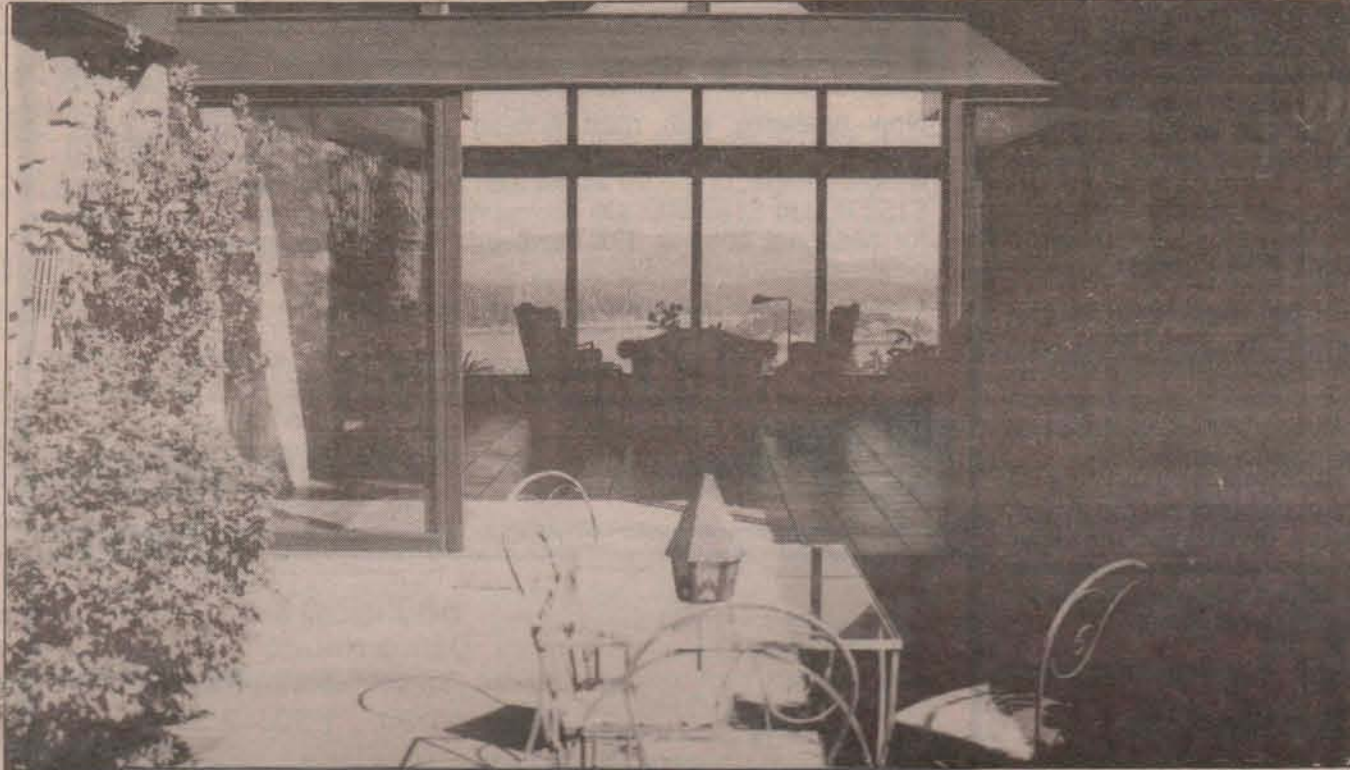
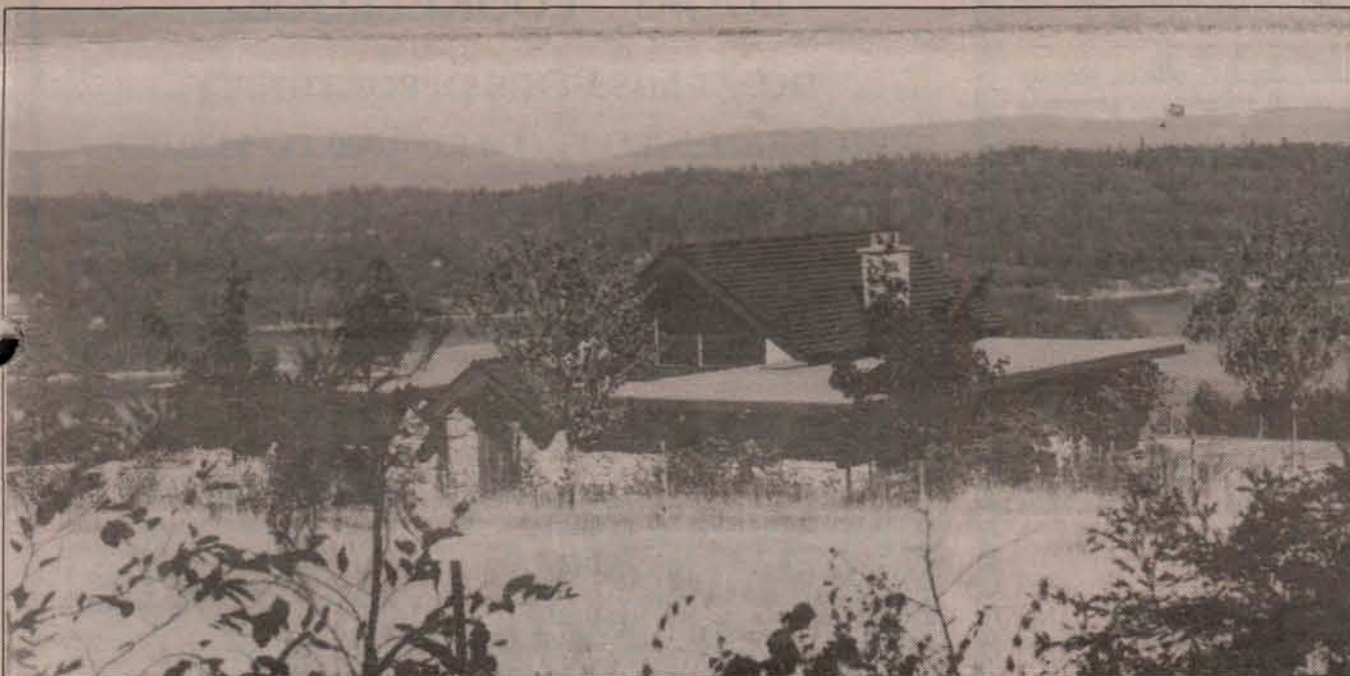


Architect-designed house — a traffic stopper



Interior and exterior perspectives of Hundred Hills house, owned by Wendy Hughes



By VAL RICHARDS

Five years ago Vancouver architect John Armour designed and built his dream home - now part of the panorama at Hundred Hills.

The home features one of the most impressive views on Salt Spring Island and each room is designed to have, if not a full seascape of Ganges Harbour and beyond, a glimpse of one of the "Three Sisters," at least.

The house is entered through a stone-walled courtyard which is completely private from the road and the house's acreage. The courtyard catches the afternoon sun; it is warm and inviting, and the herbal greenery thrives on the still heat.

Enormous sliding glass doors open on to a living room, where the view is captured completely by a glass wall extending along the front of the house.

While the sea view is spectacular, the home itself has unusual features such as a 12-foot slab, radiant heating under red tile floors, a Findlay Bros. wood cook stove in the kitchen, marble walls in the two bathrooms and the atrium located off the living room area.

Owner Wendy Hughes enjoys the summer warmth generated in the private courtyard, as well as the courtyard's winter reflections on the glass walls of the living room. With so much glass on such an exposed site, Armour knew at the design stage that insulation and air-tight construction were important factors. Therefore, the house features triple-glazed windows, eight-inch walls and radiant heating (heating ducts located in the floor) throughout.

Two fireplaces make both the bedroom and the living room cosy and inviting.

The kitchen is located off the garage and is small, private and functional.

It features a Findlay Bros. Wood Stove, a rich green countertop tile and rust red tile floors. There is one large double black enamel sink and a small bar sink in the kitchen and a built-in oven near ample counterspace.

Two exits off the kitchen lead into the dining room/living room which is a large, airy living space dominated by the brilliant view.

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COMPLIMENTS OF:

Provincial

Roundup

Cariboo hasn't been the only riding to receive government funding for worthwhile projects these past weeks, although you can tell by the amount of the grants that there's no byelection in Shuswap-Revelstoke.

The city of Enderby, the news release said last week, has received funding for the construction of an industrial park sign and for the production of "Ambassador Cards," a type of business card city officials will hand out.

How much, you may well ask, did the city of Enderby get for this endeavour? How does \$1,464 grab you? Had Shuswap-Revelstoke MLA Cliff Michael and Regional Development Minister Elwood Veitch refrained from issuing a press release about this momentous occasion, I'm sure they could have doubled the grant.

Socred Sellout?

The Socreds are selling out British Columbia on the proposed none-per-cent federal sales tax, NDP Leader Mike Harcourt said last week.

"We see now that they're in bed with the feds, neatly tucked in between Brian Mulroney and Michael Wilson, waiting for their chance to get in on this massive tax grab," Harcourt said.

Criticizing Premier Vander Zalm for not recalling the legislature for an emergency debate on the sales tax, Harcourt said "this regressive tax assault will cost the average family another \$900 a year by taxing everything from haircuts to car repairs."

Hands on

Forest Minister Dave Parker was scheduled to lend a helping hand in a "framing ceremony" last week for the construction of a new \$30 million forest research centre at the University of British Columbia campus in Vancouver.

The ceremony could well be one of the last Parker attends as forest minister. A cabinet shuffle is expected soon, and Parker is the prime candidate for being shuffled either to another post or out of cabinet altogether.

Mosaic in Action

An excellent program to strengthen the

Canadian mosaic has come out of British Columbia's attorney general's ministry. It introduces youths of minority groups to the B.C.'s justice system.

A total of 83 youths between the ages of 13 and 18, including Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish and Indo-Canadians, took part in five two-week day camps in July and August in the Lower Mainland, during which they were made familiar with our justice system.

Activities included field trips to the Vancouver police station, the police museum, the remand centre and Oakalla Prison, as well as speaker and video presentations and a variety of group projects.

Recycle Program

The provincial government is getting into the swing of recycling. During a six-month pilot project, an estimated 522 tonnes of waste paper will be picked up from seven government office sites in Victoria for processing into re-usable fibres.

It's a worthwhile project, even in terms of fiscal management. The government estimates it will earn \$30,000 by selling the waste paper and save an additional \$40,000 it would normally pay for having the waste paper picked up.

Toll Free Line

Residents of Attachie, Flatrock, Hudson Hope and Prespatou may now call their government agent in Fort St. John free of charge, North Peace River MLA Tony Brummet announced last week. The toll-free number is 1-800-663-9512.

Government Agents' offices provide information on all government programs and services.

Power Ecology

B.C. Hydro will continue to purchase electricity from independent producers, but from now on, companies whose power production benefits the environment will get a break.

Premier Vander Zalm said last week B.C. Hydro will give preference to firms which generate power from waste products and renewable resources.

Green-thumb designer includes diverse garden

From Page R1

The three bedrooms and two bathrooms run along the south end of the house. While two of the bedrooms are small, each having its own harbour view, the master bedroom is wide and spacious with French doors on to the rambling patio that extends for the length of the house.


As Hughes indicates, Armour was quite a gardener and fruit trees run rampant over the six acre property. Raspberries, plums, pears and even kiwi fruit ripen in the garden of the Hundred Hills home.

An underground sprinkling system supports the greenery in the courtyard and nourishes the vegetables in raised gardens, which are terraced and visible from the kitchen windows.

An outbuilding, designed to serve as a woodshed, supports Hughes' pony which takes refuge in the shade it offers.

The property's panorama is completed by a pastoral peacefulness - unowned fields catching the occasional harbour breeze, plus unfenced, roaming sheep nibbling at magnolia bushes that climb the stone walls of the European style home. It creates a silence one always waits to hear....

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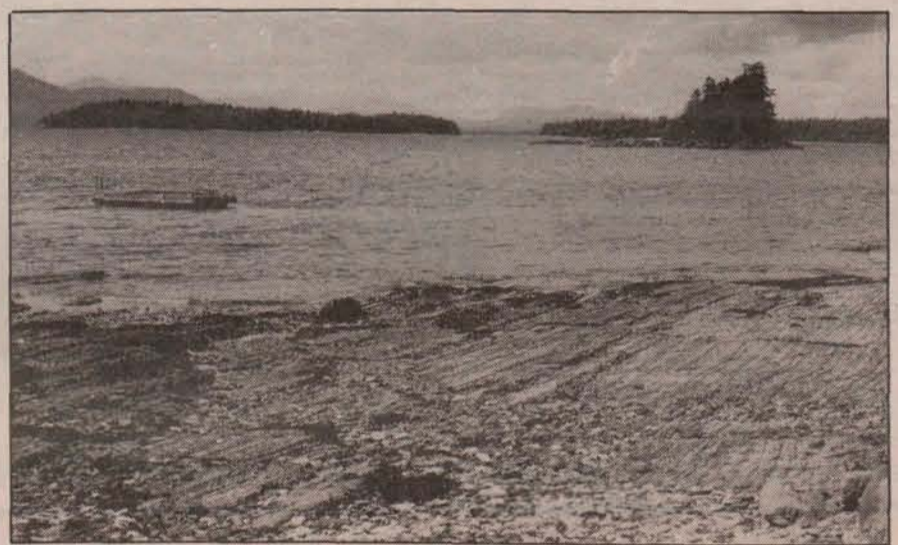
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With killer whales

Canadians develop a lasting love affair

By BARRY BROADFOOT

First of two parts

Homo Sapiens — thinking man — meet Orca, killer whale. You're more alike than you realize.

During the past 25 years, Canadians have developed a nationalistic love affair with these huge black and white mammals, believing them to be a hometown species although they are found in the world's oceans.

When the first captive killer whale was displayed in the sixties in Vancouver's Stanley Park Aquarium, hundreds of thousands flocked to see it and marvelled at the tricks it could quickly learn.

"They are very intelligent creatures," says Dr. Mike Bigg, a world authority at the Pacific Biological Station of the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans in Nanaimo, B.C. "They learn easily and not because they are fed a herring when they do a routine. A herring is nothing in their daily food supply. The herring means it has done its job right and it seeks approval. Just like human beings."

Oblivious to man's attention and love and the fact they are a tourist attraction

Sadly, as some still do, the first captive killer whale died of a virus and the province mourned as if for the death of a loved one. Since then, an intense emotional bond has been formed between the Orcas and the public and their daily shows are the park's top drawing card.

Now, many cities have killer whales in aquariums and sea worlds but the capture of them in B.C. is banned and most are shipped in bays in Iceland for sale.

In the Strait of Georgia, between the mainland and Vancouver Island, waterfront residents keep binoculars handy for a sighting, and when a B.C. Ferry captain sights a pod, it will bring a stampede to watch them from all over the ship. Sports fishermen look for them too, believing killer whales nearby will chase off the salmon.

Some commercial fishermen, believing the whales robbed them of their salmon catches, used to blast away at them with rifles. Most have now accepted them as part of their environment. Also, a 25-foot, three and one-half ton whale may be easy to hit but almost impossible to kill.

Oblivious in the wild to man's attention and love and the fact they are a tourist attraction, the killer whales live in small families, lords of all they survey.

"From an animal almost unknown to biology 15 years ago," says Bigg, "we have learned a great deal about them. We can identify each one. We know when one dies and when one is born. We have given them numbers and when the location of a pod is phoned in to our Whale Watch number, we can get in the Zodiac with our cameras and go. Every animal is different, just as every mouse or mosquito is different. We have a large file on them."

British Columbia's resident southern population of 80 whales could easily be the most photographed group in the world as they have been the subject of several books, countless magazine articles and literally millions of personal shots taken at Stanley Park.

"In an aquarium many things can be learned about them, such as heart rate, blood chemistry, gestation period, hormone levels, but only in our natural aquarium here, just outside the station in the Strait of Georgia, can we see the families at work and play. It is a nice tank that is natural," says Bigg.

"We have found many things which make these whales unique. We study the permanent population and also the families in it. These families are matriarchal, led by a granny. There may be six to 50 members. The granny, maybe two of her daughters, and the sons and daughters of her sons and daughters. You see, three generations."

"As humans, the mother stops breeding at about 40 years, and then her role is to teach her offspring the ways of the wild. She dies at about 70 years old, just as humans do."

"The daughters become pregnant at about 15 years of age, just as in cave man and in some primitive societies today. The son begins to mature about 15 years of age, and goes away. He may come back to breed but there is nothing wrong with brother breeding with sister. Over hundreds of generations they have bred out all the bad genes. The whale's years are the same as humans, and this surprised us greatly as our research went on."

He said that because they are predators, supreme in the environment they occupy, nature keeps their numbers low and there are only about 180 in B.C. waters. The includes some 80 in the south and about 100 north of Campbell River. They know the boundary line and never trespass.

"It seems the two groups have come to some kind of agreement," says Bigg which he says is unique. "As if they had signed a treaty. Only humans sign treaties. This is ours, that is yours, they seem to be saying."

As everyone knows now, whales have a speech audible to each other over great distances, biologists at the station can hear them at 15 miles. These calls could be calls for help — they will go to the aid of another in trouble — or passing on of information, hunting talk or just gossiping.

What is unique to killer whales studied by Bigg and his associates is they have developed dialects special to each individual pod. He believes that while each of the many small pods are quite aware of each other in the large group, the dialect keeps each pod close, and they only care about their own needs and welfare.

The station biologists have also discovered there is also a transient population of about 75 in 16 pods which moves in each summer from deeper water following the salmon home to the spawning rivers. These do not take sea animals such as seals, porpoises and sea lions for food and the resident killer whales do not take as many salmon as previously estimated.

"We know of no other animals who do this, where two different groups agree to divide up the resources," said Bigg. "The resident ones could eat great quantities of fish, but they don't, and the transients could eat seals and porpoises, but they don't. Very remarkable. This could be based on genes, of course, but we think it is a cultural thing. This is unique. Only humans do this."

So, Homo Sapiens, what do you think of Orca now, or vice versa?

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By Rick McConnell

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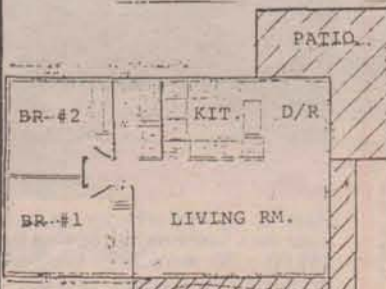
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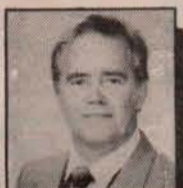
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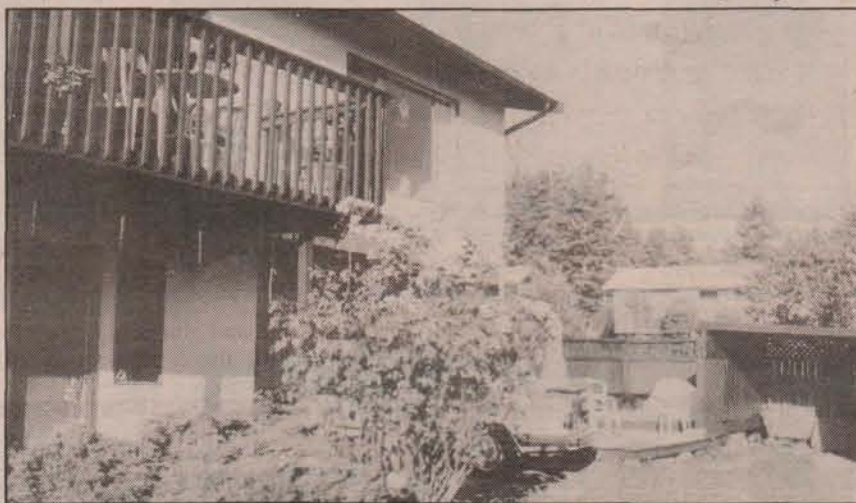
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Never seen any cats one bit like them but they're definitely worth the watch

By FRANK RICHARDS

I went to see the long-playing, untiring Cats last week in Blackpool. Never seen cats like 'em!

No question that it will be worth the trouble to travel next time it plays on the mainland.

It isn't simply the pace of the cats that impresses. It is the fact that the cats of the company are presenting two shows a night at that pace.

plays in a mainland theatre.

And I'm not even a cat-man in the ordinary event.

It's more than half a century since I went to Blackpool, from the English Midlands astride a BSA 350 motorcycle.

Incidentally, he slept most of the way, resting against my back and gravity holding him on the machine.

We met two girls at the famous holiday resort and enjoyed a holiday for that one day. I remember little of it.

centre of western England, it is also a traditional convention centre and the entertainment paradise of Lancashire.

We drove through the town during the Blackpool Illuminations, when the whole waterfront is lit up.

The waterfront, or Promenade, will be so lighted for a couple of hours or thereabouts each evening for a month or so, yet. To augment the occasion the city street car system adds brightly lighted cars running up and down the tracks.

The Illuminations are so much a part of this holiday centre that bus tours arrive

from cities all over the country carrying trippers eager to see what Blackpool has in store for them this year.

The city is also a reminder of the travel trends in the passing years. In its heyday, Blackpool was provided with sea wall, covered walkways and dual roadways, one by the water and the normally-used road high above the breaking waves.

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your garden

by chris schmah



A few weeks back I did an article on the virtues and values of Fall Fairs — a venerable Canadian institution — and as we've just enjoyed another Salt Spring Island Fall Fair it's time to congratulate all of those who participated.

Not only do the winners deserve adulation for their victories, but credit and praise should also go out to all entrants who took the time and made the effort to display their pride and joy. Many volunteers also turned out to present information and educational materials on behalf of their various interest groups and societies.

All in all it was a great fair, relaxed and friendly; a reflection of the people of the island. Thanks. I'd like to take a little space here to plug a relatively new program that was presented at the fall fair by the Farmers' Institute, which may be of interest to many of you.

The Pasture Utilization Program, co-ordinated and promoted by the Farmers' Institute, is derived from a concept which has been around for some time. Leasing of developed pastures by expanding but under-financed farmers has been, and still is a viable means by which growing farm operations can realize a gradual expansion.

Catalyst to encourage ongoing use of pasture lands

Under current economic and land use conditions, farm status taxation serves as further catalyst to encourage the ongoing use of pasture lands, regardless of the ambitions or activities of the land owner. As an existing farm leases pasture lands that have existing farm status, their tax-exempt position carries on under the umbrella of the operating farm.

For the leasing landowner, the benefits are numerous, as the idle land is put back into production, fences are checked and maintained, and pastures are mowed or grazed to reduce invasions of broom, gorse, thistle, alder and willow seedlings. The landowner enjoys land tax savings of hundreds if not thousands of dollars, and can afford to pay for fencing materials and drainage work, and the renovation of exhausted or depleted fields by cultivation, fertilizing, liming and reseeding to keep the farm operation healthy and viable.

This pasture upkeep maintains the lands in a condition that enables the landowner to take over the operation should he choose to return to farming after the expiry of the lease.

To the leasing farmer, the use of other pasture land permits the expansion of herds while reducing the stress of grazing pressure on his home farm. By enabling the movement of dry ewes or feeder lambs, out to leased pastures, grasses can recover and thicken to reduce risks of erosion, and weed invasion. For the exchange of labour and leased land fencing work, a minimal land rent permits the farm to expand, and make the operation more economically viable.

Brought back into production

Reducing the density of grazing also lessens parasite concentrations and keeps the stand of grass in better shape.

For islanders who aren't in either of these groups, there are benefits too. We all like to see farms and pasture land as part of our island, both for the pastoral views, and because farming is a key part of our rural lifestyle. If abandoned, or left ungrazed, those meadows and fields would very quickly be overgrown with coarse weeds and brush, alders and willows, which would soon block the lines of sight and otherwise pleasing viewpoints.

Under the co-operative pasture utilization program, unused or vacant fields would be brought back into production and kept in good condition. As the island becomes more settled, the pressures on farmland increase, and if we are to protect them, their values to the community must be realized and promoted.

If the land is kept in production then there might be greater resistance to high density subdivision or attempts to remove lands from Agricultural zoning. Lands kept as viable farm operations also provide considerable benefits to the local economy, employing people and producing products for sale to bring income to the island. A healthy farming community also contributes stability and a sense of greater self-sufficiency.

This island has a longstanding reputation across the land as the home of Salt Spring Island Lamb, and if we are to carry on with this tradition of the finest, and we should, then the full utilization of our pasturelands will go along way toward strengthening sheep farming on Salt Spring Island. We have this heritage to be proud of, and we should make full use of the fact this is the only place on earth where Salt Spring Island Lamb is grown.

It's your Institute and you should be a part of it

As a part of promoting the Pasture Utilization Program, the Farmers' Institute is holding a series of seminars or information sessions on related topics. The first, to be held in mid-October will be a presentation followed by discussions and questions on the subject of Farm Tax Status. Mr. Dave Hitchcock of the B.C. Assessment Authority will be the guest speaker.

Watch the *Driftwood* for specifics on time and location. Other topics to follow will deal with pasture management, general flock care dealing with health and parasites, and animal nutrition. For other interests seminars on Horse Nutrition, growing and preparing fruits and vegetables for showing and judging, small fruit growing, and orchard management are just a few of the topics to be covered by guest speakers in the months ahead. It's all part of the Farmers' Institute's effort to serve you better, after all it's your Institute and you should be a part of it too. (this article was admittedly written from a biased but involved point of view.)

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To the Editor,
 Thank you for all your time and effort spent in assisting the Royal British Columbia Museum to promote the Voyager II fly-by of the planet Neptune.
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CHRIS HIGGINS,
 Royal British Columbia Museum.

Cedilla

To the Editor,
 Okay, you win! No more cedilla!
 For 24 years I have tried to educate English-Canadians whose path I have crossed about a simple alphabetic mark called a "cedilla" which, when placed under the French "C", ensures that it is pronounced "S" as in CITY, and not "K" as in VICTORIA.
 Considering I have come much more than half-way to meet Canadians who speak an official language other than French on their own turf, I had thought that a small thing like a cedilla would not have been such a difficult thing for them to master.
 With a few notable exceptions, such is not the case, however, for reasons which have little to do with linguistics, and much to do with yet another American attitude (not necessarily without merit in an appropriate context) which is quietly displacing yet another Canadian one: namely the melting-pot approach to the written word.
 Rather than giving up the cedilla in a spirit of defeat, I would rather "offer it up" for the sake of promoting global linguistic simplicity, thereby casting my vote in the up-coming French-language referendum which is presently polarizing France along unusual lines.
 At issue in that country is the abandonment of a number of orthographic and grammatical rules which complicate rather than facilitate verbal and written communication.
 Closer to my adoptive home, I wish to thank the folks at the *Driftwood* for making a thoughtful, if possibly tongue-in-cheek, attempt at recognizing the legitimacy of the cedilla (re: September 6 *Driftwood*) which I agree, entirely irrelevant to English spelling.
 Ah but wait til you see what I am doing to your (our) beloved English to adapt it for usage as a genuinely practical yet functionally elegant international language. I think Esperanto has the right idea, but I am convinced that it is *English*, rebuilt along Esperanto lines, that will become our world's lingua franca.
 Or rather I should say, "lingua anglica"!

FRANÇOIS JAUBERT,
 Beaver Point.

Last frontier

To the Editor,
 We are newcomers to the island and we are here to stay, as we have retired to what is to us, the last remaining frontier where nature is still sublime.
 Since our arrival several months ago we have cleaned up our small patch of wilderness - bags and bags and bags full of broken bottles, rusty cans ... bits of carpets ... etc. - all half buried in heaps close to salt creek beds. Now I have taken up the self-imposed ordeal of picking up garbage from beaches and along sides of roads.
 I do this because I have seen autopsies of sea animals, found with pieces of plastic in their stomachs as the cause of death, and areas of dead shore plants buried underneath the constant pilings of discarded branches and lawn cuttings.
 I appeal to the Island Trust or Whosoever-in-charge, for public garbage cans (with regular collections, of course).

stationed at public access places (to name two): one near the Fernwood Letter Boxes, where all editions of past elections, fliers, wine bottles and the most dreaded plastic bags, abound; and the other, at Hudson's Point, with candy wrappers, foam coffee cups etc. I hope we don't need to put up signs as well. We need to do this now and before next summer's tourists arrive toacerbate the problem.
 We must keep our environment clean and conserve nature ... because with soil erosion and air pollution our world is shrinking ... alarmingly. We not only owe it to ourselves to do it now but also for the future. I hope this beautiful island will be still here after this garbage collector is gone.
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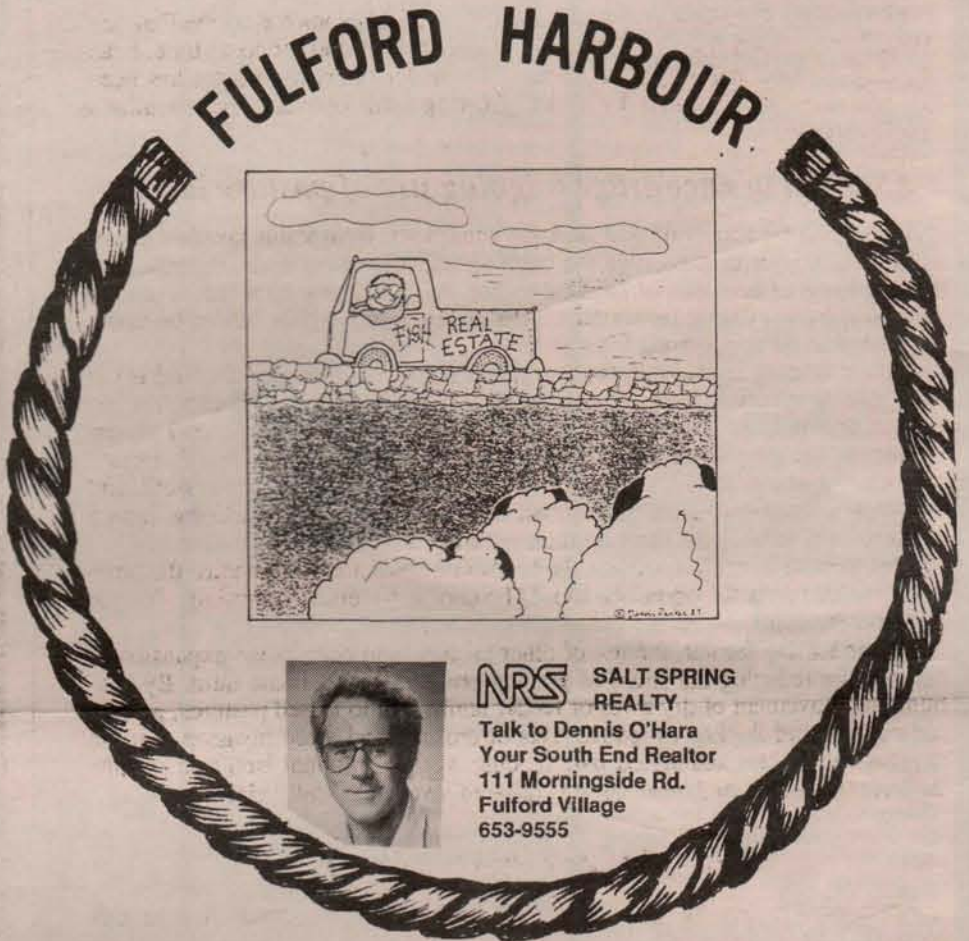
Real Problem

To the Editor,
 I am having a real problem with this dump situation. There are so many points that aren't being addressed:
 1. There has been *no* sign of contamination in Cusheon Lake or the surrounding area, so why is the situation "an emergency?"
 2. Mr. Twa has stated that at the first sign of contamination, *he* would close the dump down himself. He has generously donated property not in watershed to be used as landfill. With close monitoring of the present site and intense education of recycling, why can't the present site be used while studies are done on the property offered by Mr. Twa?
 3. How can we, in good conscience, contribute to the pollution caused by the pumping of leachate into the ocean from Hartland Road?
 4. Why, if we must have this transfer station, can it not be located at the present landfill site? If the sealed containers are used there is no danger to the watershed.
 5. Hartland Road will eventually be shut down, what will we do then? Mr. Twa might not be so willing to donate property then.
 6. I feel that we should take care of our garbage ourselves. We generate the waste, not Victoria. Would we allow the other Gulf Islands to dispose of their solid waste here?
 7. What will happen to construction dumping? all the old appliances, furniture, stumps, drywall, and stuff like that are not accepted at Hartland Road. Will it just be left at the transfer station? If it is, you can't then, call it a transfer station, it will be a dump.

8. We should take a lesson from the people of Lasquiti Island. They have their recycling program to an incredible height.
 We need to find a permanent solution to our problem. Hartland Road is, at best, a band-aid. Yes, I do have selfish reasons for opposing this transfer station, my water supply is adjacent to the proposed site, about 100 yards away. The run-off goes through my yard, down the hill and into Fulford Harbour. There will be noise and smell pollution and where there is garbage, there are rats, crows and sea-gulls. My neighbours and I will be directly affected by this.
 I feel the CRD representatives are using playground bully tactics, we play this game their way or we don't play at all. We have been told this problem has been studied for

a number of years, why have we not been informed before this? The CRD says to come up with an alternative, we should have the same amount of time to do this as they have had for their "studies."
 Alternatives have been offered, but they aren't what the CRD wants to hear, so our choices come down to their way or nothing. The CRD wanted to turn the old sawmill on Ganges Hill into a transfer station site but couldn't, and they shouldn't get away with this either.
 So a few people are railroading a few thousand people into an unacceptable compromise and it isn't right and I don't think they should be able to get away with it.
SANDRA MacDONALD,
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