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Galiano holdings for sale

Plans for MacMillan Bloedel Limited's Galiano Island land holdings were made public by the company late yesterday afternoon.

In a prepared release received by the *Driftwood*, the forestry company said it has started talks with the Ministry of Parks to turn the north end of the company's Galiano property into a park, while offering the rest of its private holdings for sale to B.C. residents only for the next three months.

MB owns 3,100 of Galiano's 5,800 hectares. Its release said sale of the property "will be one of the largest coastal real estate offerings to the general public in recent memory."

A 150-hectare provincial park encompassing Dionisio Point and Coon Bay at the northern tip of Galiano is proposed by MB.

Vice-president of MB's tax, properties and risk management department Jim Finkbeiner said the parks ministry has been interested in Coon Bay for some time. Compensation to MB for the land in question is set for discussion with the provincial government later this month.

MB cites pressure from Galiano residents as a reason for relinquishing its interests on the island.

Finkbeiner is quoted in the release as saying "it has become evident that logging on Galiano was going to become uneconomic primarily because of demands for alternate use."

The release says MB tried to present a land development proposal to island residents in November of 1989, but it "was shouted down at a public meeting on the island before it could be heard and fully discussed." MB says it also faced pressure to restrict its logging practices.

The company subsequently considered a proposal from the Galiano Conservancy Association suggesting community purchase of the company's holdings. In May, 1990, continues the release, "MB gave GCA six months to make an offer, pointing out that it would not consider selling below fair market value of about \$20 million."

"By late December, the GCA had not made an offer and MB advised it that in view of the further logging restrictions, the company could not manage its forest holdings on a sustainable economic basis," says the

MB says it notified the GCA of its intention to offer the company's Galiano property for sale in light of community rejection of the development proposal and lack of a GCA offer to purchase the lands.

Real estate sales will be coordinated by Gary Kadatz, MB's manager of land sales and development, who headed the sale of the company's 4,800 acres on Salt Spring Island in 1987/88. Galiano lot sizes range from eight to 85 hectares.

MB's Cowichan division manager Bruce Francis said 15 logging contractors are employed by MB on the island. They will continue to work until the bulk of the proper-



CHILLED OUT: Salt Spring's youngest polar bear, Dorian Roop (age four), shivers after his brave plunge into the cold water at Vesuvius Beach. Twenty-one people took the 12th annual New Year's Day dip.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Locals resigned to the new GST

Local response to the Goods and Services Tax has been varied, with most Ganges retailers and restaurateurs reporting limited grumbling from those forking out the extra seven per cent.

> By GAIL SJUBERG Driftwood Staff Writer

Several store and restaurant operators surveyed by the *Driftwood* said customers were swallowing the new tax without much complaint.

Lorelei Rondeau of Nibbles, Scribbles and News said "most people seem resigned to it."

She said some customers did seem a bit impatient while waiting for her to calculate the new price of items. Until her cash register was reprogrammed she had to manually remove the Federal Sales Tax and then add the new GST. However, said Rondeau, increased prices had not affected sales to date.

Garth Stewart of Parkside News also said he had heard "very few complaints" from store patrons.

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Mixmasters owner Dennis Anderson concurred with Rondeau. Be-

Local response to the Goods and rices Tax has been varied, with ost Ganges retailers and res-

"The consensus seems to be what can you do?" said Anderson.

He suggested the government could have made everyone's life simpler by adding a lower tax to everything instead of exempting some items and quantities, eliminating the penny coin and rounding things to the nearest nickel.

He added that implementation of the new tax system should have been more gradual "to give everyone time to adapt." Mixmasters is still waiting for a technician from Victoria to reprogram its cash register.

Embe Bakery owner Brian Taylor has seen a different response to the GST. He told the *Driftwood* customer response has been "generally very unfavourable."

"I think it is very confusing and totally the wrong way to tax people to start with. Probably 75 per cent are very upset at it with good reason."

Taylor said he thinks the tax will have a "super-inflationary" effect,

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Ganges house fire claims island pair

Tragedy stalked Ganges on Saturday, December 30, when fire took the lives of Alex and Ev Mussick.

Neighbours reported the blaze after the couple's Desmond Crescent home exploded into flames at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Salt Spring Fire Chief Les Wagg said the explosion occurred when the hot air inside the house blew out the windows.

When firefighters tried to enter the burning structure, a kerosene heater

also exploded. Fortunately, firefighters were not hurt in the explosion.

Ed Taylor of the Nanaimo fire marshall's office and a provincial electrical inspector sorted through the charred interior of the house. They concluded the fire started from a cigarette which ignited a chesterfield. A

subsequent autopsy showed the two victims died of smoke inhalation.

"There was no smoke detector in the house," said Wagg, noting the last death in a house fire on Salt Spring occurred in December, 1988.

Mussick, 76, operated a shoe repair facility in Vancouver for many years before retiring to Salt Spring. His wife. Eve. was 70 years old

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Mussick was a familiar figure at the Saturday Farmers' Market in Gan-

HOUSE FIRE A3

Polar bear swimmers take a frigid plunge

Balmy winter weather attracted strange goings-on at Vesuvius Beach on New Year's Day.

Twenty-one otherwise rational human beings plunged into the sea at the 12th Annual Vesuvius Inn Polar Bear Swim. At least four dogs cavorted with the swimmers as they braved the frigid water.

About 150 spectators, appropriately bundled in heavy coats and scarves, shook their heads in disbelief as the participants raced towards the chuck.

Air temperature stood at 7 degrees Celsius and the ocean checked in at 6.5 degrees C. Last year, the air temperature was 6 degrees C, while the water temperature stood at 7 degrees C.

Each participant received at least

Other winners of the special teeshirts were Kris Barnholden of Vancouver as well as Jeanne Lyons and Jim McLean of Salt Spring.

Masayuki Uchida came all the way from Japan for the dip.

Actually, the exchange student

has been living with Sid and Nancy Wigen of Fulford and joined them in their annual swim. Sid Wigen managed to splash in the salt shuck at least once each month last year and New Year's Day marked his first plunge in 1991.

Grand prize winner Lawrence Loiseau is wondering what to do with dinner for two at the Inn. He faces one draw-back: he is too young to get into the pub.

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Heavy snowfall has

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FEATURE



Sandi Johnson discusses



Ministry reviewing recommendations

Action is expected to follow the recommendations contained in a recently-released report of a Ganges parking, drainage and pedestrian circulation task force.

Islands trustee John Stepaniuk told the *Driftwood* last week that a copy of the task force report had been sent to Ministry of Transportation of Highways officials and their comments would be forthcoming. Stepaniuk confirmed the thoughts of task force chairman Bob Currie that much depends on available ministry funding and willingness to improve the village's parking, traffic and pedestrian problems.

The task force on parking, drainage and pedestrian circulation in Ganges was initiated and funded jointly by the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District. Its report was issued in December.

A separate report on island road standards nearing completion by Salt Spring's Advisory Planning ComAction is expected to follow

mission will also be sent to the min-

Stepaniuk said the highways ministry "is prepared to do some technical evaluation" of the village area and island roads. He said the ministry will then say "okay, this is possible."

He said both he and fellow trustee Bob Andrew feel there is not much point in having a public meeting on the task force's recommendations or road standards until the highways ministry has outlined what changes it would be willing to undertake.

Road standards on all Trust islands are being examined by the Islands Trust. The road standards committee of Islands Trust Council is meeting in Victoria today (Wednesday) to discuss the issue.

As both Stepaniuk and Andrew pointed out, it is not easy to apply the

same standards to the laneways of Lasqueti Island and congested Ganges roads.

Stepaniuk estimated a public meeting on proposed changes in road standards, traffic circulation or parking practices could be held on Salt Spring as early as February.

The task force report recommends, among other things, transformation of McPhillips and Hereford Avenues into one-way streets, elimination of angle parking on through streets and implementation of a pedestrian walkway system connecting village services.

Stepaniuk said community endorsement would be required before specific action was taken by the Trust or any other body.

Capital Regional District director Julia Atkins pointed out that the report's suggestions bring up the whole issue of what body should be responsible for creating and maintaining "expensive items" like a drainage system or sidewalks for Ganges.

She said several people had asked her to "do something" about the village parking situation, when it is not the CRD's responsibility to look after parking, sidewalks or drainage. In other areas, she explained, a municipal government would look after these matters.

The island's Parks and Recreation Commission was suggested to her as a possible administrative body but, said Atkins, it is not within the PRC's budget or mandate to handle "public works" facilities.

Atkins sees creation of a separate commission overseeing municipaltype services as a possible "stop-gap measure" to the lack of an alreadyexisting mandated body.



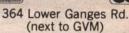
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adding that Embe product prices may have to be raised to cover increases in the bakery's fixed costs such as oil and utilities.

Restaurants surveyed said the tax's effect has been negligible thus

Christine Weberg of Sweet Arts Chatterbox Cafe said some people have remarked on the GST but it has not affected sales. She said servers have noticed a slight reduction in tips. People still leave one dollar to pay for an 80 cent (up from 75 cents) cup of coffee, which results in a 20 rather than 25 cent tip.

The New Deli Cafe attributes its "reasonably well-to-do" clientele with the lack of complaints and no visible drop in tips as a result of the tax. Owner Joan Paterson said she has specifically monitored the level of servers' tips and seen no apparent reduction.

Oren Combs of the Harbour House Hotel said "all told, it (the GST) really hasn't been noticed." He said there has been less comment in the restaurant, pub and lounge since it came into effect than before implementation on January 1. Combs thought there may have been more response in the cold beer and wine store where people are buying specific products.

He said "I expected a lot more reaction than what there has been."

Jerry Mott of the Fulford Inn has had a different experience, however. He said a number of Inn patrons have been really angry and "just shaking their heads" over the GST. He said servers' tips have noticeably declined.

Mott observed a new problem imposed by the tax. "I have to deal with pennies now which is a real pain," he said.

Volume II Book Store owner



Roger Koster indicated he has not enjoyed dealing with the new tax. He also pointed out one aspect of the tax which could hurt business-owners and may have been overlooked by the federal government.

When a consumer uses a credit card to purchase an item, businesses pay a percentage of the item's cost to that credit card company. He said businesses currently pay the set percentage on total invoice amounts. Because the GST forms part of the purchase price on a credit card invoice, it follows that businesses will pay a percentage of the GST to credit card companies. He noted that in some cases the amount could be substantial.

Koster explained that businesses are rebated by the provincial government for the amount paid to credit card companies to cover provincial sales tax. As of the *Driftwood*'s Tuesday deadline, his calls to the GST information line had failed to produce an answer to the question as it applies to the GST.

NSN's Rondeau expressed con-

cern about a lack of "specific information" on the GST. "I think (the federal government) is slow in coming out with information," she said. She has even copied pamphlets for other people who have not seen information relevant to their own businesses.

Accountant Glen Moores said his office has fielded a number of calls from people wanting information about the tax. The government has given accountants ample information, he said, and "we are being called on to try to explain things."

Moores sees the biggest source of confusion in determining what is exempted from the GST. He also anticipates minor changes will be made to some rules after the tax has been in effect for awhile, which will add to the muddle at a later date.

He compares GST confusion to that experienced when provincial sales tax was introduced in B.C. and thinks the new federal tax will just take consumers some time to adapt to it.

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Youth recovering

A Salt Spring girl hit by a motor vehicle while tobogganing recently is recovering in Victoria General Hospital.

Anna Lam was struck by a vehicle at the intersection of Atkins and Swanson Roads on the afternoon of December 28, according to the Ganges RCMP detachment.

Lam is a Grade Eight student at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The youth was transported by ambulance to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and subsequently airlifted to Victoria General Hospital for treat-

Her father Thanh Viet Lam told the *Driftwood* that Anna suffered a broken leg in the accident, which required an operation on Monday, January 7.

Police are still investigating the December 28 accident.

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WITH CARE: Salt Spring ambulance attendants gingerly lift JoAnne MacKay from vehicle. MacKay was a passenger in a taxi which skidded into a ditch on Upper Ganges Road Tuesday morning.

Driftwood photo by Gail Sjuberg.

Local drivers reminded to leave spaces available

Recent cold weather appears to be making some islanders close their eyes to handicapped parking

Gulf Islands Handicapped Association spokesman Bill Best told the Driftwood last week the association has received many complaints about designated handicapped parking stalls being occupied by unmarked vehicles in recent weeks. Stalls located near the doors of Ganges Village Market are most often misused, he said.

There are 26 handicapped parking spaces on Salt Spring and an estimated 250 people with disabilities. Best said the percentage of islanders needing use of the spaces is higher than most areas because of an older population.

While he understands the desire to walk as little as possible in cold weather, Best noted the extra distance is even more difficult for disabled people.

The provincial government is preparing legislation to help municipalities enforce restricted use of handicapped parking areas, but as Best explained, this will not aid enforcement efforts on unincorporated Salt Spring.

Members of the local handicapped association monitor use of the stalls by placing a small leaflet under windshield wipers of infringing vehicles. Best said the association does not want to invite confrontation, but would like to remind people to leave designated parking spots vacant for those who really need them.

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hieves enter house

Ganges RCMP are investigating the theft of money from a Desmond Cresent house gutted by fire.

Police say culprits entered the charred house Monday, December 31, between 1 and 4 p.m.

Ganges resident Alex and Eva Mussick were killed in the blaze which occurred late Sunday afternoon, December 31. Although relatives boarded up the house the next morning, thieves apparently entered it through the front door area.

Police say the culprits rummaged through debris in a bedroom closet area and found a money belt. They removed the cash from the belt and left it on the bed.

The investigation is continuing.

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Friends and relatives came to the island from across Western Canada and the United States for a memorial service held in Meaden Hall of the Royal Canadian Legion on Blain Road. Mussick was a member of the Legion.

Long-time friend, Frank Gentile offered a eulogy, recalling how Mussick and he had been friends for close to 60 years. Last summer, Gentile said, Mussick travelled to California to help him set up a shoe repair fac-

As the notes of the Last Post faded, people attending the memorial service remembered the words of Reverend Barry Valentine who conducted the memorial service.

"They (Alex and Ev) are together in death just as they were in life," the Reverend Valentine had told the congregation.

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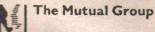
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Weather conditions force extra caution

dents beg islanders to heed certain cautionary reminders.

As the snowfall and cold weather continues, islanders are placed at greater risk in the areas of fire and motor vehicle accidents. Islanders should listen to the advice of fire department officials and RCMP, and use common sense in dealing with winter weather conditions.

In many island homes colder temperatures result in "overtime use" of woodstoves and electric heaters. Extra caution should be taken to ensure the safe use of these heat sources:

and smouldering coals must be disposed of safely.

Two island homes were demolished by fire during the Christmas season. Sadly, loss of lives occurred in the home which did not have a smoke detector. Smoke detectors can be annoying when set off by burning toast or smoke from a woodstove. But the reality is they save lives.

Heavy snowfall can lead to a num-

ber of dangerous situations. A Salt Spring youth is recovering from a broken leg in a Victoria hospital after

Seasonal and weather-related inci- chimneys should be cleaned regularly being struck by a vehicle while she was tobaggoning.

Jill Fowles

Those taking advantage of new recreational opportunities such as sledding should stay off roadways. At the same time, drivers should be on the look out for people on the roads.

Ganges RCMP Sergeant Larry Wendel suggests drivers leave their cars at home unless they have good winter tires, chains, or four-wheel drive. Otherwise, he says, they just won't get around: vehicles are sliding into ditches all over the island.

Wendel also warns islanders not to

abandon their cars on the roadside. Under section 189 (3) of the Motor Vehicle Act, police have the authority to remove vehicles left in a "position that interferes with the removal of snow." Police can have the vehicle towed at the owner's expense.

Ganges weather observer Robert Aston has also issued a warning relevant to the heavy snowfall. The accumulation of snow on flat roofs, he says, can cause additional problems when the snow turns to rain. The excess weight created by the rain and snow can cause the roof to collapse.

In one additional reminder, islanders fleeing the wintery island weather and heading to sunnier destinations should take care to secure their homes against thieves. RCMP officers advise people to inform neighbours of their holiday plans and arrange for their home to be checked on a regular basis.

Deadlines created problems

Due to holiday hours at the printing press, the last two issues of the Driftwood (December 26 and January 2) were printed several days prior to distribution.

The Driftwood is usually printed Tuesday nights at Island Publishers in Victoria. During the holiday season it, and numerous other community newspapers, was printed over the weekend, allowing staff at the press to take off Christmas and New Years' days.

Unfortunately, this meant the paper was already printed when a Desmond Cresent Road fire claimed two lives on December 30. The Driftwood was unable to provide readers with information regarding funeral arrangements for Alex and Ev Mussick.

The Driftwood received numerous calls on the matter and regrets its inability to change the situation.

Dannis Parker RECESSION, WAR. G.S.T., BLIZZARDS AND NOW THIS!

Who needs a swim to prove polar bear status?

It was a most exotic fort. A castle really. A place to escape adults, relax, meditate and reflect on the trauma and hardship of five-year-old life.

We draped a piece of canvass across the triangle-shaped base of the porch steps. Openings between the steps formed natural windows; we carved out a couple of seats, made a table from a round of wood and placed a vase and daffodil in the

We even had a view of the Pacific.

After a few weeks, we discovered adults could be interesting in moderate helpings; relaxation and meditation were incredibly dull, and five-year-old life was filled with training wheels, anthills, oak trees,



Left to battle the elements, the fort eventually fell to defeat.

Who would have thought that 20 years later, I'd be dredging up all those fort-making skills and applying them to my very own living room?

We prepared ourselves for that last onslaught of Arctic chill.

We lived in one room. Covered the windows, two doorways and the stairwell with blankets. (We at-

colours next to each other and creating aesthetically-pleasing linear

The woodstove pumped out the heat and the living room stayed toasty. At least it was comparatively toasty. Other rooms could have served as walk-in fridges. Or freezers. Dexterthe-dog had a hard time lapping up water from his bowl in the hallway.

the temperature soared to -5, the air felt "balmy."

Now I'm the sort of person who can "chill-out" an a fairly decent summer day. I have to crawl into a sweater when everyone else is suntanning on the deck. During that frigid spell I took to cooking in a scarf, toque and gloves. All went well until I cut off the end of my glove as I chopped up a cucumber.

I gave up cooking. We ordered out for pizza and Chinese food and lived on popcorn. We watched nine movies in three days. They all took place in settings like Greece, Hawaii and Australia. Except The Elephant Man, to which I immediately related. Dressed in several thick layers of

in fact a human being lost in there, somewhere.

During the Big Chill two years ago, the pipes burst. We had no water for two weeks just as guests from Ontario arrived to take in a "mild" west coast February. This year, I arrived home to find the pipes encased in cute little "warmers." Reminded me of poodles sweatered up for the cold, but they seemed to do the trick.

Now, of course, the snow has started again. We're up to about 26 centimetres as I write. And it's still pouring down. SSI: Salt Siberia Island. It's likely to snow until July.

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Thanks

To the Editor,

In spite of the poor weather conditions, 97 Christmas hampers were distributed by noon on Saturday, December 22. We are very grateful to the many people with four-wheel drive vehicles who offered their assistance.

A special thanks to Manson and Mary Toynbee and Sheila Sayers for all their help. We would also like to thank the wrappers, packers and the Rangers and Pathfinders who helped bag the vegetables and fruit. Our appreciation goes to the organizers of the Food Bank Auction, Santa's Workshop, the Bank of Montreal and the Credit Union.

As well we thank the United Church for the use of the hall and kitchen for three days. Last but not least we are most grateful to all who so generously donated goods and cash towards the hampers. Once again Salt Spring Islanders showed their great generosity to a very successful community program.

MARY FRASER, MOLLY FRENETTE, Hamper Coordinators

Negative effects

To the Editor,

Small communities throughout B.C. are again feeling the negative effects of another boom and bust forestry cycle.

In the latest B.C. Central Credit Union newsletter, we learn that:

Only 29.7 per cent of the forest industry is owned within B.C., while 27 per cent of the forest industry is controlled from Eastern Canada and 43.2 per cent is controlled outside of Canada.

These statistics are even more startling in light of the fact that as recently as 12 years ago the provincial forestry scene was still dominated by locally owned and operated companies.

Resource decisions made in corporate board rooms outside of the province of B.C. are unlikely to reflect the concerns and values of the people in forestry communities.

Community forestry, where the power and decision-making process resides in the communities, is a concept whose time has come. Hazelton has its own forestry charter of rights and now Bella Coola is applying for a community forestry licence, CFL #1.

Communities must empower themselves if they are to determine their own fate.

JIM PINE, Victoria

Team spirit

To the Editor,

Our Christmas lunch at Seniors for Seniors on December 20 was a great success despite the bad weather conditions — a success that was due to a great team effort within Seniors for Seniors, a team spirit that not only exists with Christmas but during the whole year. We have come a long way.

It is impossible to name everybody, but a special thank you to: Mike Beach, who reached out to

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many people; everybody who arranged for the beautiful baking; to the whole luncheon team who did a terrific job; to all the people who did attend the luncheon; to the office volunteers who are always there to man the office; to all the other people who contribute to Seniors for Seniors in many ways.

We hope that this team spirit may continue to exist and grow through the years to come. Financing this project could become a problem to enable us to continue this terrific outreach program.

Let's keep our spirits high. My best wishes for 1991 to all of you.

CARLA KAMHOOT, Outreach Co-ordinator, Seniors for Seniors

Re-evaluation

To the Editor,

As 1991 begins to unfold before us, I once again find myself re-evaluating my existence and that of the world around me. The one thing that seems to me, and to many others, to be on the top of the list, would be the life-threatening situation in the Middle East.

By no means belittling the people or the families of the people over there, I honestly feel we have no business being there, at least not in the capacity we find ourselves in. I can remember in the sixties Canada billed itself as a peace keeping force, and, as such, we had at least a little bit of credibility, considering the States had a better armed coastguard than our entire navy.

I suppose it's no wonder, when one looks at our comic strip politicians who are in control, or rather out of control. Their whimpy stance with our war-mongering, bully neighbours, has turned Canada into a mere satellite state of the USA. Anyone who has travelled through Europe and elsewhere I'm sure has bumped into people from the USA wearing Canadian flags on their clothing in order to be treated better, a fact that may soon change at the pace we're moving.

Growing up in the sixties, I got quite involved in the peace movement at that time. So much so in fact, that when I turned 17 in 1969, the peak of the Vietnam War affair, I joined the navy. Then, in 1973, I was part of Canada's peace keeping task force in Vietnam, and my first child was born while I was still over there.

If I had known that this same Canada, a few years later, would allow relatives to take my children, home and livelihood away, and not allow me to fight for them, and then jump into this Middle East situation with both feet, their noses all brown, I'm sure I'd have spent my growing up years re-evaluating who "Canada—the people's" real enemies were.

L.J. BRESSON,

Recycling

To the Editor,

Many thanks to the *Driftwood* for the excellent coverage of recycling topics throughout the past year. Thanks also to the schools and all of

the Ganges businesses participating in the office paper pick-up service: in the past eight months, five tons of computer/bond/copy paper/envelopes have been collected and shipped to Canadian Fibre in New Westminster, a recycling company which has ready markets for fine paper and old corrugated cardboard.

Most grocery stores on Salt Spring are recycling their cardboard. A special mention goes to Gulf Islands Trading Company which has been quietly baling its cardboard and shipping it off to recyclers for years.

Studies show that 80 per cent of "garbage" from a food or hardware store is corrugated cardboard so there is an obvious economic benefit as well as environmental ones.

Cardboard, paper bags and fine paper are made from the chemically pulped kraft process so have a strong fibre network and can be easily recycled five to 10 times. Newsprint and telephone books are made from the more benign mechanical pulp process and have less tear strength but can still be recycled three or four times.

A final point — the Capital Regional District has a telephone directory recycling program during January and February, so please drop off your old telephone books on the porch at the recycling depot.

RICK LAING, Recycling Coordinator,

Mutiny?

To the Editor,

Mutiny on the Socred ship of state? Blood on the quarterdeck? Plank belayed for walking?

Maybe. But could it be a mock battle, as in 1986, when the deckhands were so happy to have Captain Bennett replaced by Captain Vander Zalm that they forgot that they should be abandoning ship?

I'm sure there's a proverb about this ...let's see... "Beware of geeks signs rifts" something like that

airing rifts" — something like that.
ANDREW GIBSON,
Ganges

Lest we forget

To the Editor,

In the spring when elections come we may forget the winter snows and the lack of maintenance on our island roads.

Privatization of our highways maintenance made no sense in the summer and makes less sense in the winter. If you had a business where you did not make a product but provided a service, and there was no competition for customers for that service; would you put out extra effort, pay your workers overtime, run your trucks longer, wear out your equipment. Hell no! You are a private maintenance company trying to maximize your profit.

Salt Spring has suffered with that change. In the summer we have rough and pot-holed roads and in the winter the secondary roads and hills are not maintained as they were before privatization. So what is a little snow! Stay home and save your

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But some of us have to work, some of us have to see a doctor, some may even need an ambulance. Do we have to wait for the rains before our life can continue so that our maintenance department can show a

profit?

So in April or May or whenever the next election is called, remember that Vander Zalm's solution to our island has been more taxes and less service, and ask your favourite MP for his solution. Do not forget the snows of the past.

IAN WATERLOW, Ganges

Confused

To the Editor

I wonder if you realize how confusing it must be to new Canadians when reading *Driftwood* to find in news or article headings: AT&T, VHP, NRS, GST, ICBC, MADD, CRD, USSR, IODE, GISS, PRC, UBC.

There are more of the same in Driftwood every week. Does anyone know what AT&T means?

> S. BETTS, Ganges

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Capital Comment

VICTORIA — When will Premier Vander Zalm admit that he is the architect of his own misfortune?

When will he get it through his head that his problems aren't caused by the media or by Grace McCarthy or Jack Kempf or Dave Mercier or Duane Crandall or Pat McGeer or Doug Mowat or Graham Bruce.

When will he realize that the 17 Socred constituency associations holding special leadership review meetings didn't push the party to the brink of oblivion?

When will he understand that ultimately, he alone must bear the blame for the problems that are tearing the Social Credit

You can talk all you want about the media tyranny, no columnist, no reporter, no editorial writer has ever destroyed a government, even though some media types fancy themselves in

The influence of the media is exaggerated, mostly by politicians who are always on the lookout for a scapegoat. Vander Zalm has never liked the media — except during his 1986 election campaign, when he played it like an orchestra and has traditionally blamed it when things went badly for him.

Still remains problem of leadership abilities

And if it weren't for his wild flailing at a myriad of other imagined enemies, he might get away with his media-bashing, but a man who blames everybody else for his dilemma, except himself, soon uses up his supply of credibility.

Forget about the "media mafia," as friend and colleague Jeff den Biesen, publisher of the Lillooet News, calls the big city media, strip the issue of inner-caucus and cabinet jealousy and rivalry, there still remains the problem of Vander Zalm's leader-

It is clear that Vander Zalm no longer enjoys the undisputed, perhaps not even the majority support of his party's grass roots membership. He is perceived as the leader who is destroying the

The latest voice in the chorus of disaffected Social Credit Party members is that of Denis Gray-Grant of Vancouver. Gray-Grant is one of the early, if not founding members of the B.C. Social Credit Party or Social Credit League, as it was called

Gray-Grant is a former president of the Vancouver-Burrard Socred Constituency Association, and was editor of what he says was the only Social Credit newspaper ever published in British Columbia.

Resignation is his only weapon left

In a letter, a copy of which appeared in the press gallery (not on the writer's instructions), Gray-Grant tells Vander Zalm that he has only one weapon left with which to throw the opposition into disarray - his resignation.

"Go like a statesman, Mr. Premier. And like a statesman, go quickly," Gray-Grant says in his letter. If Gray-Grant were still editing a Socred newspaper, I'm sure Vander Zalm would not be looking forward to the man's editorials. His words cut like a surgeon's scalpel.

Under Vander Zalm's leadership, the letter says, the Socreds

won't have the slightest chance of re-election.

"You are well aware of the polls and your own personal position with the voters of B.C. It may seem very unfair, but many things in politics are unfair. The voters may all be idiots, but remember, most idiots can make it to the polls and do you in, if they have the will for it," Gray-Grant says.

He predicts that the opposition will make Vander Zalm's leadership the main issue in the coming session.

Not enough to win the next election

"They will dredge up every possible scandal they can think of. They will ask a thousand questions about Fantasy Gardens, and quiz you on what deals may have been made, and ask if there are any deals you have yet to complete.

"In short, they will try to make Social Credit look like something the cat dragged in, in time for the next election. You have already been in trouble over Fantasy Gardens. Nobody in the province believed you when you said you did not know the amount of your own shareholding in the Gardens."

Gray-Grant warns the premier not to threaten critics with a snap election. Doing that, he adds, is as good as threatening to put the bus over the cliff, and taking everybody with him.

He acknowledges that the province is in good shape and adds that Vander Zalm can take a lot of credit for that, but unfortunately, it wasn't enough to win the next election.

"The present pantomime cannot continue. So far it has not affected government, but it soon will. Fool them all, erstwhile friends and foes alike. Quit while you're ahead."

News

Apprehended

· Ganges RCMP have apprehended a young offender and charged him with break, enter and theft, following a November incident at Mahon Hall.

The 16-year-old Parksville resident was charged with the offence, after \$4,871 worth of goods were stolen from an art and craft sale at the Ganges hall last November.

Police said most of the stolen property - including crafts, jewellery and clothing - has been recovered.

Thefts

· Ganges RCMP have received several complaints regarding stolen car batteries and siphoned gas.

Numerous island vehicles parked at residences and on roadsides have been victimized by thieves, police

An attempt to obtain gas from vehicles parked at the Long Harbour ferry terminal was thwarted, when night workers interrupted culprits. A gas can filled with stolen gas was later found hidden on the site.

· A North End Road resident reported the theft of her house number sign. The incident, which was reported on January 1, marks the third time the sign has been stolen.

Collision

• Three people were injured in a two-car collision on Upper Ganges Road at approximately 4:30 p.m.,

Driver of a Washington vehicle suffered a facial injury. He was charged with failing to keep to the right, driving without a license and failing to wear a seatbelt. Three other passengers in the vehicle, who were wearing seatbelts, were not injured.

Both the driver and passenger of the second vehicle also sustained injuries. The driver suffered whiplash and the passenger received bruising to the upper leg.

Although an ambulance attended the scene, no one was taken to hospital.

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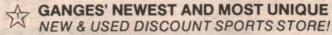
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JANUARY WEIGHT REDUCTION



ICE CAPADES: Recent cold snap left the icing on the cake. Cusheon Lake has been transformed into a massive ice rink where the young and the old can hone their skating techniques.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Precipitation was above the average

Snow and rain in December tween 4 p.m. on December 28 and 4 p.m. on December 29 when the high produced close to 20 per cent of the precipitation for 1990.

Ganges weatherman Robert Aston reported 207.5 millimetres of precipitation soaked the island during the last month of the year. In total, 1,069.34 mm of precipitation fell on Salt Spring during the year.

Included in the December total was 32.26 centimetres of snow, or approximately 3.23 mm of precipitation. While rain is measured in millimetres, snow is measured in centimetres and the results are translated to millimetres of precipitation.

Snowfall during 1990 measured

Aston noted the 10-year average from 1981 to 1990 equals 952.75 mm of precipitation, including 44.7 cm of snow. Aston previously used a 10year average covering the years 1979 to 1988. This translated into an average 979.17 mm of precipitation and 36.58 cm of snow.

The 30-year average, from 1941 to 1970, according to figures from the provincial weather office, round out to 956.82 mm of precipitation for Salt Spring, including 69.1 cm of snow.

Coldest temperatures in Ganges for December were recorded be-

reading stuck at -5 degrees Celsius and the low dipped to -11.

That cold snap led into the heaviest snowfall of the month on December 29 and 30 with a recording of 10.67 cm of snow. The wettest day of the month occurred on December 3 to 4 with 44.7 mm of precipitation measured.

While the thermometer appeared to dip quite low, Aston noted the temperatures stayed above average for the month. Victoria suffered a worse winter fate than Salt Spring, he

"We were more fortunate, by far, than we normally are," he com-

Victoria usually measures close to the yearly average precipitation of 775 mm but in 1990, the city weatherman measured close to 1,200 mm of combined rain and snow. The previous record for precipitation in Victoria was set in 1948 at 1,101 mm.

The final snow storm of the year, during the night of December 29 and 30, dumped close to 30 cm on the airport in Vancouver and up to 57 cm up the valley at Hope.



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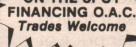
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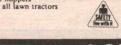
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CRD distributes grants-in-aid \$\$

Gulf Islands directors to the Capital Regional District seemed to have a bottomless pot of grants-in-aid money last year.

Vern Roddick, in his final year as Outer Gulf Islands director handed out \$192,733 to 29 community groups on the four islands. He gave \$80,460 to 13 Pender Islands groups, \$54,217 to five Galiano associations, \$37,099 went to eight clubs on Mayne with two Saturna groups getting \$20,900. Roddick also gave \$57 to Outdoors Unlittered.

On Salt Spring, Julia Atkins handed out \$236,662 to 27 various groups.

Most of the money available last year for grants-in-aid for the islands came through Windfall funds which accrued to the Gulf Islands as part of their share of land sales in the CRD.

OUTER GULF ISLANDS

Outer Gulf Is. Outdoors Unlittered.	57
South Galiano Volunteer Fire Dept.	17,167
North Galiano Fire Department	15,350
Galiano Community Club	11,500
Galiano Health Care Society	10,000
Galiano transportation Cmte.	200
GALIANO SUB-TOTAL	\$54,217
Mayne Is. Recycling Society	12,500
Mayne Is. Cmty. Health Centre Scty.	11,975
Mayne Is. Fire Department	7,499
Mayne Is. Agricultural Scty.	1,500
Mayne Is. Neighbourhood House Scty.	1,000
Mayne Is. Neighbourhood House Assn.	1,000
Mayne Is. Emergency Communications	1,000
Mayne Is. 911 Committee	625
MAYNE SUB-TOTAL	\$37,099
Saturna Community Club	20,000
Saturna Fire Department	900
SATURNA SUB-TOTAL	\$20,900
North Pender Is. Fire Department	25,410
Pender Is. Public Library Assn.	15,000
Pender Is. Recycling	10,800
South Pender Is. Fire Dept.	8,500
Magic Lake Estates Water Commission	6,000
Pender Is. Lions Club	4,500
Pender Is. Fall Fair	3,000
Pender Is. Adult Day Centre	2,000
Pender Is. Emergency Service Cmte.	1,900
Pender Is. Ambulance	1,000
Trincomali Property Owners' Assn.	1,000
Razor Point Water Cmte.	1,000
Pender Is. Transportation Cmte.	350
PENDER SUB-TOTAL	\$80,460
OUTER GULF ISLANDS TOTAL	\$192,733

SALT SPRING ISLAND

Island Art Centre Society	\$120,000
Library Association	35,000
Beaver Point Hall Committee	30,000
S.S.I. Community Society	13,000
Island Stream Enhancement Society	10,000
Solid Waste and Recycling Committee	2,700
Amateur Radio Club (Emergency Plan)	2,000
Parks and Recreation Commission	1,700
Greenwoods	1,600
Gulf Islands Handicap Society	1,500
Fernwood Parents' Group	1,100
Sewer Commission	1,000
Historical Society Archives	1,000
Fulford Parents' Group	1,000
Archives	
	1,000
S.S. Elementary Parents' Group	1,000
Water Preservation Society	1,000
Task Force on Parking, Drainage, Traffic	500
First Ganges Group Cmte.	500
Youth Soccer Assn.	500
Historical Book Project	500
Seniors For Seniors	450
School District 64	400
Transportation Cmte. Study Group	200
Sierra Club	200
Beaver Point Pre-School	150
Outdoors Unlittered	112
SALT SPRING ISLAND TOTAL	\$236,662

Cy Peck awaits travel

Travel continues for the Cy Peck wheelhouse.

The structure sat buried under a tarpaulin at one end of Ganges' seawalk for months until it was taken off-island for repairs.

Plans for the historic structure are in limbo for the time being, said Seawalk Committee spokesman Glen Moores. The group previously considered creating a park-like setting at the seawalk end as memorial for the Cy Peck.

Another idea involved moving it to Fulford where a marine park would be created

The Cy Peck gained fame as a Gulf Islands' ferry, voyaging between various Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and even the mainland. When its years of usefulness were finished, the old vessel was tied to a wharf in Nanaimo and allowed to deteriorate.

Several years ago, when the vessel was threatened with destruction, a group of islanders gathered some money and brought the wheelhouse home to Salt Spring. It sat in various locations, age taking its course, as various plans were made and discarded.

When the wheelhouse is repaired, Moores said, it will be returned to the island to form part of a heritage display, somewhere.

MB SALE

From Page A1

"I am not happy to see this land removed from B.C.'s working forest, because it means a loss of jobs," said Francis. "We could have operated on Galiano indefinitely. But it was becoming obvious that the continued pressure to reduce the cut, sooner or later would have led us to where we are today."

GCA members did not have access to the information contained in the release before the *Driftwood*'s deadline Tuesday and were unable to comment on the announcement.



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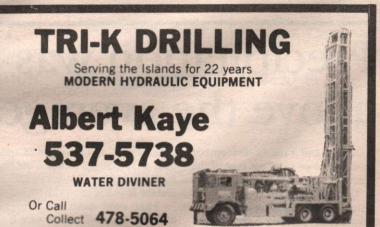
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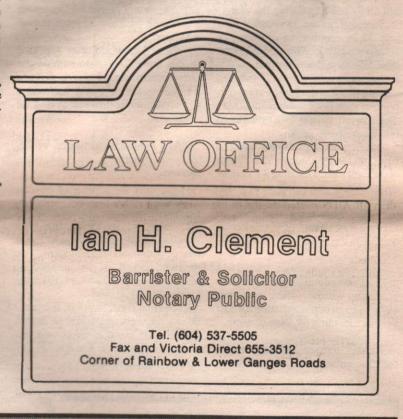
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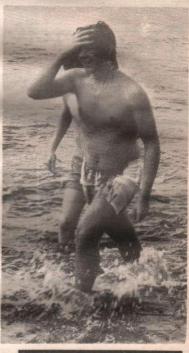
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POLAR BEARS: Twentyone brave islanders take the first dip of the year in the 12th annual Vesuvius Inn Polar Bear Swim.

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Unicef organization appeals for funding

help to stop the deaths of children in the Third World.

UNICEF says 40,000 children succumb needlessly every day around the world from hunger and disease, and more children will die from diarrhea in the next two days than all AIDS-related deaths in the last two years. Measles, polio, blindness and physical and mental handicaps also plague poverty-stricken children.

In 1989, southern hemisphere nations paid \$24 billion to wealthier northern countries, says UNICEF, dispelling the myth that funds flow one-way to the Third World. With the burden of debt repayment to lending countries, developing nations in Africa and Latin America have cut spending on social services. UNICEF says children "are always the first victims of budget cuts."

Low-cost programs such as immunization, oral rehydration therapy (to counter diarrhea), provision of clear water supplies, sanitation facilities and nutrition education are funded by UNICEF to reduce the

A UNICEF appeal is asking for child death-rate in developing

UNICEF makes a connection between lower birth and death rates in the Third World. It states: "When parents become more confident that their children will survive, they tend to have only the number of children they want rather than compensating for likely deaths with more births. The bottom line is that there is always a significant and sustained fall in birth rates when preceded by an equally significant fall in child

UNICEF says tax deductible donations greatly reduce the problem. One thousand malnourished children can be saved with the \$100 required to purchase oral rehydration salts. Twelve thousand babies can be protected against blindness with supplies of vitamin A costing only \$44. A village can be supplied with clean drinking water for the \$253 needed to buy a water pump.

Local UNICEF donations can be sent to its Victoria office at 2230 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria, B.C., V8R

25 centimetres of snow and we're still counting

Salt Spring became a winter wonderland beginning mid-afternoon Sunday, January 6.

By Tuesday morning, 24.8 centimetres of snow covered the island causing problems for locals who needed to get from one place to another. Although schools were open, classroom attendance was less than capacity.

Highway maintenance crews attempted to keep roads open. Hydro crews scurried to repair downed lines caused by falling trees and heavy snow.

Ganges RCMP reported a quiet day, Monday, with few accidents noted. A police spokesman noted that many motorists who do not know how to handle driving in the snow seemed to have stayed home.

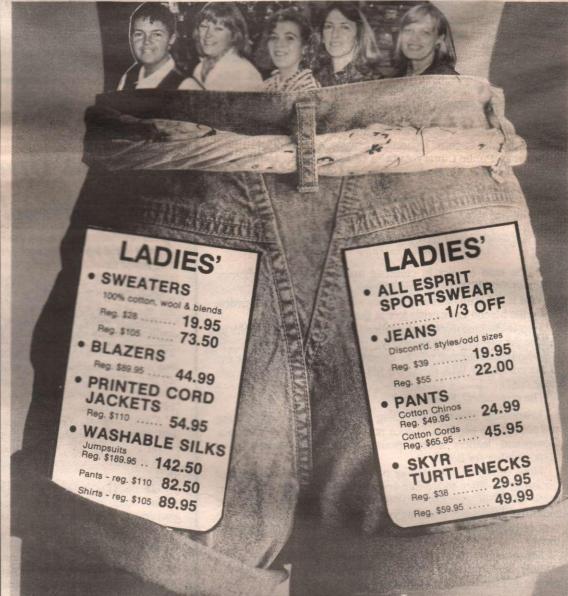


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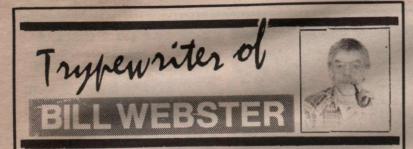
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Merry ho, ho, eh?

Actually, the trypewriter battles hard times trying to think vitriol and bile on sunny days such as have descended upon the rock lately. Seems good cheer and fellowship has mellowed his acidic temperament, for the moment.

Casting about for topics fit for a family newspaper — and not being too successful - can lead an intrepid columnist to the subject of leadership in Paradise West.

Premier-Uno Willie Vander Zalm. Enough said?

He maintains his problems come from disgruntled Socreds who go public and reporters who report on his actions. That's true leadership: when the excrement hits the circular air movement devise, blame the other guy.

The Zalm claims the disgruntled can't produce one iota of proof of where he has gone wrong. They are unhappy about the snow, about the rain, about the barking dog down the street and are taking it out on him, he claims.

Little resemblance to original concept

Way back when, when W.A.C. Bennett decided he didn't want to be a Tory anymore, Social Credit came to B.C. He built the party into a political machine. He won elections and kept the

folks reasonably happy.

Except for the three-year NDP slip, Socreds have ruled lo

these many years. Until the next election.

Actually, Social Credit as practiced in B.C. bears little resemblance to the original concept. It began as a coalition of various groups and individuals who felt left out of due process and became a vehicle for W.A.C.'s peculiar vision of life.

Son Bill added a dimension of cold aloofness to the equation but he, too, did not ruffle very many important feathers.

And then along came the Zalm. He sparkled in comparison with cold-fish Bill and charmed his way to victory. Don't feel bad about supporting him — many, many voters were taken in by the smoke, mirrors and sparkling teeth.

Leadership does not entail tantrums

Is the man correct in claiming malcontents and malicious reporters are the root of his problems?

Was it the grumblers and scribes who fanaticised in a garden while the Meech Lake crisis tore at the seams of Canada?

Was it the grumblers and scribes who used their positions to ensure the sale of private property?

Who lied about that sale by claiming to hold a minority share in the company? Who threw the temper tantrum when the truth came out?

The grumblers? The scribes?

Leadership consists of guiding the majority of people along the path of the possible. It does not entail tantrums or paranoia. Competent leaders accept praise for accomplishments and responsibility for flops.

How often, at every level of government, do we hear of decisions - after they have been made? How often, at those same levels of government, do we find those who claim the mantle of leadership decrying our short-sightedness because we cannot accept those decisions without at least talking about

Somewhere along the line, our erstwhile leaders adopted the attitude that they know best. They ignore the opinion of the people and force us to do it their way.

Must face voters this year

But we, the people, have a weapon: the ballot.

The Zalm must face the voters this year. At that time, he'll find out just how valid and widespread the discontent with his style of leadership really is. With arrogance and disdain, he'll discover the people don't cotton to cabinet ministers falling

Social Credit has been a force in B.C. since the early 1950s. This will be the year of its demise.

Bennett senior and junior used the spectre of the socialist hordes trampling and destroying free enterprise. The Zalm will find that trick won't work.

It's not that the people hold Social Credit, as practiced locally, in disfavour. The simple fact of voter discontent rests on the single premise of the Zalm's leadership.

People are fed up and will react rather unkindly to the party

at the coming election.

The sad fact is, the Socreds are doomed regardless of whether the Zalm leads the party or not. Social Credit in B.C. is

Islanders go with the birds: flying south for the winter

If things seem a little less crowded on Salt Spring lately, one reason might be that many islanders have flown the chilly winter coop for a sunnier nesting place.

Ganges Travel Shop manager Marguerite Lee confirmed suspicions last week that December to February is the busiest travel time for locals. A significant factor creating the trend is the large number of residents over 50 years of age who have "discretionary income," she

Most winter vacations are wellplanned in advance, says Lee, though the Travel Shop has recently seen a lot of people "who are fed up dealing with the snow and say get me out of

Sun-spots are obviously the most popular winter destinations, with Hawaii and Mexico still heading the list. Younger people tend to choose Mexico, she says, considering it more of an adventure and less expensive than spending time in Hawaii.

Eva Travel's Eva-Maria Theren agrees with Lee that Hawaii and Mexico continue to be favourite travel spots, with cruises being an appealing alternative.

Trips to the South Pacific countries of New Zealand, Australia or Fiji are increasingly popular, says Lee, as are Caribbean, Trans-Canal and Mexican Riviera cruises.

More "sophisticated" travellers are heading to Asia or Malaysia this winter, she says. Central American countries also have an increasing appeal for those who have already 'done" Mexico.

People who do not like the humidity which accompanies the sun

Mayne inn acclaimed by writer

An American-based travel newsletter has given a Mayne Island inn one of its highest honours.

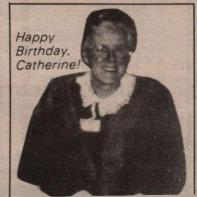
Edward Carter's Travels has recognized the Oceanwood Country Inn as "Best Country Inn" he visited this year. It was included as one of the 20 best of 433 "people, places and pleasures" mentioned by Carter in his 1990 awards issue

Carter visited Western Canada last summer and assessed Oceanwood as "a real find, certainly the most attractive country inn I've seen in B.C."

He devotes an entire page to Oceanwood in his awards issue, praising its decor, facilities and the cuisine of chef Ranada McAlister.

Edward Carter's Travels is distributed world-wide to just under 5,000 exclusive subscribers who pay \$96 annually to receive the newsletter detailing special places.

British Airways says Carter "is respected internationally as an arbiter of style and taste. His readers are sophisticated international travellers who appreciate his forthright assessments and advice because, independently paying his own way, he tells it as it is."



in Mexico or Fiji at this time of year have chosen desert locales like Palm Springs and Arizona, says Lee.

Regular excursion fare prices to most places have remained stable over the years, she says. The only significant change related to vacation costs is that there are fewer "selloffs" or last minute seat sales than

She says prospective travellers used to wait for late-breaking bargains before booking a trip, but many companies offering such sales have simply gone bankrupt.

Lee says two-week vacations are most common, followed by threeand one-week excursions.

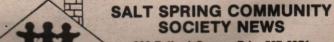
She has also noticed people being "more careful with their dollar" than they were five years ago. By "careful" she means "they want the best value for their dollar." The type of hotel, for example, is not necessarily important, as long as they feel it is well-worth what they have paid for it.

People also seem "to spend more time researching and talking to us about what they want," says Lee, noting that a travel agent's skill is discerning what a client wants from what they say they want.

She says islanders are fortunate to live near four airports - Victoria, Vancouver, Bellingham and Seattle which gives them more scheduling and price options than most Canadians have.

Ironically, Toronto is still the Travel Shop's most frequently booked flight destination.

"Very few days don't go by that we don't book a flight to Toronto," says Lee.



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January biking schedule released

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has released its January schedule of events.

All excursions meet at Centennial Park at 10 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

JANUARY 15

• Hike: North end area with leader Patti May-Lawson. Meet at Portlock Park at 10:15 a.m.

• Walk: To the waterfall on Mountain Road with leader Joan Lott. Meet at 10:15 a.m. at Drummond Park.

JANUARY 16

Annual general meeting: 7:45
 p.m. at Meaden Hall. The speaker will be Jim Walker, assistant deputy minister of the environment.

JANUARY 22

 Hike: Leader's choice with Ruby Alton. Meet at 10:15 a.m. at Drummond Park.

 Walk: Beddis Road area with leader Hans Shroder.

JANUARY 29

 Hike: Nose Point/Maracaibo area with leader Vera Petapiece.

• Walk: Ruckle Park area with Margaret Briggs, leader. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15 a.m.

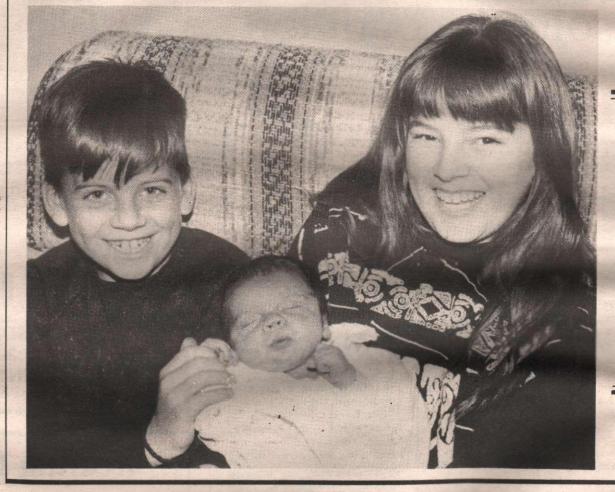
• Easy walk: Short walk in Arnell Park and a visit to the fish hatchery with leader Nancy Braithwaite.

Mulching service available

Expired Christmas trees are still being accepted for mulching by Salt Spring's dry after-grad committee.

Undecorated trees can be dropped off at the recycle depot near Ganges Village Market where they will be taken away and recycled into organic garden mulch.

Gulf Islands Secondary School's dry after-grad celebration is the beneficiary of funds raised from the service. Committee chairman Brian Betts is asking people to bring their donation to Rainbow Rentals, adjacent to the tree dumping site.



FIRST ADDITION: Graham (left) and Randi Outerbridge show off their new brother, David Douglas Outerbridge, the first baby of 1991 born at Lady Minto Hospital. David was born at 11:17 p.m. on January 3, weighing 9 pounds, 11 ounces to parents Nori and Jeff Outerbridge. In recognition of his good timing, David received silver dinnerware and a washable diaper from the hospital's auxiliary and an infant car seat from the B.C. Medical Association.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

LEGION News

Plans and preparations are unfolding at the Royal Canadian Legion, Salt Spring Branch 92 in celebration of 60 years of community service.

Those wanting to participate in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, should pay memberships for ordinary and associate members by January 31. Individuals who held fraternal associate status last year and who did not pay their fees before January 31, 1990, must re-apply.

Even as plans are being made for various functions throughout the year, other activities continue as normal at the branch. Friday evening dinners began last Friday and continue each week at 6 p.m.

Of special interest to dart throwers is the branch tourney to choose teams for representation of Branch 92 at the zone competition. The event will be held at the Blain Road facility in early February.

Local dart enthusiasts can throw for fame on January 20, beginning with 10:30 a.m. registration and play at 11 a.m. The top eight players in the singles competition, top four doubles teams and top two teams of four will be eligible for the zone competition.

Other sports enthusiasts can be involved in shuffleboard on Tuesday evenings with bridge players shuffling cards in Meaden Hall the same evening. The branch hosts Outhouse darts on Tuesday as well.

Wednesday evenings bring out the cribbage players as well as the fun dart throwers of the branch league.

Saturday afternoon features meat draws between 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Dust off your kilt and prepare for haggis and "neeps." Members and guests celebrate Robbie Burns Night on Sunday, January 27.

Tickets are available at the bar with a price of \$25 per couple and \$15 single. At 6 p.m., cordial hour begins with the traditional Burns dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment with a tartan flavour follows.

Each event at Branch 92 is open to members and guests are welcome in the company of members. If individuals wishing to join the Legion do not meet the membership criteria, fraternal association is available.



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JAN. 10: Rotary Bingo, Legion Meaden Hall, 7 pm (lic.#764375).

JAN. 10: Seniors for Seniors Soup & Sandwich, every Thursday, Upper Ganges Centre, 11:30 am-1:00 pm. All seniors welcome.

JAN. 17: Salt Spring Speakers dinner meeting, Harbour House Hotel, 6:30 pm. Guests welcome.

JAN. 30: Lynn Hunter, MP, will speak & answer questions at Seniors for Seniors, Upper Ganges Centre, 2:00 pm.

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Young Gulf Island jokers can win some recognition

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A selection of the best jokes will make up the book's content, along with an attribution to each

In addition, children who send in the best joke from each province, the Yukon and North West Territories will have their photograph included in the book and receive a \$100 prize.

Selected jokes may be edited by the publishers and in the case of duplication, the first one received will be considered for inclusion.



Comfortable at aristocratic top

Back in the early 18th century, when Canada was a mere frontier abstraction of beaver pelts and bad whisky, England had a society with more layers than a Black Forest cake. If you were at the top it was very, very comfortable.

In 1722, a blue-chip filly by the name of Charlotte Finch hitched up with an aging buck by the name of Charles Seymour. Now Charlotte, being the daughter of the Earl of Nottingham, had pretty good papers, but the man she chose for a husband was so aristocratic he made Queen Victoria look like a table dancer.

Charles Seymour was the sixth Duke of Somerset and did not intend to let anyone forget it for as long as the cerulean haemoglobin continued to pulse through his veins. Charles Seymour was a snob — but he was such an utter, 24-carat snob that you almost had to forgive him for it.

The story goes that once at a dinner party poor Charlotte made the mistake of tapping playfully on her husband's arm with her fan. Instantly the Duke stepped back, drew himself up and fixed his wife with a haughty, withering stare.

"Madame," he hissed, "my first wife was a Percy, and she never took such a liberty.

Ah, me. They just don't make jerks like that anymore.

As a matter of fact, they haven't been making them for some time. Up until the First World War the British aristocracy comprised perhaps the wealthiest — and certainly the vainest - ruling class this poor old planet's ever had to put up with.

slightest idea of what to do with it all. Most of them disdained the idea of getting their elegant fingers soiled in tion to be at a party and hear the butler

Wit and limmy

taxes and creeping democracy. By the end of the First World War the common British Folk weren't bowing and scraping in the presence of aristocrats anymore. British Prime Minister David Lloyd George dismissed the House of Lords as merely "ordinary men, chosen accidentally from among the unemployed."

them faded away, nibbled to death by

He further devalued the upper class by announcing that knighthoods, baronetcies and peerages were for sale. Henceforth, anybody could put a Lord or Lady in front of their moniker - providing they had the scratch. Britain was transforming itself from a nation of forelock-tuggers to a nation of shopkeepers. Aristocracy was a bad investment.

"A fully equipped duke," grumbled Lloyd George, "costs as much as two battleships; and dukes are just as great a terror and they last longer."

Even the staunch British aristocracy could not long survive such an onslaught. By the 1950s it was largely extinct. Gone forever neonla

or, my personal favourite - I would surrender my Beatles record collecbusiness, which meant that most of sonorously announce the arrival of "Admiral of the Fleet Sir Reginald Aylmer Ranfurley Plunkett-Ernle-Erle-Drax."

These people really lived! And supped tea with their pinkie fingers crooked just so! And now they're all

Well, virtually all gone. A few bluebloods survive, but they pay a price in shabbiness. The Earl of Pembroke is in pornographic films. Lord Teviot punches tickets on a London bus. Lord Normanton models trenchcoats for Burberry and Lord Simon Conyngham dishes out potato salad in an English delicates-

Some claim British aristocracy is alive, just dormant, but journalist Nancy Mitford thinks the question is

"An aristocracy in a republic is like a chicken whose head has been cut off," says Mitford. "It may run about in a lovely way, but in fact it's

And good riddance, I suppose. Better to have a Lord folding serviet-



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Hunter will speak to island seniors

Constable Rod Holland was heard saying "it could have happened to anyone."

Lynn Hunter (Saanich-Gulf Islands) will be the guest speaker at a Seniors for Seniors' Program Day.

Members of both the Fulford and Ganges chapters of the Old Age Pensioners' Organization and the public have been invited to the event which will take place at 2 p.m., January 30, at the Seniors for Seniors' Drop-in Centre.

Hunter will discuss programs and events of particular interest and concern to seniors on Salt Spring.

Hunter's constituency office staff in Victoria handles numerous problem inquiries regarding pensions and

Local Member of Parliament benefit programs, plus topical questions concerning the new Goods and Services Tax. At the seniors' meeting, Hunter will answer questions and help direct people to the right government office for assistance.

avoided an oncoming truck. Although the detachment did not offer too many specifics on the incident,

Everyone is invited to attend this event. As a press release on the subject notes, Hunter is a "member of some very interesting committees and always has valuable and sometimes entertaining information to

Those needing transportation to the meeting, or other assistance, should call the Seniors for Seniors office at 537-4604.

Recycling meeting set

An open meeting this week will look at the formation of a recycling society for Salt Spring Island.

Island recycling coordinator Rick Laing notes that three levels of government are encouraging islanders to expand their recycling program and move beyond a 10 per cent diversion of the total waste

"To be eligible," Laing says, "we must form a recycling society and we must also demonstrate that islanders do indeed want to recycle items more efficiently."

The open meeting will take place tomorrow evening (January 10) at 7 p.m. in the Salt Spring Elementary School library.

Laing encourages people to "drag themselves away from their homefires and attend" the meeting.

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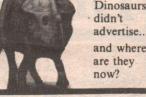
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NEMETH: Barbara and Richard sent out the old year with the arrival of Michael Slater Dec.
31, 1990, weighing 8 lbs, 6 oz. Proud sister Laura. Grandparents are Carolyn and Norman Mouat, Eva and Kelly Nemeth. Great Grandmother Nemeth. Great Grandmother Louise Johnson. Much appreciated help and support from Dr. MacPhail, Dr. Nestman and the nursing staff at Lady Minto.

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OUTERBRIDGE, Jeff and Nori welcomed the new year with the birth of David Douglas, a the birth of David Douglas, a brother for Randi Leigh and Graham, on Jan. 3, 1991, weighing 9 lbs., 11 oz. Proud Grandparents of Salt Spring's New Year's baby are Phyllis Fetherston, Ganges, Ken and Joan Fetherston, Oak Bay, and Bert and Ruth Outerbridge, Bermuda. Special thanks to Dr. Heaton and all of the nursing staff at Lady Minto Hospital. 1

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DEATHS

HARRIS. Elizabeth Fanny passed away suddenly at the age of 74. Born in Liverpool, England, moved to Canada in 1948. Beloved wife of R.J. She will be lovingly remembered by her son James and his wife Cheryl, daughter Jaqueline (Ivor) Lewis and Josephine and husband Tal, 8 grandchildren, relatives in England and many friends in Canada. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 12 at 1 pm at St. George's Anglican Church, Ganges. Bishop Valentine officiating. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations to The Children's Fund of B.C. Goodman-Jones Funeral Home Ganges in care of arrangements.

WOOTTON: Audrey. Peacefully at Lady Minto on Dec. 30. Audrey is survived by 2 daughters, Amy Winnifred (Paul) Brunner of New York and Kathleen (Robert) Rhoads of Hawaii, four grandchildren, 3 great grandsons, one sister Frances Anderson of Ganges. In lieu of flowers, donations to charity of your choice. Goodman-Jones of Ganges in

charge of arrangements. FAULKNER, ARTHUR EDWIN died quietly, early in the morning, January 2, 1991 at the age of 58 after a lengthy illness. Predeceased by his father, Thomas and younger brother, Dave, Art is survived by his mother, Leila, of Burnaby, B.C.; wife, Catherine, of Ganges, B.C.; two daughters, Jamie Anne Aspinall of Prince George and Delaine Heene Faulkner of Fulford Harbour, B.C., along with a grandson Josh Aspinall, niece, Janet Faulkner, and nephews, Jim and and Rob Faulkner. Born and raised in Vancouver, he spent all his years on the west coast of Canada, except a short time in the Sudbury area while he was in the R.C.A.F. For six years Art worked for the Dominion Bridge Co. in Burnaby, after which he moved to Salt Spring Island with Catherine and Delaine. He worked for many years on the B.C. Ferries until illness forced him to retire. Many will remember him as a quiet, gentle and kind man. May we all do as well. Thanks to Drs. all do as well. Thanks to Drs. Graham and Jan MacPhail; nurses and staff at Lady Minto Hospital; staff at Greenwoods during Art's stay there. Also thanks to the B.C.F. & M.W.U. and everyone else who cared for him. Cremation arrange-

for him. Cremation arrange-ments by Goodman Jones and the Memorial Society. A

DEATHS MUSSICK: Alex and Evelyn

Alex passed away accidentally with his wife Evelyn on Sun. Dec. 30th, 1990. Born on March 21, 1914 in North Battleford Sask. A veteran of WW2, long time member of Boilermakers Union, Charter member of the Royal Canadian Legion #175, Newton, B.C. Member of the Salt Spring Island Legion #92. Evelyn passed away accidentally with her husband on Sun., Dec. 30 1990. She was born in Vancouver. Evelyn was a kind and loving lady. She was a perfect Grandma and Mom. We, her family and friends will miss her. Mum loved the wild birds and stray cats and they loved her. Alex and Evelyn are survived by son, Jim Carver (Florence) from Nanaimo. Daughter Sandy Nugent (Peter) from Anmore, B.C. Daughter Lana Pearce (John) from Prince George, B.C. Son John Mussick (Anne) from South Bank, B.C. Daughter Judy Smith (Gary) from Leduci Alberta. Daughter Marlene Fraser (Vic) Maple Ridge, B.C. Son, Les Brinkley (Christel) from Benicia, Calif. They were loved and will be missed by 26 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Memorial service was held at the S.S. Legion at 1 pm on Fri. Jan. 4. Special thanks to Frank (Fino) Gentile who did the eulogy for both Alex and Ev. Donations in Memory of Alex and Evelyn may be made to the S.S. Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion or the S.S. Branch of the S.P.C.A.

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I WANT TO THANK the man who so kindly stopped and changed my tire on Maliview Drive. Thank you so much. Edwin Allan.

DOLLY DOUGLAS and her family would like to thank all their friends who stood with us in our sorrow. A special thanks to Hans Dobner and the Jehovah Witness congregation for all their help.

THE FAMILIES of the late Alex and Ev Mussick would like to thank the S.S.I. Fire Dept., the R.C.M.P., the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #92, the Government Agents office, S.S. Photo and the many special friends and neighbors that were so very kind and considerate in our time of sorrow.

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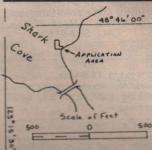
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The purpose for which the land

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DOWN THE YEARS

Thirty Years Ago

· Local firefighters faced their first major fire since the formation of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District. A Walker Hook Road home was almost completely destroyed by a Christmas Day blaze. Because the phones in both the burning house and a neighbouring one were out of order, it took almost 30 minutes to report the

· A group of citizens concerned about limited recreation facilities on Salt Spring Island called a meeting to discuss the possibility of taking advantage of the provincial government's Community Recreation Program. The program embraced sports and physical fitness courses for the young and provided a variety of hobby crafts for adults.

· An octopus measuring eight feet, four inches from tip to tip washed up on the beach near the cenotaph in Ganges.

· Garbage pick-up rates being charged by the new operators of the service, a company called McColl & Fleming, were set at \$2 per month for weekly pick-up; \$4 per quarter for bi-monthly pick-up, and \$2 per quarter for monthly pick-up, all for one regular-sized can of refuse.

· Records indicated that total precipitation for 1960 was 37.09 inches. The low temperature for the year was 25 degrees Fahrenheit on March 2 and the high was 94 degrees Fahrenheit on August 9.

Twenty-five Years Ago

· People opening the Ganges post office door wondered if they had set off a bomb. Blasting of the rock face near the Esso bulk plant caused the odd speculation.

 Gulf Islanders got their shovels working to clear out almost four feet of snow which fell between December 26 and January 5. Power and telephone outages throughout the islands resulted from the periods of heavy snowfall. People were advised to add parowax to dry shovels to reduce chances of wet snow sticking to the metal.

· Ganges police investigated a complaint that some island cattle were being allowed to fend for themselves in the deep snow without feed.

Twenty Years Ago

 Some Salt Spring residents complained about poor telephone service when calling Fulford's new 653 exchange from Ganges. South Salt Spring residents had no trouble contacting those in Ganges from the new

· Pender Island CARE tree donations reached almost \$1,500 in 1970, reported the fundraiser's initiator George Pearson.

· Robins headed the list of birds in the annual Pender Island Bird Count, with 1,600 spotted by island residents. The Pender count was one of 850 conducted throughout Canada and the United States by groups of naturalists between December 22 and January 3. Six people working in pairs on Pender tallied a total of 7,100 birds representing 74 species.

Fifteen Years Ago

· Ann Foerster was elected 1976 chairman of the Gulf Islands school board. Saturna's Tom Davidson was chosen vice-chairman by fellow

board members. · Gulf Islands school board was

· Approval for funding of a seniors' housing project on Galiano was announced by Saanich and the Islands MLA Hugh Curtis. The 16unit structure would be designed by Salt Spring architect Jonathan

· Ganges RCMP Constable Garry Van Zant drowned when he fell from the top of a bank near St. George's Church in Ganges. The 31-year-old constable had been in the police force for 12 years and stationed at Ganges since 1970.

Ten Years Ago

· Thirteen brave souls did the dip

into Vesuvius Bay at the New Year's Day polar bear swim. Syd Sturgess and Arlen Gedlaman won the endurance test together, staying in the water for 36.5 minutes.

 Douglas and Louise McDonald became parents of the islands' first baby born in 1981. Jonathan Campbell McDonald was born on January 3 at Lady Minto Hospital.

· A series of incidents involving thieves kept Ganges RCMP officers busy through the first week of January as many businesses reported break-ins of their premises.

• Long-time Ganges resident Elsie Thacker celebrated her 90th birthday at Rita's Inn.

"I feel like 21," said the pastpresident of the Old Age Pensioners' Association Branch 32

· The skeletal remains of a former Royal Canadian Air Force light bomber were sold to a group hoping to establish a space and aircraft museum on the Saanich Peninsula.

Five Years Ago

· Oil was spotted in the waters off Pender Island. Coast Guard officials said the spread of oil was thin and did not warrant clean-up operations. They had not yet determined if the December spill from an Alaskan tanker in Port Angeles harbour had caused the Gulf Islands slick.

· Salt Spring RCMP's Counter-Attack program was effective. Only one impaired driving charge arose from 37 periods of checking island vehicles between December 8, 1985 and January 3, 1986.

· Return of the Bowen Queen to the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay run would be delayed. B.C. Ferries announced Salt Spring's bigger ferry was not expected to return until early March, instead of late December as initially planned.

· Salt Spring's Parks and Recreation Commission expected a \$7,000 surplus from its 1985 budget. Treasurer Spencer Marr attributed the extra funds to restraint exercised by all committees on the commis-



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300 g 2.47

500 ml 2.47 340 g 2.57

3.47 3.37 KRAFT CHEEZ WHIZ KRAFT 500 ml jar RASPBERRY STRAWBERRY JAM KRAFT SALAD DRESSING MIRACLE WHIP McCAIN DRINKIN' BOX JUNIOR JUICES

Asstd. 369 g 1.17

355 ml 97¢

1 kg 1.77

1 kg 1.17

EX-OLD

3.57

Asstd. Fruit 4 x 125 ml pack

SUNLIGHT LIQUID DISH 1 litre DETERGENT

We hate to say good-bye to Galiano Island...

We've been neighbours for almost 40 years

We'd like to stay for another 40 years, but demands for alternate use and the anticipated restrictions on timber harvest have combined to make it uneconomic for us to operate.

As a result, we'll be offering all our Galiano properties for sale (about 3100 hectares). For the first three months, this property will be available exclusively to British Columbians. In addition, we are respecting the wishes of the Provincial Government and the islanders to make Coon Bay

A long history

We have been logging and reforesting since we bought our Island properties back in the early 1950s. We've changed our harvesting practices to accommodate public concerns. About 80 per cent of our timber cutting is now based on the selection system and our clear-cut openings are much smaller. Our current plans were to harvest about 13,000 cubic metres annually from Galiano Island; in the past, the harvest has been as high as 30,000 cubic metres.

British Columbians first

We have more than 60 lots of varying sizes available for sale. We believe that our property has a great deal of appeal to many British Columbians and, for the first three months, we will restrict our sales to B.C. residents only.

Coon Bay: Special consideration

Everyone on Galiano recognizes that Coon Bay is a special area. Discussions with the provincial government are underway to sell it as a park.

If you're interested ...

A number of Galiano residents have been interested in buying parcels of our land. Maps for individual lots will be available from MB's Gary Kadatz in Vancouver at MacMillan Bloedel / Timberlands and Properties Department / 1075 West Georgia / Vancouver, B.C. V6E-3R9 or phone 661-8184.

We've enjoyed being neighbours

One of the things we'll remember most about Galiano is the truly special place it is. We've worked together to meet sometimes conflicting needs and we're proud of the formation of the Forest and Land Use Council which was set up in 1989 to bring more public input into our harvesting and land use practices on the Island.

> For your information, in mid-1990, we invited the Galiano Conservancy Association to make an offer to purchase our Galiano properties on behalf of the community. However no formal offer was received.

> > **MB** Holdings

