the 1970s.

Since receiving three readings at a mid-January CRD meeting, the bylaw has been sent to Agriculture Minister John Savage for approval. If it is endorsed at that level, it will return to the CRD for final adoption.

McLeod, manager of Mansell Farms on Salt Spring, has written Savage to request he withhold approval of the bylaw. McLeod has also asked that a meeting of island sheep producers be called to allow them to voice their concerns about the bylaw. He argues that local producers have been kept ill-informed of the measure and have had little opportunity to understand or comment on the legislation.

(A copy of McLeod's request is included in the *Letters* section of this edition of *Driftwood*.)

The Farmers' Institute is also speaking against the legislation, calling it an "unacceptable" measure.

Producers say the additional cost of having meat inspected will

cause a financial burden that could force some of them out of business. McLeod adds that a related threat is a decline in lamb production and subsequent urbanization.

Saturna Island sheep producer Jim Campbell, who spoke against the legislation at a CRD meeting in December, has repeatedly questioned the stated rationale for the bylaw.

Campbell, former chairman of the CRD board, bases his objections on several points:

- there are no communicable diseases that can be passed from sheep to humans;
- there is no evidence to support arguments that the absence of meat inspection constitutes an

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Help sought for cleanup of beaches

Gulf Islanders are being invited to assist the clean-up of Vancouver Island beaches fouled by oil.

The clean-up effort, based in Tofino on Vancouver Island's west coast, could use bodies, equipment and foodstuffs, according to Salt Spring's Anna Hawthorne, who is co-ordinating a Gulf Islands response to the disaster.

The oil — estimated to be 875,000 litres — escaped in late December from a barge off the Washington State coast and was pushed north to Vancouver Island by winds and tides. It has affected beaches and fisheries as far north as Cape Scott.

Hawthorne said the volunteer clean-up effort is in need of two things: people and equipment to handle the work, and foodstuffs for the soup kitchens set up in Tofino to feed the volunteers.

Along with workers to tackle the more accessible beaches, Hawthorne said organizers are seeking "self-reliant" people who would be willing to be dropped into remote inlets and along the West Coast Trail for two or three days at a time. Those people should have strong outdoors skills and suitable equipment.

In the equipment category, the most pressing need is for Zodiac boats and motors, to ferry people to beaches lacking road access.

Prospective volunteers are urged to call ahead to Tofino to schedule their arrival time. Hawthorne said organizers are trying to govern the flow of volunteers to

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Former island resident claimed in line of duty

Funeral services were held today (Wednesday) in Campbell River for former Salt Spring Island resident Tom Shelby.

Shelby, 26, a Canadian Coast Guard crew member, was killed in the line of duty last Friday while answering a distress signal from a tug off the coast of northern Vancouver Island.

The Seaspan tug was being towed to safer waters after it had radioed that it was having steering problems in heavy seas while towing a pulp barge.

Coast Guard public affairs officer Craig Dougans said Shelby's death resulted after a rogue wave estimated to be 23 feet high picked up the tug and dropped it on the Coast Guard vessel.

Shelby and two other crew members were thrown overboard at the time of the collision. The other two crew members were rescued unharmed. Shelby was airlifted to the Port Hardy Hospital, where he died.

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Bylaw opponents to lobby agriculture minister

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unsafe or unhealthy practice; and

• most areas of the province — including larger livestock producing areas like Prince George and Nanaimo — are exempt from the provisions of the Meat Inspection Act and have no intention of opting in;

"The problem is the CRD is now, more so than before, in the grip of bureaucrats," Campbell

said. "They (directors) do what (the staff) tells them. They have no initiative to do their own research. When I told them 80 per cent of the land area of B.C. is not covered by the Meat Inspection Act, no one on the CRD knew that. When they found out, they changed their reasons for passing the bylaw."

Initially, Campbell said, the rationale for adopting the bylaw

was to prevent the consumption of cats and dogs and to guard against salmonella from poultry. He dismissed the first reason as being tinged with racial overtones, and pointed out that poultry are already required to be inspected.

"Now the reason for the bylaw is that people in a civilized country should have their meat inspected," Campbell said, ad-

ding that the stated rationale does not warrant such a bylaw.

Campbell expects that a sheep farmer's livelihood will be affected by the bylaw. Although pressure from producers helped amend the legislation to allow the sale of uninspected meat to individuals, Campbell said the amendment "amounts to the same old runaround."

He explained: "No one can

advertise they have meat for sale. It's doubtful if you can even tell someone. If I ever have more meat than friends who might want some, I can't tell anyone or advertise because they'll shut me down."

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Logging company invited to discuss plans for island

Weldwood of Canada representatives have been invited to visit Salt Spring to discuss their company's log harvesting plans for the island.

The invitation was extended last week by Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, who spoke with Weldwood officials at a public meeting on Gabriola Island, where the forest company will be logging this winter.

Weldwood owns a 700-acre parcel on Mt. Bruce at the south end of Salt Spring. The company has said harvesting of the parcel is not imminent, explaining that roads must be built before harvesting could take place.

Gilbert said his discussions with Weldwood officials indicated "not a lot is planned" for the Salt Spring acreage at present. If cutting is to take place, he added, it is likely company representatives will visit to outline their plans.

The Islands Trust will seek a moratorium on disposal of Crown lands on Salt Spring while its request for tenure on those lands is considered in Victoria.

The Trust requested tenure in December, at the urging of representatives of various local groups attending a meeting to discuss the concept. Its plan was to have a community-based committee manage the near-3,000 acres of Crown holdings on Salt Spring.

After meeting last week with Saanich-Islands MLA Terry Huberts, the minister of state for economic development for the region, Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said he found there was at present "not a lot of sympathy" for the plan in Victoria.

"We're going to have to gradually develop a rationale for access to those lands," he explained, adding that the Trust will now ask for a moratorium to be placed on disposal of the Crown properties pending a fuller examination of its initial request for access.

Gilbert said Huberts "understood what we were saying, and the wisdom behind the request," but that there was "a reticence on the part of the province to give up any jurisdiction over Crown lands."

A provincial government committee examining transportation options for the region will be asked to set aside one day to hear concerns from islanders.

Chairman Nick Gilbert said that the committee,

news in brief

chaired by Port Alberni mayor Gillian Trumper, will be asked to receive submissions from all affected islands at the same time.

The committee is studying recommendations contained in a consultant's report on transportation system improvements that can be made to prepare for the next century. It is to collect public comment, review proposals and present its findings to MLA Terry Huberts by June.

Gilbert said he hopes representatives from various islands will communicate their concerns to a task force set by the Salt Spring's Community Planning Association to review the consultant's report and outline an islands position.

A unified approach to the provincial government committee

is essential, he explained. "It won't look good if we all go in there shooting at each other, and going off in all different directions."

The Advisory Planning Commission is to send three delegates to a meeting being held in Duncan today (Wednesday) to review Agricultural Land Commission policies in the region.

The local delegates will report their impressions to an APC meeting to be held the following day.

Commission representatives to the Duncan meeting are Lisa Lloyd, Bis Whitby and Ruby Alton.

After the delegation reports back to the APC, the commission will prepare to send a second delegation to the final land commission review meeting, to be held at the North Saanich Hall on January 31 from 2 pm to 5 pm. A second meeting is scheduled from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Coast Guard employee dies while answering distress call

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Shelby began his career with the Coast Guard in Ganges in September, 1980, as a relief worker on the lifeboat. Frank Wilkins was the officer in charge at the Ganges station when Shelby was hired on as a student during the summer months.

"He was a really good kid," Wilkins said. "He was very mature for his age — very trustworthy and responsible when it came to the job. He will be sadly missed, not only by his

family and friends, but by anyone who has ever worked with him."

Shelby had just received his ticket with the Coast Guard and was working on his first regular shift out of Bull Harbour, on Hope Island at the north end of Vancouver Island, at the time of the accident.

Shelby is survived by his wife, Denele Shelby, and daughter, Kimberly, of Campbell River; his parents, Alexander and Helen Shelby of Ganges; and two sisters, Marianna Holst of Courtenay and Alison Kerr of Ganges.

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Clean-up help requested

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ensure there is a steady stream — and not a short-term glut — of workers to handle the cleanup.

"There are a ton of people up there," she said, "but there is tons of oil to be cleaned up. All of the beaches are a mess, and it changes with every tide. It's critical. We need a lot of energy, attention and help."

A clean-up command centre has been set up in the Tofino fire hall. Call 725-3365. Accommodation, meals and safety equipment are being provided. Volunteers should bring rain gear and sturdy rubber boots, and are advised not to take children with them.

Equally important, Hawthorne said, is provision of foodstuffs to the soup kitchens set up in Tofino. "That's one of the main

things right now — getting supplies for the kitchens," she said.

Hawthorne is co-ordinating the collection of foodstuffs and organizing a shipment she hopes can be trucked to Tofino this weekend. She can be reached at 653-9240. Also working to organize a Gulf Islands response is Salt Spring's Bob Cecill, who can be contacted at 537-9473.

MP endorses request for oil spill enquiry

A call for a full public inquiry into Ottawa's handling of the west coast oil spill cleanup has been endorsed by Saanich-Islands MP Lynn Hunter (NDP).

The request for an inquiry was made last week by MP Bob Skelly (NDP), whose riding includes the west coast beaches fouled from oil that drifted north from Washington State in December.

Hunter agrees with Skelly's assessment that Ottawa reacted too slowly to the disaster. She adds that she feels the federal government's response was dictated more by political considerations than by practicality.

The Saanich-Islands MP said that in discussions she held in early January with senior officers at CFB Esquimalt, the military men told her they were ready and willing to place 75 soldiers on the west coast beaches within six hours of being called out to manage the cleanup. They expressed surprise that their services were never requested.

"The federal government did not ask for the military because it wanted to keep the line of responsibility for paying for the

cleanup quite clear," Hunter charges. "The U.S. barge company must now pay a private contractor in Vancouver for the cleanup. It was a political decision by Ottawa — it didn't help the cleanup effort, and it didn't help it to be made quickly enough."

She added: "Everyone was looking after number one, instead of looking to get the job done."

Hunter said an enquiry is needed into the way Ottawa managed its disaster response, to ensure the errors made will not be repeated in future.

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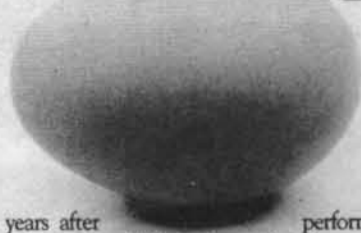
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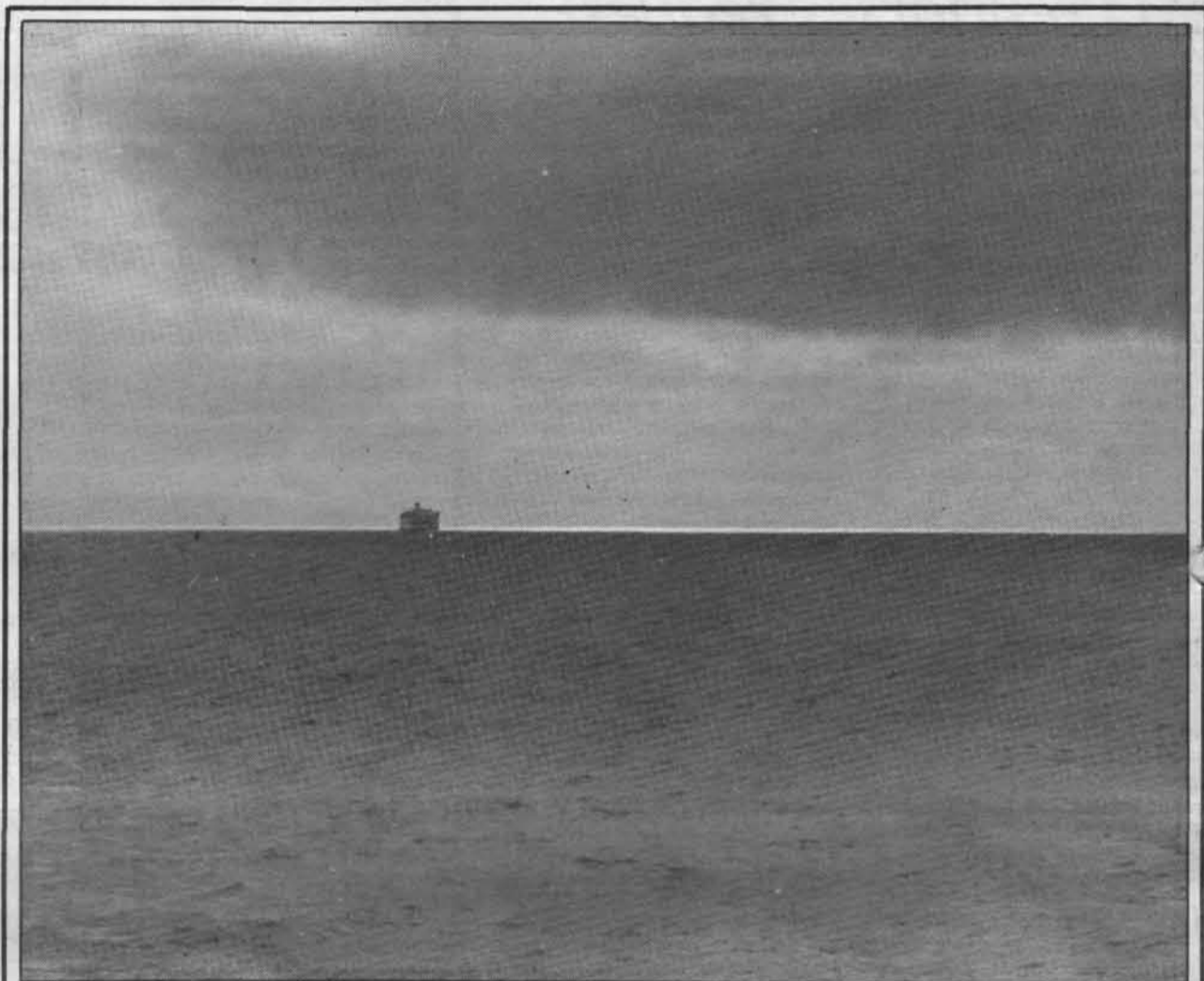
The provincial government committee studying transportation network changes for this region should accept Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert's suggestion that it set aside one day to hear representation from each of islands affected by the changes proposed for our ferries system.

The consensus view of all islanders from all islands is needed if recommendations arising from the ferries system component of the review are to serve local and wider long-term wants and needs. The system changes proposed — a major new ferry terminal and substantial revision of existing traffic patterns — are sweeping enough to demand a comprehensive and considered reply from these shores.

Making local views known to the review committee as quickly as possible and as a unified force could also head off the doomed prospect of having to request plan alterations at much later points in the process, when implementation and not further review is to be the prime concern in Victoria.

Before the islands can speak to the provincial government committee with one voice, however, it must find that voice. Which is easier said than done: although it has reportedly changed for the better in recent years, relations among islands have traditionally been strained when it came time to lobby the Ferries Corporation for a schedule that served as many interests as possible. The results were frequently disappointing for one or more islands.

A repeat of the former scenario must be avoided at this critical juncture. As Gilbert noted, islanders will do themselves and their interests no good by appearing before the committee and presenting conflicting wish lists and suggestions. Should that



Dark cloud hangs over island ferry

happen, the islands may well lose ground in the planning process.

Salt Spring has taken one initiative in that process, by striking a Community Planning Association task force to review the recommended transportation network changes and come up with a unified position. Leaders of that task force effort have indicated they are willing — hoping, even — to hear representation from the Outer Islands to be

incorporated into its submission. Gilbert has echoed that hope.

The onus is now on Outer Islanders to become part of the process, either directly or in a consultative role. The benefit to everyone is found in the old saw about strength in numbers; failure to act in concert could see the interests of these islands — as represented by a ferry system that serves all of us — divided and conquered.

Random jottings collected from here and there...

Notes from here and there:


- A sheet of paper measuring 12 inches by 12 inches crossed my desk last week. On the paper, in letters about two inches high, was the following message from a Beaver Point youngster: "Dear Sir. We saw 6 Jays." It is signed by Rod Sheeter.

- I'm presuming the sightings were part of the island's Christmas season bird count. Or have some players from the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team visited Salt Spring lately?

- Another note from a youngster came into the office following 'Driftwood's annual Christmas essay writing contest. It concerned a winning entry by Dylan Pinchin, a Grade Two student at the Salt Spring Centre School and read as follows:

my word

by duncan macdonnell



"Dayalin wan the Driftwood. I was jellis. But aneaway thers beter things in life then wining the drifwood, llik having fun. So I did. The end."

A postscript tells us the writer is a close friend — and rival — of the contest winner, who made the above entry in his daily journal.

- A more serious note concerns Jarrod Booth, the plucky island

youngster whose determined fight against cancer made him the symbol of last year's Terry Fox Run on Salt Spring.

Jarrod underwent surgery last Friday at Children's Hospital in Vancouver for removal of another tumor found near his brain. Parents Eric and Cindy Booth report their seven-year-old son came through surgery in good

shape and that the prognosis looks excellent.

- Also recovering well from surgery, we're told, is local computer whiz Uri Cogan, of Tribal Drum Communications fame. During Uri's convalescence, colleague Tim Collins is holding down the keyboard.
- Betsy Dosco, local fund-raiser for the Canadian Cancer Society, has left Salt Spring — at least temporarily. She's gone to Mexico to work at a Club Med in the southern part of the country and expects to return home in about six months.

Considering the number of local residents flocking to the sunny south, she may run into about half the island's population long before then.

- Ex-staffer Susan Dicker, now

editing the *Island Times*, *Driftwood's* sister paper on Pender Island, reports some local confusion over her status.

It seems an advertisement in the *Globe & Mail* for a newspaper editor-publisher on Pender prompted some residents to assume Susan was leaving. The ad was not placed by the *Times*; Susan is staying.

- Moving on is islander Jocelyn Holmes, who dropped us a line last week from an early point in her around-the-world tour.

The former owner of the health food store in Ganges was in New Zealand — where she was awed by giant Kuari trees — and bound for Australia, then Asia. Notes to Jocelyn can be sent care of Geoff Dungey, 9 St. James Avenue, Kallista, Melbourne, Australia.

Unlock door

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Dan Evanishen, chairman of the Salt Spring Transportation Committee, filed with this newspaper for publication.

We are in receipt of a copy of a letter from Rod Morrison, General Manager, to yourself, agreeing to improved elevator signage, specifically on the *Queen of Nanaimo*, which will assist disabled passengers to locate this facility.

We are tremendously pleased that B.C. Ferries has responded to our request in this positive fashion, and for their promise to carry out similar signage improvements to other vessels of the fleet in due course.

There is, however, one more relatively minor change we would very much like to see happen, regarding the handicapped washroom on the *Nanaimo*. At present, it is necessary for a disabled person to obtain the washroom key from the cashier, then travel back to the bow section of the vessel where the handicapped washroom is located. The key must also be returned to the cashier after use — another trip the full length of the vessel.

We understand that the reason for the keyed access is that a handicapped person must first pass through the First Aid room before reaching the handicapped washroom. Apparently the first aid room contains supplies which need to be kept under lock and key.

We would like to suggest that a separate door be cut into the existing bulkhead, thereby providing direct access into the handicapped washroom. It would then no longer be necessary to keep the washroom door locked, a welcome improvement over the present system.

WILLIAM W. BEST,
Salt Spring Handicapped Association.

Jeopardy

I listened, with interest, to another news report about recent-immigrant fisherman who were overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning while out on a clam-digging junket.

The report made the experience sound like a casual weekend outing. The facts are much different. Groups of clam and crab fishermen, who are new to Canada and must have very little understanding of conservation of fish stocks, are stripping the beaches up and down the coast of Vancouver Island. They spend several days and nights on a beach and harvest everything that is large enough to be seen.

Fisheries officers and local residents seem helpless to stop this devastation of resources. Complaints to the federal government and some media are met with cries of "prejudice" and "discrimination."

The federal government's reluctance to deal with the situation is understandable. Federal Fisheries has issued licences to these fishermen and turned them loose to make a living. The new Canadians have been given no instructions in general water and boating safety. As a result, their boats are seriously overloaded and inadequate for winter use. We are seeing the effects of this lack of training in the recent number of serious accidents. Eventually, these fishermen will have to find a new source of income, as there will be no clams or crabs left on the beaches, to harvest.

We've made a lot of mistakes in the past when handling fish stocks. There is already little left for our

letters

children to enjoy. More important, the Native food supply is in serious jeopardy. Would a boycott of clams and crabs, by the consumer, get the message across?

FRANK COLLINS,
Tahsis, B.C.

Clarification

In response to *Driftwood's* January 11, 1989 article regarding the operation of my daycare:

- I have not received anything in writing that confirms the statement that my licence will not be lifted. Dr. Perry Kendall, medical health officer, CRD, has recommended to the licensing board that my licence be cancelled. That recommendation still stands.

- I have not been threatened with closure. I have been threatened with \$50 per day fines, legal action by the CRD against me, and licence cancellation by the regional board.

- After attending the health committee meeting on January 4, the parents, concerned individuals and myself came away feeling that Dr. Kendall was immovable on his decision to recommend my licence cancellation, though the exposure of information helped inform the other members of the committee on the details of this most sensitive issue.

- I have been operating on a non-conforming basis since July, 1988. I received a deadline to comply with provincial regulations by December 9, 1988, or face legal action, and had been granted an extension to January 6, 1989. I am presently operating in a non-

conforming capacity until further notice.

In response to Dr. Borsman's background letter to the editor of January 11, I would agree that facts are facts and rules are rules, but life in a small community does not always fit the mold. There is a lot of grey area, too. Maybe we don't want to fit the mold and that's what makes our lives and our children's lives here on Salt Spring so special.

I have found myself in this predicament simply because people mean more to me than words on paper. If I remove any of these children from my care, they have no place to go; all the island facilities are already booked to their limits.

These parents are all working people who most definitely depend on the specialized service I provide. I have no intention of disrupting their lives. Some may have to quit their jobs if I attempt compliance with my licence limits.

I have no problem with providing this style of daycare; the parents and children are happy and satisfied. The problem lies with the CRD, which is bound by the regional licensing board to enforce regulations.

Recently, I have been proposing ideas to the CRD licensing officer, Mr. Thorpecroft, which may give avenues of relief in this immediate problem to all parties. But I will not be committed if these ideas isolate even one family.

Dr. Borsman and Dr. Kendall have been made fully aware of the problems facing all Salt Spring daycare operations, which also affect many areas in the province. What bothers me and the parents is

that if Dr. Kendall, Dr. Borsman and the staff of the CRD are so willing to help this situation, why did they not recommend to the regional licensing board a temporary exemption based on Part 9, Section 59 of the Community Care Facilities Regulations, which I requested at the January 4 health committee meeting?

My feelings on this matter, as a parent, are: that I am the best judge

on the quality of care for my children. I appreciate the fact that the provincial regulations are instituted on behalf of the children to ensure the safety and well-being of all children but they should be used as guidelines and not interfere with the fundamental rights of parents to choose for their children.

This issue of licence cancellation will hopefully be resolved when I meet with the regional licensing board. I appreciate all the input and support from parents and the community.

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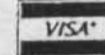
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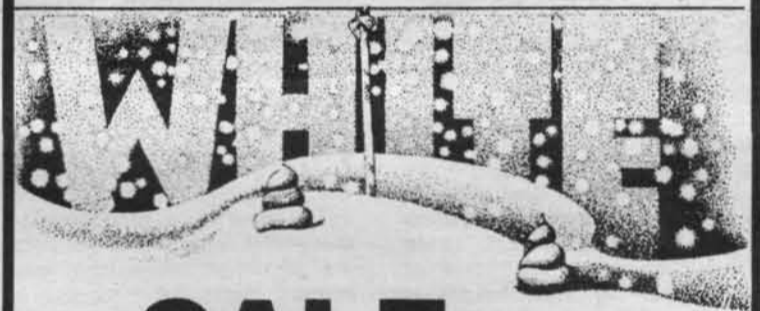
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Unacceptable

The Meat Inspection bylaw has received third reading over the consistent and reasoned objections of Gulf Island farmers.

The objection is simple: the costs of meat inspection will put many farmers out of business. We have been unable to persuade the CRD of the importance of this point.

I have written to the minister of health asking him to return the bylaw to the CRD. I have pointed out to him that the bylaw appears to contradict the provincial regulations in at least two areas.

I have also pointed out to him the curious situation of seeing our local veterinarians compelled willy-nilly to act as policemen for the CRD. It seems to be an awkward situation for a medical practitioner. I have suggested that the Hon. Terry Huberts, a veterinarian and our MLA, may wish to comment on the subject.

I wish to advise my country cousins that we have the support of local Farmers' Institutes, the District Farmers' Institute, The Islands Trust and the B.C. Federation of Agriculture. We will continue to insist that extending meat inspection to the Gulf Islands is unacceptable.

RAY STEWART,
District Chairman,
Farmers' Institute,
Ganges.

Repercussions

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Agriculture Minister John Savage, filed with this newspaper for publication.

The reason for this letter concerns the inclusion of the Gulf Islands into the Victoria Capital Regional Districts meat inspection bylaw. I don't know how much you have heard about this topic but it is of some concern to those of us in the islands agricultural community.

It is difficult to deal with yet another burden being placed upon us, the lamb producers. Lamb production after 100 years of success in the Gulf Islands is already reduced to very low levels due to urbanization. Should this bylaw come into effect we will be faced with more restrictions and complications. I fear that the passing of this bylaw will result in even further declines in lamb production and farms going out of business.

When the bylaw was first introduced to us by Les Potter from the CRD, a meeting was called on Salt Spring Island to acquaint us with the content of the proposal. The meeting was well attended and the bylaw strongly opposed.

As I reflect now on the course of action taken by the CRD, I feel disappointed. No prior opportunity was given to producers to consider the impact that might result from the bylaw in our rural area. We have had to defend ourselves from a bylaw that was drawn up to meet needs of an urban area.

Since the meeting there has been a great deal of confusion between the producers and the CRD. As it stands, through poor communication and poor understanding of the legal process, I believe that few producers were able to understand or keep up with the many revisions of the bylaw and therefore respond accordingly.

A few of us tried to deal with the bylaw but due to the islands being a difficult area to bring together as a unit, it has been almost impossible to respond to the bylaw in a unified voice. This, along with inadequate

notice of CRD meetings, and lack of opportunity to view the revisions ahead of time, all add to our defenseless position.

One of the concerns we have had is that, most of the information that has filtered through to date has been vague and open to interpretation. This does not give one the confidence to carry on an already marginal business.

The shame of it all is that people want to continue farming but can't see any more light at the end of the tunnel. Some of the farms in question have been in operation for generations.

We are a rural area. What we produce has been reduced to a cottage industry level. Nevertheless, we have a unique quality product that could continue to please people from around the world.

Should the bylaw in question carry through, regardless of its varying interpretations, it is my feeling that many will throw in the towel. This in turn will have many repercussions in the Gulf Islands involving employment, economy, and education in the agricultural area. In addition to this, tourism, related trade and commerce and a way of life for many people will be greatly affected.

In view of the concerns still facing the island growers and the need to have input into our future we would like to ask for another meeting to be held at a common location in the Gulf Islands, to voice these concerns and have just input into our future.

I realize that your ministry does not have any control over Victoria Region health bylaws but I would like to ask for your support in that our needs and problems differ from Victoria proper and should remain separate from this urban bylaw.

ROSS McLEOD,
Mansell Farms,
Ganges.

On plastics

To follow up on John Kavelin's thoughtful letter about the local use of dangerous plastics, your readers might be interested to know that many Salt Spring merchants have been trying for months to get bio-degradable plastic trays and bags. These things are available, but not to local merchants, they are told, because the quantities they need to order are so small (compared to Safeway, for example). Presumably the next step must be to convince the distributors that they should provide bio-degradable plastics to any size of account.

At least we can re-use our plastic

bags and tubs, washing them and taking them back to the stores to refill with new purchases. As encouragement, Gloria O'Hara of O'Hara's Fresh Fish gives a discount to everyone who brings in his or her own plastic bags to buy fish. Maybe she's the first person in the country to do this. Salt Spring takes the lead — far may this example spread!

MARLYN HORSDAL,
Fulford Harbour.

Impressed

Hubert Beyer's column in the November 30 issue of *Driftwood* about bigotry was quite simply brilliant.

I have rarely seen such an effective critique of the attitudes of people like Doug Collins and was particularly impressed by the counterpoint he chose to use, of Svend Robinson's record and values.

JOHN FRYER,
Ottawa.

Responses

Several persons answered my request for the end of the rhyme concerning the two dead men that got up to fight.

Some of your readers may be amused by the replies.

John Bennett submitted the following:

*One fine day
In the middle of the night
Two dead men
Got up to fight.
A blind man
To see fair play
A dumb man
To shout: "Hurrah!"
A paralyzed donkey
Passing by
Kicked the blind man
In the eye.
Kicked him over
A ten foot wall
Into a dry ditch
And drowned them all!*

Chris Dickinson came up with this bit of whimsy:

*Early in the morning
In the middle of the night
Two dead boys
Got up to fight
Back to back
They faced one another
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And shot each other
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Heard the noise
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Off those two boys!*

Thank you for your interest.
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION REVIEW
CO-ORDINATED BY THE AGRICULTURAL TASK FORCE
VANCOUVER ISLAND/COAST REGION

The review will seek comment on the following:

- what criteria should be used to evaluate land use issues;
- procedures available to the Agricultural Land Commission;
- public access to the commission;
- relationship to local government; and,
- recommended changes to the policies and mechanisms of the Agricultural Land Commission.

A public meeting will be held at the following location:

JANUARY 31 — North Saanich Municipal Hall, 1620 Mills Road

Meetings run from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

To assist the committee, presentors should have written material, wherever possible, for record purposes.



Hon. Terry Huberts,
Minister of State for
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and North Coast,
Responsible for Parks

Written submissions
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Jim Cameron,
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Sealed tenders plainly marked "Tender for the Fernwood Elementary School" will be received by the undersigned on or before 2:00 pm, Thursday, February 23, 1989, at the offices of School District #64 (Gulf Islands), P.O. Box 128, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

The bid depository plan will be used on this project by the following trades: millwork, mechanical and electrical. Closing time at the bid depositories shall be 3:00 pm, Tuesday, February 21, 1989. Bid depositories used shall be Vancouver and Lower Mainland Bid Depository or The Construction Association of Victoria Bid Depository or The Nanaimo Construction Association Bid Depository.

Plans and specifications may be obtained on Tuesday, February 21, 1989, at the office of the architect David H. Brockington, 203-1415 Bellevue Avenue, West Vancouver, British Columbia, V7T 1C3 (922-3241) on a deposit of \$100.00 per set. Plans and specifications may be viewed at the School Board Office in Ganges, British Columbia, but may not be removed from the Board Office.

Each tender must be accompanied by an approved bid bond in the amount of ninety thousand (\$90,000.00) dollars made payable to the Board of School Trustees, School District #64 (Gulf Islands), British Columbia; and a surety consent to provide a fifty percent (50%) performance bond; and a fifty percent (50%) labour and material payment bond both as specified. The bid bond will be forfeited if the contractor fails to enter into a contract if called upon to do so.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted and the Board of School Trustees reserve the right to reject all or any tenders.

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Farmland

There was an interesting item in the Victoria paper last week — our smiling Socred leaders have adopted a clever, low-key method of destroying the Agricultural Land Reserve (A.L.R.), the food base for us, the people of B.C.

If the government tried to chuck out the A.L.R. in one fell swoop, we might rebel at the loss of local farmland and locally-produced food.

So each region of the province (starting with Vancouver Island) will be looked at, slowly, with public hearings set up on short notice with little or no publicity. (I'm glad I happened to buy last Tuesday's paper and read the editorials).

The Agricultural Land Commission's mandate is to preserve irreplaceable B.C. farmland for present and future generations, but the government wants to determine if the best use of prime farmland really is agriculture.

What do you suppose they will find? That far more bucks could be made from developers building more shopping malls and/or expensive housing?

The A.L.R. was put in place by the NDP in 1973, believing that the food supply for the people of B.C. should never be completely dependent on distant and/or foreign producers. But we, these same people, have become so frightened of the "socialist hordes" that we have handed over political power to people with dollar signs for eyes.

VIRGINIA NEWMAN, Ganges.

P.S. If the threat to the A.L.R. worries you, write to MLA Terry Huberts who will be "reviewing" agricultural land policies for Vancouver Island. The address is: Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

Lead the way

The solution of adding more chemicals to a large volume of pollutants only aggravates the problem of separation and recycling.

A pulp mill like the one at Crofton has an effluent volume over 50 million gallons a day. The task of removing the toxins and environmentally-damaging substances from this effluent is virtually impossible. The only reasonable answer that will allow for a survivable pulp and paper industry is not to use chemical pulping and bleaching. If the chemicals are not used the effluent becomes virtually 100 per cent recyclable.

We can live with brown paper and still enjoy an improved standard of living.

The federal government claims to be supportive of environmentally sound products. I'm excited to hear they also support raising public awareness of environmentally safe products such as brown paper. Perhaps the government should switch to brown paper, as it is one of the largest consumers of paper. How can anyone believe anything the government says if it won't follow its own advice?

Perhaps the government would also benefit substantially, in a financial way, if it stopped a mill such as Crofton, which is near a highly-populated area, from emitting chemical toxins. If the mill refuses and closes, the government could repurchase it, convert it to brown paper production and supply the entire government with an inexpensive

and safe product. Canada could truly become a recognized environmental leader.

Regarding conversion of plant: By expanding the mechanical pulping process, it is possible to produce a brown kraft paper; very little chemical pulping and no chemical bleaching is required. Much of the equipment used in the production of chemical and bleached pulp could be sold or used in recycling the effluent back into the mechanical pulping production process. Enormous savings would result in cost of chemicals, recovery boilers, energy costs, water usage and trees. Mechanical pulping retains 90 to 95 per cent of the tree in the product. In the chemical process, 40 to 50 per cent of the tree is up the stack or down the drain.

JIM WIGHT, Salt Spring Sierra Club.

Funding

After reading Rosemary Walker's letter I thought it might be appropriate to make some comments on how our system of field and other funding works.

As you know our school district includes five islands. As such all the funding we get, including local taxation, goes into one "pot" or budget which we use to provide educational facilities and services for all of our Gulf Islands. To ensure this is done we have trustees from each island to make sure that all of them are fairly represented. I believe our trustees do a fine job in this regard.

Whether we live on Galiano, Saturna or Salt Spring our school tax dollars do not go specifically to fund our own island — they go into the one "pot" from which we try and fund the whole system on a fair and equitable basis.

This being said, individual communities, like Galiano, as Rosemary Walker points out, may raise money to contribute to shared facilities like a community

centre or fields. I, and I believe the board, very much appreciate all the work done by those on Galiano and in all our other communities.

Our provincial system attempts to be fair to all; as a relatively rich district a sizeable chunk of our tax dollars go to fund other poorer school districts. Education and the facilities related to it are expensive. When the community as a whole can benefit from the facilities and help with their cost, it, hopefully, is good for all concerned. This has worked well in the past and I hope will continue to in the future.

DAVID EYLES, Chairman, S.D. 64.

Positive step

According to a recent advertisement in your newspaper, on Weedless Wednesday, January 18, 1989, the Ganges Pharmasave decided to go Cold Turkey and discontinue sales of tobacco products.


The British Columbia Lung Association warmly commends and congratulates the Ganges Pharmasave for this positive action regarding the sale of tobacco products.

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SCOTT McDONALD, Executive Director, B.C. Lung Association.



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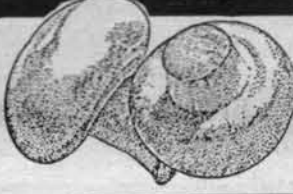
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Lake water 'either potable or non-potable'

I had no intention of replying to Michael Hayes' recent letter concerning the Maxwell Lake domestic water source (*Driftwood*, January 4). It appeared to me, rightly or wrongly, that he was attempting to make a political issue of a matter where no politics should intrude. Your readers may recall that he advocated a series of public meetings which he no doubt hoped would condemn any treatment of Maxwell Lake domestic water supply.

His second letter, (January 11) contradicted my conclusions regarding the possible harmful effects of trihalomethanes (THMs), produced when domestic water is disinfected with chlorine. I had stated, from information provided by public health authorities, and from a world literature search, that chlorination produced a very slight risk of producing cancer, approximately one in a million.

director's report

hugh borsman

This is a much lesser risk than if a person drinks *at all*, smokes *at all*, eats too much refined food with no roughage, drinks water from a domestic water system that contains lead from solder in the pipes, breathes radon gas in one's own home from natural radioactive substances in the ground, and so on.

What on earth would public meetings conclude? Maxwell Lake water is either potable or non-potable. Potable here meaning water that is aesthetically acceptable, and free from pathogenic or potentially pathogenic micro-organisms.

If the water is potable, there

would be nothing to discuss. If it is not potable, the only ones who can make a decision are the region's senior health officer and the ministry of environment.

If sampling of Maxwell Lake water reveals an unacceptable level of coliforms, the health officer would immediately inform people on the Maxwell Lake system that all water for ingestion should be boiled (shades of a holiday in Mexico!). That would continue to be the case until the North Salt Spring Waterworks District sterilized the water or until further tests showed beyond doubt that the water did not represent any risk to life or health.

But since the water may at any time produce undesirable counts, it is unlikely that assurance could ever be given that the problem would not recur.

There is a universal feeling that

groundwater being delivered to consumers should always be treated. The water board would decide on how the water would be treated. However, with chlorine treatment being the standard throughout the world, and being much less expensive than any other method, I am quite certain that the users would not agree to any unnecessarily expensive alternative.

What is the situation regarding Maxwell Lake water? It appears that over two or three years, testing has shown occasional bursts of a high coliform count. This whole problem came to attention recently when Fisheries (Canada) threatened to close John Christianson's fish plant because of unacceptable coliform levels in the water, including fecal coliforms. One wonders that if the water wasn't good enough to wash

John's fish, why would it be good enough for us to drink?

From August 15 to September 15 the CRD did frequent checks on Maxwell Lake water. The counts at that time were low, so the chief medical officer thought there was no dire threat to health, and merely recommended that the water board sterilize the water. We never know from one week to another when the count would exceed acceptable levels.

What are acceptable levels? The World Health Organization says zero coliforms per 100 M.L.; the United States says zero coliforms, the Greater Victoria Water Board says zero coliforms, the NSSWD provides water from St. Mary's Lake with zero coliforms, and all well water tested on Salt Spring must be free of any coliforms. So we have a problem, and we need a solution.

Applications for new liquor licenses forwarded to provincial government

Five applications for liquor licenses on Salt Spring Island are currently being reviewed by the provincial government.

Being requested are licenses for a beer and wine store at the Harbour House Hotel, a pub at a proposed Bullock Lake resort, and marine pubs at the Fulford Marina, at Grace Point and at the Harbour's End Marine property, which is proposed for redevelopment.

All five applications have been presented to both the local Islands Trust committee and to the Capital Regional District (CRD) board and passed onto the provincial Liquor Licensing Branch with no objections presented.

The Liquor Licensing Branch declined Monday to outline any of the five bids or to confirm it has received and is processing the applications. Any questions about the status of applications must be presented in writing, a spokesman said.

Meanwhile, a CRD spokesman said all five applications have been given pre-clearance at the

local level and are being processed by the Liquor Licensing Branch.

The spokesman said the CRD recommended straight approvals for three of the five applications. For two of them — the Fulford Marina and Grace Point bids — it suggested referendums be held.

police blotter

A 49 year-old Pender Island woman will appear in provincial court in Ganges on April 11 to answer charges of impaired driving and refusing to supply a breath sample.

The accused was arrested at the Long Harbour ferry terminal at approximately 4 pm on January 22 after police received two separate complaints of an apparently impaired driver.

Adolf Eckstein of Ganges was

Until late last year, the CRD did not receive liquor license applications for comment. In the wake of recommendations stemming from a provincial government task force's review of liquor legislation, held in 1987, it has since been included as a local approving authority.

charged with making an improper turn at an intersection on January 18, following a two vehicle accident attended by Ganges RCMP. The accident took place at the intersection of Lower Ganges Road and North End Road at 1 pm.

While no one was injured, there was approximately \$500 damage to the vehicle driven by Rebecca Legg of Ganges.



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VICTORIA — It's about 15 years or so ago that one David Anderson earned himself the media handle "pollution fighter." The oil spill off the coast of Washington last December and our woeful response to it proved that we haven't learned a damn thing since then.

Anderson was the Liberal Member of Parliament for Victoria during the Trudeau reign. There was hardly a week in which I didn't phone him at least once to get his comments on the potential pollution disaster of those days — the trans-Alaska pipeline and oil port at Valdez.

Anderson warned at the time that sooner or later, disaster would strike, and that British Columbia's beaches would be fouled by an oil spill of major proportions. It took 15 years, but strike it did.

On December 22, 875,000 litres of oil escaped from a U.S. barge off the Washington coast. The spill originally threatened to foul Washington beaches, but a state department of ecology official ordered the barge towed out to sea. As a result, the ugly spill contaminated beaches all along the west of Vancouver Island and killed thousands of birds, seals and other marine life.

Bruce Strachan, British Columbia's environment minister, waited for a week before he even toured the area to assess the damage. His colleague, Solicitor General Angus Ree, distinguished himself by spouting the hastily-formed conclusion that "I don't believe it is as serious as we've been led to believe." A few hours later, however, he revised his opinion, calling the spill a disaster.

Refuge sought in fixing blame

In the absence of a meaningful contingency plan to battle the spill, politicians sought refuge in fixing blame. Strachan, while admitting that the Canadian Coast Guard had done a good job after the spill reached Vancouver Island, said they had made a "bad and late decision" in tracking the spill from the time it occurred.

Premier Vander Zalm said equipment designed to fight oil spills has proved inadequate in this latest emergency. He also said the government may beef up its Provincial Emergency Program. It was obvious that "we need to have a team in place that can respond very quickly." Atta boy, close the old barn door after the horse has escaped.

The only ray of light in this whole oily mess was the wonderful response of volunteers. Without their dedication and efforts, the problem would have been much worse. From the shoreline of the capital city to Vancouver Island's most northern tip, volunteers have been working furiously to clean the beaches of globs of oil that continue to wash ashore with the tide.

So much for crying over spilled oil. Let's turn to the future. Just what should be done to prevent similar calamities? The premier's musings over the desirability of beefing up our emergency program are to be applauded, but surely, a little more concrete and detailed proposals are in order.

Anderson, who probably has put more time than anyone else in B.C. into the study of potential oil spills and the measures necessary to deal with them, says governments must act immediately to prevent future accidents.

Analysis of accident record

He says there should be an immediate analysis of the accident record of the super tanker fleet for the past 10 years. The fleet, he says, is aging and wearing out, increasing the risk of accidents. Add to that an anticipated increase in tanker traffic, and you've got a time bomb that's bound to go off sooner or later — again.

The coast guard's vessel traffic centre for the Vancouver traffic zone, which includes Victoria, reports that last year more than 8,000 tanker and oil barge movements occurred in that zone. An additional four or five movements a month are predicted because Trans-Mountain Pipeline got permission to ship Alberta crude oil out of Burnaby.

Of course, oil tankers aren't the only ships using the Straits of Georgia and Juan de Fuca. The total vessel movement last year was around 209,000, making the waters a bit crowded at times.

Recommendations for the prevention of future disasters have come from a number of sources. Sharon Chow, spokesman for the Sierra Club of Western Canada, says tanker traffic should be banned during certain times of the year when storms are most likely to occur.

Any steps towards preventing future oil spills or at least dealing more effectively with them after they occur, should start with more international co-operation. With only one body of water between the two countries, neither can go it alone.

A joint Canada-U.S. inquiry into the latest disaster would be a good place to start.

Brazilian bishop slates visit

Brazilian Bishop Luis Pardo will visit Salt Spring Island this weekend to speak about the monetary and environmental crises facing his country.

Bishop Pardo, who is in Canada to speak at this weekend's Dube Symposium at Malaspina College in Nanaimo, works daily with Brazilians most closely affected by social underdevelopment and the threat to the ecology.

The bishop has been brought to Canada by *Ten Days for World Development*, whose theme this year is "Visions and Values of a Just World."

Bishop Pardo will speak at St. George's Church Hall at 7:30 pm, following a pot luck dinner due to start at 6 pm.

Industrial land bylaw sent back

Following nearly two hours of debate, the Advisory Planning Committee (APC) last week rejected bylaw amendments concerning a proposed industrial park and instead asked their planner to make the terms more site-specific.

The amendments were put forward, in part, to facilitate a proposal from Eric Booth to develop a four-acre lot on Rainbow Road, near Atkins Road, into 12 lots suitable for light industrial use.

Some of the concerns raised by the committee members included the visual impact the development would have, the number of road accesses that would be needed, and the lack of architectural control over the site.

Committee member Rick Rockliffe told the meeting he was concerned by Booth's proposal to develop 75 per cent of the space available on the lots.

"There won't be any room for delivery trucks to go into these places and turn around," he said. "What we will end up dealing with, is trucks and tractor-trailers parked up and down Rainbow Road, congesting traffic and causing problems for everyone."

Trust planner Dave Morris replied that there were regulations in the zoning bylaw for parking, and that road access is determined by the highways ministry — which is careful about where those accesses are placed.

Still, commission members voted in favour of the motion put forward by Rockliffe that the APC request the planner to rewrite the bylaw amendment to be more site-specific, reflecting the concerns expressed at the meeting.



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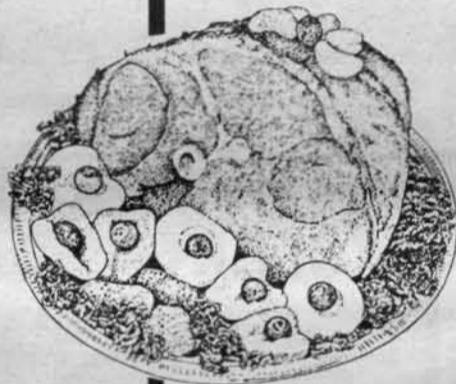
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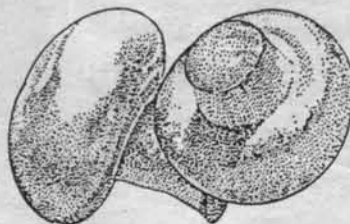
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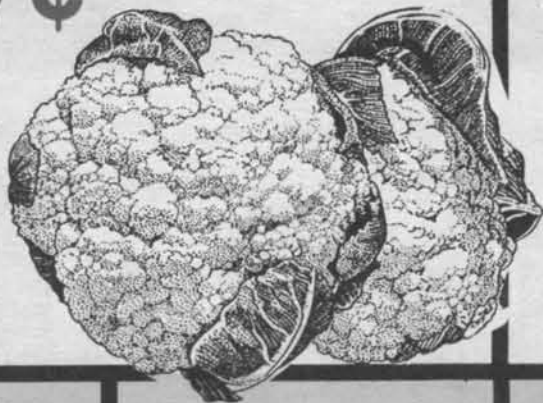
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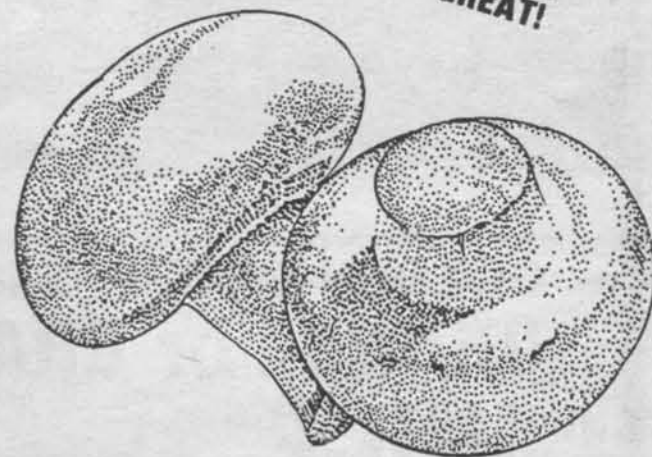
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by *chris schmah*



The fickle weather which we have been exposed to over the past several weeks has been playing with the flow of the seasonal creek that runs through our property. Two weeks ago the stream kept the culvert half full, and just a few days later the water was disappearing into the ground before it reached the culvert.

Today it's pushing a trickle all of the way along the watercourse, but I can't help but be puzzled by what is contributing to the significant variation of flow. Eight or nine years ago, on several occasions the flow was so heavy that the culvert could barely handle the volume, and three or four years back it only flowed a trickle all year. What I am leading to with all of this is the changing climate, moisture patterns, and inevitably, our water supply on the Gulf Islands.

Recently released data on our precipitation volumes indicates widely variable annual totals with some recent years showing a building stress on water supply. Wells draw on groundwater reserves and as development puts down more wells to pump from the same aquifers, drawdowns are greater and required recovery volumes are greater; that is, it takes more water and a longer time to bring the wells back up to their original levels. As the population of the islands grows, the limited water resources will have to be managed more carefully and wisely.

Uncertainty of supply

For gardeners this uncertainty of supply, coupled with a need to conserve, challenges us to become more responsible water users. Having said all of this, there are several means by which we can reduce or limit our water usage, while still having a rewarding garden. Not gardening at all would no doubt save lots of water but who could tolerate that? The compromise might be to leave sizeable portions of our properties to go back to a wild state. Native plants such as salal, arbutus, Oregon grape, honeysuckle, flowering currant, wild grasses, sedums, camassias, and ocean spray can tolerate drought, and still provide their seasonal shows for our enjoyment. Left in a natural state these areas also demand less maintenance and provide a pleasing blend or transition to the totally wild surroundings. The use of sandstone, mulch, pathways of crushed rock and accent night lighting can bring a cultivated feeling to these "natural" landscapes.

For the next stage, a compact garden with a limited selection of favourite plants will give you the colours, seasonal shows and textures which you crave. If the planting is slightly more dense than usual, the root occupation will be greater, competition for soil moisture will be more intense, and the utilization of any water given will be better. A small, tight garden will mean less weeding, less watering time, and while it also will need a little closer attention, the rewards will be worth it.

Employing soil amendments which help to hold any water given, or any precipitation which falls, will improve overall water utilization. Peat moss, organic matter such as compost or manure, water-absorbing gels and sawdust all help to keep water in the root zone for the plants to take up as they need it.

Inert accent features

The use of inert accent features such as boulders, paving stones, crushed rock, mulches, gravels, decks, paths, stairs, terraces, benches, gates, gazebos, arbors and even fences all add to the visual richness of the landscaping while not requiring any water to keep them going. The features take up space which would otherwise be occupied by a plant or plants, and their presence brings equally pleasing textural and colour changes that compliment the other plants which surround them. A well-built rockery is far more appealing to the eye than a bank of soil, and as the stonework complements the plants it also helps to conserve water. A stone uses no water, while it shields the soil from exposure to the sun and wind, thus reducing the evaporative loss of water. Plastic mulches, bark mulch, sawdust, dry leaves, gravels, stone chippings, and other physical barriers all serve a similar function; reducing evaporative loss, while allowing the penetration of water for use by underlying plant roots.

The uses of materials and design styles affect the garden's demand for water, but more than the form or style, it is the plant selection which dictates how much water will be needed. A spartan, evocative "Japanese" style garden uses more open spaces and fewer plants, but some plants suitable for this style of garden require more water than others, taking for instance the evergreen azaleas, versus the drought-tolerant pines, both appropriate choices for a Japanese-style garden.

In future xeriscape-oriented articles we will cover other related topics, but for this week, th-th-th-th-that's all, Folks!

Visitor strategy outlined

GALIANO ISLAND — The Galiano Island Visitors' Association (GIVA) will shy away from aggressive promotion of tourism.

In the wake of a recent meeting held for public discussion of its draft tourism strategy, the association says it will not promote summer or off-season visits to the island and will work to discourage "undesirable" tourism — i.e., cyclists and unruly campers at Coon Bay.

Its strategy, GIVA continued, will continue to stress the principles of a small-scale, specialized industry which provides incremental gains and is locally-controlled.

GIVA co-chairman Ed Andrusiak said last week that after preliminary consideration of the comments voiced at the January 14 public meeting — which included attacks on tourism and the problems it creates, and on the association — his group will identify priorities and take tourism management steps.

GIVA will not advertise in *Super, Natural British Columbia* or *Visitour*, he said, and will not promote Galiano Island.

The association plans to develop an information program outlining Galiano's limitations for visitors to the island. The information will be in the form of changes to the Galiano tourism brochure, as an insert, or as a separate leaflet.

Included will be warnings to cyclists of the hazards they face and create on the island's narrow roads, notes on the island's limited facilities, an appeal to visitors to respect private property.

Also on GIVA's agenda will be attempts to influence travel writers and commercial promoters to include mention of those limitations in their texts.

"It should be included because it's part of the reality here," Andrusiak said.

GIVA is currently sifting comments received at the January 14 public meeting. Remarks that help solve or identify tourism-related problems will be used when GIVA drafts the final version of its tourism strategy.

Comments not immediately applicable will be recorded and saved for possible future use.

After the strategy is completed, it will be presented to the Islands Trust as a package from a "vested interest group," Andrusiak said.

The co-chairman said his group would like to make representation to the Trust concerning tourism, and provide special input for long-term planning.

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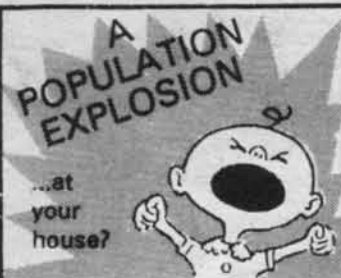


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MP Hunter named party CIDA critic

Saanich-Gulf Island MP Lynn Hunter (NDP) has earned party appointments she feels will put her talents to good use.

The first-term MP has been named the NDP's critic for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and will be part of a five-member NDP panel studying the report of the World Commission on Environment and Development.

"I'm pleased," Hunter told *Driftwood*. "My requests for committee work were met by these appointments."

The MP also noted that her two areas of responsibility — international development and the environment — mesh well with the interests of islanders.

Hunter said her appointment as CIDA critic gives her "a wonderful opportunity to bridge my other career with this one." Prior to her election, Hunter was a co-ordinator with OXFAM, the international relief organization.

"I'm one of the few MPs in Ottawa with direct experience in international development," she said. "That background is going to pay off."

The appointment also represents a sense of continuity for the riding, since former MP Jim Manly (NDP) also handled the role of CIDA critic for the party.

In her role as CIDA critic, Hunter will sit on Ottawa's standing committee on external affairs and international trade. One of its first priorities will be to review and implement recommendations about CIDA made in a report delivered by the previous committee.

Hunter said the report points out that CIDA is not serving Canada's international trade or international development interests as well as it might. "It said that up to now, CIDA has suffered from fuzzy thinking regarding international development," she noted. "There's an awful lot of waste whether it's doing international development work to solve problems or to promote Canadian goods."

Hunter is also concerned that CIDA dollars be spent wisely, especially since she expects the agency's budget will be trimmed.

Hunter's other major responsibility will be to serve on the NDP's special committee on development and the environment. Other members are MPs Jim Fulton (environment critic), Lorne Nystrom (finance), Howard McCurdy (science and technology) and Vic Althouse (agriculture).

The committee will review the World Commission report on sustainable development — known as the Bruntland Report — and look for ways its aims can be incorporated into the federal government's legislative and budgetary framework.

Towards that end, the committee will hold hearings in five major Canadian cities in a 10-day span in February, inviting public submissions on the subject.

"The federal government has said it supports the Bruntland Report," Hunter said. "We'll be looking at ways to make it work, to push the government's agenda. We hope to accelerate the process."

She added: "It's the first step in an ongoing task. We want to bring forth recommendations from the grassroots to

help get the Bruntland Report implemented."

While accepting her two committee responsibilities, Hunter declined an offer to become the party's small business critic. A member of the caucus executive, she felt she would not have enough time to devote to so many interests.

The MP added that she hopes to visit the Gulf Islands portion of her riding between now and the re-convening of Parliament on March 6.



Lynn Hunter

Planning begins for Sea Capers

Work on the 1989 version of Sea Capers begins next week.

A public meeting to form the committee to organize and oversee this year's festivities has been called for January 31 at 7:30 pm in the school board office.

Publicity co-ordinator Bevis Walters said that since some members of last year's organizing committee have retired, it is essential that next week's meeting recruit several new faces.

"Sea Capers is one of the important annual events on Salt Spring, but it can only be kept alive if there is a willingness to help," he said.

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Results of November OPEC session offer encouraging signs for investors

By DONALD W. DONY

To many industry observers, the November OPEC meeting was a long and arduous struggle that resulted in a compromise to stave off single-digit oil prices, for now at least. OPEC's total production quota was increased by one million barrels per day to 18.5 million barrels per day, for the first half of 1989. But production as of mid-December was estimated to exceed 21 million.

Even with this increase, the barrel counters claim that oil held in floating storage totals some 200 to 300 million barrels, or 4 to 6 days of the world supply. Sales out of inventory would reduce the call on OPEC production.

That there is too much capacity to produce oil in the world today cannot be denied. We estimate OPEC's current production capacity at not less than 27 to 28 million barrels per day. This is expected to rise to 33 to 34 million barrels by 1991, as Iran and Iraq restore damaged facilities, assuming that peace is lasting.

With demand for OPEC oil estimated at 18.9 million b/d in 1989, OPEC's current operating rate is 67 per cent or 57 per cent of potential capacity. The very slow growth in demand for OPEC oil that persists, mostly because of continued increases in non-OPEC supply, suggests that oil prices will



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remain under pressure for the next five to 10 years or longer.

However, few are willing to accept that OPEC will get off the ground at all. The price of oil which has rallied to \$17.37 since announcement of the accord, suggests that OPEC will fall short of reaching its price objective, by about \$3 per barrel. Sooner or later, OPEC is bound to stumble, oil prices are bound to fall, and the pessimists will be proven right.

We are encouraged by specific steps that were taken in the November meeting and developments that have occurred in recent weeks. Some of the more meaningful achievements by OPEC have received little attention, and this could lead to surprising strength in oil prices in the first, and possibly the second quarter of this year. This time, OPEC's accord has teeth, and there are signs that they are beginning to bite.

The following points lead us to

take a more positive stance on oil prices in the short term:

- Quota parity for Iran and Iraq accomplishes two things: first, by bringing Iraq back into the quota system, it allowed OPEC to ratify the accord unanimously; second, it begins to establish a reference for Iraqi production in the future.

- The demand for OPEC oil in the first half of 1989 is projected to exceed 18.5 million barrels per day. We estimate demand at close to 19 million in the first six months.

- Withdrawals of stocks are considered to be production under the quota system. This may be important if Saudi floating storage is as large as many believe.

A concern that plagues the market is excess inventories. The gap between estimated OPEC production and demand for oil since August tells us that inventories have built up by 2 to 3 million barrels per day. Yet stocks

held by oil companies have declined steadily. Petroleum economists reason that the 200 to 300 million barrels of missing oil must be in tankers on the water. They cite an acceleration in tanker chartering by Saudi Arabia in October to support this view.

We do not pretend to know the whereabouts of all this missing oil. But it is possible that the surplus storage has been greatly overestimated. Forecasts of oil demand in 1988 have proven to be too low. Strong economic growth and unusual weather patterns in the western hemisphere, explosive growth in several Asian countries, and the steep fall in the dollar relative to the other currencies have led forecasters to continually revise demand estimates upward. It could be that world demand increased by as much as three to four per cent compared to the estimated 1.8 per cent.

We assign a 70 per cent probability to the case that oil prices will rise to \$18 to \$19 by the third quarter of 1989, a 20 per cent probability that oil prices hold at current levels or slip by only \$1 to \$2 during 1989, and only a 10 per cent probability that oil prices will fall to single digits in 1989.

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Long-term strategies needed to weather expected downturn

By J. BARRY MILLS

The North American business cycle is maturing, with recovery from the last major recession now approaching its sixth anniversary. Inflation concerns are resurfacing as capacity utilization rates continue to rise and economic slack disappears.

Interest rates (short, medium and long) have been rising since early 1987 as a result of increasing concern with inflation, tightening monetary policy by the central bank (lower money supply growth rates), and competition for money resulting from economic strength. These rising rates are the hallmark of a mature stage of a business cycle.

An inverted yield curve indicates that yields on short-term maturity instruments are above those on long-term maturities of similar quality. Interest rate inversion has typically developed during the late stages of previous post-war economic cycles. Inversion is usually observed just prior to the onset of recession and reflects "tight" money conditions which are a contributing factor to an economic slow down or recession.

Interest rate inversion is a temporary phenomenon, which ordinarily lasts into the early portion of an economic slowdown when monetary policy is eased by the central bank in order to engineer a new economic recovery. As well, demand for money falls as businesses and consumers begin to delay their investment and spending plans.

Canadian interest rates have already inverted. The U.S. curve remains positive, but is rapidly flattening out following the presidential election. With elections out of the way in both Canada and the U.S. central banks



money matters

in each country can now take a more pro-active stance addressing monetary policy than was possible during the political campaign, for fear of being accused of interfering.

During periods of inversion (short-term rates higher than long-term rates) the tendency is to chase the higher interest rate. Since short rates are higher than long rates, investors tend to focus their buying at the short end of the interest rate spectrum.

While this strategy may seem appropriate, opportunities for significant long-term total return are foregone when interest rates decline. As prices appreciate and instruments mature, the short-term investor is left with a

reinvestment problem in a lower interest rate environment.

Therefore, the investor with a longer-term investment horizon should consider utilizing a period of inversion to extend maturity term — i.e., buying longer-term bonds. This would involve accepting a lower nominal yield, but it offers an opportunity for significant capital gain when bonds prices rise during the ensuing interest rate decline. This is one strategy which can make a recession profitable for an investor, as interest rates typically decline during a recession.

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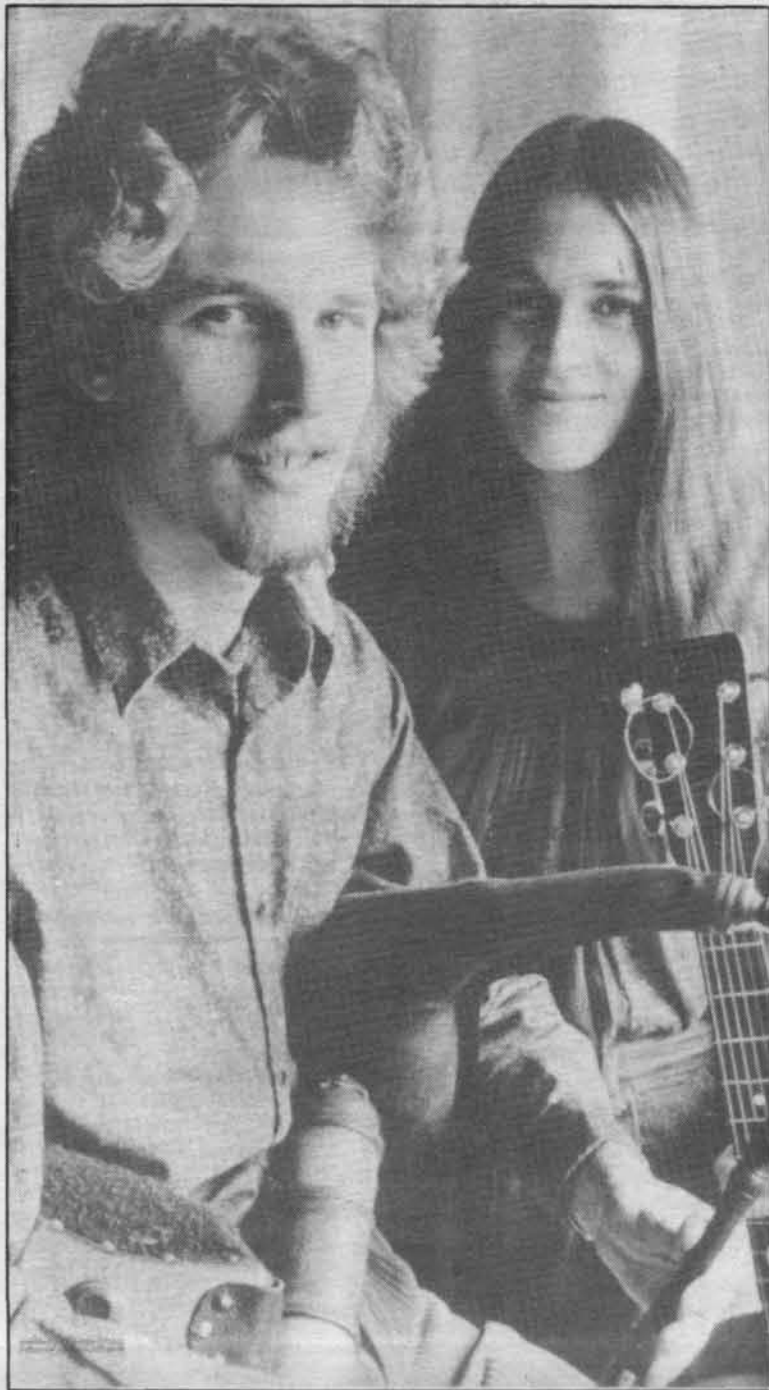
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In concert

Timothy Britton and Carol Ann Hunner will perform traditional Irish music this Friday night in concert at the Salt Spring Centre. Show begins at 8 pm; tickets are \$5 at the door.

Courses provided at centre

A new series of weekend workshops on natural medicine and self-healing techniques is being launched by the Salt Spring Centre.

Organizers say some of the programs to be offered will be geared to health professionals, while others will apply to both professionals and people wishing to learn more about medicine and natural self-healing methods.

The programs are being organized by Peter Bennett, a naturopathic physician and certified acupuncturist who has been trained in a variety of Eastern and Western natural healing techniques and systems. A number of the programs will feature special guest leaders in special areas of natural healing.

The new series of programs is being offered in addition to the centre's popular health and retreat weekends for women, which provide food, accommodation and relaxation treatments. That program now includes Sweden treatments — an oil rubdown followed by an herbal steam and a flour rub-down.

In the creative arts field, the centre will offer a weekend workshop covering drawing on the right side of the brain, plus an acting workshop with Henry Woolf.

Woolf's program will use scenes and monologues from the works of Harold Pinter. He will also appear at Off Centre Stage on March 4 (at 8 pm) as Auguste Dupin in *The Case of the Dis-membered Dairymaids* and *The Case of the Bloodstained Bolster*, two monologues he has written.

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I found an old photograph of myself the other day. I was standing on a beach somewhere up on the northeast part of the island. Wearing a bearded grin and a tee-shirt that announced me to all-comers as "Dad," I presented, for proof, my catch of the day. From one extended forearm I displayed a lovely, silvery 12 pound salmon and from the other, another shiny specimen weighing closer to 19 pounds.

Those were glory days when my passion for the great hunt was still in bloom. I was ready and willing to risk losing tackle and a full day's work to hear the whiz of line going out after a fighting creature of the deep. I still have my fishing tackle (some of it, anyway), but I have lost the desire.

I just stopped going — mostly, I think because bashing fish over the head didn't seem that impressive any more. I do miss the conversations my fishing buddy and I had between casting buzz bombs into Porlier Pass. Those intimate talks, I suspect, were the most productive aspect of the whole exercise, anyway.

Over-romantic, short-sighted

Well, if you're a basic landlubber like me, or even the more accomplished "sport" fisherman type, there is a book you should read, about how the other dwindling half lives. I'm talking about real fishermen and about a book called *Fishing with John*, by Edith Iglauer.

As a rule I'm not fussy about most books about the coast. Often they are over-romantic, short-sighted personal ravings which lack the clear-headed objective reporting that can only be accomplished by someone with a dedicated passion for truth. Not that Iglauer is unromantic or completely unbiased, but her book does bring nuances of meaning that more parochial eyes often miss in the gush of enthusiasm.

Fishing with John is a book about commercial Pacific Coast salmon fishing. More importantly, it is an extended conversation with John Daly aboard his 41-foot salmon troller. It is an autobiographical account of Iglauer's travels with Daly, as chief cook and bottle washer aboard the *More Kelp*. It lets us in on the wisdom and limitations of a well-educated, intelligent man who has chosen this rugged lifestyle rather than one of the more conventional opportunities.

Iglauer is an accomplished and well-cultured journalist from the Eastern United States who at first struggles fearfully with the alien world of this little craft as it plies its way through coastal inlets from Pender Harbour to Namu and Ocean Falls. The book is replete with the jargon, anecdotes, superstition, intuition and know-how of an experienced practitioner and his community of friends spread up and down the coast and always imperfectly accessible by radio phone or short wave.

Never lacking for stimulus

There's lots of fishing lore and lots of concern about how we care for the environment. There are coastal characters galore but for each one, Iglauer's descriptions are respectful rather than merely picturesque. She details every aspect of daily life aboard this working boat, giving us a full picture of what it might be like to live this kind of life.

From fisherman's strike to building boats to fishing reefs and unloading the catch, the reader is caught up in a way of living which is physically gruelling and at times dangerous, but never lacking for stimulus and the necessity for human ingenuity.

Through the book we gradually become aware that this kind of one-man fishing is an endangered lifestyle. It may give way to fish farms and other harvesting method which are technologically efficient but humanistically and environmentally deficient. There will be something lost in our current rush to homogenize life and business, something creative and improvisational which offers simpler alternatives to an overbureaucratized world.

Fishing with John is well worth a read. Look for it at local bookstores.

Art entries wanted for exhibition

Young artists on the Gulf Islands are being invited to submit work for adjudication and possible inclusion in a college's travelling exhibition.

The exhibition will be put together by the Emily Carr College of Art and Design, which last week put out the call for entries for its sixth annual presentation of works by B.C.'s young artists.

The showcase will include up to 80 paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and two-dimensional collages created by persons 18 years of age and younger. Submission of artworks reflecting all ages and stages of growth and visual expression is encouraged.

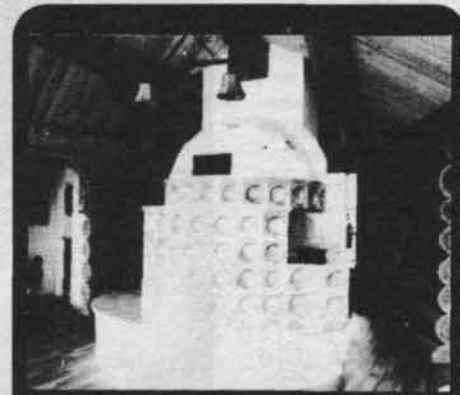
The exhibition would tour 24 communities in B.C. and Washington State from September, 1989, through 1990.

All artists submitting works to be adjudicated will receive a certificate of participation. Those whose entries are selected for exhibition will be invited to a grand opening in Vancouver this September.

Official entry forms are to be available from district school superintendents, the Federation of Independent Schools, the education ministry's correspondence education branch, public arts galleries and Emily Carr College (1339 Johnston Street, Vancouver, V6H 3R9).

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Captain's relative questions treatment given wheelhouse

Concerns were voiced last week about the degree of care given locally to a remnant of the *Cy Peck*, the former islands ferry that ended its days in Nanaimo Harbour nearly three years ago.

When the vessel sank and was scuttled, its wheelhouse was sent to the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce to be incorporated into a memorial to the ship that served the Gulf Islands for much of the first half of this century.

Since then, the wheelhouse has been stored — upside down — at the rear of the Windsor Plywood lumberyard.

David Maude, a former island resident and grandson of Captain George Maude, the captain of the *Cy Peck* for nearly 30 years, is not happy with the treatment given the wheelhouse.

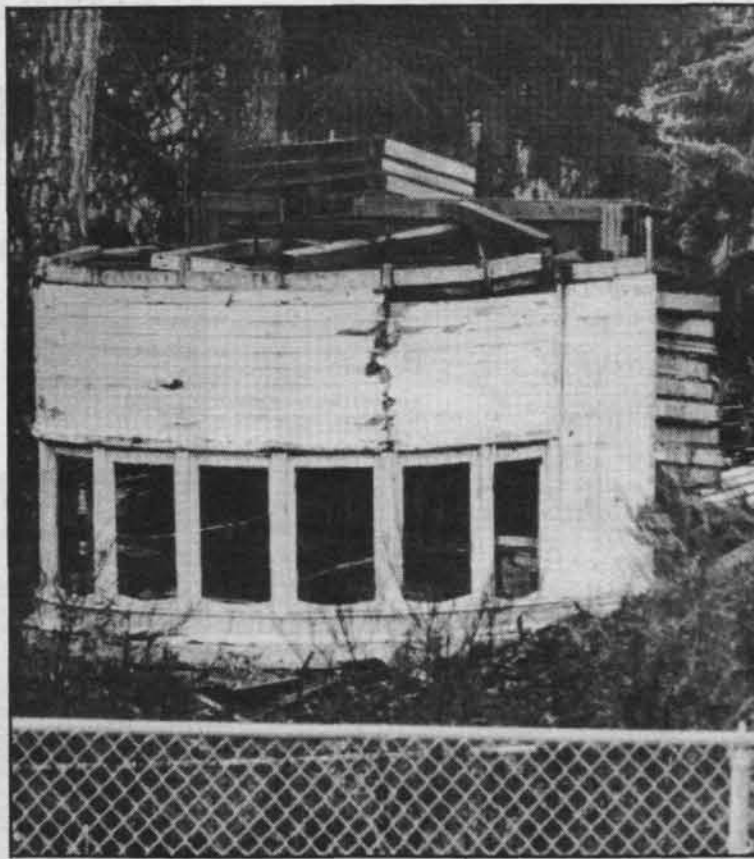
Last week, Maude told *Driftwood* that the Chamber of Commerce should be taking better care of the historical artifact.

"What they have done — or, more to the point, what they haven't done — to protect the wheelhouse is nothing short of shameful," said Maude. "It's sitting upside down, right on the ground, with no protection from the elements. I not only find that to be disgusting from a personal point of view, but from a professional point as well."

For the past eight years Maude has been curator for the B.C. Air Museum in Sidney. "If we ever treated an antique aircraft the way the chamber has treated the wheelhouse, we would be out of work — fast," he said.

Maude is also concerned about plans for the wheelhouse. He said it does not belong in Ganges but should be erected in Fulford, where the *Cy Peck* was a fixture for many years.

"It doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to me to erect the wheelhouse in Ganges when the



Wheelhouse stored in lumber yard

boat spent most of its life plying the waters to Fulford and not Ganges," he said. "I don't mean to sound insensitive — their hearts are in the right place — but they haven't handled this whole thing very well."

Meanwhile, Chamber president Jack Cherry explains that the wheelhouse is in storage because his organization has been unsuccessful in two bids to had it erected as part of a memorial.

"We applied for, but did not receive, the necessary funding to erect the wheelhouse, on two

separate occasions," he said.

Cherry added: "I don't think Mr. Maude has researched this as carefully as he should have. The reason the wheelhouse is upside down is that when we went to move it we found it was not structurally sound enough to support the weight of its roof. That's why we set it down, upside down. It was not dropped off the truck like that — it was carefully lowered to the ground using a forklift and slings. I don't know what happened, but I do know that the wheelhouse was covered up at one time."

Program to cover care for arthritis

A self-management program for people with arthritis will be offered on Salt Spring beginning in mid-February.

The course, sponsored by the B.C. Arthritis Foundation, includes six two-hour sessions led by four certified program co-ordinators from Salt Spring.

An introductory meeting has been scheduled for 2 pm on Wednesday, February 8, in the Madrona Room at Greenwoods to determine what days and times would be most suitable for course participants. The course itself is to start the week of February 13.

Cost of the program is \$10 and includes a copy of *The Arthritis Handbook*, prepared by the Stanford University Arthritis Society.

The self-management program originated at Stanford and is based on data from over 40,000 people who experienced less pain and increased activity after following its guidelines.

Local organizers say the program co-ordinates activities and advice which have been developed by doctors, therapists, nutritionists and nurses.

Three concepts are emphasized:

- Each person with arthritis is different. There is no one treat-

ment that is right for everyone.

- There are a number of things people can do to feel better. These things will not cure most kinds of arthritis but will help to relieve pain, maintain or increase mobility, and prevent deformity.
- With knowledge, each individual is the best judge of which self-management techniques are best for him or her.

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by john edwards



Once I lived what I hoped girls would consider a fashionably spartan existence. It was convenient, at graduate school, to regard furniture as superfluous. All you needed was a rug, a bookshelf, a record player and a bed, of sorts. A vase of hydrangeas or jasmine completed the decor.

A lot of my contemporaries were vegetarians, a lifestyle they followed more from poverty than conscience. If given the choice between the cost of a hot supper and the latest edition of *Aeschylus' Tragedies* or the *Aeneid* we sometimes went to bed that night hungry but, we hoped in our idealism, enlightened. We tried to take Chaucer's lines literally:

*But all that he might of his friends obtain
On books and learning this he would spend*

In fact, my rooms were hideously uncomfortable and I spent the shortest possible time in them. They did, however, possess one advantage. Below them was an art gallery which specialized in minor impressionist works at impressively major prices.

Every day after reluctantly getting up from the warm, stuffed chairs in the college library I would ride home and park my bicycle and go inside Vane's. The oils and sketches on the walls spoke to me and I listened. Once a Renoir came to the gallery: a study of three nudes with improbably tiny feet and coy eyes who were drawn picking grapes. I loved all of them, whoever they were, and cursed my empty pockets.

Because I didn't open my impoverished mouth or otherwise annoy their clients the Vanes never complained that I couldn't afford anything. He was an elegant, corduroyed fellow who chain-smoked Egyptian cigarettes out of a long, ivory holder and murmured words like *provenance* and *quintessential* in the ears of buyers.

Mrs. Vane was a pre-Raphaelite vision who spoke in breathless sentences as if she was from another reality and seemed to float through the show rooms by an act of unconscious levitation. Of course I was in love with her. I composed sonnets to her over dinners of rice and mushrooms upstairs in my kitchen and tore them up in disgust the following morning over toast and marmalade.

Cured of the need

One afternoon she wasn't there, having run away from her husband in a Porsche with a stockbroker. I was shocked but Mr. Vane, a true collector, was philosophical. He had lived with objects d'art long enough to know how to get more stock.

Within a month another chic, slender woman had replaced her. The experience did us both a lot of good. The next Mrs. Vane objected to Egyptian tobacco so the dealer had to quit smoking and I, having learned a lesson about love, was cured of the need to write any more awful poetry.

Of all the marvellous things that passed through Vane's my favourite was a simple pencil sketch by Pissarro, titled *Les Canards (Ducks)*. In a few lines the artist had got down all the awkward beauty and comedy of ducks on land, their waddling gait and noisy beaks. The picture had little to do with the elegance that otherwise covered the walls of the gallery.

Because I didn't fit the world of Vane's either, I understood those ducks. We were both out of our element and I'm sure the recipients of much polite laughter. Consequently, of all the pictures I remember studying that year *Les Canards* is the only one I would still like to own.

What does this story have to do with cookery?

Whenever I cook a duck supper I remember how the first Mrs. Vane would stand with infinite grace beside Pissarro's sketch of the ducks in his farmyard . . . and then smile at me.

Roast Duck with Apple-Walnut Stuffing

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| 4 lb duck | 1 C raisins |
| 5 cooking apples | 3 T walnut pieces |
| seasoning: | |
| pepper and salt | flour |
| 1 t rosemary | 3 medium onions (chopped) |
| a pinch of cloves | 2 T butter |
| agrodolce sauce: | |
| pan drippings | 2 T chopped fresh mint |
| chicken stock | 2 t sugar |
| 2 T wine vinegar | 1 T grated bitter chocolate |

Wash the bird then stuff with diced apples, walnuts and raisins. Rub the skin with pepper, salt, rosemary and cloves then roll in flour. Now cook onions in butter until they are translucent. Set the bird on the bed of onions and roast uncovered in the oven at 325 for half an hour to brown. Now cover and roast for a further one and half hours.

For the agrodolce (sweet-sour) sauce first pour off the fat from the roasting pan and reserve the remaining liquid. Mix with chicken stock. Add vinegar, mint, sugar and chocolate. Heat and reduce. Serve hot over slices of the bird.

I accompany this roast with crisp, roast potatoes and peas cooked with a sprinkle of marjoram and a teaspoonful of honey.

This way of preparing duck gives an abundance of flavours. Most exciting for the adventurous cook is, I think, the agrodolce sauce with (hold on to your spatula) the addition of a little grated chocolate, an unusual but not altogether uncommon practice in Italian game cuisine.

Do not rush out and buy a chocolate bar and throw it at your duck. Use *only* the bitter chocolate which is derived from crushed, defatted cocoa beans. The result will be memorable but difficult to define: deep, a little decadent . . . perhaps musky. Mrs. Vane!

Camosun College, district to collaborate on education

By HEATHER THOMSOM

School District 64 and Camosun College have formed a collaborative program of education. The partnership program will avoid any duplication of courses and provide more effective training of students.

In December, 1988, 10 staff members from the high school visited Camosun to preview the program. The Gulf Islands is the second school district to join the arrangement.

A formal presentation outlining the program was made to students by college representative John Betts. The program will provide an opportunity for students to investigate career objectives at the grade 11 level.

The initial phase enables students to obtain transfer credit and advanced placement and preference in certain college programs. This would ensure that appropriate prerequisite courses are completed for Camosun programs. The program would be flexible to allow changes in career goals.

Students would complete courses at GISS for college credit. The program would offer more electives and project work while the student was at Camosun. The program will be in effect in the fields of applied chemistry and biology, civil engineering technology, computing technology, mechanical engineering technology, manufacturing engineering technology, welding engineering

technology, and university science entrance.

Fenwood School is getting its additions. A call for tenders has been posted for contractors.

The school board and ministry of education has approved the \$995,000 needed to expand the school's facilities. Two new classrooms, gymnasium, library, and special education space are to be included in phase one.

Two new faces have joined the staff at GISS.

Andrew Wong from Victoria has replaced Rob Dunn, who has been seconded to the education ministry for six months. Wong is a recent graduate of UBC with a

Bachelor of Education in mathematics. Coaching midget girls' basketball and playing volleyball is helping Wong adapt to island life.

David Astill has replaced Dr. Clark Billingham in agriculture. Astill received his training at Guelph University in southern Ontario; he studied physics and chemistry at UVic. He has taught agriculture at schools in Victoria, Courtenay, and the Queen Charlottes. Welcome and good luck.

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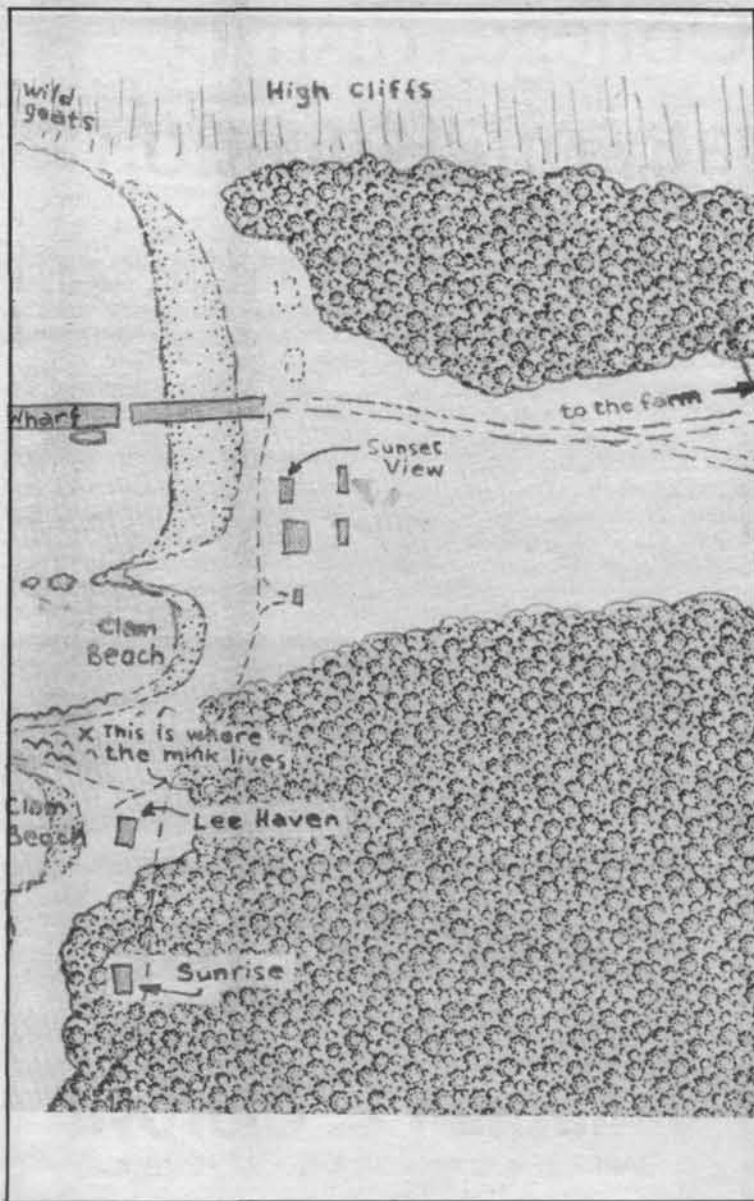
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Sketch by Outer Islands resident Robert White shows traditional site of Saturna lamb barbecue.

Different location required for Saturna lamb barbecue

A Saturna Island tradition is facing extinction.

The Saturna Island Lamb Barbecue, held each July 1 since 1950 at Coker Point's Saturna Beach, must find a new site. If none is found, the event will be no more.

The barbecue's traditional home has been on land leased from a family member by Jim and Lorraine Campbell. The 153-acre property, which borders the Campbell's land, is now up for sale and Lorraine Campbell said last week the lease will not be renewed when it expires at the end of this month.

The volunteer-run barbecue is the chief source of funding for the Saturna Island Community Club, which requires about \$5,000 a year to operate the island's community hall.

"It takes one big effort to hold it, but we depend on the barbecue," said Beth Jones, who is heading a club committee formed to ponder the future of the event.

The committee met 10 days ago to discuss alternative sites for the barbecue but has so far been unable to discover a solution.

Jones said the other sites mentioned as possible homes for the barbecue are unsuitable, largely because of difficulties of boat access or because they are unlikely to be able to hold the several thousand people who flock to the event each Canada Day.

Another concern is that the home for the barbecue should be a permanent site with permanent facilities — something that cannot be guaranteed at this point.

"We're still in the process of looking, but everything is really up in the air," Jones said.

Consideration has been given to cancelling the event entirely. Jones said some organizers feel the barbecue cannot retain its unique flavour at any other site, and that after almost 40 years, "it may be time to do something else." Possibilities include holding several smaller fund-raising events throughout the year, under the sponsorship of different island organizations.

In any event, a decision must be made soon, Jones said. If the barbecue is to be held, potential visitors must be told of the new site. If the event is cancelled, the word must be put out before several thousand people arrive to find no barbecue.

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Galiano residents asked to answer forestry questions

GALIANO ISLAND — MacMillan Bloedel has distributed a brochure and questionnaire to islanders in preparation for a meeting called for January 28 to discuss the company's forest management policies on Galiano.

The brochure makes several statements about those policies, including the following:

- MB currently owns about 56 per cent of the land on Galiano. Twenty-eight per cent of that land — 2,200 acres — has been classified as conifer areas possible to log.

- Instead of logging three areas of between 30 and 120 acres, as in previous years, MB plans this year to have logged six areas covering between 10 and 37 acres — a one-third reduction, it says.

- MB describes selective logging as uneconomic: "clear cut logging provides the safest and best opportunity to create a well-managed and productive forest," it says.

- The company says studies show total annual water yields increase following logging.

- Fifteen people are employed on Galiano by MB, including four local residents.

- The company has loaned fire-fighting equipment and assisted with local volunteer fire department purchases of equipment.

- MB says it is reviewing plans for its Galiano holdings because

"it has become apparent that logging alone no longer serves the best interests of the company or the community."

- Options for MB's holdings include making part of the island a provincial park, setting aside an area for residential or tourism development, selling its holdings to a community-based company or limited partnership, and a moratorium on logging. MB says the final option is unacceptable.

The questionnaire, meanwhile,

asks residents to consider the present ratio of residential development, tourism operations and the forest industry, indicating whether there should be more or less of each.

Residents are also asked to evaluate MB's list of options and set down criteria they feel should be used to evaluate those options.

Public discussion of MB's forest management policies will take place at an open house to be held at the North Galiano Hall this Saturday between 2 pm and 9 pm.

Clear-Cut, MB sessions staged at conflicting times

The timing of an open house called to outline MacMillan Bloedel's forest management policies on Galiano Island will conflict with a meeting being held to discuss a local position on the same topic.

The MacMillan Bloedel open house is set for this Saturday (January 28) from 2 pm to 9 pm at the North Galiano Hall. At the same time, members of the island's Clear Cut Alternatives (CCA) group are meeting to discuss their participation in a three-party panel struck to look at forest land-use on the island and search for compromise solutions to conflicts.

The panel is to include three representatives each from MacMillan Bloedel, the provincial government and island residents. Its membership may be boosted to 11 to include a separate chairman and vice-chairman.

The panel is to hold its first meeting on February 4. CCA members who meet this Saturday to prepare for that meeting will reportedly be urged to find time to travel to the north end of Galiano to make representation at the MacMillan Bloedel open house.

Doctors to work with computers

The days of doctors accepting a dozen eggs or a Thanksgiving turkey in lieu of payments are long gone. Headed for the same fate is the practice of doctors sending hand-written bills to the Medical Services Plan (MSP) office in Victoria.

As of April 1, doctors throughout B.C. will have to install on-line computer systems in the offices in order to send bills to and receive payments from MSP.

While computers have been used in some doctors' offices for quite some time, everyone will now have to get into the act. Dr. Adam Waldie, Chief of Staff at Lady Minto Hospital in Ganges, calls the move "inevitable."

"We should be able to eliminate the backlog which builds up at the medical services office by going on-line," he said. "Once the system is in place and everyone has a handle on how it operates, we should be able to reduce costs and the turnaround time it takes doctors to receive their payments from the plan."

Doctors E.R. Dixon and K.M. Heaton at the Gulf Clinic have already installed their computer and their medical secretary, Edwina Ingle, said she is most impressed with the system.

"We went on line as of January 1 of this year and it has made my job much easier," she said. "The way it was before was so much slower and time-consuming, we probably would have had to hire another person to keep up with the filing and billing. I am very impressed."

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Pursuant to Section 769 of the Municipal Act, the following text of By-law No. 1680 cited as "Meat Inspection By-law No. 2, 1989" is hereby published as at third reading and prior to final adoption.

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE SALE OF UNINSPECTED MEAT

WHEREAS by Supplementary Letters Patent dated May 16, 1974, the powers, duties and obligations of all participating member municipalities and any other local authorities to perform the function conferred on the Capital Regional District pursuant to Division XI-Community Health were transferred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Capital Regional District, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the powers conferred upon the Council of the municipality by section 692 of the Municipal Act;

AND WHEREAS the approval of the Minister of Health is necessary for a by-law adopted pursuant to section 692 of the Municipal Act;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable for the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Capital Regional District to regulate the sale to the public of uninspected meat;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional District in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

DEFINITION

1. "Animal" includes bull, cow, steer, heifer, calf, horse, sheep, swine, goat, domestic rabbit, hare, poultry, deer, moose, elk, bison, cat, dog, or rodent.

"Food Premises" means food premises as defined in the Regulations Governing the Sanitation and Operation of Food Premises, as amended from time to time.

REGULATION

2(a) Subject to the provisions of the Meat Inspection Act and Regulations no person within the Capital Regional District shall sell or offer to sell in or at a food premises, display, advertise or store for the purpose of sale in or at a food premises, serve in or at a food premises or have in his possession for the purpose of serving in or at a food premises the meat of any animal, whether cooked or not, unless the animal has been slaughtered and the meat or carcass has been inspected in accordance with the Meat Inspection Act and Regulations thereto.

2(b) Subject to the provisions of the Meat Inspection Act the meat or carcass of an animal which has been inspected by a member of the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association Registered under the Veterinarian Act and certified to be fit for human consumption shall be deemed to have been inspected as required in Section 2(a).

3. No person within the Capital Regional District shall harbour, keep, store or have in his possession any cat, dog, or rodent for the purpose of selling or serving to the public the meat of that animal.

EXCLUSION

4. Nothing in this by-law prohibits a person from doing anything he is specifically authorized to do pursuant to the Meat Inspection Act.

5. Subject to 2(a) nothing in this by-law prohibits a person who raises animals from selling the uninspected meat of such animals to individual members of the public for their own use.

INSPECTION

6. The Medical Health Officer, his deputy and any public health inspection employed by the Capital Regional District may enter at all reasonable times on any property or premises to ascertain whether the provisions of this by-law are being observed.

OFFENCE

7. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this By-law is guilty of an offence and, on summary conviction, is liable to a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$500.00 for the first offence; and not less than \$75.00 and not more than \$500.00 for the second offence; and not less than \$150.00 and not more than \$500.00 for the third and subsequent offence.

A copy of the complete by-law may be viewed during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, holidays excepted, at the offices of the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, B.C.

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