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Margot Caspar surrounds herself with flowers as she smiles in full bloom at the flower show held last Sunday at Meaden Hall of the Salt Spring Legion. Results and more photos can be seen on page

Driftwood Photo by Derrick Lundy

At Miners Bay on Mayne Island

Morning blaze damages wharf

The wharf at Miners Bay on Mayne Island became engulfed in flames when fire broke out early Monday morning.

Mayne Island Fire Chief Harry Lane reported that 50 per cent of the wharf was destroyed in the blaze, although the fire was extinguished quickly. His department will be investigating the cause of the blaze.

The fire started about 5 a.m., Monday morning. A guest at Springwater Lodge, near the head of the wharf, heard a loud sound and looked out the window to see the wharf afire.

He phoned in the alarm and fire-fighters were on the scene within minutes.

A gas barge, tied to the wharf, hampered the efforts of the volunteer firemen. The timbers of the structure fed the fire with thick black smoke which billowed from the site.

An observer, who watched the efforts of the Mayne Island volunteers, told the *Driftwood*, "They got it under control pretty (quickly)."

Lane offered no estimate of damage.

Chamber to take on corporation - alone

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce intends to go it alone in talks with B.C. Ferries concerning service to the island.

At a recent meeting of the Chamber, the members voted unanimously to drop out of the island transportation committee "and to disassociate the Chamber from this committee."

A press release from the Chamber noted: "Instead, the Chamber intends to pursue an ongoing dialogue with the ferry corporation."

"In a co-operative effort, the Chamber will work to facilitate improvements in the ferry system to meet the needs of island residents."

Transportation committee chairman Danny Evanishen said, "B.C. Ferries recognizes the transportation committee as the transportation voice on the island — when it's to their advantage."

"So, if we're talking about frag-

mentation, we've got it right there."

He expressed concern B.C. Ferries would use the split to do what it considers suitable to their purposes regarding ferry service to the island, and claim no one spoke for Salt Spring.

Many businesses on Salt Spring reflect concern about the changes to the schedule for the morning and afternoon runs to and from Tsawwassen.

Chamber president Glenn Moores noted changes in service may, or may not, have affected tourist business on the island.

"It's hard to put a finger on the

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Weather prompts fire bans

Concerns about tinder-dry conditions has prompted various forest restrictions.

Fire permits in the Duncan forest district have been cancelled. The Gulf Islands, including Thetis and Kuper Islands, are included in the Duncan district. The same restrictions apply in the Port Alberni district.

In addition, open fires, whether for cooking, warmth, "or any other purpose," are banned. Use of gas or propane stoves, briquettes in an enclosed stove or fires in supervised campsites are permitted.

The Capital Regional District closed Mount Norman regional park on South Pender Island, until further notice.

Officials of the ministry of forests have expressed grave concern about the conditions, particularly in the Vancouver forest region.

A comparison of the number of fires in the district this year, 228 as of August 9, and last year, 304 for the same period, are misleading, said Norm MacLeod, information officer for the ministry.

Realtors confident despite 50% drop

First of Two Parts

Despite a slow down in house and property sales, Salt Spring realtors remain confident in the local market.

A comparison between the number of real estate sales in the first half of 1990 with the same period one year ago, indicates the market has dropped almost 50 per cent. Between January and June this year, approximately 600 real estate sales took place across the Gulf Islands — a substantial drop from the 1,100 sales in the first six months of 1989.

By BILL WEBSTER
Driftwood Staff Writer

On Salt Spring, tentative figures show about 120 homes changed hands while close to 175 parcels of land were sold. Total estimated value of the real estate sold in the six month period sat near \$30.1 million.

While the average price of a house was close to \$149,000, sales ranged from a low of \$35,000 to a high of around \$740,000.

Sales of undeveloped parcels of land brought in prices ranging from \$15,000 to \$555,000 and averaged out at close to \$69,000.

Gil Mouat, of NRS Salt Spring Realty, offered several reasons for the slow down in sales. He pointed to the high interest rates, the uncertainty caused by the Goods and Service Tax as well as the general uncertainty in the political front, both in

"A lot of people are looking," he explained. "But the general uncertainty puts them off a decision to buy."

He indicated part of the general uncertainty stems from the confrontation over forestry on the island. He, and other realtors, try to ease those concerns that the "island will stay green."

Another factor affecting sales, he noted, was the soft market in the larger urban centres such as Toronto and Vancouver. The lack of activity in those areas has "spilled over" to the Gulf Islands, he claimed.

Mouat expects the market to pick up as interest rates come down.

"I think that's going to take place," he said.

A close look at sales on Salt Spring shows the market is not being subjected to speculation. None of the houses sold were "flipped" and only two parcels of land went through several owners in a short period of time.

"Flipping" is the term used when property is bought at a lower price, put back on the market and sold at a higher value.

One parcel of land was sold near the beginning of January and resold in February. The first transaction bore a price of \$23,000 while one month later, the lot sold for \$40,000.

A second plot of land sold for the first time in January for \$20,000 and was resold in March for \$35,000 only to be sold again in April with a price tag of \$40,000.

Such sales, however, proved to be the exception rather than

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NEWSBEAT

Community Centre is offering free condoms from machine

Free condoms have been available at the Community Centre for the past month.

Between 20 and 30 condoms have been taken from the special dispenser located on the outside wall of the building near the main entrance adjacent to the parking lot.

The dispenser was designed in such a way that no money is required.

The Salt Spring Island Community Society board of directors recently decided to initiate a program of free condom dispensing on Salt Spring. Although aware of the controversy surrounding the matter, the board stated it was responding to the needs of young people expressed at a

Youth Conference earlier this year.

Action should not be viewed as an opinion on teen sexual activity

The board made it clear in a letter to the *Driftwood* published August 1 that its actions should not be viewed as an opinion on teen sexual activity but as a desire to protect the health of young people on the island.

Board member Gary Machell told

the *Driftwood* Monday he personally has not had any feedback on the program. He had been asked by vacationing executive director Barbara Jordan-Knox to respond to any inquiries from the press during her absence.

Machell said there has not been a board meeting since the dispenser was installed. The next meeting will be held in September and the matter will likely come up during a report from the executive director.

"At that time we should hear if there has been any favourable or negative reaction."

Long Harbour schedule

Businesses express concerns

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problem," he said. The morning service to the Outer Islands remains essentially the same as in previous years, he pointed out, and the tourist business does not seem to be affected to any great extent.

While the service through Crofton/Vesuvius has been extended and the Swartz Bay to Fulford Harbour service remains the same, businesses on Salt Spring are concerned about the Tsawwassen runs.

"We have a deteriorating service on that run," Moores said.

For instance, in the spring, before the tourists season began, Salt Spring had been served by a ferry leaving the mainland terminal at 9:55 a.m. and arriving at Long Harbour at 12:45 p.m. after stops at the three larger Outer Islands.

The summer schedule allows for a morning run at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday with arrival time set at 2:10 p.m. On the other week

days, the ferry leaves at 1:15 p.m., arriving at 3 p.m.

The changes in times seems to deter "day trippers" from visiting Salt Spring. In fact, a tour service from the mainland has cancelled Salt Spring from its itinerary because the service makes it difficult for visitors to spend any time on the island.

The transportation committee will be holding a public meeting at Fulford Hall, Wednesday, August 22 at 7 p.m.

Burning ban covers use of incinerators

The fire hazard now tops extreme in the dry conditions and that, notes forestry officials, means no fires.

Fire Chief Les Wagg, of the Salt Spring fire department, said the ban extends to incinerators as well. Until rain falls, permits for incinerators have been cancelled.

His crews have been called a couple of times recently to areas where residents are burning garbage in an incinerator. Wagg stressed that until the conditions improve after a rain, burning around the home is not allowed.

Use of heavy machinery at construction sites, in areas where the danger is high, has also been banned.

Dave Woodgate, of the ministry of forests, warns that fires started from the use of chainsaws or machinery, or from burning slash or such when fires are banned, could result in costs of fighting the fire being shifted to the person responsible.

"You could be responsible for the cost of putting the fire out which can run to thousands of dollars per hour. The person responsible could also face liability charges due to damaging other people's property," he said.

Forest fires can be reported by dialling "0" for the operator and asking for ZENITH 5555 or calling 911 for the fire department.

No rain for over a month

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have sprung up compared to 2,912 last year. To August 9, 11,650 hectares of forest has been burned.

Last year, the dry spells were interspersed with rain while this year, no rain has fallen for the past month. In addition, the dryness can be seen graphically in a check of the top four inches of soil in the forests. That layer of soil is like dust in most places, MacLeod indicated.

"It's very unusual conditions, right now," he said. The fires this year are generally larger, more vigorous and faster moving, he noted.

With the lack of rain and the dry conditions, the forest fire service is concerned that major fires could erupt this year. The forest fire season has at least two months remaining and ends October 15, although it may be extended if the dry spell continues.



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THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week beginning Monday, August 13.

Continuing mostly sunny, with occasional cloudy periods and some wind. Temperatures returning to seasonal norms.

HIGHS: 23-25° C.
LOWS: 12-14° C

Chance of precipitation: zero Wednesday, 10 per cent Thursday through Saturday.

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NEWSBEAT



Michele Buchmann displays a wealth of garlic grown in the Cowichan Valley. Not one vampire approached her table at last week's Saturday market in Centennial Park. Buchmann was just one of many people -- vendors, visitors and Islanders -- to flock to Ganges last weekend.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

As red tide begins to retreat

Areas are reopened to shellfish harvesting

As the red tide retreats, some areas around the Gulf Islands have been reopened to shellfish harvesting.

The federal department of fisheries eased the ban on shellfish in Sansum Narrows and Satellite Channel west of Cape Keppel. The Saanich Inlet remains closed due to red tide.

Red tide, paralytic shellfish poison, advances and recedes

without rhyme or reason and when sufficient quantities are present, shellfish harvesting is banned.

The ban on butter clams in the Gulf Islands remains in place. Harvesting butterclams had been banned due to the presence of dioxins in the water. Butterclams accumulate the chemicals faster than they eliminate them and the fisheries department imposed an indefinite ban last fall.

In addition to the ban on butterclams, shellfish harvesting in certain areas of the Gulf Islands has been stopped because of high readings of fecal coliforms, sewage contamination.

On Galiano, sewage contamination affects shellfish in Montague Harbour and Whaler Bay.

Village Bay and Horton Bay on Mayne Island are closed to shellfish harvesting as well.

North Pender is affected at Hope Bay as well as the entire shoreline from Thieves Bay to Oaks Bluff. Bedwell Harbour on South Pender and the inside end of Boot Cove on Saturna Island are also closed to shellfish harvesting.

On Salt Spring, that portion of Fulford Harbour, inside a line from the log dump on the southerly shore

diagonally across the water to south of the ferry terminal, is affected.

Ganges Harbour is closed inside a line running from Madrona Point to the sand spit at Walter Bay which is included in the ban.

In Long Harbour, the closure affects the shoreline in the vicinity of the ferry terminal. Selby Cove and Annette Inlet on Prevost are also off-limits to shellfish taking.

The inside of Walker Hook and the shore from south of Femwood Point north to the end of North Beach Road are closed. On the westerly shore, Duck Bay as well as from the ferry terminal at Vesuvius around to the point of land north of Cranberry Outlet including the mud flats of Booth Lagoon are shut down.

Further south, Burgoyne Bay is a part of the banned areas.

Water district will not impose limits

Despite the lack of rain, the North Salt Spring Water District is not considering any restrictions on water use.

District spokesman Mike Larmour told the *Driftwood*, "We're certainly going through more water than we ever did before."

the north end of the island except for some areas on the easterly side — results from the long pipe run to Southey Point.

Larmour said the four inch pipeline, close to 18,000 feet long, runs along Sunset Drive. During times of heavy consumption, the pressure at the north end of the pipe can leave customers near Southey Point with only a trickle of water.

He admitted some customers in the north end are without water, or down to a trickle, by mid-afternoon. There is a storage tank at the Southey Point end.

The district has phoned customers along that route to ask for their cooperation in use of water, Larmour said. Plans are being worked out to correct the situation.

Larmour noted that an eight inch pipe could be installed from Chu'An Drive to the intersection of Vesuvius Rd and Sunset Drive to avoid having too much water drawn from the system for the Vesuvius area.

Meanwhile, Larmour asks customers to try to conserve water to help those at the end of the line.

Most people use only what they need.

He cited 500,000 gallons per day as the top consumption figure. But, he added, residents on the water system have always been "moderate in consumption."

Imposing restrictions would not work too well, he admitted, because most people use only what they need and few use water on their lawns.

"It's hard to get them to cut back," he said.

One of the few problem areas in the system — which covers most of

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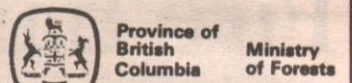
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Campfire Restriction Area:

The entire Zone V6, Duncan Forest District, specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the headwaters of the Nitinat River at McKinlay Peak, east along the headwaters of the Nanaimo River and its side drainages to where Boulder Creek meets the Nanaimo Lakes Road, south to the southern bank of the Nanaimo River along to a point approximately 1 km west of the Comox logging railway trestle which crosses the Nanaimo River, then south and east to the upper reaches of Ladysmith Harbour through to and including all Gulf Islands south of Valdez Island including Thetis and Kuper Islands, around the southern tip of Vancouver Island past Victoria and Port Renfrew up to approximately 2.5 km east of Bonilla Point then north along the boundary between T.F.L. #44 and T.F.L. #46 to Mt. Walbran, north to McClure Lake, northwest to Jasper Creek, east to Mt. Vernon, west to Parker Creek, north to the Esquimalt-Nanaimo Land Grant Line and north along the height of land of the Nitinat drainage to the headwaters of the Nitinat at McKinlay Peak.

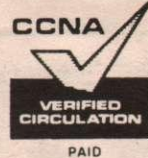
During the continuance of this Order, it is hereby decreed that:
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Additional information may be obtained from the Resource Officer, Protection at the Ministry of Forests, 7233 Trans Canada Highway, P.O. Box 689, Duncan.

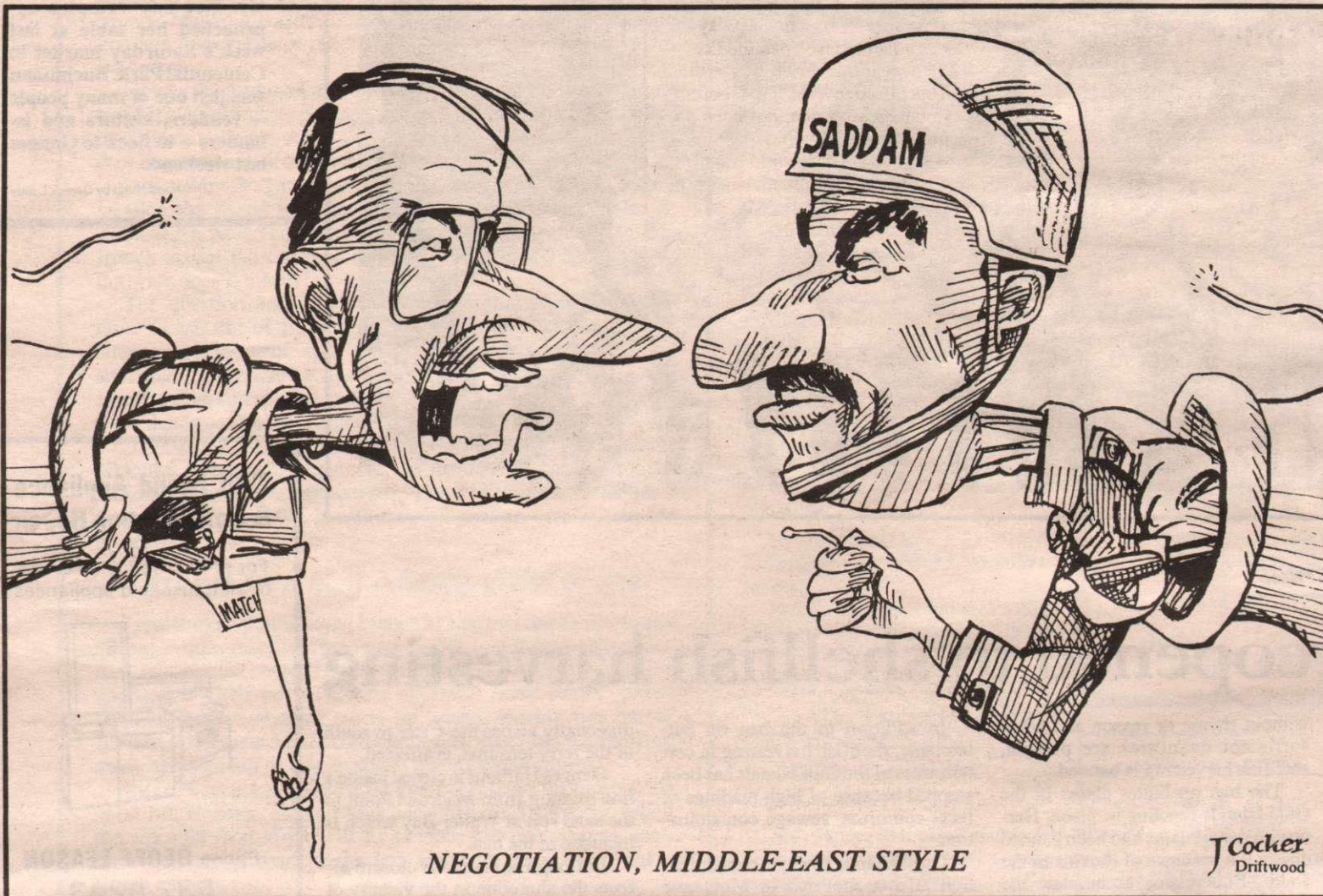
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LETTERS

Unwarranted attacks

To the Editor,
In an interview with local Island Trust representative John Stepaniuk, published on page A14 of the August 1 *Driftwood*, readers were once again treated to his unwarranted attacks on the S.S.I. Transportation Committee.

Mr. Stepaniuk is apparently unaware that the S.S.I. Transportation Committee was created in 1982 as an island-wide representative committee, under a letter of authority from the Islands Trust.

Over the years, the Transportation Committee has dealt successfully with numerous concerns brought forward by island residents. These include:

- a larger ferry for the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen run;
- the five day advance reservation system, without prepayment;
- the return of reduced fare booklets;
- inauguration of through-fare ticketing;
- extended service on the Crofton-Vesuvius run.

During my own year and a half tenure on the committee, as the representative of the Handicapped Association, we have succeeded in having elevators installed on all major vessels (for handicapped use), plus vastly improved directional signs installed throughout the fleet to enable disabled passengers to easily locate them.

The Long Harbour terminal has also generously agreed to grant priority boarding privileges to disabled persons travelling by car, for which they were awarded a national certificate of appreciation in 1989.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the unremitting hard work of the Transportation Committee over the years. At the present time, we continue to be the only duly authorized and fully accredited voice of the travelling public on Salt Spring Island.

WILLIAM W. BEST,
Ganges

Fire ban means no outdoor fires

Salt Spring Fire Department has responded to 18 grass, bush and campfire calls since the current heat wave started in July.

Despite a ban on all open burning, some residents and visitors to Salt Spring continue to light fires for beach enjoyment or residential clean-up. Such activity will prove costly to one island property owner. He soon will receive a bill from the fire department to cover the cost of fighting a blaze on his land.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Les Wagg said he had been issuing warnings to offenders who are not complying with the terms of the Forest Act regulations. Ignorance of the ban has been offered as an excuse by those lighting fires. They claim they have not seen signs warning of fire dangers posted around the island or seen it published in the *Driftwood*.

In this case, ignorance is no excuse at all. Even without seeing signs or published notices, just being outdoors these days should be sufficient for people to realize the forest fire

hazard is extreme.

The official rating in the Duncan Forest District, which includes the southern Gulf Islands, has been in the extreme category for the past two weeks. There has been no rainfall recorded here since July 6 and the 40 days without rain has produced tinder dry conditions.

Duncan Forest District spokesman Dave Woodgate said most forest fires are recreationally caused or in other words caused by human carelessness. Escaped campfires and discarded cigarette butts are determined to be the source of the majority of bush fires.

So pass the word along to your visitors and neighbours if you see them lighting a campfire, using their incinerator and doing any type of open burning. Notify the fire department if they refuse to put out the fire and don't have any qualms about such action.

We all have too much to lose to allow such irresponsibility on our island home.

Leaders have not recognized "real threat"

The tragi-comic farce now occupying the world stage is depressing evidence that our leaders have yet to recognize the real threat to civilization.

Iraq, a country over-militarised by means of the petro-dollars that are its sole wealth, seizes the oil-fields of its neighbour Kuwait, whose feudal rulers depart in haste. The world's great powers unite in solemn condemnation of Iraq and its ruthless boss, Saddam Hussein.

By PETER PENTZ
Driftwood Contributor

Led by the U.S., military forces are rushed to the area. Even Canada makes its token contribution. Appeals by the exiled Kuwaiti rulers for the occupying Iraqi army to be ejected by force are ignored, at least

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pioneering millions of poor Arabs against American and other big-power bullies is dangerously popular in the Muslim world. Instead, Saudi Arabia is persuaded to invite U.S. forces onto its territory, to provide defence against a suicidal attempt by Hussein to add Saudi oil-fields to his collection. Around Iraq the soldiers, sailors and airmen seem likely to fry a while in the summer sun, checking their weapons while they sweat in their gas-protection armour.

More realistically, economic pressure is proposed, with almost

proved by the U.N. If the economic boycott is strictly adhered to this time by the nations that now promise it, the effect on Iraq could well be spectacularly effective. It is at this point, however, that solemn officialdom becomes patently absurd.

For it is clearly not the simple illegality of Iraq's forcible recapture of Kuwait that has got the world in such an uproar. If Kuwait and its neighbours were still the barren deserts they were before oil was found, Iraq's invasion would hardly have won a headline. It is plainly

and enormously costly response. What, then, is this awful threat?

At the first and most superficial level, Iraq now controls, with the Kuwaiti oil-fields, some 20% of present world supplies, as the experts tell us in horrified tones. 20% does sound serious; but let us remember some old facts — and then a rather new one.

First, recall that there has been over-production of oil since the 70s, when OPEC raised prices. That made us slightly less wasteful; the resultant glut forced the drop in oil prices which ruined many Third World producers like Mexico and led to much moaning in Alberta. Immediately before invading Kuwait, Iraq was pressing for reduced output by all OPEC members to restore higher prices.

Second, there are many other sources of oil outside the Middle

producers could rapidly increase output to meet any real short-term need. (For reasons which will become clear, such dubious, expensive and long-term potential producers as Canada's Hibernia off-shore fields and the Albertan Tar-Sands can be dismissed as irrelevant.) Far more significant is a relatively new factor which the world's scientists have been spelling out for more than two years, and which the current Suzuki/CBC radio program "A Question of Survival" has been shouting in our ears. Their message is clear: we must soon cease burning oil and other fossil fuels (coal, natural gas), unless we are willing to risk climatic damage that makes this planet uninhabitable for our children's children. To prevent global over-heating we need to reduce production of CO2 (carbon dioxide) from fossil sources by at



LETTERS SECTION

View's the thing

To the Editor,
Where were the "tree-huggers" at 5:30 a.m. a week or so ago, when the leafy verge on the Walker Hook road, from the time-honoured "viewpoint" west, vanished within hours, victim of power-saw and backhoe.

One by one the century-old firs and stalwart cedars, the no-doubt trashy hemlocks, willows, and cascara, resting place for the kingfishers, herons, seagulls, crows, hawks and home to a wide variety of songbirds, fell, while the neighbourhood residents wept and joggers and walkers looked on, dismayed. Unable to stop the desecration, they hurried past.

For, of course, the verge, the narrow belt of trees that shaded in summer and protected from wild winter weather, the channel side of the road, is privately owned. And the owner, planning to build on the old Sampson property, greeted passersby with a wide smile, saying, "Doesn't it look great!"

Gone the cool, restfulness offered one and all by the large trees that made the viewpoint such a popular stopping place.

The great fir on whose thick bark the Fisheries department nailed their shellfish warning some years ago, finally fell, and not because its great roots weakened. No longer can the eagles float to the top of its outward leaning mass and scan the waters for fish, the beaches for stragglers.

The rough bark of the tree and the unexpectedly fine grass at its base made a fine resting place for sweating bikers. Now, even the grass has vanished.

The little woodland trail of no consequence is no longer recognizable as the pleasant picnic site for local tradesmen pausing for lunch between jobs in that shaded spot with the beautiful view of Trincomali Channel and Wallace and Galiano islands.

And, the view's the thing. Where, in the heyday of the rich and famous, the Hamiltons, Vanderbilts, the film stars and others who made B.C. their home-away-from-home, the privacy of forests was the attraction, today's vip values the view.

For now, we can only look to the future. Perhaps, in 100 years, the verge will once again grow a mixed bag of trees and bush which will be enjoyed by a people who feel as I do, that a view can only be enhanced by a tree.

IRIS WARNER,
Ganges

Privacy has priority

To the Editor,
Mr. Webster's column of August 1 must create angry reactions from many of your readers. It seems to have been created out of emotion, without thought, a blow-up.

I want to direct attention to one important point he raised. He accuses Mr. Sihota of a "distinct lack of morality" for releasing the tapes that proved Mr. Bud Smith was interfering with justice by trying to damage the reputation of a lawyer. Mr. Sihota did not release any tapes which revealed Mr. Smith's "personal" activities. Those tapes were reported by the news media people, and were not passed to them by Mr. Sihota. I suspect Mr. Webster knows this.

Teenagers in Vancouver recently, and in similar occasions in other places, have refused to communicate their knowledge of crimes committed by people they know. Their parents and other adults have been puzzled by their behaviour.

Perhaps the adults who adopt Mr. Webster's views influence children

to believe that privacy has priority. They believe that it is a crime to report a crime.

I hope Mr. Webster will consider this when he is able to think about it objectively.

H. PARKINSON,
Fulford

From Sweden with love

To the Editor,
I'm sending this letter to you from Sweden in a wishful request that you will kindly publish it in *Driftwood*.

My name is Maria Zerihoun (17) and I was the Rotary exchange student on Salt Spring Island 1989/90 from Sweden. My year and its experience on Salt Spring has filled and changed my life (this for the better). It has broadened my views of other peoples and societies and resulted in a more open global thinking. My year has also given me a lot of good and awesome friends. Some, for life.

By going home, and leaving people that you care about was and is hard and tough. And it feels like I left all my clothes behind and that I'm now naked.

To all, that gave and made my exchange to such a cool, fantastic and awesome year as it was, I would like to, by saying how much it all meant to me then and now, give a little back:

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To me Salt Spring Island in British Columbia, Canada, will always be special.

Thank you: Marshalls, Smiths, Grahams, Nordines, Jen, Ami, Mel, Ginny, Rayn, Chelsea, Don, Big Ben, Al, Justin, Kirsty, Lance, Yougort Babe, Tara M., Crouze, Koski, Penny, Nick, Chris, Sue, Kim, Jeff, the Rotary Club, Grace and Cathi. God bless you.

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To the Editor,
Kindly permit me to use your paper to advise this community and the outer Gulf Islands of my resignation from the Provincial Ambulance Service.

After 20 years, the last ten of which I served in the Gulf Islands, Tuesday, July 31 was my last day of work as an ambulance paramedic.

My decision to leave was a difficult one. I had several "jobs" before the ambulance service, but none so rewarding, especially since my transfer to Ganges. The people here on Salt Spring and the Outer Islands are nothing short of fantastic. My family and I intend to remain here.

So on leaving the service, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone, especially my patients, as they have enriched my life immensely. As they all know, I've been very selective, I've only carried the best.

CLIFF LEBLANC,
Ganges

Criminal behaviour

To the Editor,
If Mr. Cyprus would like those responsible for the recent sabotage on Salt Spring Island to step forward, I suggest he lead the way.

Talk about inciting criminal behaviour! No amount of money can repair the scars he has inflicted on Mt. Tuam. Every islander is forced to live with his handiwork.

While I have not discussed or participated in any lawful acts, I have certainly felt like it.

C. REINER,
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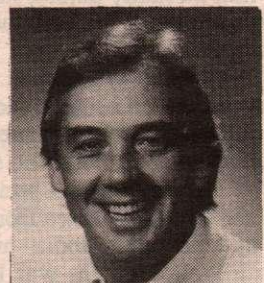
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OPINION

We must save oil for future

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and the balance before 2050. It seems the atmosphere has had as much as it can take without increasingly painful penalties becoming irreversible and ultimately fatal. The irreplaceable supplies of oil should be reserved for use by our descendants as "feed-stock", to make the myriad of benign

and useful chemicals on which our civilisation sensibly relies.

Now the comic fact is that energy-gluttons like us in N. America can eliminate 50 per cent of our oil-burning with no pain at all: we need only stop wasting half of what we pay for, and become as energy-efficient as the Japanese or the Swiss or the Germans, all of whom live quite as com-

fortably as we do. Furthermore, as Jim Fulton (NDP critic for the Environment) keeps pointing out, by introducing the measures that will be our first steps to CO2 reduction and a chance of survival, we in Canada could in fact save ourselves a tidy \$150 billion over the next 15 years. In the U.S. the savings would be proportionately greater.

Where, then, is the crisis Iraq is supposed to have caused? Evidently Saddam Hussein is counting on the oil-consuming world to remain fixed in its old and potentially fatal belief in the absolute necessity for burning oil. What the world should be saying to him is surely simple: "Your action in grabbing Kuwait was not only criminal, it was stupid. It has made us aware of our foolish addiction to oil. We can easily do without yours now, and you can expect even more difficulty than other oil-producers in selling much in future. As a fuel, oil is about to become obsolete.... If you get your troops out of Kuwait quickly maybe we and your compatriots will forgive and forget."

How to get on without fossil fuels is no mystery. The technical outlines have already been widely discussed — by the relatively few people seriously interested. Our own (Federal) Standing Committee on the Environment will be publishing shortly a preliminary blue-print. Indeed, we do not have a technical problem. The obstacle to human survival is the combination of human ignorance, greed, global overpopulation stimulated by poverty, and reluctance to take action today in order to avoid penalties 20 or 50 years in the future.

In the light of our behaviour to date, and current official responses to the Iraq "crisis", the prospects for our descendants do not look very bright. Maybe there are enough people about with the knowledge and the determination to do whatever it takes to keep this pretty planet habitable. But they need to hurry!

Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — There's a good chance Premier Vander believes he's finally found an issue that will get him re-elected, but he should be warned: that path is fraught with danger.

There are indications that it's the Native Indians Vander Zalm may be counting on to help him win a second term in office, not by voting for the Socreds but by providing a central issue around which the government could create a bit of fear and uncertainty.

There's little doubt that Vander Zalm and Native Affairs Minister Jack Weisgerber have been trying their best to make British Columbians nervous about the potential price tag of settling Native land claims.

The figure of \$6 billion, nearly half of last year's entire budget, has been banded about a great deal. Never mind the figure comes straight out of Weisgerber's hat.

The scenario the government might create to get re-elected is simple. Put the Indians in a position of appearing totally unreasonable and then take a firm stand on the side of law and order. It's 95 per cent white votes against five per cent Native votes.

I hope Vander Zalm won't be that cynical, but frankly, he's done nothing so far to allay fears this is exactly the direction he is headed in.

Three-ring election circus

It seems Indian leaders also have similar suspicions. Bill Wilson of the First Nations Congress told the premier to stop building a soap box on land claims.

"Premier, if you want to deal in good faith, stop trying to create an election out of this. This figure of \$6 billion for land claims, I'm sick and tired of this garbage of \$6 billion. That's a blatant lie," Wilson said.

But in the absence of any other issue that could be exploited for votes, the temptation of turning the land-claims controversy into a three-ring election circus may prove too great.

Unfortunately, there are those who advocate the tough stance and would welcome an end to what they call appeasement of the Indians. One such person, Maria McNary of Lillooet, sent me a six-page letter by fax last week.

The rambling letter, presented as a sort of background paper, complete with references, pleaded for the "political will" to deal with the Indian problem once and for all.

Would not be a pretty sight

"It is all too obvious that we cannot buy our way out of this mess. We now must have the guts to end it. No one, including our neighbours to the south, would permit their people to dictate to them as we are being held to ransom by our Indians," McNary said.

"No other country with intelligent people would enslave themselves and certainly their children to a conquered people," she added.

I'm somewhat reluctant to ask how she would deal with the problem, but I don't think it would be a pretty sight. McNary's letter is a prime example of the half-truths and outright lies that surround the land claims issue. And yes, both sides are guilty of stretching the facts to suit them.

At one point in her letter, McNary becomes downright ludicrous. Read on and scratch your head.

"Why are the Indians not sensitive to the fact that they have a good life and could make a real contribution to Canada if they made the effort?" she asks.

Not too concerned about facts

The good life? Really? If their lives are so good, why is infant mortality among Indians so much higher than in the white community? Why are the Indian communities leading in teenage suicide rates?

McNary goes on to say that Native culture is not really a valid notion because the tribes differ greatly from one another. Again, a strange argument. Because there are many different native cultures, there's no such thing as a Native culture.

McNary doesn't seem too concerned about the facts. Thus, she describes James Douglas, British Columbia's first governor, as "one-quarter Indian himself."

Well, Douglas was born in British Guiana. Not that many North American Indians there. Douglas did marry an Indian woman though, but I don't think that made him a quarter Indian.

She also gives a semi-encyclopedic account of what a reservation is, notwithstanding the fact that Canada's Indians have reserves, not reservations. The latter is a U.S. term.

All I'm really trying to say is that there are a lot of miscon-

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Vandals

Summer nights on Salt Spring have resulted in indiscriminate vandalism.

Firefighters and police were called to deal with a suspected arson early Saturday morning, August 11.

A jogger on Lower Ganges Road near Kingfisher Cove at 4:30 a.m. spotted the flames. He turned in the alarm and two fire trucks responded.

A tarpaulin covering a pile of plywood sheets had been set ablaze. By the time the fire-fighters extinguished the fire, \$3,000 worth of plywood had been destroyed.

RCMP were at the scene and questioned three youths.

Police are investigating the incident and believe the fire was deliberately set.

In another early morning incident, the windows of a vehicle parked in the village were smashed. Gasoline was syphoned from the tank.

"I wouldn't say vandalism is increasing," said RCMP Constable Chris Bomford of Ganges RCMP. "There's not any more than usual. It's summertime."

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POLICE Report

Ganges RCMP retrieved two bags of marijuana from the slopes of Mount Bruce.

A Ganges constable investigated the area after a local discovered the plants and reported the matter to police.

The constable returned to the police office with two large plastic bags containing 30 plants. The plants were immature and had reached a height of only two feet.

No charges have been laid because, although RCMP have the evidence, they don't know who planted the illegal crop.

No insurance, impaired

It was a routine traffic patrol, but the police officer didn't have to travel far.

As he began his patrol, the RCMP officer noticed a vehicle travelling up Ganges Hill past the police office. The driver had been stopped previously and warned to get insurance for the vehicle.

When he was stopped the second time, the vehicle was still not insured and the driver appeared to be intoxicated. He refused to undergo a breath test.

He was given a ticket for driving an uninsured vehicle, charged with impaired driving as well as refusing to take the breath test.

Court date has been set for November 20.

Accident

The island resident was in a hurry to get home but the visitor to the island wasn't sure where to go.

The islander, travelling up Charlesworth Road in Ganges, decided to pass the slow-moving visitor. The slow-moving visitor decided to make a left turn.

The vehicles collided. The island car suffered \$500 damage to the passenger-side door. The visitor's van suffered \$100 to the left front fender.

The incident is under investigation.

Break and enter

Someone entered Fulford Hall in the early hours of August 8 and the effort left \$300 damage to the door.

Nothing was stolen in the incident. Police were called to investigate the break and entry offence the following morning. Investigation continues.

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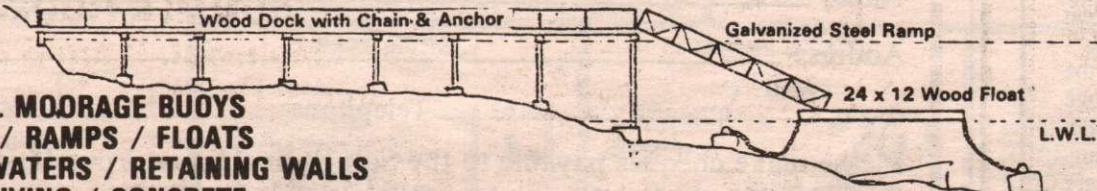
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OPINION

Totally opposed

The following is an open letter to Isabella Point residents, filed with this newspaper for publication.

We are of course totally opposed to any scheme which proposes to destroy the rural tranquillity of Isabella Point. For years we have been annoyed and disgusted by reports in newspapers and on TV which recount the mutterings of the B.C. Ferry Corp. with relation to its apparent long-term intention to build

a terminal on the point.

Such a project will turn our splendid neighbourhood into a sort of Coquitlam-by-the-sea.

Everyone knows this.

We propose that we make our opposition known again and again to our fellow islanders, to our prospective MLAs again and again, and, again and again, to the B.C. Ferry Corp.

In my view any means at hand should be considered if this loathsome scheme is seriously proposed.

Information blockades have recently become a popular method. I think this would be an excellent beginning.

A shorter ferry crossing might, for a time, be a convenience for the more populated areas of Salt Spring and those who profit through development. But it will be damn inconvenient for all of us and we should let people understand this.

JOHN AND GILLIAN EDWARDS,
Ganges

Disappointed

To the Editor:

Even though I live in the beautiful city of Vancouver, Salt Spring Island stole my heart from the moment I first saw its splendour and visited its uni-

que market in 1988. I loved to wander around the colourful stalls where local artists, craftspeople and produce farmers displayed their island-made or home grown products. The market had an authentic character, different from markets elsewhere.

This year I looked forward to visiting it again, but what a disappointment. I encountered a mish-mash of clothes, sunglasses, imported jewellery and cottons that had no connection whatsoever with locals. Sadly I realized that I found myself at a regular flea market as can be found in any city or town.

It was shocking to see stalls with mass-produced, imported articles, crowding out to the point of overtaking the displays of local artisans.

Does anyone on your island have a way to bring back the local flavour of the Salt Spring Island market as it was known and intended to be?

LIN STEVENS,
Vancouver

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ARTHUR BLACK



One of the things I like best about my country is the way we handle heroes.

Unlike those of other nations, Canadian heroes are usually quiet. America produces egomaniacal motormouths like tennis tantrum thrower John McEnroe and preening sprinter Carl Lewis. Canada serves up Wayne Gretzky and Rick Hanson. World Cup soccer crybabies stub their toes, then writhe on the field like they've been disembowelled with a putty knife. Canadian hockey players often get their gashes stitched right on the bench so that they won't miss a shift.

Sometimes we underplay our Canadian heroes so thoroughly they almost disappear. Samuel de Champlain, Simon Fraser, Alexander Mackenzie and the other Europeans who first crossed this land were giants among world explorers. Radisson and Groseilliers had enough adventures to fuel a dozen Spielberg movies.

None of them even rates his own bubble gum cards.

Nation of quiet heroes

Now, if they'd been American! Heck, look what they did with a psychopathic killer like Billy the Kid! Americans even turned a back-stabbing thug like Jim Bowie into a TV series!

If we'd put Champlain in the hands of a good Yankee PR agent he'd have his own chain of take out restaurants by now.

But that's not the way we do it in The Great White North. We're a quiet folk. We prefer our heroes in subdued light, not limelight.

It's the Canadian way — no fuss, no bother. Sometimes I get ticked off that Canadians are so camera-shy. Other times, I think it's the best thing about us. That's when I think that we Canadians are the only people who know what real heroes are.

Because we're surrounded with them.

A nation of quiet heroes.

Born poor, grew up poorer

I knew, for instance, a woman born in rural Ontario back when airplanes were nothing but a rumour and folks still spoke the word diphtheria in a hushed whisper. She was born poor and grew up poorer. Her father died when she was a babe, long before the days of welfare and government assistance. As a tot, she tagged along after her mother, who worked at whatever odd jobs she could find.

University was not an option. Nor was a grand tour of Europe.

This woman married young, raised four children, buried one. She hunkered down through two World Wars, the Great Depression and everything else the Twentieth Century saw fit to fling at her. She stood by her man, through good, less good and the downright grim.

When his heart went bad she tended him, buried him when the time came, then slogged on for another 30 years on her own.

She lived a life that modern kids — Canadian kids, anyway — can barely conceive. Nobody bats an eye at the two or three-car household today. This woman took buses and streetcars until she was past childbearing age. Or she walked.

(For younger readers, walking is a form of locomotion wherein you lean forward and place one foot in front of the other until you arrive at your destination.)

Didn't consider herself hard done by

Television? Most homes I know these days have two or three TV sets. This woman didn't have one in her home until she was 46 years old.

Not that she complained or whined or wrote to the Human Rights Commission, this woman. She didn't consider herself hard done by. She just went ahead and did what needed doing. Cooked and washed and cleaned and fed and clothed and ironed and kissed and spanked and planted and harvested and laughed and grieved.

She raised four kids, none of whom turned out to be axe murderers, child molesters, TV evangelists or politicians. What they mostly were was fertile. Thirteen grandchildren. Fourteen great grandchildren. And counting.

But the Referee in Chief whistles us all down in time. In the end, even her big heart gave out. She died last week at the age of 80 — but not without a battle. She hung in a year longer than doctors gave her. She bounced back so many times that the nurses in Intensive Care called her the Miracle Lady. She was my

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NEWSBEAT

ISLANDS TRUST Report

The private land logging bill has been approved and I have already received comments that it does not live up to expectations.

It appears that it will be up to the Assessment Authority to determine what is and what is not, forest land. Copies of the Bill will be available for examination shortly.

By JOHN STEPANIUK
Islands Trustee

• Logging equipment on Mount Bruce, belonging to Mike Hamilton, has been wilfully damaged. It is a sad day for Salt Spring island when someone has to resort to these sorts of tactics.

Society to select hospital directors

Elections to the board of directors will be on the agenda of this September's annual meeting of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital Society.

Outer Gulf Islanders will meet before that date to pick representatives. Each of the islands is allotted one director to sit on the board. Margaret Fry, of Saturna, and Jane Sowerbutt, of Mayne, have reached the end of their terms on the board.

Both Pender's Emil LeBlanc and Galiano's Helen Hoole have one year remaining. LeBlanc is currently chairman of the board of directors for the society.

On Salt Spring, members of the society will either approve "interim" directors or name two new directors.

Last fall, Gwen Gold resigned from the board and Ruth Borsman was named to replace her.

Earlier this year, board chairman Peter Vida resigned.

He was replaced by Gold - who had returned to the board - and LeBlanc was chosen as chairman.

Under terms of the bylaws governing the society, the members must either confirm or reject the two individuals named as interim directors.

The other Salt Spring directors, Ron McQuiggan, Ken Tara, Laurie Fiander, and Gordon English, each have two years left on their terms. Directors are chosen to serve three years.

In addition to the elected directors, four others are appointed by various bodies. Mel Topping sits as the representative of the ministry of health; Betty Galt is the director for the Auxiliary to Lady Minto and Sandy Gordon is the director named by the Capital Regional District health committee.

Dr. Peter Rowell is the president of the medical society and Dr. Ken Heaton is the chief of staff. Capital Regional District director Julia Atkins, as elected representative of the island, can also sit in on board deliberations.

The annual meeting was postponed this year due to difficulties in preparing the financial statement. The computer dumped a series of accounts and the information had to be reprogrammed.

The meeting takes place on Wednesday, September 5.

• The Trust office and the Trustees are receiving numerous calls regarding zoning bylaw infractions: storage of derelict vehicles, additional hook-ups for trailers, excessive tree cutting on public right of ways, etc.

Some people leave their names, others prefer to remain anonymous.

Regarding public rights of ways, contact the Department of Highways. With regard to bylaws, check what the permissible uses are for your area.

• The Islands Trust will be assigning Tony Quinn as full time planner

on Salt Spring Island as soon as the position for the other Islands is filled. Quinn will be of great help in updating bylaws and processing applications.

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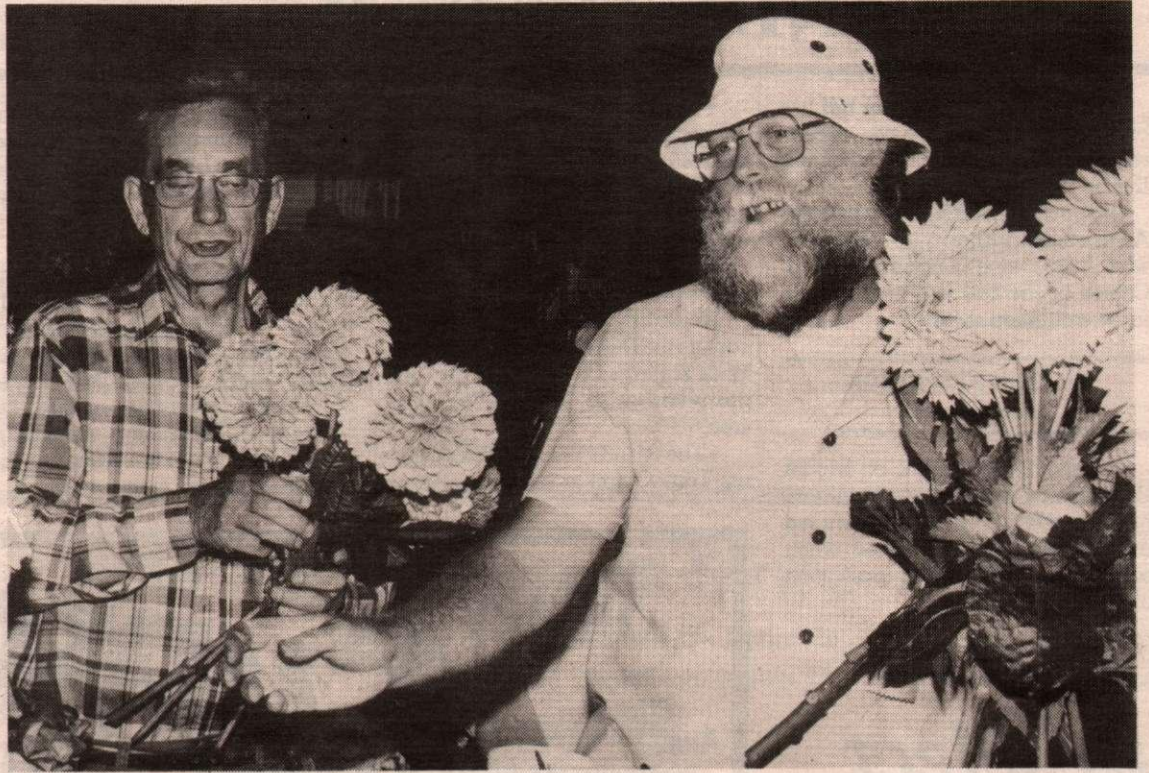
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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



Members of the Salt Spring Garden Club displayed the products of their efforts at the annual flower show last weekend at the Legion Hall. At left, Grand Aggregate winner Aileen Teal looks proudly at her winning display,

while at right, Charlie Percy and Len Wallbank collect the flower exhibits following the show. The exhibits were later auctioned off.

Driftwood photos by Derrick Lundy

Kempster, Teal and Fewings get top spots in flower show

Mary Hogg, chairman of the Salt Spring Garden Club Flower Show, has announced winners in the 1990 show, held last weekend at the Legion Hall.

Winners are as follows:

GLADIOLUS

Champion Spike — Aileen Teal;
Reserve Champion Spike — Bill Kempster;
Best Three Spikes — Bill Kempster;
Best Small Spike — Bill Kempster;
Best Novice — Mrs. A.E. Braband;

DAHLIAS

Champion Bloom — Bill Kempster;

Reserve Champion Bloom — James Hurford;
Best Exhibit in Novice Class — Kathleen Rathwell;
Best Three Bloom Entry — James Hurford;
Best Two Bloom Entry (Hoopfer Salver) — B.C. Marsh;

BEST ENTRIES

In Gladiolus and Dahlia Classes — Bill Kempster (special rosette);
Classes 26 to 32 — Aileen Teal (rosette);
Classes 33 to 40 — Rose Fewings;
Classes 41 to 44 — Mike Beales;
Floral Art — Mary Hogg (book);
Classes 51 to 61 — Elizabeth Pellet (rosette);
Classes 62 to 68 — Rose Fewings;

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW — Bill Kempster (book);

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT



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"Arachnophobia" and "Presumed Innocent"

Island Cinema offers "thrillers" at the box office this weekend

Spiders and the justice system are on the menu at Island Cinema this weekend.

Presumed Innocent is "a crackling good suspense yarn."

If you are not already afraid of spiders, taking in *Arachnophobia* at Island Cinema (August 17 to 22) might change your mind.

The thriller stars Jeff Daniels as Dr. Ross Jennings, who meets up with a venomous South American spider. After making its home in Jennings' barn, the spider sets about reproducing spiderlets.

When townspeople start dropping from fatal bites, the local exterminator (John Goodman) steps in.

Brave islanders can take in the flick each night, beginning at 7 p.m. *Arachnophobia* is rated "Mature," with some violent scenes and coarse language.

Also set to run August 17 to 22 is *Presumed Innocent*, starring Har-

ison Ford.

The movie, based on the best-selling novel by Scott Turow, traces the story of a man unjustly accused of murdering a colleague. Described as "a wonderful exploration of our justice system (and) a crackling good suspense yarn," *Presumed Innocent*, also stars Raul Julia, Bomie Bedelia, Greta Scacchi and Brian Dennehey.

Rated 14-Years Limited Admission (some very coarse language, occasional gory scenes, nudity and suggestive scenes), the show starts at 9:15 p.m. each night.

New television channels on tap

Changes in television viewing are in store for subscribers to Salt Spring Cable in September.

The cable company adds *The Sports Network (TSN)* and *Much Music* to its basic cable service. In addition, KCPQ out of Tacoma is also being added.

The Family Channel, which includes programs from the *Disney Channel* will be available on pay TV service.

TSN will come through on cable channel 21 while MM will be on cable channel 18 with KCPQ on cable 25.

Subscribers with older sets will need a converter to view the new channels. More recent

television sets with the added dial to channel 60 can view the new programs by switching channels. The cable company does not rent or sell converters but the boxes are available through other outlets.

The basic service, channels 2 to 13, offers 11 different stations with five more channels being available on the higher dial.

In line with greater selection, the cost of cable rises in September as well. The cable company announced its new rate structure recently with the basic service cost rising to \$15.33 from the current \$13.63. With tax added in the new rate comes to \$17.02.

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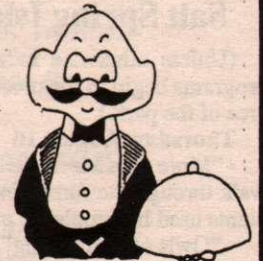
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Salt Spring Island's south end plans a fun-filled Fulford Day

The south end of Salt Spring will be the place to be on August 18 when Fulford Day unfolds.

The day of fun and frivolity begins at 10 a.m. with games and other activities for the children in Drummond Park.

At Gordon Cudmore's airstrip, members of the Pacific Flying Club will make their annual visit to Salt Spring. Usually the pilots fly in on a different weekend but this year they've decided to co-ordinate their event with Fulford Days.

For those people interested in the airplanes, access to the airstrip will be available but not at the Cudmore farm yard. The road to the strip is located further up Fulford-Ganges Road toward the firehall. Cudmore asks for co-operation from visitors to use the airfield road.

Meanwhile, back at the festivities,

the seniors of the Fulford branch OAPO will sell their famous pies, by the slice.

"That's definitely a treat," said organizer Dennis O'Hara. There will be many varieties of home-baked pies to tempt almost any preference and all for \$1.50 per slice.

To help ease the pangs of hunger, Brad Bompas and crew will barbecue sundry slices of meat.

As the day progresses, hang-gliders from Mount Bruce will drop in. The aeronauts will be aiming for landings on the beach.

At 2 p.m., the Coast Guard has promised to bring in its hovercraft for a display.

From noon to 6 p.m. thirsts will be quenched at the refreshment garden as the north-south island dispute is settled, at least temporarily. The dispute will be put to the test on the

tug-of-war pit with teams from Fulford straining against teams from Ganges.

A dunk tank will be set in place to allow practice of accuracy in throwing a baseball just to watch someone get wet. Tickets for the raffle will be available at many places during the day. For two or three tickets for \$5, revellers can hope to win a side of beef, a weedeater or dinner for two at Fulford Inn.

Participants rest between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. in preparation for rocking to the beat fantastic at the Fulford Hall until 1 a.m. Dave Roland has gathered a group of his friends to play danceable tunes.

As way of enticement, Roland and Friends will entertain at various times during the day as well. Money raised by the event will be put to use for various projects in Fulford.



Boating safety was the subject, but the lecture was fun. Island visitor Craig Church (centre) is joined by Red Cross workers Allison Lutz (left) and Debbie Nicol in the Project SOS presentation at Ruckle Park last Wednesday.

Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Interpretive programs scheduled on islands

Interpretive park programs will be offered in two Gulf Islands parks this week.

Following is a schedule of activities:

Ruckle Park

Salt Spring Island

(Unless otherwise indicated, all programs begin in the meeting place area of the park.)

Thursday, August 16

• "More than Meets the Eye" — a walk through the forest, introducing plants used by people. (7 p.m.)

• "Owls of Salt Spring" — Come and learn to speak owl with special guest Dave Fraser. A slide show and talk will be followed by a walk to call owls. Dress warmly. (9 p.m.)

Friday, August 17

• "Between the Tides" — a chance to poke along the rocks at low tide and discover the interesting critters that live on the rocks at Ruckle Park. (9 a.m.)

• "Dazzling Decapods" — A

show on the amazing array of crabs and shrimp which live around the Gulf Islands. (9 p.m.)

Montague Park

Galiano Island

(Unless otherwise noted, all activities begin at the meeting place in the park.)

Saturday, August 18

• A Shopping Trip to the First Nation's Mall — Find out how the people of the First Nation used the forest as their shopping mall. (7 p.m.)

• "Between the Tides" — a slide show on the intertidal life of the Gulf Islands. (9 p.m.)

Sunday, August 19

• "As the Tide Turns" — an opportunity to explore the beach at low tide to see what lives there and why it lives there. Wear old shoes and meet at the boat ramp. (10 a.m.)

• "Dazzling Decapods" — A show on the amazing array of crabs and shrimp which live around the Gulf Islands. (9 p.m.)

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AGENDA

1. Acceptance of previous minutes
2. Acceptance of new members
3. Receiving of Annual Reports
4. Receiving of Financial Report for year ending March 31, 1990
5. Nominating Committee Report and elections to Board of Directors
6. Appointment of the Auditor
7. Notice of Motion given June 29/89 to Amend Bylaws: "THAT EMPLOYEES OF THE HOSPITAL CAN BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY"
8. Any other business that may arise

VOTING PRIVILEGES

ZONE MEMBERS: Persons who own land situated in the Gulf Islands — namely Salt Spring, North Pender, South Pender, Prevost, Saturna, Samuel, Mayne and Galiano — and pay taxes thereon, who have made written application for membership in the Society. (Application forms will be available at the door.)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Seniors for Seniors panel will focus on drug, alcohol abuse

The Seniors for Senior group on Salt Spring is organizing a second presentation on drug and alcohol abuse.

The group decided to offer the presentation after noting the success of a June 27 presentation by Lorcan Pitcher of VISTA — the Victoria Innovation Seniors Treatment Agency.

The presentation, set for Wednesday, August 29, at 2 p.m., will capitalize on the past popularity of panel-type presentations. The discussion will involve three or more individuals from different backgrounds and disciplines, sharing their collective and individual expertise.

The presentation will focus primarily on prescription drug problems in the day to day life of persons 55-years and older.

Local pharmacist Maureen Ram-

sey and VISTA counsellor Pitcher will be joined by a local physician to explore the special circumstances which place seniors in a particularly high risk category for drug and alcohol problems.

A great deal is now known about the rate at which different age group metabolize drugs, plus the phenomenon of depression resulting from the transition between career and retirement.

Healthcare professionals are increasingly aware that the elderly or aging might experience drug and alcohol problems which are not at-

tributable to misuse on their part.

In his recent book *Adulthood and Aging*, author Douglas Kimmel refers to a study which indicates people with higher prescription drug use rates tend to be less satisfied with their lives.

"People can exercise choices based on knowledge and improve their quality of life."

All those interested are invited to attend the presentation — held at the Seniors for Seniors Drop-in Centre — or call Pitcher at VISTA (370-6638) or Carla at the Seniors for Seniors (537-4604).

Meeting to discuss service

Islanders will have the opportunity to voice their opinions on ferry service in the Gulf Islands at a meeting sponsored by the Salt Spring Transportation Committee.

The meeting, set for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, will take place at Fulford Hall.

The transportation committee has invited B.C. Ferry Corporation officials, the minister of transportation, local MLAs and individuals from other Gulf Islands as well as locals to attend the meeting.

Committee spokesman Danny Evanishen said the public meeting will provide a forum for islanders to express their feelings about ferry service on the Gulf Islands.

He expects some islanders will express anger and frustration at the most recent scheduling of the Long Harbour/Tsawwassen run which has made it difficult for tourists to visit Salt Spring for the day.

Invited guests will have the chance to speak to the group and answer any questions presented to them.

If corporation officials do not attend the meeting, the transportation committee will make sure the company hears about any resolutions made by those in attendance.

12-metre race set at Bedwell

Twelve-metre yacht racing will put Bedwell Harbour in the same league as Perth (1987) and San Diego (1988) — sort of.

America's Cup champion Dennis Corner, of the United States, will take on top Canadian sailor Terry McLaughlin in the race. The two will be sailing single-handed replicas of the large, sophisticated 12-metre vessels.

The race takes place, Saturday, August 18. The pair will race twice — at 1:30 p.m. and again at 2:30 p.m. — over a half-mile course set up in Bedwell Harbour.

Organizers have prepared a reception and barbecue for 4 p.m. as an end to the event.

The 12-metre vessels which vie for the America's Cup buck gruelling seas and each requires an 11 member crew. Points will be awarded as the replica 12-metre boats round each

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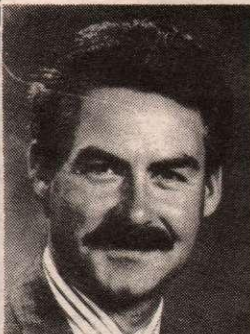
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Blueberry Grunt.

The name of the recipe was extraordinary. I wanted desperately to know who did the grunting. The bears late in September as they gorged and gobbled before the advent of the snows? Maybe it was an islander expressing epiglottal satisfaction at a huge piece of pie topped with too much maple walnut ice cream.

Or was the grunt not a comment but rather the person who uttered it? A sobriquet, perhaps, for unfortunate lower class men in military colleges. After a day of double-timing and push-ups they deserved a dish of blueberries.

Pursued by the gad-fly of curiosity, or, at any rate, intrigued, I called the friend who gave me the recipe to account for it. "Yes, it's a welcome change from the grandiloquent titles that stretch across the columns of Gourmet magazine and all that, but what does it mean?"

The question had somehow acquired philosophical importance. It was one of my Bertrand Russell days. There was a brief silence at the other end while she practised sounding inscrutable. Suddenly that great intellectual volcano whom I had come to love and respect erupted.

"I dunno . . . guess I forgot," she grunted.

Blueberries, bilberries, salal berries, huckleberries and kinnikinnick berries all belong to the heather family and all, in season, are both delicious and free. For some, kinnikinnick has a further advantage. The leaves may be used as a substitute for tobacco.

Perhaps even hear a happy grunt or two

I remember visiting some friends at Long Beach in the sixties during Trudeaumania. They were living in a remarkable structure, constructed entirely out of plastic, sand and driftwood. As I approached their hovel, clouds of nasty, acrid smoke issued forth. But there was no cause for alarm. Having run out of smokes, marijuana, AND common sense, everyone was puffing away on pipes full of kinnikinnick, hoping to get stoned.

By coincidence, my favourite hunting ground for blueberries is on Mt. Heather, above Cowichan Lake. In September, when the splendid oval leafed variety is ripe, you may chance upon the footprints of bears in the bog alpine, perhaps even hear a happy grunt or two.

As for the abundance of plants in the heather family which flourish there, the locals have ignored the evidence of botany and prefer to think the mountain is named after a woman of robust appearance. The object left upon the summit by B.C. Forest Products is therefore covered with adulatory but uncouth graffiti which rather takes away from the view.

Many regard huckleberries as the ultimate treat. From where I sit it's possible to pick them without even standing up. My house may be inhabited by carpenter ants, spiders and a few rodents, but the garden this year is red with huckleberries.

Covered with heated skunk cabbage

The Kwakiutl had a traditional method of preserving huckleberries for the mid-winter feasts. The fruit was first boiled in tall cedar cooking boxes (I regret that the only ones I've seen have been at the U.B.C. Museum of Anthropology) with salmon eggs. This mixture was then covered with heated skunk cabbage leaves and the joints sealed with eulachon.

After THAT it seems a bit *infra dig* to make huckleberry pies and freeze them until the next solstice.

Everybody can identify the berries of the heather family.

Huckleberries love to colonize the stumps left by the generations of loggers who have tried, with varying degrees of success, to consume the incredible fertility of our land. Salal grows in the thick undergrowth of the coastal rainforests, as does kinnikinnick.

And what other food is naturally, gruntingly, blue? Wild black raspberries are really a shade of purple, like that cabbage, and ripe salal is almost black.

Alaskan blueberries are a trifle bland, Canada's are sweet, bog blueberries are waxy, but the oval-leafed ones are epic. You can make a superb woodland pie by mixing two parts blueberries with one each of ripe huckleberries and jet black salals.

People in trendy, "destination" resorts with aristocratic names pay big prices for these delicacies. I'll settle for a plate of blueberry grunt, whatever it means.

Blueberry Grunt

- 1 quart oval-leafed blueberries
- 1/2 cup well water
- 1/2 cup sugar

Some ordinary dumplings, covered and cooked fifteen minutes.

Put the fruit into a pan with water and sugar. Heat until the blueberries soften. Now spoon this mixture over the dumplings. You may wish to add some huckleberries, salals and kinnikinnicks. No pies.

Ferry construction

Company considers price tag

B.C. Ferries is considering tenders for the construction of two big boats.

The corporation called for tenders to build the ferries which will carry 470 vehicles and 2,000 passengers. Five firms entered bids.

Low bid came from Mitsui Canada Ltd. which entered a bid for one ferry at a cost of \$88.4 million. The company bid on construction of both ships with the same cost for one boat and a cost on the second of \$84.6 million.

Halter Marine Incorporated, of Mississippi, bid \$95.2 million for either the first or second boat and a combined bid of the same price for one ferry and \$93.5 million for the second. A delivery price of \$664,323 for either boat was listed as an additional cost.

Brodosplit Shipyard of Yugoslavia submitted a bid of \$105 million for each vessel.

Next in line was Versatile Pacific, of Vancouver, with a bid of \$119 million for the second vessel only.

Masa Yards of Finland rounded out the list. The company bid \$115 million for the first ferry and \$120 million for the second. The delivery price would be \$100,000 for either ship.

B.C. Ferries wants the first boat to be in service by May, 1992 and the second on the job by February, 1993.

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Wedding unites Stacey, Clarke

Peggy Stacey of Salt Spring Island and Richard Clarke of Sydney, Australia were married in Sechart on July 1 in brilliant sunshine.

The wedding party included matron of honour Judi Eastman and bridesmaid Katherine Toynbee. Erin Stacey, the bride's five-year-old niece, acted as flower girl.

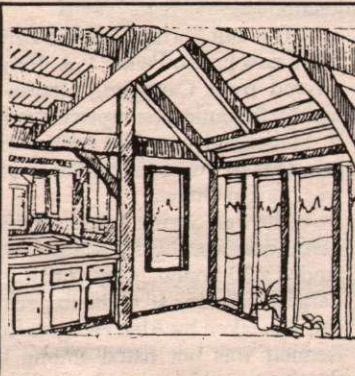
For the groom, Lee Brown and Rod Powell acted as best man and groomsmen respectively.

The bride was given away by her father, David Stacey.

The groom's mother, Beryl Clarke, and her close friends travelled from Australia for the ceremony.

The toast to the bride was presented by Miles Stacey, the bride's brother.

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Brother Twelve

O'Sullivan remembers experience

Many words have been written about the infamous "Brother Twelve" but none of the authors talked to the ordinary people involved, according to a Salt Spring resident.

Recently, three individuals put together their information about the situation at the infamous site just south of Nanaimo. *The Devil of De-Courcy Island, the Brother XII* was written by Ron MacIsaac, Don Clark and Charles Lillard.

They presented an interesting view of "Brother XII" but the book raised more questions than it answered. Since publication, MacIsaac, a Victoria lawyer, has met and talked to some of the "ordinary people."

By BILL WEBSTER
 Driftwood Staff Writer

One of those people is Ted O'Sullivan, a familiar figure on the ferries serving Salt Spring, who spent a couple of his boyhood years at Cedars-By-the-Sea, Brother Twelve's communal retreat south of Nanaimo. His family lived there at the height of the happenings but the young O'Sullivan never saw the many "goings on" which have been luridly chronicled in various books.

When rumours and tales began circulating several years ago, O'Sullivan's mother became upset because she knew the people involved in the Aquarian Foundation, as it was called.

His father, Edwin O'Sullivan, a mechanic, was offered a house at Cedars-by-the-Sea in exchange for keeping various machines working. The O'Sullivans lived there for two years between 1931 and 1933, the year the Foundation fell apart.

"There were no children among the Aquarians," O'Sullivan remembered. Most of the people were "older" and retired. The O'Sullivan children spent most of their free time with children of a neighbouring farmer.

"You have to remember that to a seven-year-old, most adults appear old," he said.

O'Sullivan can recall only about 10 people living at Cedar-by-the-Sea, not several hundred as the stories claim. He seldom saw the man referred to as Brother Twelve and cannot remember seeing Madame



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Down the years

Thirty Years Ago

• John Bennett of Salt Spring won recognition, of sorts, in the Legion fishing derby. He got as far as Active Pass in his boat before it broke down. On the spot repairs didn't work and he was towed back to Ganges.

The fishing wasn't that great but he won the award for the smallest fish. Dick Royal had the largest salmon.

• The Journal of Anthony Tripp, found on a derelict farm on Mount Maxwell, revealed that in March, 1867, his father hired a Mr. Walch, late of the Sandwich Islands, for "three days employ, to be paid for by a parcel of our mellowest tobacco, the offer being gladly accepted."

• The Ganges weatherman, H. Carlin, reported a temperature of 94.5 degrees for August 9. It was the third day of temperatures above 90 degrees.

• Children were warned to stay out of Swanson's Pond in Ganges. Swimmer's itch infested the water and several children had to be treated by a doctor to control the parasites.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

• The Ganges sewer report was presented at a public meeting, but few residents attended. The capital cost would be \$176,000 with an annual user fee of between \$24 and \$120 as well as a monthly charge in the \$5 to \$7 range. The seemingly high cost was provoking opposition to the idea.

• Rain fell on Salt Spring, resulting in a decrease of the fire hazard rating. Campgrounds were allowed to open but residents and visitors were advised to take care with fire in the bush and at the beach.

• Organizers on Mayne Island were busy putting the last touches to plans for the 40th annual fair. A highlight of the event would be a performance of the Drum and Bell Band of the Victoria Chinese Lion's Club.

• Sightings of two cougars on Salt Spring were reported. Ted Akerman followed his cougar hound, "Pearl" who treed the first cat. The second cat got away when the hound experienced difficulty tracking because of the rain.

Twenty Years Ago

• The *Driftwood* did not publish this week because of the holiday.

Fifteen Years Ago

• Papajohn reported from Saturna that the auction was a success but neglected to mention how much

money was raised. Mike Hayes was auctioneer.

• The Salt Spring Catholic Parish had a new priest. Father P.A. Bergin arrived from Carstairs, Alberta to take on the duties. He replaced Father F. Sutherland who had been parish priest for six years. Father Bergin, 64, was born in Ottawa.

• The Salt Spring Legion salmon derby was won by John Stack who landed a 30-pound, eight-ounce cod. Largest salmon, at eight lb., seven oz., was taken by Alan Hedger. John Bennett was not listed among the winners.

• A representative of the Canadian Ladies Golf Association visited the golf course on Galiano. E. Crawford gave the course a rating of 60 for the ladies.

• Not one, but two of the famous midnight deer caused an accident. A island resident explained to RCMP that the deer came at his van from each side of the road and he had no choice but to hit the ditch. He was ticketed for driving without due care and attention.

Ten Years Ago

• St. Mary Lake was surrounded by 410 lots, noted Island Trustee Bud Kreissl. The lots were created by subdivision prior to 1969 and only 200 of them were occupied.

• Ganges RCMP were called out to check the attire, or lack of it, of bathers at Stowe and Blackburn Lakes. The police telephone was busy as people called in complaints about nude bathers at the two lakes.

• Homemaker service was instituted on Pender Island. The Lions Club helped set up the service from an office in Hope Bay. Eric Forbes was the chairman of the service and he was looking for more volunteers to help.

• Fast boats in Ganges Harbour were causing waves which rocked the Sailing Club. The local sailors applied for a rezoning of their waterfront to Water B to allow installation of a floating breakwater to protect the moored boats. The application was approved.

Five Years Ago

• A gas price war in Ganges caused traffic jams as motorists lined up to take advantage of the price of 38.9 cents per litre. Normal price was 55.5 cents for a litre of regular gasoline.

• Visitors crowded the ferry terminal at Vesuvius on Salt Spring and the *Vesuvius Queen* left 14 vehicles behind on its last trip to Crofton for the day. B.C. Ferries agreed to an extra sailing if at least eight vehicles were ready to go. By the time the

Vesuvius Queen returned to Salt Spring, only two cars remained in the parking lot.

• MacMillan-Bloedel would explain plans for its land holdings on Galiano Island. A public meeting had been called by the forest company to tell islanders what would be done on the 9,600 acres of land.

• The Salt Spring Invitational golf tourney was won by Wayne Little of the Uplands Golf Club. He shot a 152. Winner on the ladies side was Julie Matter of Kamloops with a 176.



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Most were friendly to the young O'Sullivans

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They spent most of their time in the "big house" which also housed equipment, the water pump and the generator, which the elder O'Sullivan was required to keep in working order.

For the most part, O'Sullivan said, the people were friendly to him, his brother, Dennis and his sister, Betty. One man treated the children coolly and they harboured a fear of him. The other residents built them a hide-away in the hay loft and whenever the unfriendly man came around the children would hide in the hay.

The people were into numerology, O'Sullivan remembered. His father installed lights on the tractor to allow work at night — if the numbers called for nocturnal farming.

At one point, the pump and the generator ceased working and the father went to the big house to see what the problem was. He interrupted Brother Twelve and Madame Zee in a compromising situation and

Twelve had "supernatural powers." After the incident in the big house, the father went to Nanaimo for supplies. He fled his auto, O'Sullivan reported, because it seemed to be crushing him.

Incidentally, the problem with the generator and the pump was a simple thing: it was out of gas.

Toward the end of the Foundation in 1933, O'Sullivan recalled everyone was concerned. A telescope was mounted on the porch of the big house to keep track of who came and went from DeCourcy Island.

The vessel, *Lady Rose*, had been beached and O'Sullivan's father took the ballast, 50 pound ingots of lead, to sell in order to get money. His mother used the sails to make trousers for the boys.

"They (the trousers) lasted forever," O'Sullivan said.

He scoffed at the story of gold coins hidden away in cedar boxes. At the time, he said, people talked of silver stashed in quart sealers and taken away by a local tie