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# Gulf Islands Driftwood

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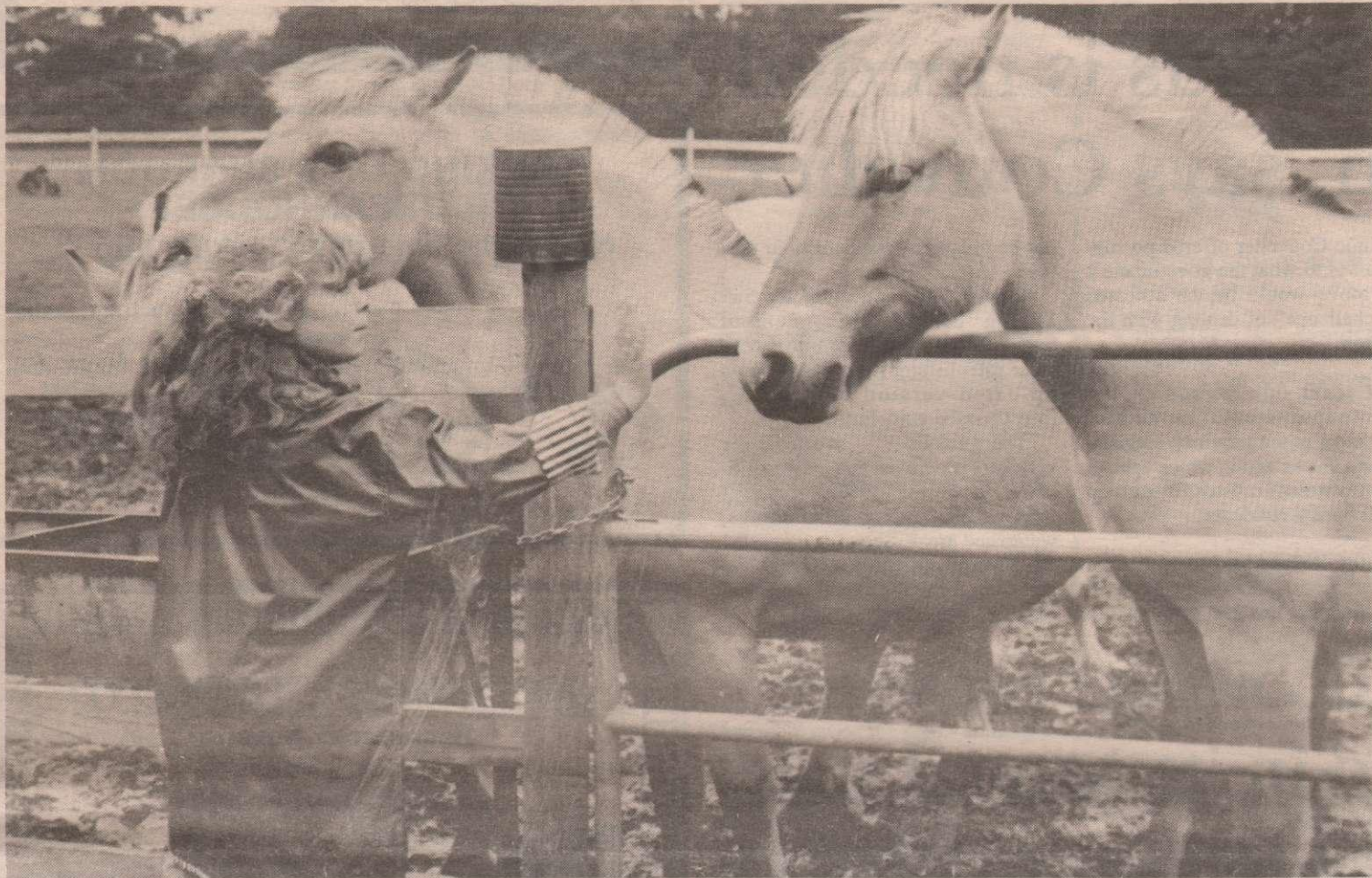
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Salt Spring Island Brownie Claire Eide was one of 24 Brownies from Salt Spring and Mayne Islands to spend the weekend at Camp

Narnia in the Burgoyne Valley. Here the youngster approaches one of the many animals located at the children's camp on Salt Spring.

## Couvelier meeting discusses logging

The controversy surrounding private land logging which has led to the extreme polarization of Salt Spring Islanders, has resulted from the government's failure to deal with the issue, says Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert.

Until the province takes some initiative to resolve the dispute, Gilbert told a recent Town Hall meeting, the frustration and controversy will only get worse.

Speaking at a meeting with local MLA Mel Couvelier on Saturday, the Salt Spring trustee said the government has not offered any help despite repeated requests from the Islands Trust. Frustration felt at the local government level is turning inward and causing a rift between islanders, he added.

As another speaker noted, this rift has taken the form of both verbal and physical confrontations.

More than 250 people attended the two-hour meeting on Saturday. Most of the 20 questions directed at Couvelier, centred on the issue of private land logging.

Individuals who spoke in favour of private land logging regulations and those who spoke against such restrictions received equal support from the audience. However, more people spoke in favour of logging restrictions.

While admitting the clear-cut on Mt. Tuam is an eyesore, Couvelier said there are no easy answers to the problem. He suggested any decisions will be made on the basis of fact, not emotion, and noted part of the problem is the impact guidelines made here, would have on the rest of the province.

While it appears a number of islanders want controls, he said, people in northern parts of the province would be opposed to the idea.

Couvelier went on to say it is possible regulations could be established, affecting only the Islands Trust area. He added, however, there seems to be a lack of consensus between the island communities over what those regulations should be.

Two weeks ago, the Islands Trust asked the province to establish a timber permit system for commercial logging based on guidelines created by the Trust. Each Island Trust committee would modify the guidelines to suit its particular island's needs.

This request replaced a previous resolution in which the Trust asked for a moratorium on commercial logging until logging plans could be drawn up for each island.

As the situation stands, Gilbert said, the government only assesses forest management plans on the basis of the plans' ability to generate

## Wallace Island marine park

# New park greeted with approval, concern

The newest provincial marine park garners approval — and concern — from the Islands Trust.

Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert told the *Driftwood* that Wallace Island, located in Trincomali Channel between Galiano and Salt Spring Island, is "a fine acquisition."

But, he added, the Trust had no "prior notice of the purchase."

The concern centres around the possible development of Wallace as a "destination resort" for boaters. Gilbert expressed concern about a possible "hidden agenda" for development of the island.

He noted a certain enthusiasm within government for destination

resorts. Manning Park, when it was turned over to private interests, stands as a precedent, he said.

"I wouldn't want to see a destination resort on Wallace," he said.

The Trust will seek clarification of the intention for the parks management strategy for the island. Gilbert will stress to the parks department that it be kept in a "natural state."

Many years ago, David Conover acquired Wallace Island. He lived there with his family, becoming a familiar figure around Fernwood on Salt Spring Island.

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## It's been wet . . . .

Summer officially begins June 21, but so far, its presence in the Gulf Islands has been well hidden.

The Ganges weatherman sadly reported 45.9 millimetres (1.8 inches) of rain for the first 10 days of the month compared to the average for the entire month of 36.6 millimetres (1.44 inches). Each day, so far has prominently featured clouds — and rain — combined with below average temperatures.

Last year, to June 10, the weatherman measured .3 mm (.01 inches) of rain which grew to 14.9 millimetres (.59 inches) by month end.

The weatherman compared the spring of 1990 with 1986. That previous spring was wet and miserable as well. By mid-June, the foul weather cleared

# Solid waste committee to seek public input on island garbage

At least two straw votes will be carried out to rediscover what Salt Spring residents want to do with their garbage.

The solid waste and recycling committee will be seeking views over the next few weeks in order to reach a consensus about the garbage disposal issue.

In the meantime, an advertisement in this issue of the *Driftwood* asks the opinion of residents whether to send garbage by ferry to the Hartland Road dump or to use a government approved landfill site on the island.

According to *Driftwood* files, the Capital Regional District has been aware of local concern centred on the Blackburn Road garbage site in 1984. At that time, the Trust wrote to the CRD expressing its concern.

department knows of no other acceptable location for a landfill on the island although we appreciate the concerns of the island residents about the location of the landfill within the watershed.

By BILL WEBSTER  
*The Driftwood*

"Monitoring results submitted to us by the waste management branch indicate the landfill is not contributing to degradation of water quality in Cusheon Lake."

The ministry of environment told the *Driftwood* last week that tests had been carried out at various sites at the Blackburn dump and at properties in the vicinity.

water which has passed through a garbage dump and has subsequently been contaminated.)

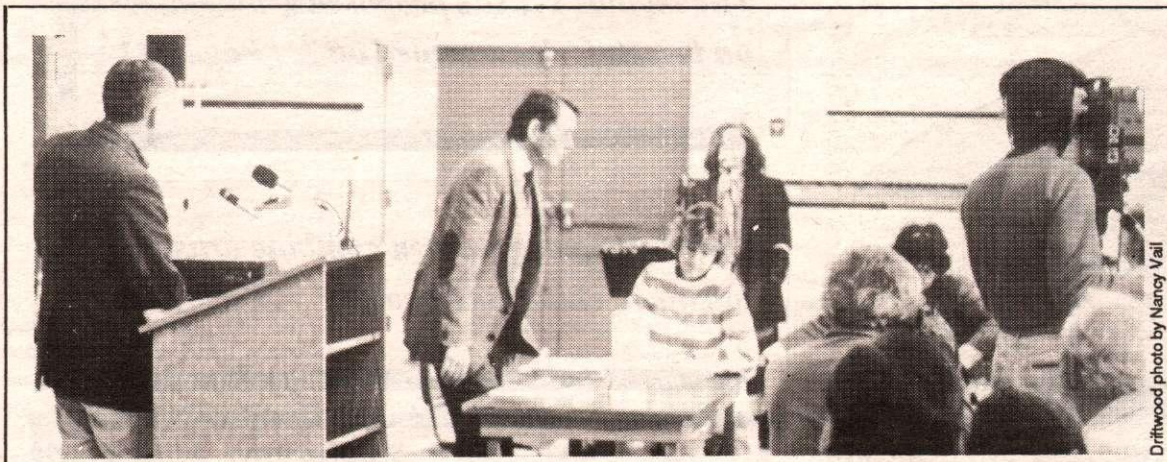
The ministry study showed "no gross contamination," said waste management branch spokesman. Surface water and well water on the site showed no contamination.

The samples will be used as a basis for comparison with samples to be taken in future.

The Salt Spring dump is rated as a "C" class disposal facility because of the small population of the island, plus the absence of industrial waste. Under the permit, made out to the CRD and landfill operator Norman Twa, the waste must be covered at least once per week.

The ministry spokesman noted Twa had not always complied with

**News**



Island residents filled the Activity Centre in Ganges last Saturday to express their concerns to MLA Mel Couvelier. The lively and often heated discussion attracted close to 300 people.

Driftwood photo by Nancy Veil

## Island consensus is needed for solution, says Couvelier

From Page A1

either control the visual or environmental impact of those cuts, and the Trust has no legal mandate to have input into private logging operations.

Couvelier indicated he had received hundreds of letters from islanders regarding the implementation of logging controls, and said there does not seem to be a consensus among islanders over what is wanted. He added that holding a referendum would be impractical because the issue is so complex.

While Couvelier offered no suggestion as to what the government's next move would be, he accepted "the challenge" of dealing with the situation.

At least one person in the audience apologized to Couvelier for an incident at the provincial legislature two weeks ago in which cabinet ministers were "accosted" by a group of Salt Spring residents.

Kathy Reimer said there is little doubt most islanders are concerned about logging, however, they should

not be judged by the behaviour of a few.

Reimer, who is head of the Salt Spring Stream Enhancement Society, suggested the province consider establishing rules based on an up-dated version of the B.C. forest/coastal guidelines.

The guidelines — created by a variety of provincial and federal ministries in the mid-1980s — restrict logging in, among other things, watershed areas. She also suggested the government add a section to the act, controlling the visual impact of logging done on private land.

## Gilbert will encourage province to leave island in its natural state

From Page A1

He chronicled his efforts to settle on Wallace in two books: *One Man's Island* and *Sitting on a Salt Spring*.

He eventually sold most of the island to a group of Americans. The

previous owners of Wallace Island had tried unsuccessfully to have it subdivided into 55 lots. The Conover property would have been left intact with the remainder of the island split into 54 lots of approximately two hectares each.

The Islands Trust and the department of highways turned the proposal down. Lack of potable water and a site of sufficient size for a communal septic field worked against the subdivision plans.

At least seven wells have been drilled on Wallace in the search for drinking water. Several wells contain salt water, while the flow of the others lacks quantity to serve 55 properties.

The island, as with many of the smaller Gulf Islands has a thin ground cover over bedrock. An area in the centre of the island is covered with soil of sufficient depth for a septic field, however it is not a large enough area.

When the subdivision plans were rejected, the island owners could not agree on an alternative and Wallace was subsequently sold, after lengthy negotiations, to the province.

### Impaired driving stats on par with 1989 level

Islanders continue to drive while impaired and the local RCMP continue to issue impaired driving charges.

A comparison of the number of charges laid between January 1 and May 31 for this year and 1989, shows 19 drivers were allegedly drunk when police stopped them in both years.

Four individuals were charged with impaired driving in May of this year. One charge resulted from an accident. In May, 1989, police charged 10 individuals with impaired driving and six of those resulted from accidents.

Conviction of impaired driving results in an automatic loss of drivers' licence for 12 months plus a heavy fine. A subsequent conviction can result in a jail term.

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### THE WEATHER

**OUTLOOK:** For the week beginning Monday, June 11.

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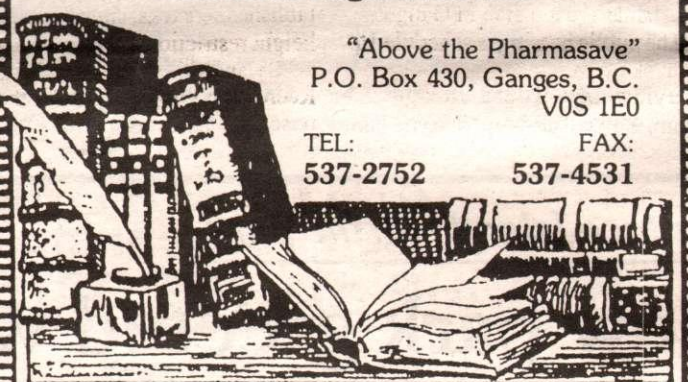
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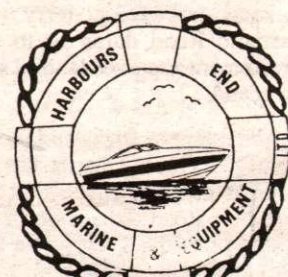
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## Letters

### Maiming is cheap

To the Editor,  
 Whilst unloading the car deck at Fulford, Jerry Smoliak was picked up on the hood of Mr. Harris' speeding car and carried over the ramp and up the apron. The vehicle then smashed into and broke the railing, pinning and crushing Jerry's leg.  
 The bones in his leg were shattered and there was extensive bleeding.

The injuries he sustained 15 months ago were so extensive that he is still recuperating and unable to work. It is unlikely that he will ever be able to resume his former job.

Judge Hudson noted that "the results of this offense were tragic" and fined Mr. Harris \$100.

Had Mr. Harris been found guilty of littering, there would have been an automatic fine of \$500. It appears that maiming comes cheap.

**PATRICIA A. ABBOTT,**  
 Ganges, B.C.

### Deadly weapon

To the Editor,  
 Re: accident on ferry leads to \$100 fine.

Judge Hudson fined Mr. Harris \$100 for driving without due care and attention, but no mention was made of licence suspension in your report. Knowing the nature of the terrible injuries sustained in that accident, I can only hope the reporting was negligent with all the facts, and that Mr. Harris is no longer in control of a deadly weapon on the public thoroughfares.

**N. TRANTER,**  
 Ganges

**Editor's note:** The \$100 fine was the full penalty imposed on Mr. Harris by Ganges provincial court.

### Open invitation

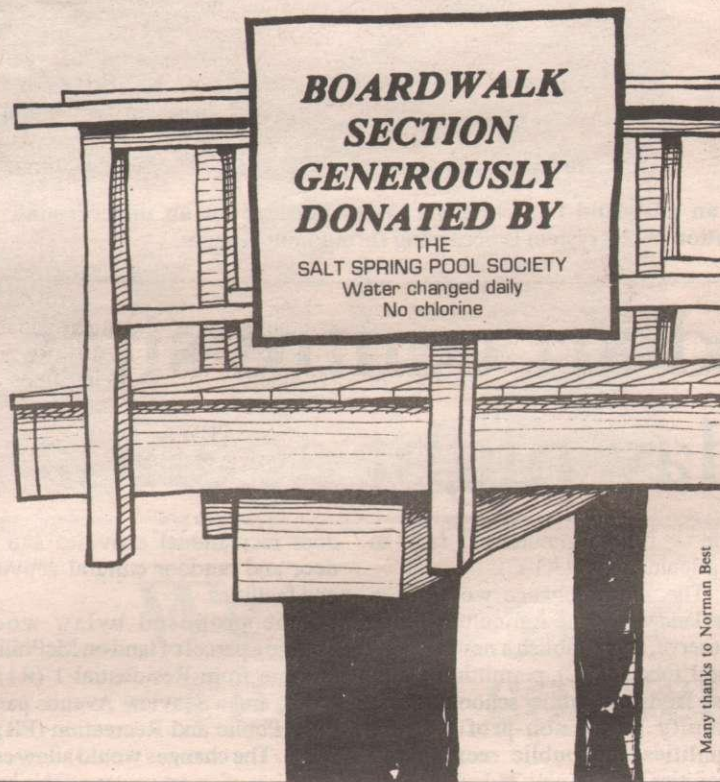
To the Editor,  
 Here is an open invitation to everyone to join in the fun of Sea Capers — particularly the Treasure Hunt.

Come one, come all, in teams or singly. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces Sunday, June 17, at Vesuvius Beach!

**SUSAN BLAGBORNE,**  
 Ganges



J. Cocker  
 DRIFTWOOD



## Islanders expect more from MLA

A Town Hall meeting with MLA Mel Couvelier in Ganges last week made it clear the minister lacks a clear understanding of an issue which has become very important to Gulf Islanders.

Through the media and resolutions sent to the government by the Islands Trust, it is clear islanders seek direction from the province on the issue of logging on private land. Couvelier gave no indication, however, that the government is moving to deal with the issue. He argued a consensus among islanders and the people of the province is needed before anything can be done.

This attitude shows a clear disregard for the issue and the people Couvelier represents.

During the more than two-hour session, Couvelier would only say that while there is a possibility regulations could be implemented to regulate logging on private land in the Gulf Islands, establishing these would be difficult because there appears to be little or no consensus among people here.

Holding a referendum, he added, is impractical because the matter is so complex.

In effect, Couvelier is suggesting islanders be left to fight it out themselves. This government was not elected to take a head-in-the-sand approach on issues of such importance to its electorate. Such a move could cause serious long term damage in the Gulf Islands.

Already the degree of frustration and polarization among islanders has manifested itself in bitter verbal confrontations and even physical disputes.

The government is doing no one any favours by ignoring the situation. It indicates a blatant disregard for the people here and the issues which are of importance to them. It leaves a mark the record will show.

There is no doubt it will be difficult to resolve the matter. As Couvelier noted, it will require a decision based on fact rather than emotion. It is important, however, that steps are taken towards finding a resolution.

This is not asking too much from an elected representative.

## You can't teach a country dog city tricks

Last weekend was marked by valiant efforts on the part of D. and I to introduce our island hound to the intricacies of city living.

Dexter-the-dog failed miserably on most counts and returned to the island dog-faced and dog-tired.

On the first count, Dexter neglected to learn he cannot bound merrily across Douglas Street in Victoria to pursue a romantic encounter with a pretty female hound. The horn blasts and melodic tire screeching which accompanied his not-thinking-with-his-brain response were not, we explained, provided as mood-setting backdrop music.

Dexter also failed to provide the sense of security one might expect from the presence of a large dog at night in the city. Certainly he barked viciously at passing joggers (before attempting to lick their hands), but he

### Off the Record SUSAN DICKER



bushes, provoking human-noises from what appeared to be innocent flora.

Had he not growled, we would not have known potential murderers lived in the bushes, and we could have experienced a pleasant nightly stroll. As it happened, our conversation became stilted (we discussed the switchblade in my purse, for example) and our steps became unusually loud and heavy.

Dexter's most humiliating defeat occurred when we came across a fire

attempting to explain just what city dogs do with fire hydrants. We tried to imitate running water noises and considered the paw in warm water treatment, but it was useless.

The fire hydrant did not evoke city dog impulses, and we decided to retire Dexter to the country.

• In the meantime (as we say in news stories when we want to change the subject), I was recently approached by an angry member of the pro-logging faction on Salt Spring,

friend to this group because no one had attended a meeting we were not informed of. (We're still working on honing my mind reading skills.)

I did not lose more than a couple nights' sleep over this tirade because only the day before, I'd been informed by a Green Islands member that the *Driftwood* is no friend to that group either.

(Sometimes, when people are in the unfortunate position of not realizing there are two sides to every issue — usually both holding valid points — they believe only their side, the "right" side, should be discussed.)

"Oh well," the pro-logging group member summed up, "You can probably bake a good cake."

After unsuccessfully curbing an impulse to lay a strip of rubber on the pavement and blast down Fulford-

ment was most likely not meant to be sexist.

It's the response of my so-called friends, who appear to have absolutely no faith whatsoever in my potential baking skills, which has left me moodily brewing in the kitchen and hovering over empty cake pans.

Comments ranging from, "you're probably the last person who can bake a cake," to "sure had you wrong," and a short, concise "Ha!"

Well, yeah, I can bake a cake. My attempts haven't always been perfect (a little short in the pan, a little brown on top), but one or two turned out. And my mother always said they were good.

So to my dog, I say "To the city and to the world;" and of my friends I declare "Let them eat (someone

# Driftwood

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### Party politics

To the Editor,  
I was an observer at the Island Trust quarterly Council Meeting held in the Central Hall on Salt Spring. It was incredible to witness the Local Trustee, Mr. Stepaniuk, holding forth and blatantly directing his impassioned remarks to a following he had in the audience. When the Council voted against Mr. Stepaniuk's motions he could not seem to accept the democratic outcome, and would rise again, seeming to like the sound of his own voice, repeating "I honestly believe" and calling for reconciliation. The only problem being that it was obvious he wasn't prepared to be conciliatory or accept the democratic process. An elected official should be above the kind of public posturing that took place. Instead the common good of all the islanders represented by the Local Trustees should be uppermost. The people of Salt Spring should not take kindly to the "party politics" their local trustee engaged in during the Council Meeting last weekend.

R. CARVER,  
Sechelt, B.C.

### Upgrade vehicles

To the Editor,  
There seems to be a heavy volume of traffic involving Green islanders to some of the more remote parts of Salt Spring these days. As one who has always been concerned about chemicals in the environment, I would urge those involved to ensure that their vehicles are in good mechanical condition to minimize further oil leaks and spills and, for those driving vehicles without efficient pollution control equipment, make efforts to upgrade to a model that will not release lead compounds and other pollutants into the atmosphere. Many Salt Spring vehicles are not in first class mechanical condition (as confirmed by a recent government safety check) and brake or steering defects could cause an accident on steep logging roads. Not much fun hugging a tree while still inside the family car.

NICK RAESIDE,  
Ganges

### Misleading pamphlet

To the Editor,  
The Ganges Sewer Commission (Messrs. Tom Toynbee, Ron McQuiggan, Eric Booth and Alec Houston) recently circulated a tasteful brochure announcing their intention to apply for a variant on the current waste permit.

A public meeting was announced to take place last Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Ganges Fire Hall. They had their reasons for not advertising in *Driftwood*, but even so, about a dozen members of the public attended the meeting (filling the available space almost to capacity!).

I write this letter for the benefit of those who read the pamphlet but did not attend the meeting.

The Commission recommends the CRD purchase a new ultra-violet machine at a cost of \$35,000 to replace a malfunctioning unit which became obsolete "during the protracted Great Ganges Sewer War." Well, maybe. The fact emerged that it was a prototype, unwittingly purchased by the CRD, rather than a production model, which would also explain why spare parts are not available!

The brochure and the Commission, aided by two CRD staff mem-

bers, juggled with pre-discharge and post-discharge figures until my head was reeling. However, what they are after is to lower the standards and increase the discharge.

They will achieve several purposes: by continuous pumping (not twice a day on the ebb tide as the permit dictates) they will save money in the operation: they will reduce the amount of chlorine and sodium sulphite used: hopefully, by reducing the holding tanks they will alleviate the odour problem in Ganges (all we need now is a team of volunteers to scrape up the decomposing seaweed which is blamed for much of the smell).

I am still wondering why Randy Thomas wrote this misleading pamphlet and why he affixed Green Islands name rather than his own?

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,  
Ganges

### Thank you

To the Editor,  
The Salt Spring Island Community Society wishes to thank all islanders who give their food tapes to the Food Bank box in the Ganges Village Market. The money from the tapes makes a significant contribution to the programs of the Centre and in turn to residents. The tapes are added up by volunteers and submitted to the GVM for the 1 per cent we receive.

The Ganges Village Market save-a-tape program is commendable and provides a real community service. Congratulations on maintaining such an excellent idea.

BARBARA JORDAN-KNOX,  
Director, Salt Spring Island Community Society

### Happy as a clam

To the Editor,  
As a Ganges Harbour waterfront resident, living in close proximity to the Three Sister Islands, I would like to respond to the letter by Pam Adams in the June 6 edition of *Driftwood*.

Our family and neighbours also observed the same phenomena of brownish foam on the water in April. Upon close observation, at low tide, we discovered the cause and now we can more fully appreciate the term, "Happy as a clam."

Here was the mating of "happy" clams all along the beach. Millions of lovesick bivalves were wildly discharging their milky (pardon the awful word) sperm on the sandy, muddy beach, for their waiting counterparts. As the tide rose, this discharge was carried on the waves, giving a brown, foamy appearance.

Hardly sewage, at least not according to the clams. Ah,

Springtime!  
HELEN TARA,  
Ganges

### Nothing to worry about

To the Editor,  
I would like to let off-island readers and newcomers know of the many groups and organizations that have cropped up on the island over the past few years. This one calling itself "Green Islands," and hell-bent on preventing Weldwood of Canada from harvesting its crop of timber on Mt. Bruce is only a self-appointed group of agitators with no authority and little knowledge of timber and its ways of regenerating.

This island has been logged off and burned off in a number of areas with large losses of timber and has managed to reforest itself without help and is still producing timbers to this day.

The company who is being harassed has offered to replant, which will speed up the regeneration of new growth. The old growth will go the way of all old things and those of you worrying about your grandchildren not seeing trees will have nothing to worry about.

J.B. STEWART,  
Native, Ganges

### Changes downplayed

To the Editor,  
On May 31 I attended a "Public Meeting" concerning the proposed permit amendment to the Ganges sewer. The significance of the changes were downplayed in a cartoon type flyer.

If the Ganges Sewer Commission had a genuine interest in public opinion and input, why was the meeting held midday, mid-week, in an unmarked room with seating for a dozen members of the public, with no press in attendance.

It is my opinion after attending the meeting that the proposed changes will impact all islanders. I urge the Sewer Commission (chair: Tom Toynbee) not to go ahead with these changes without more public discussion on the subject.

PHILIPPA MALONEY,  
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**Opinion**

**Embarrassed**

To the Editor,  
I was embarrassed, as a long time Salt Spring local, to be on the May 30, 9:30 a.m. ferry to Swartz Bay. I got this feeling because on this ferry were several somewhat vocal aging

Salt Spring hippies bound on their pilgrimage to the steps of the Legislature to voice their feelings against logging.  
As the embarrassment wore off, I got to thinking about a few points, first, if these people are so "environmentally aware" why were they all going in gasoline powered vehicles

to this demonstration? Then it struck me that many of them carried signs made of cardboard or paper, with wooden handles. Was this paper made from individually harvested small trees or perhaps this was "hippie paper" not made from trees at all.

I feel that if these people don't want this area logged they should be prepared to buy the land from Weldwood for the amount of capital that the land would generate if it were logged. If they can't do that by putting together all of their welfare cheques and child allowances, then Weldwood, you own it — go for it.

These people's views about logging are about as narrow-minded as my view that vegetarians should be outlawed and tofu banned.

**STEVEN N. LYNCH,**  
Ganges

**Crop clear cutting**

To the Editor,  
Will you please publish the following note, directed to the gentleman, recently on CBC news. He was discussing calmly and quietly with the forestry minister logging on his island.

In view of his claim to Salt Spring — if he will identify himself I would like to discuss the matter of clear cutting the hay crop on this farm.

**R.W. LAMONT**  
Fitz-Roy Farms, Ganges

**Drinking drivers**

To the Editor,  
Where do drinking drivers go at 5 o'clock on a Saturday morning?

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Then one of them drives down to Portlock Park to make a couple of circuits on the cinder track while the other watches, admiringly/viously from Lower Ganges Road.

Then they head for Ganges — or at least points south.

When the police car screamed by about an hour later, may we be forgiven for hoping that at least one of these drinking drivers may now be off the road?

**MARY AND HARRY WILLIAMSON,**  
Ganges

**Has vote**

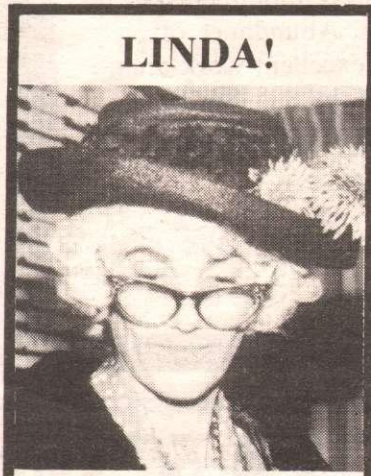
To the Editor,  
How about a "draft North Saanich Mayor Linda Michaluk" for President of Salt Spring. Her claim to fame is that she has no intentions of her community being "ruined" by growth pressures.

"The most important aspect of North Saanich is the preservation of the rural atmosphere. If that means there is not room for everyone, that's cold reality.

"People say growth is inevitable, well I'm not ready to roll over and play dead."

Linda, you've got my vote.

**GARY LUNDY,**  
Ganges



*Capital Comment*  
**HUBERT BEYER**



VICTORIA — Three months ago, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business told the B.C. government to stop distorting the marketplace with handouts to businesses.

Three weeks ago, the government responded by introducing a number of programs that will perpetuate the distortion.

What I want to know is why the politicians continue to look at the economy as a very sick body in dire need of financial medication when a large part of the business sector keeps telling them to stop meddling.

Here's a brief rundown on the three programs which, according to the government, are "designed to encourage regional development, entrepreneurship, import replacement and diversification."

The Business Start Up Program will provide loan guarantees of up to \$15,000 to financial institutions to support small business starts. The money will be provided by local financial institutions.

The Small Business Assistance program provides direct loans of up to \$500,000 and loan guarantees of up to \$100,000 to small and medium businesses involving value-added processing of resource-based commodities, export-oriented manufacturing and the high tech industry.

**Unsung heroes of our economy**

And finally, the Business Expansion Program provides loans and loan guarantees to medium and large-scale business developments. Direct loans are available to projects with capital costs exceeding \$2 million to encourage manufacturing and value-added processing, the introduction of new products to B.C., the commercial application of advanced technology, and plant modernization. The program also offers loan guarantees of more than \$100,000.

Economic Development Minister Stan Hagen says the new programs provide easier access to government incentives for small business operators, a group he refers to as "the unsung heroes of our economy."

The majority of the unsung heroes, however, would much rather the government kept its clumsy hands out of the marketplace and allowed the economy to set its own agenda.

In its submission to the B.C. government, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, representing more than 7,000 members in B.C. says loan guarantees are "the next most favoured form of financial assistance," but if the organization could have its own way, it would prefer the government "to do nothing."

**Carefully vetted for commercial viability**

Now, I don't think the federation will squawk too loudly about the three programs, considering that their most generous aspect is loan guarantees, but the brief stresses that projects considered for such guarantees be carefully vetted for their commercial viability.

"Projects should have demonstrable net benefits to British Columbia in terms of income growth, employment, regional stability and diversification of the economy," the CFIB brief says.

"Assistance should be provided only if it is necessary for the project to succeed, and then only at the minimum level deemed to be required," it says.

The federation says that access to business information is far more important than financial aid. Business information, including market advisory services, is critical to the successful operation and growth of a small business, the brief goes on to say.

"CFIB maintains that the primary role for government is to ensure that everyone has equal access to information. In this respect, we are supportive of government programs which focus on dissemination of information to entrepreneurs rather than distorting grants and subsidies," it says.

**On the edge of acceptable**

To that effect, the federation says, the B.C. Business Network and Supply Net are excellent programs.

To sum it up, the three new programs seem to be just on the edge of what the Canadian Federation of Independent Business deems acceptable. At least they don't provide for outright grants.

Still, guaranteed loans can easily end up being grants. If the business fails, the financial institution collects from the government which guaranteed the loan. It's doubtful that the government will ever collect from a business that's gone belly-up.

I have always liked the approach the Canadian Federation of Independent Business takes towards government involvement in the economy. Less, not more is its motto.

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News

# Salt Spring student receives a coveted Terry Fox award

A Salt Spring Island student has become one of three recipients in British Columbia to receive the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award.

The award will provide 17-year-old Lisa Koski with \$4,000 during each of the four years she plans to spend studying at an Ontario university.

Koski was one of only 42 students in Canada to win the scholarship.

The Terry Fox award program was established in 1982 by the federal government to provide scholarships to Grade 12 students planning to continue their studies at the college or university level. Scholarships are awarded from revenue generated by a \$5 million endowment fund established by the federal government. Awards are made to students who have demonstrated above-average performance in their academic, extra-curricular and athletic activities.

Deadline for applications, which are reviewed by a board of directors based out of Ottawa, was February 1.

More than 927 students from across Canada applied for the awards this year, three of those were from Salt Spring Island. Applicants can re-apply for the scholarship after completing their first degree.

Koski is a Sunday school teacher, a volunteer at the Lady Minto Hospital, a volunteer camp counsellor and past president and treasurer of the 4-H Club. She plays volleyball, basketball and has been the girls tennis champion in the under 18-age category for the past two years.

In addition to maintaining honour roll standings throughout her studies at Gulf Islands Secondary School,

she received the highest overall grade-point average for Grade 11 students last year.

Koski plans to study nutrition at the University of Guelph next year.

Koski says she is looking forward

to meeting new people in Ontario, but will miss Salt Spring Island. She has made numerous friends during her 12 years here, she says.

Koski plans to return home during her summer breaks.



GISS student Lisa Koski

## Fish released in island lakes

The fish are small now, but in a year they will be worth setting bait for.

The recreational fishing branch of the ministry of the environment dumped 24,500 fingerlings in four Salt Spring Lakes this spring.

Dan Hayward, assistant manager of the Duncan fish hatchery for the ministry came to the island recently to finish the fingerling dumping with 1,500 rainbow trout at Weston Lake.

They had earlier dropped 10,000 cutthroat trout and as many steelhead trout in St. Mary Lake. Cusheon Lake is the new home of 2,000 cutthroat while Stowe Lake in Fulford received 1,000 cutthroat.

Hayward said he expects the survival rate for the fingerlings to run from 75 to 80 per cent. By next summer, he indicated, the fish will be big enough to catch.

The Salt Spring lakes are stocked each spring as part of an ongoing program of the recreational fishing branch.

This year they dumped 425,000 fingerlings in 90 lakes as well as a further 125,000 trout in five streams on Vancouver Island.

The program will increase in size after a new hatchery is constructed in Duncan in 1992.

## Impaired driving nets fine

The drive was a short distance but ended in Ganges court last week.

Timothy McNich, 31, of Rainbow Road in Ganges, appeared in Ganges provincial court on the charge of impaired driving. He was stopped on Fulford-Ganges Road by RCMP patrol on April 20 at about midnight.

The police determined he was impaired and the subsequent breath analysis confirmed it.

Judge Denroche accepted a guilty plea to the charge and asked McNich, "How can you help to get the message across to other people?"

The judge imposed a fine of \$450 and McNich automatically lost his driver's licence for one year.

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News

# Garbage picture is not complete

For those of you who are confused about the solid waste issue, take heart, you are in good company.

The whole picture is still incomplete.

The Recycling and Solid Waste Committee has been working hard for several months to address the solid waste problem. At the outset, the committee agreed Blackburn must be closed, we should focus on recycling, garbage disposal should be on a user-pay basis, and we should look at possible on-island landfill sites. We have done all that, and in my view we have come up with a very good plan, which is centred around a free curb-side recycling program.

Several members of the committee felt strongly that we should open an on-island landfill, and we did address that issue. The only potential site identified is Norm Twa's property on Mt. Bruce. It is clear the CRD is unlikely to accept any responsibility for another landfill on Salt Spring. The costs, risks and liabilities associated with landfill operations are significant enough that having responsibility for one, at the regional level, is quite enough.

I have therefore suggested to Norm Twa that he apply for an individual permit from the Ministry of Environment for his proposed landfill on Mt. Bruce. We do not yet know what the response will be, and whether it will insist on CRD approval and involvement.

We also need to have some indication of what it might cost to open a new landfill on Salt Spring. As no estimates have been brought forward by the proponents, the committee has requested an independent engineering firm to generate an estimate. This information should give the community some basis on which to make a reasoned decision as to whether or not we are willing to accept the costs and liabilities associated with a new landfill.

There is also the not inconsequential matter of the current landfill which needs to be reclaimed, at an estimated cost of \$250,000 to \$300,000. In my view we ought to attend to this first, before we consider new landfills.

In the meantime, I reluctantly come to the conclusion that hauling our waste to Hartland is the most expeditious way of getting Blackburn closed a.s.a.p. If we all take advantage of the free curb-side recycling program, we will be sending precious little waste to any landfill.

The time of digging pits and tossing in our garbage is over, I believe all "solutions" are going to be expensive. We need to focus on the environmental impacts and the long-term costs and benefits of all options in order to make the best decision.

Jack Fraser, Norm Twa and Ron McQuiggan have opted to leave the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee and to focus their efforts on an on-island landfill. They are also unable to support the recycling focus of the committee. The rest of the group remains committed to recycling, which is clearly the direction of the future.

Rich Atwood, Walt Swing and Tom Gossett have rejoined the committee, which will not begin to focus on implementation of the recycling and solid waste disposal program. Our first step will be to send out a flier and to solicit more community input. We are well on our way to coming to grips with our solid waste problem.

*Director's Report*

**JULIA ATKINS**

## Proposed sewer amendment

The proposed sewer amendment seems to have sparked some controversy. The flier sent to every householder does explain the reason for the request for the amendment. The sewer commission must either change its permit to allow continuing chlorination (which is damaging to the marine environment), or to allow higher levels of coliforms in the effluent (which are unavoidable with the ultra-violet disinfection system).

The tremendous dilution (100:1) which occurs when the effluent reaches the marine environment and the fact this environment is hostile to coliforms, means the absolute number of coliforms in the effluent is not the most important issue. The permit amendment in no way increased the capacity of the plant or enables expansion of the sewered area.

The sewer commission is willing to hear submissions from concerned individuals or groups, and can hold another public meeting if requested. CRD engineers have suggested we

ask the Waste Management Branch for permission to experiment with the continuous discharge and to ask for an amendment only if it is clear that there are no harmful effects on the environment.

I am happy to announce that Tom Wright has agreed to serve on the sewer commission. Wright will take the place of Alec Houston, who no longer operates a business in the sewered area and is therefore no longer eligible to serve. Thanks to Houston for his many years of diligent service.

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The next regular meeting of the Board will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26, 1990. Public participation will be scheduled for a maximum of one hour, commencing at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions that have not been answered in the newsletter, do not hesitate to apply and attend the next meeting. Please make application to the Administrator in writing prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 18th if you wish to attend this meeting — Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, P.O. Box 307, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

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# Hartland dump categorized as serious pollution source

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week in the past, but said the situation had improved recently.

The Hartland Road dump in Saanich has been categorized as being among the worst sources of pollution in the province. The CRD has experienced difficulty in controlling the run-off of leachate from the site. A trench system and settling ponds gather the leachate which is trucked to a trunk sewer line.

Efforts to allow the use of Heal Lake, which is part of the Hartland Road site, as an extension of the garbage dump have been put on hold by the CRD because of opposition from residents of the area.

Hartland Road dump, without expansion to fill Heal Lake or a reduction in the amount of garbage dumped there, has a limited life span, the CRD notes.

On Salt Spring, Twa said he submitted a proposal to the solid waste committee, last summer, to set up a transfer station and recycling depot on the Blackburn site. The garbage would have been shipped to Hartland Road or to a site Twa owns on Mount Bruce.

The committee rejected his offer. Recently, three members of the committee resigned in protest over the proposal to send garbage off-island to Hartland.

They said, however, they were encouraged by the committee's recycling efforts. In his letter of resignation, Jack Frazer praised the efforts to increase public awareness of recycling. Ron McQuiggan also urged the committee to "continue to encourage recycling."

Following the defeat of the garbage referendum last October, the solid waste committee, with new members added, were presented the task of finding a solution to the garbage problem on Salt Spring for submission to the CRD by the end of March.

At that time, local director to the CRD Julia Atkins submitted a proposal to assess the environmental risk associated with the landfill and determine the cost of work to close it.

In a letter to the minister of the environment at the end of March, CRD chairman Murray Coell stated "the CRD is not a permittee under waste management permit (for Blackburn)."

Several years ago, the Blackburn site at regular times of the year, caught fire and sent smoke billowing through the vicinity. Complaints prompted the ministry to order a closure of the site.

At that time, the CRD agreed to co-sponsor the permit application in order to keep the dump open. The

agreement was that the garbage would be buried regularly. A permit was issued to Norm Twa and the CRD.

The ministry of the environment has issued notice the Blackburn dump will be closed when a suitable alternative site is developed. The ministry spokesman expressed some concern about the dump being in a watershed but added possible contamination of well water was the greater concern.

Use of the site as a garbage dump will be continued, the spokesman said, based on test results as well as the willingness and ability of the operator to abide by the conditions of the permit.

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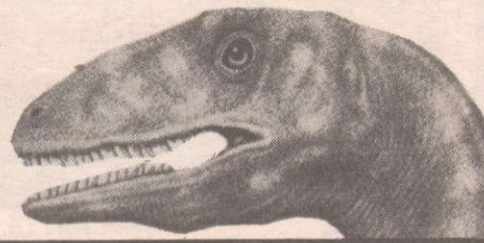
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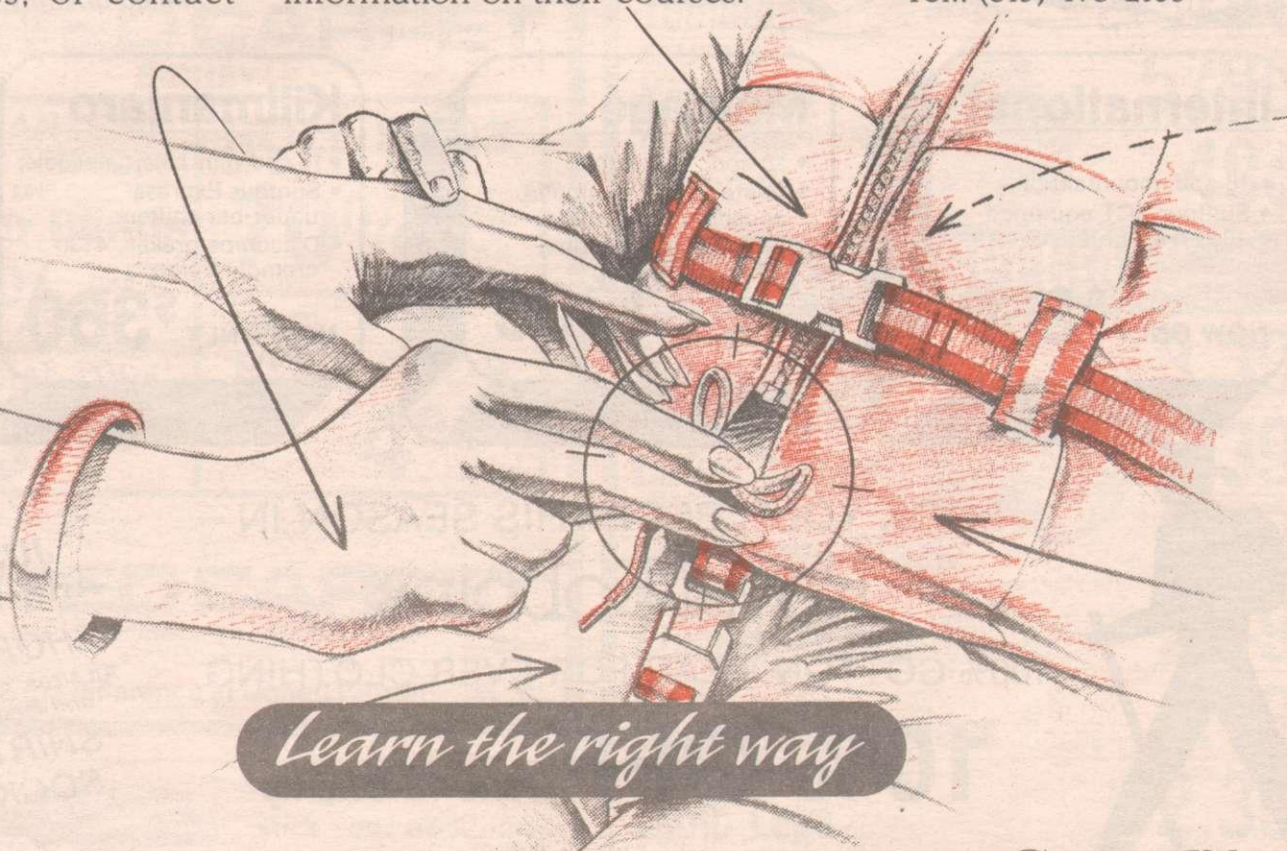
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## Court issues a fine

Driving a vehicle a short distance resulted in a court appearance for a Salt Spring youth.

The youth, who cannot be identified under the terms of the Young Offenders Act, came before Judge Denroche in Ganges court recently to answer a charge of driving while his licence was suspended.

The court heard that on November 7, 1989, the youth drove a vehicle from a parking lot onto the street for a short distance to allow a friend to jump-start another vehicle.

But at that time, his driver's licence was suspended. A subsequent driving offence had resulted in the inspector of motor vehicles imposing a three-year suspension of driving privileges.

Judge Denroche, in passing sentence, told the youth "You are a rotten driver."

"Driving is not a game," the judge commented, urging the youth to follow the rules. Judge Denroche imposed a one-year licence suspension to run concurrent with the three-year suspension and fined the youth \$100.

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Members of the Salt Spring Archives have numerous historical photographs of Salt Spring, but are unable to identify the people in the pictures. Anyone having any information as to the identity of the individuals shown in the above photo, is asked to phone Mary Davidson at 653-4357 or Peggy Tolson at 537-9784.

## Minister clarifies jurisdiction

Digging clams falls under federal jurisdiction, says B.C.'s minister of agriculture and fisheries, John Savage.

Savage was responding to an advertisement in the *Driftwood* which called on residents to send a coupon to local MLA Mel Couvelier as protest against various government actions.

One of the listed actions blames the government for continuing "to issue permits to commercial clam diggers to over harvest and pollute our recreational beaches."

Responsibility for issuing commercial clam harvesting licences comes under the federal ministry of fisheries and oceans, states Savage. The authority comes through the Fisheries Act (Canada) with regulations set out in the Pacific Shellfish Regulations (Canada), he noted.

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# Islands Trustees approve draft proposal on new forest policy

The Islands Trust Council recently approved a draft proposal for a forest policy.

The proposal expands upon the forestry policy which the Trust adopted in August, 1983 as part of its overall policy statement.

The previous policy stated: "the Trust encourages forestry practices which are compatible with and complementary to the values of conservation and rural living."

The 1983 policy statement also noted the Trust would "support the continuation of Certified Tree Farm areas . . ."

In the preamble to the proposed forestry principles, the Forest and Land Use Committee of the Trust pointed out the limited capacity of the islands for groundwater storage and recent information available from forest studies.

The preamble noted: "Only recently have forestry practices been looked at on the landscape level."

"Certainly on these Trust islands the visual and ecological impact of large clear cuts is more dramatic than on larger land masses. Clear cuts also have a very negative impact upon the rural qualities of island life that attracted many of the island residents."

The committee sought acceptance from the Council of a policy statement "to preserve and protect a continuous forest cover throughout the Trust islands."

The committee went on to suggest broad principles which could be used to achieve the objective of a continuous forest cover.

Forests should contain a variety of tree species of mixed age. "Therefore, selective cutting should be practiced to maintain species, size and age distribution."

"No flora or fauna native to the islands should be allowed to become extinct through forest practices."

"The rate of cutting should not exceed a particular site's rate of growth."

"The utmost care should be taken to preserve soil from compaction and erosion. Preservation of a healthy soil is the best preventative to the degradation of watershed areas."

"Long rotations of 100+ years should be followed in order to return the majority of our forest to an approximation of their original condition."

"Natural regeneration should be encouraged and no areas should be replanted with species that do not grow well in that area."

The committee urged forests policies be developed for individual islands by the residents of those islands. A system for public information and education should be encouraged so "landowners can better understand the long term value of their forested lands."

The Trust should also encourage "community acquisition of forest land."

The committee went on to outline the legislative and support programs needed to regulate and manage private land forestry.

"The managed forest status under the Assessment Act being applied to small landholders such as are common on the Trust islands."

"Establishing a landowner contact program (through the Trust Fund) which leads to more individuals voluntarily practising land conservation."

"Working for a provincial "Conservation Land Tax Reduction Program" in order to support landowners who are willing to commit themselves to the long-term stewardship of conservation and natural heritage lands."

"Official community plan identification of watersheds; riparian zones or other sensitive zones in which logging use should respect the classification."

"Provincial or local regulation of the rate of timber harvest in order to curtail total depletion of the forest cover."

"Apply to private land timber harvesting all of the regulations applied to Crown land."

The proposed policy statement concluded: "The Islands Trust recognizes the rights of private landowners

to cut timber on their property and the Trust also recognizes that these same landowners must respect the rights of other landowners and forest users not to be adversely affected by inappropriate logging practices."

The committee intends to advance a more detailed policy for the council to consider at the general meeting in September to be held on Mayne Island.

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When the average count, over a 30 day period, exceeds 200 fecal coliforms per 100 millilitres of water, a warning is posted at the beach.

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## Island women combine talents to publish a book for children

Two Salt Spring women will be at the Heritage Boutique this Saturday signing copies of a children's book released by a publishing house in Winnipeg two weeks ago.

Author Jenny Lynn Forest said the book was accepted by The Prairie Publishing Company in Winnipeg last July, shortly after the manuscript was submitted. The first copies of the book arrived on the island two weeks ago.

The 28 line drawings contained in the 55-page publication were done by Krista May who operates A Thousand Words picture-framing company on Salt Spring with her mother. Although she has been drawing most of her life, this will be the first time her illustrations have appeared in print.

Approximately 250 copies of *The Tale of Johnathon Thimblemouse* came out in the first run and another 1,000 copies should be made avail-

able through a second printing done later this summer. The soft-cover book retails for \$8.95.

This is the first book for Forest who identifies herself on the cover as Jenny Lynn.

Forest's interest in writing for young readers comes from her long-history of working with children. The 40-year-old mother of four trained as a child-care teacher shortly after leaving secondary school and worked for her parents at a day-care centre for most of her career.

She is presently at home raising three children, the youngest of which is one year old.

The theme of this book, she notes, is that no matter how bleak a situation looks, there is always a way out. And sometimes, she adds, bad beginnings can have positive ends.

"What I wanted to say through the book is that no matter how hopeless a situation looks, there is always a

way out. Sometimes children get into situations that look hopeless."

Forest says the secret to writing children's books is knowing the likes and dislikes of children and using characters they can relate to. In this book, the thoughts and feelings of children are reflected through imaginary characters.

She adds it is also essential to understand what children like and be able to translate that understanding into words.

If writing for children is important, she adds, it is because sometimes the issues which concern children are forgotten.

"Sometimes we forget about children and put them in the background, but we can learn a lot from children.

"And I want them to learn from books in a fun way."

Forest has recently completed the manuscript for a second book which she hopes will be published later this year.

May, who came to Salt Spring from Manitoba two years ago, will do the artwork for that book as well.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of *The Tale of Johnathon Thimblemouse* is invited to attend a book signing at the Heritage Boutique this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Jenny Lynn Forest (left) and Krista May will be signing copies of their new children's book at the Heritage Boutique Saturday afternoon. The book, published by the Prairie Publishing House, was released two weeks ago.

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
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Brian Foerster proudly displays his latest creation. He spent a "couple of hundred hours, I guess" carving the canoe from a single log of red cedar. The canoe, carved on commission for one of Foerster's fans, was officially named *Hali Kiakshun* (Spirit Shark) by a Salish Shaman. When the centre portion of the cedar log was hollowed out, Foerster filled it with water and added heated rocks to expand the beam of the canoe by five inches. The paddle in his hand depicts the traditional shark design of the canoe.

## Continuing Ed classes offered

The Salt Spring branch of Continuing Education is offering something for everyone this summer, and there is still time to register, says director Maggie Warbey.

"High school students are especially invited to join in the fun and learning."

A wide range of MacPlus computer workshops are being offered to participants of all skill levels. Courses include Basic Beginners HyperCard, DataBase and Desk Top Publishing.

In the arts, Gary Cherneff will present two Raku workshops, plus a program designed especially for teachers: Clay in the Classroom.

Others might be interested in the one-day workshop/seminar called Instructional Skills in the Arts. Co-sponsored by the Emily Carr School of Arts and Design, the course will appeal to those who wish to teach their craft and artistic skills to others.

Ted Stone is offering an intensive three-week workshop in creative writing. Telling a Good Yam will cover the essentials of telling a story on paper and provide lots of time for one-to-one analysis and assistance with the instructor.

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tion, method workshops and on stage performances. Students can sign up for one to six weeks, or drop in on a day-to-day basis.

Curtis and Risley will be in the Farmers' Market on June 23 and 30 to meet interested people and take registrations. Any family which signs up for three or more weeks of the program will receive a discount of \$5 per student per week.

Details of all these programs can be found in the Summer School of the Arts and SummerStage Brochure at

the library in Ganges, the school board office, Rodrigo's and Fernwood School. Further information can be obtained by calling the Continuing Education office and leaving a message at 537-2822. Someone will return the call.

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*Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months. — Oscar Wilde*

Maybe it's a late-breaking epidemic of spring fever, but Canadians are suddenly, inexplicably prattling about fashion, of all subjects.

This is an unexpected development from a people whose contributions to the world of High Fashion to date are the toque, mittens-on-a-string and toe rubbers. Fashion plates we ain't. When it comes to fancy dressers, the Americans have Cher; we Canucks have Cher-ry.

As in Don.

But that, as I say, may all be changing. Suddenly, Canada is a-buzz with fashion gossip. And it's getting louder.

First, it was the Mountie hats. A court decision decreeing that Sikhs could legally wear turbans while handing out parking tickets on horseback plunged the country into two bitterly divided camps.

**Bolshevik faddists vs. staunch patriots**

On the pro-Choice side were the Canucks who thought that turbans were fine — and while we're at it, why not bicycle helmets, yarmulkes, feathered headdresses, Raiders-of-the-Lost-Ark fedoras and Beanies-with-propellers too?

These Bolshevik faddists were strenuously opposed by the Traditionalists — staunch, loyal patriots who liked the Mountie hat just the way it was, thank you very much.

If I understand the kernel of the Traditionalist position, it's "if the hat is good enough for Yogi Bear it's good enough, by God, for Canada's finest."

But the Mountie hat is not the only brush fire on the fashion front. Ed Werenich has joined the fray as well. A few weeks back, on his way to the World Curling Championship, Ed expressed his thoughts on the deteriorating dress codes for curlers.

Dress codes for curlers? Is this a David Letterman sketch?

Nope, Ed was serious. He hates those track suits that European curling teams wear. It's like a pyjama party. "They look like they should be out jogging instead of curling."

**Have to admire Ed's chutzpa**

The Canadian skip favours the time-honoured sweater and pleated-slacks approach.

Well, whether or not you agree with him, you have to admire Ed's chutzpa. Here's a guy with the silhouette of a municipal water tank telling us what's chic and what is not.

I'm not saying that Ed is unduly chunky . . . but he is the only member of the Canadian Men's Curling Team who was forced to wear a T-shirt with the message **I am not the Zamboni, please get off my back.**

And as if fashion uncertainty on the curling sheets and in the Mountie's saddles of the nation wasn't turmoil enough, we've got vogue vagueness in the Post Office as well.

Canada Post nabobs chose the Spring of '90 to unveil their all-new "Posties On The Job" Fashion Line. Were the 27,000 new uniforms (trousers, shorts, jackets and baseball caps all in acrylic royal blue) a critical hit?

**Costume quandry and uniform uproar**

Well, they took the Canadian Union of Postal Workers collective breath away. Most of it, anyway. The Posties still had enough wind left to say words like "ugly," "baggy," "synthetic" and "clownish."

"Most people could leave the Post Office and start working at Burger King without changing clothes" said one official.

Looking sideways at the "transparent-when-wet" top, a female letter carrier commented "I'm not too fond of entering wet T-shirt contests."

Ah, me. Costume quandry and uniform uproar everywhere you look, these days. Personally I don't know what the Mounties, Ed Werenich and the Posties are whining about. Those new get-ups aren't so bad. Somebody should tell 'em to straighten up and stop complaining or we'll hit them with some truly hideous uniforms.

Let's see now . . . the Vancouver Canucks are in the off-season, aren't they?

Tea is set

Volunteers at the Salt Spring library will be honoured at a tea, held this Thursday in a new section of the library.

Organizers say the tea is way of thanking the volunteers who run the Ganges-area library, and acknowledging the time they contribute to it.

The Salt Spring library is the only library in the province run entirely by volunteer staff. Some 100 volunteers are involved in its operation.

The tea, to be staged in a new basement room, will begin at 4 p.m.

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In the past few years, public alarm about forest practices has increased almost as fast as the clear-cuts on our mountainsides. Both globally and locally, the health of our forests is seen to have a profound effect on our lives and economy.

Good forestry translates to a sustainable supply of logs and jobs, and the protection of water supply, animal habitat, the visual landscape and recreational opportunities. A healthy forest contributes to a healthy community.

Conversely, a forest that has been damaged by insensitive practices will likely have a detrimental effect on the community and its long-term economy. The rights of many property owners and residents can be undermined by the activities of a few.

The Islands Trust has been under heavy pressure to live up to its legislated mandate to "preserve and protect" both the forest and the rights of residents and visitors. The Trust Islands should at all times be maintained at a high level of environmental health and visual attractiveness.

Because all legislative authority rests in provincial hands, neither the Trust nor the communities it represents have the ability to intervene in forest practices. Local involvement in such an important local matter is essential if the current level of anger, frustration and confrontation is to be reduced. For this reason, the Islands Trust has made repeated requests to the Province to share its legislative powers and give our communities some control (and incentives) over forest management.

What has the Trust recommended? Following are some recent events:

In 1982, "The Policy of the Islands Trust" document was approved by Trust Council, and contained recommendations for forestry practices in the Trust area.

Recommendations before Cabinet

In 1987/88, The Trust requested the assistance of the Provincial Environment and Land Use Committee and other agencies to determine the direction and implementation of policies that the Trust could effect for logging in the Trust area.

An inter-ministry task force was established, leading to the study and recommendations that have been before Cabinet for several months.

In August of 1989, Lasqueti Island Trustees were members of a delegation which met with five Cabinet Ministers in Parksville. Their Island was in a crisis state, and they called for a moratorium while a task force was established to develop policies for appropriate private land logging.

In late September 1989, Trust Council decided against a moratorium call, and recommended instead that short-term controls and a referral process be effected using an existing permitting system (timber stamps). Council further called for the establishment of a Task Force involving the Islands Trust, local Committees, Representatives of the Forestry Industry and the Provincial Government, with a mandate to recommend:

- measures designed to discourage non-sustainable and inappropriate forest practices on private lands, while encouraging those forms of forestry that are sustainable and appropriate to the ecology and community within which they occur;
- a framework and procedures by which to improve the conduct and regulation of forestry practices in the Trust area; and
- a process for conflict resolution, in order to defuse future land-use conflicts.

These recommendations were sent to the Premier, our MLA's and resource Ministers. There was little acknowledgement that the recommendations had even been received, let alone taken with the serious consideration they deserved. What a shame. Had Cabinet acted on these suggestions, the unhappy events of the past few months would not have happened.

Trust: sheer frustration

We have no idea why the Premier, Forests Minister and our MLA's have not responded to this issue. The submissions they have received from the Trust have been developed from lengthy and reasonable debate and dialogue.

Pressure from the public has continued to grow, and the Trust council, in sheer frustration, finally called for a moratorium on May 5. This call, designed to get the attention of the Province, instead triggered a misplaced sense of fear that the Trust was trying to curtail the reasonable rights of property owners to the extent that they would not be allowed to cut firewood or clear homesites.

To avoid further apprehension or misunderstandings, Trust Council replaced the moratorium request with this motion:

"That a permit from the Provincial Government, with a referral to the local Trust Committee, be required for harvesting timber (all log sales requiring a timber stamp) in the Islands Trust area, and that the timber harvesting comply with the principles set out in the May 31, 1990 draft *Forestry Principles for Islands Trust Area — a Possible Policy Position, until such time as each Island Community establishes its own forestry guidelines in consultation with all affected parties.*"

In summary, the following steps are needed to resolve the present crisis: the province must acknowledge its role and institute a permitting system; local input must be accepted as forestry guidelines are developed for each community; a process for developing local guidelines must be established, allowing for full community involvement and input.

The Trust has worked to the limits of its legislative powers. Now it is up to our MLA's and the Cabinet. A win-win solution

Maliview dumping must stop

Discharge of effluent from the Maliview sewer system on Salt Spring often contains toxic waste.

The Maliview sewer commission requests residents refrain from dumping wastes such as oil, nail polish, paint brush cleaners among other waste into the system. The toxic material kills the bacteria which reduces the effluent to the required fecal coliform level.

The 91 households, from Whims Road to Walker Hook Road on Maliview pay \$111 as part of the sewer system, up from \$94 paid in 1989. The Capital Regional District set a fee of \$165 when it agreed to take over the system but the commission negotiated a lower cost per household.

To ensure proper working of the sewage system, the CRD will monitor it during the summer months. Repairs to the system, estimated at \$50,000, might be necessary and would be made later in the year.

The information came out of the annual meeting of the Highland-Maliview Ratepayers Association held May 30.

The association executive for the coming year will consist of John Richardson, president; Paul Sinclair, secretary; D. Sawicki, treasurer; and Dennis Scott, member at large.

Bill Hogg and John Richardson join the water commission while Richardson, David Whittle and Jack Dunsmore sit on the sewer commission.

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## Down through the years

### Thirty Years Ago

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The dynamite had deteriorated when James Stevens and Derrick Harkema found about 36 sticks of it in the ditch along Tripp Road. They left it undisturbed and called Constable Bonner. George Heinekey came to the scene and destroyed the old dynamite which had leaked nitroglycerine.

A dentist usually came to Salt Spring each Monday to treat patients. However, Dr. K. Leslie would end the service on June 30 and Salt Spring would be without a dentist. Efforts were being made to find a dentist to work on the island full time.

### Twenty Five Years Ago

Scott Point residents on Salt Spring would benefit from a large seven-tap water tank which was installed to serve the subdivision. The tank was brought here from Saanich.

The Lions Club fund-raising campaign for the Gulf Islands Pioneer Village went over the top with \$12,352.14 in donations. W.H. Bradley announced the campaign would continue with a new target of \$17,500.

The *Salt Spring Queen* had two regular passengers on the Fulford-Swartz Bay run. Two swallows had taken over a bollard normally used for a hitching device. The birds were building a nest in preparation for egg-laying time.

### Twenty Years Ago

The proposed zoning plan for Salt Spring did not recognize resorts operating outside Ganges, Vesuvius or Fulford. The plan called for three zones on the island: rural, which included residential and farming land; commercial, which took in the three areas and an industrial zone. Resort owners were concerned about the impact the proposal would have on the value of their operations. The planning committee agreed to include a resort zone to accommodate the concerns.

Athletes from Gulf Islands Secondary school travelled to Duncan for a track meet and came home with a third-place finish in the 13-school event. Top athlete in the meet was Jim Taylor of Salt Spring who won the 100-meter run, the high jump and the long jump.

The carrot measured more than 50 inches, reported Don Irwin, but that was from the ground to the top of the foliage. The root was four inches in length.

### Fifteen Years Ago

The Gulf Islands School Board voted to establish a junior secondary school for Grades Eight and Nine students on the Outer Islands at Mayne Island. Grade Eight would be set up at the Pender school for children there.

The Mayne Island Recreation Commission took over from the Community Association. The community group considered that its work of establishing facilities such as a medical centre was finished. Marjorie Haggart would be the chairman of the new group.

### Ten Years Ago

Salt Spring was exempted from the transit levy on the Hydro bills to pay for bus services in the Capital Region. The director for the island, Yvette Valcourt, had introduced a motion to exempt islanders from the

A petition signed by 1,715 island residents (there were 2,400 names on the voters list at the time) was presented to the CRD board.

Lady Minto Hospital ran up a deficit of close to \$38,000, reported administrator Malcolm Pinteau. The deficit would not be covered by the provincial government as it had been the previous year. The deficit for operations at Greenwoods was close to \$20,500.

### Five Years Ago

The Advisory Planning Commission passed a unanimous motion which asked that signs be placed at St. Mary Lake, banning the use of gasoline-powered engines. Minister

of Lands, Parks and Housing Tony Brummet was opposed to the idea.

A letter to Brummet from John Richardson, chairman of the Highland Water District of Salt Spring, said "ratepayers of four water districts serving some 2,000 householders have in the most part requested this restriction in the interest of potable water supply. Thousands of government and public dollars have been spent on surveys and studies on how to improve the water quality in St. Mary Lake. The fish and wildlife ministry are going to spend some \$50,000 on an aeration system for the lake, now it appears that your department is hesitant to post the appropriate signs."

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