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## Use of chlorine is questioned

SALT SPRING — Maxwell Lake water users began drinking chlorinated water Tuesday, but some residents are wondering which is worse: chlorine or fecal coliforms.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District superintendent Mike Larmour told *Driftwood* Monday that the chlorinator would be up and running Tuesday (yesterday). He also said there was no indication as to the reason why recent testing revealed fecal coliforms in the water supply.

Meanwhile, the president of the Water Preservation Society wondered if the potential dangers of chlorine were preferable to "having the runs or trots for the day."

Mike Hayes said there are enough questions about the carcinogenic dangers of chlorine to put its value as a disinfectant in some doubt. He also termed the Capital Regional District's action in issuing a boil-water advisory last week as "irresponsible."

He charged that the advisory was issued "to scare off opposition

to chlorination." Health officials were ill-advised, he said, knowing that chlorination of the water was to take place within a week.

"It scared people unnecessarily," he said.

CRD health department spokesman Bob Bradbury said, however, the boil-water notice was not issued to pacify the community regarding the installation of the chlorinating system.

"If we weren't concerned about the fecal coliform counts, we would not have put out the notice," he said.

Bradbury said that three out of five tests undertaken at Maxwell Lake indicated the presence of fecal coliform. He said any level of fecal coliform is unacceptable in drinking water.

He added he does not recommend raw water be used for drinking in any system.

"Chlorine is a very effective way of treating water," he said, noting some studies have suggested chlorine may cause cancer. "I personally have difficulty with that, but it makes for interesting debate."

## Seawalk to proceed

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING - Advocates of the Ganges Harbour seawalk and dinghy dock encountered stormy waters at a public information meeting last Wednesday at the Activity Centre.

But the boardwalk committee — representing the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, the Chamber of Commerce and professionals working on the project — met again Friday to discuss issues raised at the meeting and they agreed to continue with the project.

At last week's meeting some critics alleged there weren't sufficient safeguards to prevent landowners from using fill to expand their properties on the harbourfront.

By approving the application from Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber to fill part of the harbour, the Islands Trust and other granting

agencies could be setting a dangerous precedent, the critics argued.

Bob Hassell criticized the seawalk's route, alleging it does not follow the high-water mark — as it does along Grace Point, Centennial Park and Mout's Trading — but instead bulges out into the harbour. Chamber of Commerce president Jack Cherry countered by saying there was no bulge, and that the seawalk follows the low-water mark all along the route.

Hassell accused Jonathan Oldroyd of Gulf of Georgia — owners of the log dump site where the alleged bulge is located — of

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## Provincial championships Sunday

## 150 cyclists expected in weekend race

SALT SPRING — A 20-kilometre course around the island's north end will once again attract top-rated bicycle racers from the Pacific Northwest.

About 150 cyclists are expected to enter the 1989 B.C. Open Road Race Championships on Sunday, starting at 10:30 am.

There will be seven categories in the event, which is sponsored by the Victoria Wheelers Cycling Club, ranging from the vets, juniors and cadets class (40 km) to the senior men's category, riding eight

laps of the course, or 160 km.

"It's a challenging course. It's considered a high-class event for riders from all over B.C. and Washington," said Bruce Grey of Salt Spring's Island Spoke Folk, which is co-sponsoring the event.

Positive features of the course, which loops around Vesuvius Bay Road, Sunset Drive and North End Road, are several challenging hills and a small volume of traffic, not to mention superb scenery.

Grey says the event brings together the top riders of the bicycle

race season, which lasts from May to September. This is the second straight year that the course will determine the B.C. road team for the nationals.

Grey says local volunteers are needed as marshals, who are stationed at corners to help maintain the flow of traffic, and as drivers. All seven categories run consecutively, leaving at five-minute intervals.

Sign-on is at Portlock Park. More information can be obtained from Grey at 537-4664.



Monkey hero Hanuman (Uma Meyers) fights off demon army, portrayed by Nayan Filkow, Sun-moon Perreault and Jaya and

Hamsa Polden during rehearsals for production of *Ramayana*. The ancient East Indian saga has returned to Salt Spring after a

successful debut last year. It runs Friday and Saturday evening at Activity Centre.

## 2,500-year-old epic

By DAVID FRASER

SALT SPRING — *The Ramayana*, a classic tale of good versus evil that kept an audience of 400 spellbound at its Salt Spring Island debut last year, returns to the island next weekend.

The 2,600-year-old epic tale from India plays at the Activity Centre August 4 and 5 at 7:30 pm. It brings together the talents of 50 children, 10 adult singers and musicians, and a large production staff.

The saga is a detailed description of the perennial struggle for inner peace and the means to achieve it. In India, *The Ramayana* is deeply revered for its spiritual significance and enjoyed as an exciting tale. Assistant director Susheela Meyers says the play is also staged in other parts of the world, including Indonesia, where she recently saw a production.

Briefly, the story takes place in the distant past where a race of demons roams freely on the earth, conquering and killing whomever they choose. It is up to Hanuman, the epitome of faith and devotion, and his army of monkeys, to set out and defeat Ravana, the demon king, and liberate Princess Sita.

Baba Hari Dass, an Indian yoga master, inspired the Salt Spring production, as well as a "Ramayana" staged each year in Santa Cruz, California, for the past 15 years.

"It appeals to students as an allegory," says Meyers. "They can live out aspects of their character, be they good or bad."

Some of the actors, who range in age from three to 14, performed in last year's production. It's a demanding play. Characters wear heavily padded costumes and latex

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## B.C. Day marked Monday

The B.C. Day holiday will be observed Monday.

Many businesses will close for the day, including *Driftwood*. Classified advertising deadline will be moved to Friday at 4.30 pm. Other deadlines will remain unchanged.

# THE WEATHER

Weather report for the week ended Monday, July 31, 1989.

High temperature: 26.5 deg. Celsius on July 25.  
 Low temperature: 11 deg. Celsius on July 31.  
 Total precipitation: 1.8 mm.  
 Days with precipitation: 2

## OUTLOOK:

Sunny with cloudy periods for the rest of the week, clearing up for the weekend. Highs near 20, lows 10.

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# HEU staff protest union assessment

By DAVID FRASER  
 SALT SPRING - Two dozen members of Local 180 of the Hospital Employees' Union (HEU) at Greenwoods are protesting their union's assessments on their paycheques.

The HEU assessments affect all union locals which did not take part in the recent nurses' strike. Staff at the Ganges long-term care facility are being assessed 20 per cent of their net earnings over a two-week period, about two days' pay.

In a petition which was recently forwarded to HEU headquarters in Vancouver, all members contacted signed to protest what they call an unreasonable and unrealistic levy.

## Assessment should have been based individually on ability to pay

"Everyone wanted to give something," says HEU local secretary Marilyn Lundy. "But it (the assessment) seemed high to us, considering some of the hardships of some of our members, who are breadwinners." Lundy says union members should have been assessed individually, based on their ability to pay.

Greenwoods receptionist Muzz Holmes, who spearheaded the petition, says that although the union decided on the levy June 20, the Greenwoods local first heard about the decision on July 18 when the facility's administration was first informed. "I suspect they (the union) wanted payroll to deduct (the assessments) before anyone could protest it," Holmes says.

Holmes says at least five other long-term care facilities on the Lower Mainland are protesting the assessments.

"It's a way of equalizing the burden borne by everyone in order to get an agreement," says HEU spokesman Howie Smith. He estimates about 20,000 hospital staff were directly affected by the strike and between 5,000 and 8,000 people will be assessed to help strikers or essential service workers who received only a portion of their pay.

He says striking HEU staff were

paid \$120 weekly strike pay with extra money for dependents. Essential service workers kept \$220 a week while they worked (with extra for dependents) and turned over the rest of their earnings to the union.

The HEU master agreement affects 144 union locals belonging to the Hospital Labour Relations Association. It does not, however, cover Greenwoods workers, who are still negotiating a contract.

Smith says the HEU executive decided that a strike at a small facility would not be effective. "Our aim was to inconvenience the public as little as possible. A strike would be a great burden on the community and have little impact on the employer."

Smith says the last HEU strike was in 1976 but it was of nowhere near the magnitude of the recent job action. Holmes says HEU members were out so long this time around because they honoured the nurses' strike and continued job action even after nurses were declared an essential service and could return to work.

Smith says some strikers were on picket duty for up to 13 days before their leadership negotiated a settlement. The tentative two-year contract calls for 6.25 per cent wage increases in the first and second years over the present average wage of \$12 an hour, and settles issues on contracting out and payment of back pay.

Smith says all HEU members sign cards which explain that assessments could take place in the event of a strike. He says assessments are rarely exercised because agreements are normally reached through arbitration or isolated job action.

But Holmes says there is a clause on union cards where it states that individual members can revoke the authority of the union to assess the fees.

Smith says members are normally docked \$1 a month for a defence fund. "But that goes pretty fast in the event of a strike."

Holmes says, however, that the HEU has a \$9.3 million annual budget which goes towards administration with very little going toward the rank and file.

# Freelancer gets writing award at weekly newspaper convention

Local freelance writer and *Driftwood* contributor Randy Thomas has been awarded the best community newspaper feature award for 1988 for his story, *Strange Times on Salt Spring*.

The award was presented Saturday, July 22, by the Canadian Community Newspapers Association at its annual convention in Ottawa.

Thomas' winning entry, which appeared in *Victoria's Monday Magazine*, was among 2,185 submissions in all categories — 37 for best feature — submitted by more than 300 newspapers from coast to coast.

In the same competition *Driftwood* was named one of Canada's best all-round community newspapers, winning second place in its circulation class for tabloids between 3,400 and 4,999 circulation. The competition for general excellence rated newspapers according to the quality of writing, photography, layout and design, typography and overall impression.

*Driftwood* also won best editorial page for papers in its class and finished as second runner-up in judging for the Dorothy Hoodspith Award given for service to the community above and beyond a newspaper's normal mission. *Driftwood* was recognized for its

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A transportation and highways ministry spokesman said late last week that the painting crew will be here soon to repaint centre lines and road markings.

The spokesman observed that a fresh coat of paint was needed, particularly in Ganges.

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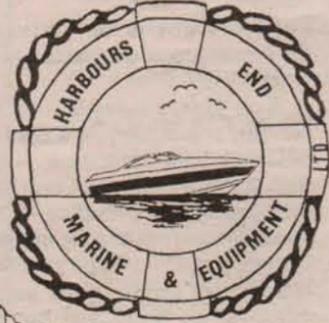
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# Like most capitals, Paris is not typical of country it controls

I made my journey to Paris without enough warning. As a result, I was unable to make a reservation on the train I planned to take. It was "complet," or fully booked. I found a later train and transferred to first-class to be sure of a seat. Along the Mediterranean shores and up the country to Paris on a blazing hot day.

I wish I could echo the happy sentiments of the inter-war writers from the United States who fell in love with the Paris of the 1920's. I cannot accept their values. I simply don't care for Paris. It is too big, too crowded and incomprehensible.

On the other hand, I don't care for London, although I can enjoy the rest of Britain. A capital is rarely typical of the country it controls and there are too many distractions to permit the visitor to enjoy a simple, straightforward examination of its virtues. If it possesses any.

The Eiffel Tower was once a delight for its sense of distance from the ground and the view of the surrounding country it offered the visitor.

But the tower is crowded and the elevators are seething boxes of humanity making like sardines. With the constant smog of industry hovering over us everywhere, it is no longer a simple matter to gaze out on the view when you finally reach the top. You need infra-red eyes.

After a day I decided that enough was enough. The city was sticky hot and so was I. I walked around Montmartre and took a train to the Marne, where two generations of French and British troops had served together.

I had armed myself for the trip. First thing I acquired on arrival in Britain was a pensioner's pass. It cost me \$30 and entitled me to travel where I might at reduced prices. I had then paid another \$10 for a EuroRail pass, entitling me to the same privileges on the continent. In addition, I bought a France rail pass allowing me to travel four days out of 14, anywhere. For \$120 or so I went south to Nice, north to Paris, east to Rheims and, finally, up to Calais, for Dover. The price was half the cost of the one southern trip with a direct return.

Train from Paris to Rheims is a minor service, but quite speedy, and quite full. As the train moved nearer to the old battlegrounds the towns and villages became more familiar to a man who flew to Bethinville in an Imperial Airways Ensign in 1939, all set for the Phony War.

Rheims is a pleasant, clean city, capital of the Champagne country, boasting a beautiful cathedral, veteran of many wars, ancient monuments of various kinds and a car museum. It was the coronation

## to be frank

by richards



city of 25 kings. The main street runs from the railway station to the shopping area and brings together traveller, hotels and city centre. I stayed at the Hotel de la Paix for a very good reason. Some 50 years ago I was released into Rheims by the Royal Air Force. During those years I found a pleasant restaurant within my means. It was the Cafe de la Paix and my introduction to snails, or escargots, which I have always enjoyed.

The city was a good headquarters from which to branch out. It boasts a good shopping centre with prices a little higher, perhaps, than in Britain. The cathedral was interesting and the scars of battle still very evident in its fabric. The car museum merited a little more time than I had at my disposal, but only because I have always been a car buff.

All these little sidelines were interesting but my main purpose was to visit the villages in which I had been stationed as a young air force man. I headed for Plivot, near Epernay. The champagne city lies a few miles from Rheims and was our local town during the months I spent at Plivot.

There was a threat of rain as the train came to a halt. By the time I was looking for a taxi it was pelting with rain. Once again, I was on a losing streak. It is half a century since I made a regular habit of eating in Epernay, but I could no longer recognize the restaurant. By the time I had eaten a ham sandwich, long and thin, half a baguette, or French loaf, it was still raining and my enthusiasm was wearing thin. I found a taxi and spent some 20 dollars being driven out to Plivot.

During the war Plivot was a village of a hundred or so with no industry other than farming. The taxi operator asked whether I wanted the airdrome. She couldn't figure out anyone wanting the village. The road out is new and nary a landmark could I find. When Plivot came into sight it was soaked

as I recognized one cafe and the village crossroads. I suggested to the driver we return to Epernay where I would visit the Moet et Chandon champagne cellars.

Miles of cellaring lie beneath the champagne company's buildings and the very courteous guide duly took us around in a party of English-speaking adults and unruly, boisterous kids. It was old hat

and the guide mentioned nothing of the role of the plant in providing aid to allied air crews shot down over France.

My final leg of travelling on the tracks of the societe nationale de chemins de fer took me from Rheims to Calais via Charleville.

As in Dover, the train pulls into the docks and there is a quick changeover. The ferry company could learn, I am convinced, from the loading and unloading procedures on British Columbia ferry vessels. To leave the ship at Dover all foot passengers snake their way through the ship's passageways.

I enjoyed a happy trip through modern France. My command of the language, already perilously thin, carried me through and my only criticism would be levelled at the price of keeping clean. The Cap Martin hotel notice explains that no washing of clothes is permitted in the rooms, yet the staff have no knowledge of laundries or washing machines. When I was out of clean clothing I was desperate and found a laundry. A few shirts, underclothing and socks cost me \$80. They weren't worth very much more!

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## It is not what you'd call service

What do Ganges and Mexico have in common? You can't drink the water.

That joke was circulating in the village very soon after last week's boil-water advisory was issued for Maxwell Lake water. It was, of course, true at the time, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try to avoid developing a reputation similar to that of Mexico's in terms of water quality.

The importance of the tourist industry to the Gulf Islands cannot be overstated, particularly as many of us tend to forget what it means to the local economy. Those of us who offer services and products to visitors must bear in mind that unless we satisfy these customers, they will not return. But not only that, they will likely go home and tell a dozen friends about their dissatisfaction and before you know it we have a reputation we do not want.

The recommendation to boil Maxwell water applied to most of the businesses in Ganges, including dining establishments. Unfortunately, patrons of some restaurants were offered no alternative either to tap water or ice made from unboiled and untreated Maxwell water.

In one restaurant, customers were simply told the source of the ice cubes and were left to make up their own minds as to whether they wished to have them in a drink.

We don't believe that's good enough.

A service-oriented business would send for ice cubes made from a reliable water source. There are several ice machines — whose contents come from Victoria — in Ganges. It would not present much difficulty, and not a great deal of expense either, for a restaurant to purchase ice until the water problem was resolved.

We don't suggest for a minute that we try to keep our water contamination problems a secret from visitors. But let's not emphasize the problem to the point of creating an inconvenience to them.

We're talking about service.



## Damned tourists! (Diplomacy can be tough!)

By SUSAN DICKER

A sign at Sears in Ganges defines diplomacy as the ability to tell someone to go to hell in such a way that he actually looks forward to the trip.

Reading that sent my mind scrambling back to the four summers I spent working in a deli, across from the tourist-magnetic Miniature World (and Empress Hotel) in Victoria. I believe my co-workers and I gained this ability: smiling with extra sweetness to some particularly obnoxious customer, telling him "enjoy your sandwich," when actually we'd scraped off the regular mustard and lathered it with the hot variety, destined to be noted by his oesophagus. I'd call that diplomatic.

Our developing skill in diplomacy was constantly challenged, however, by a regular flow of questions that only visitors could ask. An underground link between super hosts (or good show! workers as we were called then), kept us updated on the latest in the stupid question club.

I contributed a stupid question story, when some Texan asked me how many pounds the parking meter took. Then there was the poor soul who ordered a mushroom cawchee (quiche) and nanaimo (Nanaimo) bar, and later asked where the queen lived. (I kindly directed her to the Wax Museum.)

A friend who worked in the dining room at the Empress was greeted one morning by a man

stretching luxuriantly at the window of the grand hotel and watching the activity at the Inner Harbour. "And what did you say the name of this lake is?" he asked my friend.

The classic, of course, was the American stopped for speeding by the RCMP in some small interior town, who thought 80 km meant he could travel at 80 Canadian Miles per hour.

On Salt Spring, visitors only ask two questions: "Where's the liquor store?" followed by, "Where's MacDonalads?"

I have also been a tourist. My memory goes back eight years to the Disneyland trip I took with my parents and younger brother. On one occasion we were atypically

seated at an extravagant restaurant. When the waiter asked my mother whether she would prefer soup or salad to begin her meal, she responded "yes," believing she had been offered a super salad. Every once in a while, I still like to make my mom a super salad.

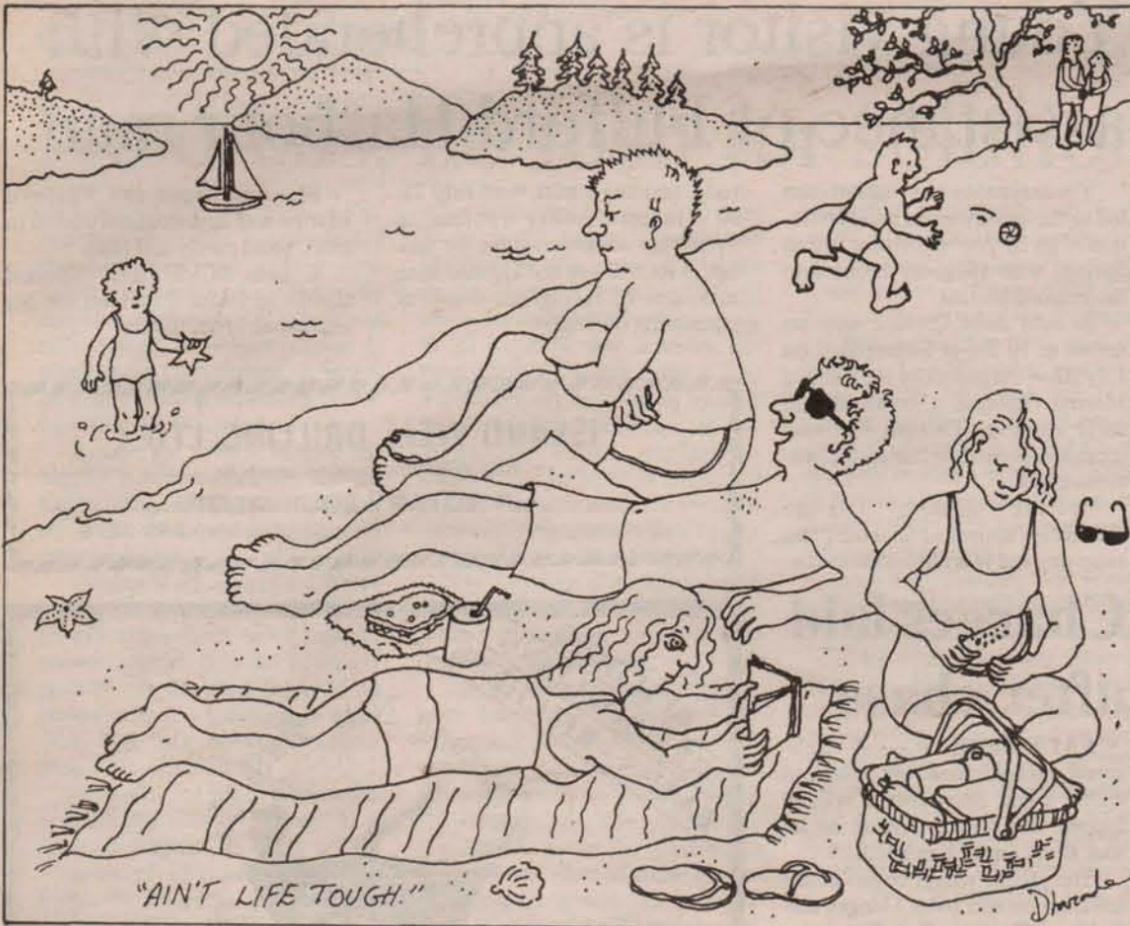
There was the also the occasion some years ago when a friend and I donned our backpacks and carefully followed a map through the streets of Paris, determined to satisfy our touristy instincts and at least photograph the Eiffel Tower.

By every estimation of the map, we arrived at the spot the landmark should have been, and saw nothing unusually tall. Mustering the best of his French vocabulary, my friend asked a passerby where we could

find the Eiffel Tower. We received a cold, blank stare before the individual shuddered slightly and hurried away. Approximately two steps later, just far enough to get us away from the overhang of a building, the tower appeared, looming (blocking out the sight of everything) before us.

Once, more recently and in Victoria yet, a daring U-turn in some urban intersection left me and the male driver stopped at a red light, facing two lanes of oncoming traffic, just waiting for the green "go" signal to plough us down and totally obliterate our "tourist" vehicle.

The words on the lips of those drivers, by the way, were very apparent, and not the least bit diplomatic.



letters

Position paper

Apart from the constitution of the Friends of Galiano Society, which has been widely circulated, it is now time for the executive of the society to present its initial position paper. We have compiled the results of our questionnaire and have considered the results carefully in regards to our initial position which is as follows:

- 1) We would like to retain as much of the island in tree farm as is possible.
- 2) We realize that some development on the island is inevitable, but we would like to see this development localized and, at a minimum, contingent with the island's capability to maintain reasonable groundwater standards and to not exceed the sanitary effluent carrying capacity.
- 3) We support good forestry silviculture practices within the tree farm: to upgrade the standard of the tree population and the yield from the lands, not withstanding that this may require clear-cut logging, burning of the slash, proper site preparation, planting new and improved see-

dlings, conifer release, fertilization and juvenile spacing.

4) We want MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. to have a vested interest in the island, and live in harmony with the other residents. We want to work together with MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. for the best interests of all of us. We believe that this can be done if all of us show understanding and tolerance. This does not mean that we will always get our own way. There will have to be compromises. We do not believe in harassment of the logging operations.

5) Clear Cut Alternatives proposed to the Honourable Terry Huberts and to M&B in August 1988 that: "A demonstration project should be set up on Galiano Island to include the community, M&B and the government of British Columbia. The demonstration project should set up a mechanism to effectively address and resolve the concerns of the community without the need for a media circus.

As it will take time to pioneer a new approach to resolving community-industry concerns, the government of B.C. and the Is-

lands Trust should support the process and develop incentives for M&B to seriously try and make the demonstration project work.

FOG wishes to adopt this very policy in regards to our initial position.

6) The process involved in realizing this demonstration project will involve the Forest and Land Use Council which will receive and negotiate M&B's plans before taking them to the Islands Trust for approval.

This then is the position of the founding members of the Friends Of Galiano Society. We don't want to drive MacMillan Bloedel Ltd. out, nor do we want to force them to sell the tree farm to some outside developer with no knowledge or concept of the concerns of the local population, as was done on Salt Spring Island. If we act sensibly, we can have a sensible and reasonable solution to the problems we now face.

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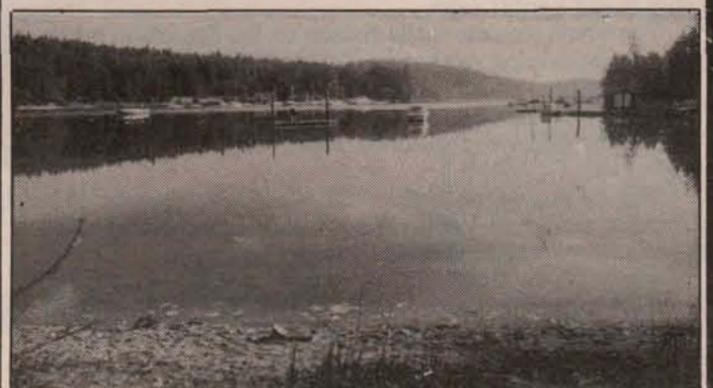
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By **HUBERT BEYER**

**VICTORIA** — Nothing is certain in love, war and politics, but given the outcome of the recent battle in the Cariboo for the Social Credit nomination, an NDP victory in the forthcoming byelection is a good bet.

The nomination of Vander Zalm loyalist Joe Wark, a 60-year-old auctioneer from Quesnel, came after a gruelling five-hour meeting that saw two ballots and two recounts. When it was all over, Wark had squeezed by his strongest opponent, Quesnel Mayor Mike Pierce, by one vote.

While a strongly contested and narrowly won nomination is not necessarily a bad sign, it is in this case. Wark's slim victory is, in fact, doubly bad for the Socreds. Not only did the bitterly contested nomination show the deep split in the ranks of Cariboo Socreds, but the fact that it was won by a Vander Zalm loyalist can only help the NDP.

The rift in Socred ranks is evident throughout British Columbia, but it's especially pronounced in the Cariboo riding, where a lot of people have fond memories of the late Alex Fraser. Fraser broke with Vander Zalm over the privatization of highways maintenance. He maintained that this move would cost the Socreds the next election.

**Triggered petty retaliation**

Fraser's independent stance on this issue would not only assure his banishment from cabinet, but triggered some fairly petty retaliation on the part of the premier. Making Neil Vant, the second member from Cariboo and no friend of Fraser's, highways minister was one example. Seating Fraser on the back bench of the opposition side was another.

The latest proof that the enmity between the traditionalist and the Vander Zalm faction is alive and well came when Pierce's nomination was seconded by Gertrude Fraser, widow of the former Cariboo MLA.

Pierce had made no bones about his disenchantment with the Vander Zalm style of government. He had offered himself as an "independent thinker who will speak my own mind."

What he really meant was that he will give voters the kind of Socred to vote for that they were used to, a Socred in the style of Bill Bennett and Alex Fraser.

Under normal circumstances, supporters of the various candidates will close ranks and support the winner. That's not likely going to happen in this case.

**Support may swing to independent**

I venture to guess that a lot of Pierce supporters will now swing behind Reg Cullis, an old-time Socred who has announced that he will run as an independent in the byelection. When Cullis announced that he would run as an independent he said he was an ardent free enterpriser whose views were no longer represented by the current government under the leadership of Bill Vander Zalm.

The whole scenario spells disaster for the Socreds in the upcoming byelection, according to Pierce. He says there's no way Wark can win.

"My candidacy said that I didn't think Joe was electable. Some people have a different view, they nominated him," Pierce said.

The NDP was delighted with Wark's nomination. John Dressler and David Zirnhelt, the two front-runners for the NDP nomination in Cariboo, couldn't have been happier.

"Holy toledo, there's a God up there, and he's a socialist," said Dressler, a secondary school principal. Wark's nomination, he said, will give voters a clear choice between "an uncompromising Socred and die-hard traditionalist" on the one side and a New Democrat candidate on the other.

**NDP has more than a good chance**

Zirnhelt, a horse logger and former Ottawa public servant, also said that Wark's nomination would make it easier for the NDP to win the byelection.

I say it does. With the Socred vote split between supporters and opponents of Vander Zalm, and bad feelings about the premier's treatment of their favourite son, Fraser, still smouldering, the NDP has more than a good chance to come up through the middle and take the seat after 37 years of Socred rule.

The Socreds have lost four byelections since they were swept to power three years ago with one of the largest majorities ever. Alberni and Nanaimo were no surprises. Both seats had previously been held by the NDP, but Bill Barlee's victory in Boundary-Similkameen was an upset, and Tom Perry's win in Vancouver-Point Grey was also more than just a message to the government.

The Cariboo byelection must be called by November 10, which would set the election date for early December. The outcome is crucial for the Socreds. They cannot afford to lose that one, but unless there's a dramatic change in the mood of Cariboo voters, they will.

**Young visitor is apprehended with assistance of Fulford Harbour man**

The assistance of a Fulford man led to the speedy arrest and conviction of an 18-year-old visitor to Salt Spring, who allegedly broke into the Fulford Marina.

A man from Quebec was arrested at 10 am at Swartz Bay on July 20 — the same day the Fulford Marina reported a break-in and theft from its Fulford Harbour premises, sometime during the previous night.

Patrick Joseph Claude Tremblay appeared in court the same day and was remanded in cus-

tody, pending a trial, held July 21. A Victoria court sentenced Tremblay to seven days in jail. Local RCMP say the Quebec man may also be facing one count of possessing narcotics.

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**Charges laid after chase**

**SALT SPRING** — A high-speed police chase last weekend ended when the pursued vehicle flipped and rolled, landing on its roof at the top of Lee's Hill.

The chase, which began at the intersection of Lower Ganges and Fulford-Ganges Roads at approximately 2 am Sunday, resulted in a series of charges against a 25-year-old Ganges man.

Ganges RCMP Constable Gary Styles activated emergency equipment and pursued the vehicle as it travelled faster and faster towards Fulford. Although the pick-up was totalled in the crash, the driver did not sustain any injury.

The driver will appear in Ganges provincial court on charges of dangerous driving, failing to stop for a police vehicle, impaired driving, and driving with a blood-alcohol level exceeding legal limits.

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# No crisis, no rush for solution

Is there a garbage crisis on Salt Spring? Does the island need a transfer station? Following Tom Gossett's column on solid waste disposal, investigation has shown that though a transfer station is planned for Salt Spring, it is *not* because the Blackburn Road landfill must be closed.

Rather, the reverse is true: the landfill is to be closed because the Capital Regional District (CRD) intends that the island should have a transfer station.

Duncan MacLaren of the Waste Management Branch of the Ministry of Environment, in a telephone conversation on July 24, 1989, explained that the landfill would be closed only if a referendum indicates that Salt Spring residents want a transfer station.

However, the CRD prefers not to leave this issue to chance. In a letter of August 16, 1988 to the Minister of Environment, Susan Brice, the chairman of the CRD, says "the CRD would like to see the Blackburn Road landfill closed ... the alternative that the CRD favours is a transfer station on Salt Spring Island from which to transfer refuse to the Hartland Road landfill.

*'While the Blackburn Road landfill constitutes an alternative, it may be difficult for a referendum to pass ...'*

"This alternative would considerably increase costs of refuse disposal for Salt Spring residents and, while the Blackburn Road landfill constitutes an alternative, it may be difficult for a referendum to pass to authorize the transfer station."

The impetus for a transfer station comes from the CRD's Solid Waste Management Plan. *Solid Waste Management in the Capital Region: Report of the Islands Subcommittee*, which is available to the public, was tabled in December 1986. The report of Cameron Advisory Services Ltd. (contained in the main report) states "When considered globally, having one or two central, modern, well operated landfills is the most environmentally acceptable landfill scenario". But is it? Since 1986, the world has become increasingly aware of garbage (remember the American garbage barge of last summer), and there is a widespread feeling that sending one community's (or country's) garbage to be dealt with in another community (or country)

is not a responsible solution. Currently, a \$2 million containment and pipeline system is in the works for the Hartland Road landfill and when it is complete, it will pump up to 20 litres of raw leachate per second into the sewer system. This will ultimately be dumped into the Strait of Juan de Fuca at the Macauley Point outfall in Esquimalt. The strait is becoming heavily contaminated as a result of such dumping. Should Salt Spring garbage be added to this system?

The concerns of the islands subcommittee about the Blackburn Road landfill, as stated in the report, were as follows:

"Its location within the Blackburn Lake and Cusheon Lake watershed; its proximity to rural residences; because it is privately owned, there is no guarantee that the landfill will continue to be available to serve the island; the disposal area allowed under the existing permit is only .81 hectares, while an area of 7.5 ha is expected to be required over the next 30 years."

The Blackburn Road site is indeed in a watershed, and this is certainly not a desirable land use. However, one of the three potential new landfill sites identified by the engineers is also in a watershed: site SS3, off Stewart Road. The engineering report states that this site "was originally avoided in the selection process because it falls within the Lake Stowell watershed basin. It was added *at the request of the island subcommittee*" (author's italics). The minutes of the December 3, 1986 meeting of the subcommittee record "it was decided that this site should be retained as a possibility and T. Gossett would check distance away of proposed subdivision." The fact that this site is also in a watershed does not seem to have mattered.

The proximity of the landfill to residences is probably a nuisance. However, the landfill began operating in 1964, and most of the houses in the vicinity have been built, and most of the current occupants have arrived, since then. Presumably, property prices in the area, including that bought by the Salt Spring Centre, reflected the existence of the landfill, and were cheaper than in some other parts of the island.

Perhaps the fact that the land is privately owned was seen as a problem in 1986 but since then, more and more government services have been privatized, and 30-year leases — or longer — are common practice.

The existing permit is for .81 ha, and an area of 7.5 ha will be required. Mr. Twa owns 12 ha around the landfill, which could also be used.

Although location within a

watershed is evidently not necessarily a consideration, health risks should be examined. The public health inspector for the CRD, E.G. Dyck, tests lakes and water systems on Salt Spring for fecal coliform bacteria. In a telephone conversation on July 24, 1989, Mr. Dyck said that neither Cusheon Lake nor the well at the Salt Spring Centre has ever shown a problem, though both are downstream from the landfill. The CRD does not test for other contaminants.

The responsibility for testing water around landfills lies with the Waste Management Branch of the Ministry of Environment. They do not now carry out regular water tests but they expect to start doing so every six months; the program should begin in the fall of 1989. Tests done in 1983 showed that surface water above the landfill actually had a higher coliform count than water below. Ground water has not

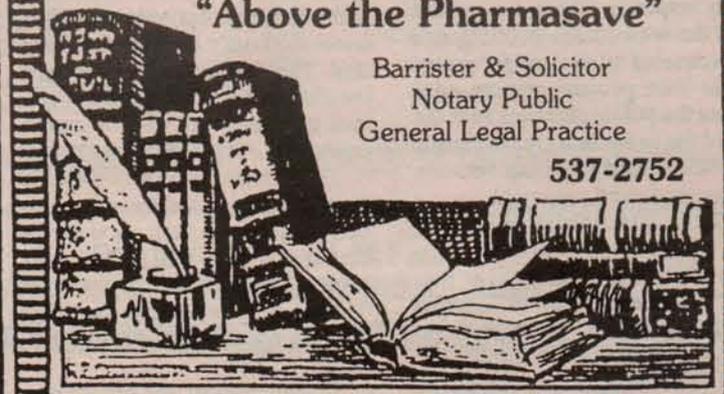
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# Seawalk to proceed despite stormy waters at meeting

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"making a deal" with the Islands Trust, the Capital Regional District and the Chamber of Commerce to increase his property size by 250 per cent by filling the harbour.

In response Oldroyd says that with the seawalk the public gets a co-ordinated plan and for every dollar that private owners contribute the public gets back two. He called the seawalk a great example of co-ordinated planning between private and public interests.

"If this all falls apart an application will go through to build some kind of marine facility. That particular property (Gulf of Georgia Land and Timber's) can go ahead and do any number of things. But what it's doing is joining in on something that it knows is a sensitive issue to the community."

Hassell asked what upland owners are getting out of the deal. "You think that it's a problem that

they might be gaining something?" responded Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, who chaired the meeting.

"I think it is a problem," said Hassell. "Jonathan (Oldroyd) refers to the merging of private and public interests. That's a euphemism for a deal. The deal is that the Trust, and the chamber and the CRD... will look the other way while a landfill operation is in place," Hassell said.

Hassell said four or five upland owners north of the PetroCan station could make very good use of their waterfront lots if they, too, were allowed to fill in the harbour. "And they're waiting in the wings to do just that when you establish this precedent."

Gilbert quoted the community plan, saying the seawalk may be constructed in stages by private owners as part of the enhancement of the commercial attractiveness of their land, and/or by public service

groups with private or public fundings."

But Hassell says the community plan also pointed out that filling of the harbour should be discouraged. "You guys have been hood-winked," Hassell told the boardwalk committee.

But Tom Toynbee said there were probably better ways for upland property owners to "better spend money for a better return" than to support the seawalk.

"The logical thing would be to build a marine facility there." But he said it was up to the Trust and community to bring upland owners into the plan in a reasonable way.

"I don't understand the levels of suspicion that one or two individuals are showing in this group," said Gilbert. He added that a "tremendous amount of co-operation and a lot of volunteer effort" have gone into the project.

In 1981 the Trust commissioned the SPAR report, which recommended building the walkway. Two years ago the Chamber of Commerce endorsed the concept and added the dinghy dock. "Upland owners want to contribute," said Gilbert. "They're taking the risks of not only getting development permits but alienating their land by allowing a walkway in front of it."

Dietrich Luth brought up concerns of boardwalk safety, saying the boardwalk was an ideal track for dirt bikes and bicycles. "And with the condition of the road in front it won't be surprising if someone crashes through a barrier."

"Another thing that bothers me about the concept is the pious incantations about public interest. What we have is gentrification setting in under the guise of public interest."

Luth said working men, like those dumping logs into the harbour or who barge heavy equipment on to the log dump site—"are getting kicked in the teeth."

"The day will come when I won't be able to afford to live here."

After the meeting Islands Trustee John Stepaniuk said the harbour is reaching the point where people moving heavy equipment or unloading barges and owners of petroleum facilities may have to look for alternative locations.

He said there seemed to be no objection to the seawalk from Harbours End to the dinghy dock. "The Trust at the present time has no jurisdiction over existing licenses of occupation but the public walkway will allow the community to gain control of the zoning if the land in question is filled."

In reference to the alleged bulge Stepaniuk said development permits and community plans are not always precise and adjustments have to be made. "There's no question we don't want to see the upland owners get hurt. And we're protecting the interests of the community. At the same time we want to get the benefit of the seawalk."

"What are the alternatives? Are we going to have a log dump and stinking hole that people fall in. Or are we going to have something beneficial to islanders, their children and visitors to walk on that shore."

## Why rush a solution?

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been tested. The landfill is underlain by fractured shales; once precipitation has seeped down through the deposits, it is below the slope of the surface, and thus may flow in any direction, toward or away from the lakes in question. At present, the Blackburn Road site poses no known risk to health.

Nonetheless, plans for a transfer station on Salt Spring are going ahead: proposals for operating the station and trucking the garbage to Hartland Road have been accepted, and a site has been chosen. J.O. Finnie, head of the municipal section of the Waste Management Branch, in a letter of July 4, 1988, wrote that the waste management plan had "concluded that a transfer facility would be provided for Salt Spring Island."

"This conclusion was based primarily on the results of public input to the plan, whereby residents of Salt Spring Island indicated a preference for a... system to transfer solid waste off the island." The input referred to was an open house (which is not the same as a public meeting) held on the topic of solid waste disposal in April 1987, which was attended by fewer than a hundred people. No public opinion has been sought since then.

What are the costs of a transfer station? Susan Brice said it would "considerably increase" our costs. The islands subcommittee report concluded that "the only disadvantage is that the cost is higher than the cost of a landfilling operation." The Cameron report estimates an initial cost on Salt Spring of \$203,000, with annual costs of \$105,000 to \$135,000. However, that was in 1986, so amounts will probably have increased. Also, the report itself cautions that the costs are "somewhat misleading" in that they are based on a tipping fee of \$9.50 per tonne at Hartland Road, while the costs were reported to be

"increasing to \$16.70 per tonne."

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In a recent report, the regional director stated that "we are going to have this matter concluded, one way or another, this year." If the existing landfill poses no known health hazards, and if the provision of a transfer station is based on the input of fewer than a hundred people, and if the costs of such a transfer station have not been presented, is there any legitimate reason to rush this important matter?

Garbage disposal is a serious concern, for both our environment and our wallets, and it clearly needs full and open discussion. There is no garbage crisis on Salt Spring, but we need a long-term plan to deal with our refuse in an environmentally sound and economical manner—before there really is a crisis.

The foregoing column was submitted by Jack Stubbards, president of the Fulford Old-Age Pensioners; Kathy Scarfo, president of the South Salt Spring Residents Association; Dennis O'Hara, president of the Fulford Business Association; and Fulford residents Robert Andrew, D. McKerrill, Bruce Patterson and Marlyn Horsdal.

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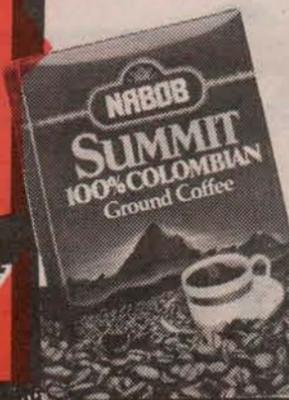
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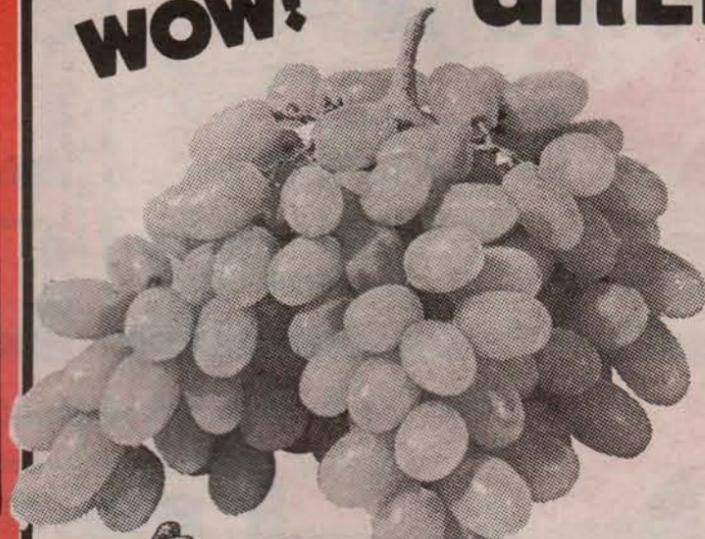
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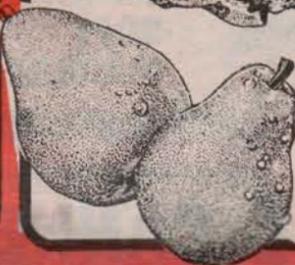
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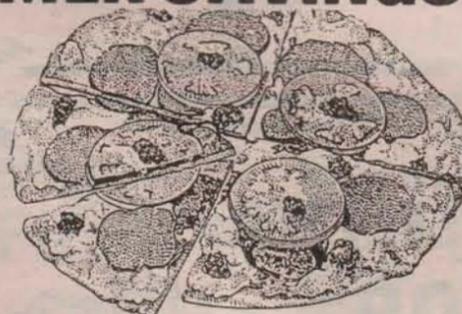
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Ralph Miller. Holding hands are Sue Bowler and James Wilkinson while Malindi Curtis sits in foreground. The show will run four weekends in August, beginning this Friday.

**On August 19**

**Fulford residents are preparing to celebrate**

FULFORD — Plans are well under way for Fulford Day August 19 at Drummond Park.

Fulford Day committee chairman Pat Corneille told *Driftwood* on Monday that many events have been finalized, while others are still in the planning stages.

Highlights of the day-long affair will be a lamb and beef barbecue and refreshment garden. Proceeds will go to various facilities in the community, such as Fulford Hall, Beaver Point Hall and Drummond Park and groups such as the Old-Age Pensioners Organization.

The event is also designed to bring south-end people together.

A preliminary schedule has various children's games running through the morning, with activities such as various races, a sandcastle contest and face painting.

North will take on South at 10.30 when a Ganges fastball team takes on a Fulford team at the Fulford Ball Park. The teams will vie for the Fulford Inn Trophy. Hot dogs, hamburgers, tofu dogs and pop will be on sale at Drummond Park from 10.30 on.

At 1 pm Fulford chefs will begin serving barbecued lamb and beef and the Coast Guard hovercraft will arrive for a visit. Beer garden will run from 2-6 pm and music will be presented by Hi Risk Chili and other local groups. A raffle draw will take place at 4 pm and a tug of war between teams from Fulford and Ganges, who will vie for the Jack Roland Memorial Trophy, will be held at 5 pm.

Hi Risk Chili will play for a dance that evening in Fulford Hall, from 9 pm to 1 am.

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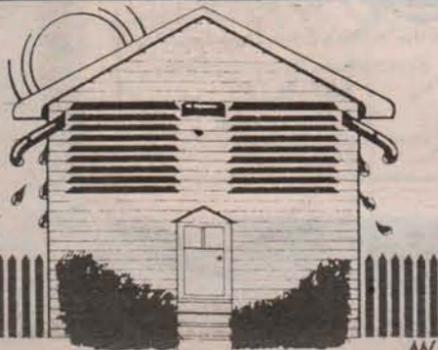


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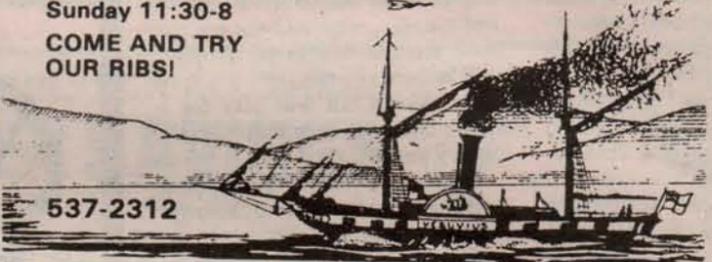


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Susan Cogan and Fran Avni

## Ramayana plays on weekend

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masks. Such padding is necessary, for example, to transform a "13-year-old adolescent girl into a macho, demon prince," Meyers explains.

Actors, many with no theatrical experience, must memorize "an enormous number of lines," as well as sing solo and perform dances and fight action sequences.

The play has 16 scenes and lasts two and a half hours. Rehearsals, which started two months ago, take place four times a week and last up to three hours.

"It's very intense. We ask a lot of the kids but they get a lot out of it," says Meyers. She says shyness is soon overcome as the young actors push themselves to the limit to perform their best.

Meyers says *The Ramayana* is entertainment for the whole family. "On Salt Spring that's really welcome and needed."

The brilliantly-coloured costumes are a highlight of the production, a testament to countless hours of effort by designers Maicha Cousin; Karen Pinchin, Lynn Gauthier, Cynthia Bennett and an army of volunteer seamstresses.

The characters include a 10-headed demon king, a noble prince, an army of monkey warriors and a race of demons called Nightstalkers.

Musicians, too, have practised hard these past two months. A five-piece adult band plays an original score consisting of "highly accessible" music, including elements of jazz, rock and roll and eastern-flavoured melodies. A five-piece women's choir will also accompany the exciting choreographed action.

Meyers says the play is not suitable for very young children. Unnecessary noise can distract the young actors doing their best to speak their difficult lines through hot and sweaty latex masks.

Tickets for the play are available at et cetera and cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

## It's their first reunion since 1986 Israeli tour

SALT SPRING—A Canadian musical team that gained fame in Israel in the early 1970s and again in 1986 will reunite for a concert presentation here on Sunday evening.

Salt Spring's Susan Cogan and Montreal native Fran Avni will play at Off Centre Stage for their first concert together since their 1986 Israeli tour.

In the early 1970s "Susan and Fran" reached the top of the popular music charts in Israel, with a series of songs in English and Hebrew.

In 1986, they reunited for a six-week tour of Israel, performing a series of 17 concerts and appearing on Israeli television and radio.

In the meantime, each has pursued her own career — Cogan as a

folk-jazz singer, and Avni as a folksinger, specializing in children's music.

Cogan is currently preparing for a multi-media, one-woman performance called *One Artist in Search of a Song* for the Vancouver Fringe Festival, starting September 8.

Avni was on Salt Spring last autumn performing a fund-raising children's concert at Fulford Elementary School, for victims of Hurricane Gilbert. In Montreal, she writes, sings and produces children's records. Her latest album is called *Artichokes and Brussels Sprouts*.

Sunday's first reunion concert will feature Israeli songs in Hebrew and original compositions in English, plus peace songs for Hiroshima Day. Tickets are \$7 in advance at et cetera, and \$8 at the door. Curtain time is 8 pm.

Susan and Fran's latest cassette, "Shoshanim (Roses) is available at Artcraft and Morningside Studio.

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Members of Victoria-based jazz band Dixieland Express are, from left: Tony Blodgett, piano;

Don Leppard, drums; Hugh Barclay, trombone; Norrie McFarlane, trumpet; Stu Salmond,

bass; Al Pease, clarinet; and Ernie Cocayne, banjo. They will perform August 12 at Ganges.

## Dixieland Express will be guests of jazz society on August 12

SALT SPRING— Victoria jazz band Dixieland Express will be the feature attraction when the local jazz society holds a potluck barbecue August 12.

Formed in 1974 and led by trumpeter Norrie McFarlane, Dixieland Express has recently played jazz festivals in Palm Springs, Monterey, Friday Harbour and Sidney, and was host band for Victoria's Terrific Dixieland Jazz Party.

Four of the seven musicians

double in a Goodman-style quartet for a change of pace and sound. At the barbecue, Ray Newman's vibes will augment the quartet.

Dixieland Express will be backed up by Salt Spring's Second Wind and refreshments.

The Salt Spring Jazz Society holds monthly events designed to keep jazz alive on the island. The August barbecue will take place at the Farmers' Institute grounds on Rainbow Road. Gate opens at noon and music starts at 2 pm.

According to local bass player Stu Salmond, who plays with Dixieland Express and Second Wind, jazz is "music that is composed as it is played, spontaneous improvisation on a theme." Islanders and visitors can look forward to an afternoon of improvisation on August 12.

Advance tickets and more information can be obtained from jazz society president Gary Lundy, at the barber pole in the Harbours End Plaza.



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## Activist, artist, teacher to perform at Ganges

SALT SPRING — A singer, songwriter, actress and writer from La Conner, Wash., will perform at Ganges next week.

Holly Graham, a 43-year-old activist, artist and teacher, will give a performance at Off Centre Stage on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

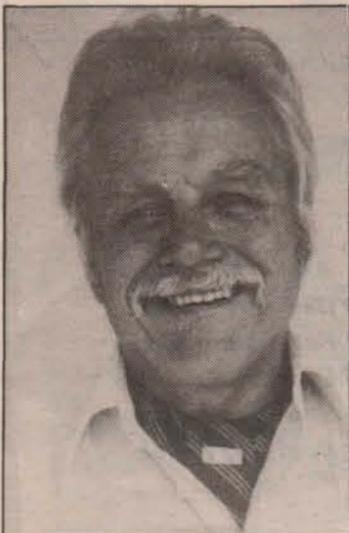
Graham has written and com-

posed 45 short plays, seven full-length musicals for children and schools, several soundtracks and five records.

Her Ganges appearance has been booked by the Raging Granies of Salt Spring. Advance tickets are available at et cetera.

## Salt Spring artist has show through August

SALT SPRING — The work of local artist Robert Burbidge will be on display at the Off Centre Stage



Robert Burbidge

gallery August 4-30. On Sunday, Aug. 6 the artist will be in attendance from 2.30 to 5.30. The public is welcome to meet Burbidge and view his work.

Burbidge was born in Toronto in 1923 and attended night classes for six years at the Ontario College of Art. He subsequently taught summer art courses there for six years.

He has a supervisor's certificate of art from the Ontario ministry of education and was art chairman at schools in Ontario and British Columbia. He attended the Nelson School of Fine Art and has painted and tutored art on Mayne Island.

Burbidge has lived on Salt Spring since 1981.

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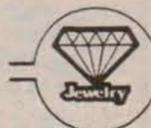
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It was a mid-summer's evening,  
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they all were just baffled,  
there, in front of the stage,  
as these graffiti-clad hipsters,  
all half my age,  
blew the roof off the hall  
in a musical rage.  
They blew and they blew,  
till the walls they did fall,  
till the crowd they just vibrated  
to the rhythms in famous Beaver Point Hall  
They were called the Shuffle Demons,  
They shimmied through the night,  
Three saxophones a-jazzing,  
and not one guitar in sight  
The drummer, he was grooving,  
He danced the bee bop tunes.  
The double bass man played us minguus,  
fat strings booming ancient runes.  
A band of urban farts and groans,  
they none the less calmed our rural fear,  
user friendly aliens,  
come to conquer the final frontier.  
The principality of "Six-five-three-dom,"  
has tasted a new age.  
So whatever came before,  
and whatever will come again?  
Please consult your oracle or sage!  
The recollected evening  
conjures no regret.  
Final expectations,  
they all were met,  
except for one brief criticism,  
for the future I must make  
Please, the next time there's a boogie  
don't forget the carrot cake!

Well, folks, there isn't much more I can say about last Sunday's dance at Beaver Point Hall. The Shuffle Demons, quite simply, put on one of the best boogies I've been to in many years. Original jazz, bee-bop, reggae, funk, R&B with a downbeat, you can't lose it. Lots of original material and reworkings of jazz classics, including our revered national anthem the *Hockey Night in Canada* theme. Animated stage presence made the pot boil and the kettle percolate.

If you have warm after thoughts, recordings of the group are available through Stony Plain Recording Co., P.O. Box 861, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2L8.

On the other hand if your mind is overblasted, a little meditation may be your cup of tea. So may I suggest you consider having a listen to a recording by Salt Spring guitarist Thomas Miychaude.

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But caution, don't be put off by the composition notes that accompany the tape. The music has real substance which is not portrayed by these light-weight saccharine descriptions. The tape is available from T.M. Music, Box 1304, Ganges, B.C., or look for it at the Farmers' Market on Saturday morning.

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James Woods stars as a derelict lawyer who has lost sight of his ideals. A punch-drunk pothead, he suddenly is presented with a noble cause, an opportunity for redemption.

He accepts the challenge of trying to prove a prisoner innocent of a murder charge, and plays gumshoe in order to get the proof. A mysterious murder in Chinatown, a corrupt district attorney, an intimidated witness, a trail of corpses — all become part of the action.

Like a showboat lawyer making

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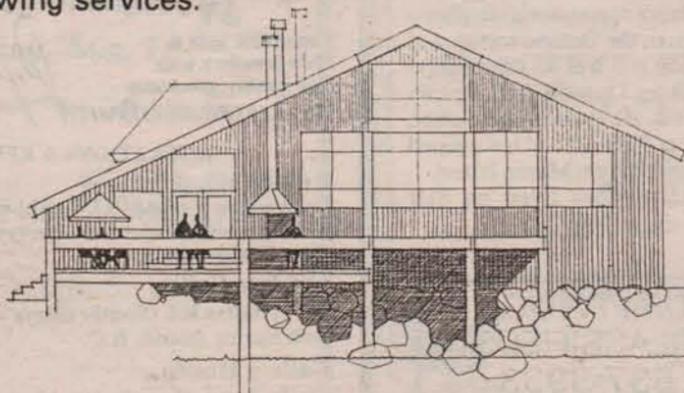
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## 'Crisis is corporate concentration of timber supply

# Local control key to preventing liquidation

By RANDY THOMAS

High on a Chilcotin ridge, outfitter Mike McDonough halts his party to give the horses a breather. The Coast Mountains range through here, tier on tier of receding peaks overlooking a patchwork of ancient forests — and clear-cuts. By nightfall the sere bald areas will be noticeably bigger.

This is "industrial logging," a mechanized assault on some of the world's last great wilderness that sends 600 logging trucks roaring past Williams Lake every 24 hours. With 50 per cent of the Chilcotin already logged over and burned, the region's micro-climate is changing to desert conditions: very cold winters and hot, parched summers.

"This is an environment, not just a goddamn TFL," McDonough grumbles.

### The tourist industry employs 30 per cent more people than the logging industry in British Columbia

Tourism — including the fast-growing wilderness recreation operations like McDonough's — employs 30 per cent more people than the logging industry in this province. But B.C.'s "Super Natural" facade is under fire by U.S. outdoor magazines and angry visitors who have followed Ministry of Tourism ads down to the woods, and have got "a big surprise."

"It's the same as the Amazon exactly," declared an appalled Luxembourg M.P. after touring Vancouver Island's more scenic clear-cuts. "It will yield naked rock."

But distant multinationals will continue to "liquidate" our forests for reinvestment in more profitable, less contentious offshore ventures until those whose heritage is at risk move to protect what is theirs. "The real crisis is corporate concentration of our timber supply," says lifetime forester Bill Wagner, who has written a Master's thesis on the subject. "We've got to get B.C. back in the hands of British Columbians."

Community control is the key. Local residents who best understand their locale and their needs are using the Municipal Act, Woodlot Licensing Program and their own initiative to ensure a sustainable future. Projects under way in Nanaimo, Duncan and Tofino include secondary forest industries such as wood salvage and veneer manufacturing, community woodlots, low-impact wilderness touring and small-scale logging.

Studies show that small loggers extract twice as much timber from

a given site as a large operator. But former forests minister Jack Kempf warns that unless small business stumpage is reduced from last year's 800 per cent increase — and more than a small percentage of the annual allowable cut be allotted to small loggers — "the small guys will be gobbled up by the five great giants who control not only the forest industry, but the government of B.C."

The surest way to break the stranglehold of this forest oligopoly is to follow the Sloan Commission's 1956 advice and stop issuing tree farm licences (TFL). Even a recent report by the Canadian Forest Service notes that "every TFL issued reduced the sustainable yield." Last winter, facing heated public opposition to TFLs, Forest Minister Dave Parker promised a moratorium on issuing these cutting permits.

But in February the man who was responsible for destroying the Nass and now favours cutting Carmanah quietly granted TFL 48 to Canadian Forest Products (CFP). The new TFL gives CFP an annual cut of nearly half-a-million cubic metres of prime wood near Dawson Creek.

This year, five TFLs come up for renewal. Bill Wagner suggests that if it can be shown that the original TFL provisions guaranteeing sustainable forests and jobs have been broken, these 25-year "cut-and-run" permits should not be renewed. Nor, Wagner adds, should compensation be paid to corporate bandits who paid nothing for these public lands in the first place.

Under TFL rules, companies pay only for those trees delivered to a log sort. International Woodworkers of America first vice-president Bill Routley believes that instead of granting TFLs, every tree marked for cutting should be bid for on-site. "If you own it, you won't waste it," he says.

But without accurate forest inventories, B.C. is flying blind through clouds full of rocks. "Two goddamn years ago, BCFP came to us," Routley recalls. "Are we gonna have sustained yield? Trees forever? 'Oh, we'll have trees forever,' they said. Now we face massive overcutting, massive layoffs. No one knows how much timber is left. It's pie-in-the-sky."

The provincial annual allowable cut is based on computer projections skewed by the inclusion of inaccessible timber, and replanted seedlings instead of mature survivors. Estimates of remaining old growth often prove over-optimistic, while the future effects of acid rain, climate change and pests cannot be predicted.

Slinging my pack into a chair at the forests ministry, I ask Dennis McPhail for a printout of B.C.'s 400

cutting-permit holders, including their areas of operation and 1989 allowable cuts. But the harvesting branch head doesn't bother addressing the computer monitor on his desk. "Our new program is giving us wild numbers," he ex-

plains. "We've called the programmer back to work the bugs out." Just when will the ministry know who's cutting what and where in B.C.? "We hope to know in two months," an uncomfortable McPhail replies.

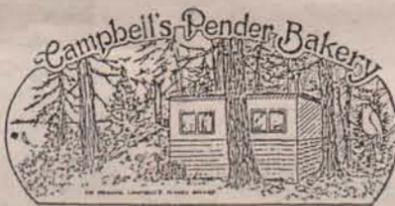
Suddenly I wish I was back brewing tea on a cookstove above Singing Pass. For a province the size of Britain, France and West Germany combined, this is blind flying with a vengeance! With an

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# B.C. needs forestry act with fresh vision, fair regulations

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annual cut at least 30 per cent greater than a sustainable rate, and with mills operating at 30 per cent under capacity, while forest industry studies warn of a 30 per cent "fall down" in the old-growth timber on which that industry depends, we are already at least 90 per cent in trouble. It seems prudent to heed truck logger Bill Routley's call for an immediate reduction in the annual allowable cut.

Besides alleviating a "fall-down" as potentially catastrophic as the current crisis in Newfoundland's cod fishery, such a voluntary cutback would provide an opportunity to settle the land claims of B.C.'s native people, who have never relinquished their titles to lands occupied over thousands of years.

Routley also insists that all raw log exports — still common practice in northern B.C. despite recent restrictions — be banned. He and many others feel that "value-added" wood processing industries be encouraged. The U.S. and Sweden employ three times as many workers per volume of wood cut as are employed in B.C., which for the first time is seeing layoffs at the top of the boom-and-bust cycle.

## Even royal commission would be ineffective without a new forestry act

The loggers' representative also wants grapple-yarding outlawed. Used to drag logs up often steeply-graded terrain, grapple-yarding requires five men and crisscrossing road slashes ever 300 feet upslope. A U.S. technique called long-lining can recover twice as much usable timber over 4,000-foot runs, without roadbuilding — while employing an eight-men crew.

The union leader also urges adoption of true silviculture techniques. This labour-intensive style of forestry logs only selected trees and assists natural regeneration with the careful nurturing of new growth.

But instead of closely monitoring forest practices, the Socred government has cut forest ministry staffing by 38 per cent in recent years. Dropping all pretence of wildlife preservation, the Ministry of Forests underspent its budget by \$4 million in 1988. Now senior forestry officials are pressing the education ministry to remove the term "old growth" from provincial textbooks. The foresters' Orwellian argument is that only replanted "forests" should be presented to

"young minds" which may never encounter a true old-growth forest.

Five environmental groups are calling for extensions to existing parks in order to prevent their fragmentation into ecological "islands" too small to support free-ranging wildlife, whose home it is, after all. The map they've proposed would increase park protection from five per cent to 13 per cent of the provincial land base. In contrast, Alaska now holds 17 per cent of its land in parks; Washington state, 11 per cent; New Zealand, 17 per cent; Costa Rica, 15 per cent.

Some loggers call parts of this map, "right on." The rest one dismisses as "whacko." But saving the unique world treasures of Carmanah, the Stein, Khutzeymateen, Meares Island and Clayoquot Sound will remove only one-fifth of one per cent of merchantable timber from the grasp of a few foreign-owned multinationals.

As for employment, the goad most often used by an industry whose only concern about jobs is how to eliminate more, if log exports and the obscene wastage now being left on the cutting grounds were utilized, the upsurge in secondary industries would allow these last intact watersheds to be saved — while employing more people long-term.

Shortly before Expo, an American business delegation to the Canadian embassy in Washington threatened to boycott that Vancouver event if South Moresby was logged. South Moresby was saved. Perhaps renewed outside pressure can help stem B.C.'s desperate "Green Gold Rush."

Or perhaps Dave Parker's 11-member Forest Resources Commission, just formed to examine TFLs, clear-cutting and public participation in forest policies, will serve as more than a shield for the minister it advises.

But the government has not listened to previous commissions. Even the royal commission now being demanded province-wide will be ineffective unless it results in a new forestry act with fresh vision and regulations no longer subject to the whim of a forests

minister with close ties to industry.

No matter how many inquiries are held, the voices of the salmon, the great spruce, the grizzly, bald eagles, mycorrhizal fungi and other forest dwellers will still be absent. And theirs is the most important testimony of all.

## It's blind flying with a vengeance for a province the size of Britain, France and West Germany combined

Nothing less than a personal transformation is required. It is time to change not only our forest practices, but our minds. If we do not soon come to respect ourselves through respecting the planet which sustains us — if we fail to rediscover daily lives in harmony with the myriad creatures around us — the collapse of the B.C. economy and the global environment will render our current squabbling irrelevant.

The author is a freelance journalist living on Salt Spring Island.



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