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Property purchase in works

MacMillan-Bloedel has accepted a conditional offer of sale on its Salt Spring Island properties.

John Upward, who owns a development company in Nanaimo, last month signed an agreement with the forest company to buy its 4,900 acres of land here — provided certain conditions are met.

The acreage, contained in seven blocks, has been held by the forest company as a tree farm. It was placed on the market about two years ago, however, when MacMillan-Bloedel determined the land was too scattered for effective management.

Upward's purchase offer hinges on several conditions being satisfied by later this year. Those conditions, laid out in the agreement, include completion of a feasibility study.

Local realtor David Williams, who is handling the sale, said the feasibility study will determine the best way Upward could use the land. About half of the acreage is already being touted as parkland or for inclusion in a watershed preserve, however.

Williams said the potential buyer is currently negotiating to sell or trade some of the MacMillan-Bloedel holdings to the provincial government for use as parkland. The blocks involved are two 640-acre parcels in the southern portion of Salt Spring.

Upward is also holding discussions with the Capital Regional

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Steerike!

A little leaguer swings through a pitch during Saturday's round of games at Salt Spring Elementary

school. No matter how young the children are—or how much difficulty they have with the bat—

they all get ample opportunity to hit.

Mayne resident to carry torch

A second Gulf Islands resident has been selected to help carry the Olympic torch early next year.

Shirleyne Denning, 37, of Mayne Island will carry the torch next January 21 on a stretch of Vancouver Island highway between the communities of Parksville and Qualicum.

Denning joins Sascha Williams of Salt Spring Island as Gulf Islands residents participating in the relay. Williams, 14, will carry the flame along the Island High-

way near Duncan on January 22, 1987.

The Olympic torch relay, sponsored by Petro-Canada, will begin November 17, 1987, in St. John's, Newfoundland, and continue across Canada until it arrives in Calgary, Alberta, on February 13, 1988, to open the Winter Olympics.

In total, the torch will travel 18,000 kilometres through every Canadian province and the two territories. Private citizens will

carry the flame, in one-kilometre stretches, for about 11,000 kilometres.

To become eligible to carry the torch, Canadian citizens were asked to fill out entry forms available at all Petro-Canada stations. A random-selection process was then used to select winners according to the areas where they wanted to run.

Unlike Williams, a Grade Nine student who filled out approxi-

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Archaeologists launch Salt Spring excavation

A team of three Simon Fraser University (SFU) archaeology students has begun to explore Native Indian middens on a Salt Spring Island property.

The team, working under the off-island direction of SFU professor Dr. Roy Carlson, set up operations at the Long Harbour site on June 1. As of last week, it had lined up approximately 50 volunteers to assist in the three-month-long project and launched preliminary excavations.

Dave Johnstone, the on-site director of the dig, said last week the team had unearthed eight artifacts in its first three full days of work. He and fellow SFU students James Ostlund and John Breffit have found items like a shell bead, fish hook barb and a bone point they believe are about 2,000 years old, plus "historical artifacts" like a spike, a length of baling wire and the bottom of a tin can which they say date to the pre-1950s, when the site was home to logging activities.

(To find the true age of the "historical artifacts," Johnstone said a search will be made of provincial archives in Victoria, which should reveal when the logging activity took place.)

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John Breffit

Steps taken to ease effects of postal dispute

It was business as usual for post offices in the Gulf Islands on Tuesday despite the start of rotating strikes by Canada's 20,000-member Letter Carriers' Union.

Canada Post operations in British Columbia were not affected by the union's rotating strike plan yesterday. Letter carriers in B.C. remained on the job when the first round of rotating strikes by LCUC members got underway in Calgary and Montreal.

It was not known by press time Tuesday if any B.C. letter carriers would be off the job today (Wednesday) or tomorrow. Talks continued between Canada Post and the Letter Carriers' Union, but union officials hinted job

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New video

Salt Spring aerial photographer Craig Marshall has completed his first videotape for the retail market. It's a take off. Page 24.



Marina

Plans to build a marina at Sattery Bay on Galiano are dependent upon the developer getting rezoning approval. Page 26.



The IODE presented local resident Olive Mowat with a life membership last week in recognition of her work on behalf of the organization. Page 37.

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Archaeologists explore Salt Spring site

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The artifacts found to date have been unearthed in the preliminary stages of excavation. Johnstone, a graduate student who says his work here will form the basis of Master's theses he and Breffit will write, noted that the the SFU team is still defining and isolating the areas it will search.

The boundaries of two future trenches have been roped off at the site, and work will now be confined to examining those areas in 10-centimetre-deep layers.

"We will be peeling off the sites, layer by layer, like an onion skin," Johnstone said. The exercise will lead to production of a contour map showing how the site looked in successive time periods.

As much as the team — and local volunteers — will be kept busy at the site for the next three months, Johnstone noted that the actual excavation is just the start of a project which will consume the next year of the team's time and energy.

"Three months in the field is just the beginning. For the rest of the

year, we'll be trying to find out just what we've dug up. At the end of that, we'll submit a report to Victoria, summarizing what we've found and how it can be interpreted."

(Victoria's Heritage Conservation Branch approved the permit needed before excavation could take place.)

What might be learned from the project? As an example, Johnstone noted that the area being excavated formed an important clamming site for Cowichan Indians, and that it lies close to a major offshore herring spawning ground.

"Given the good access to herring, we hope to find out in what time period the herring became an important resource, and the techniques used to exploit it," he said.

Each of the three team members brings a particular area of expertise to the project: Johnstone, a graduate school student for the past six months, is interested in the remains of stone tools; Breffit, who will begin graduate school studies this fall, specializes in animal remains; and Ostlund, who begins graduate school in the fall, will look after any human remains unearthed.



James Ostlund clears soil layers from trench

Excavation crew calling for volunteers

Volunteers are welcome to assist the three-man Simon Fraser University (SFU) team excavating Native Indian middens on Salt Spring Island this summer.

The project, which began June 1 and is expected to end August 31, could use as many as 100 volunteers, on-site director Dave Johnstone said last week. To date, about 50 volunteers have signed up to help.

"We will need more volunteers, unless people work a full week at a time," he said. "To be convenient, it should be just for one or two days a week."

Anyone interested in volunteering for on-site work should contact the crew at 537-4409. The project schedule calls for on-site work to be conducted from Saturdays through Wednesdays.

The SFU team is also interested in hearing from people who have unearthed Native Indian artifacts of any kind, at any location on the island. The intent is to document and catalogue the items and the places where they were found.

Johnstone said the team also plans to hold open labs at Formby House — next to the Seabreeze Motel just south of Ganges — each Monday evening. The sessions will be devoted to washing, labelling and classifying artifacts unearthed at the project site.

Tides, machine woes stall sailing

Mechanical problems and the lowest tides of 1987 combined last Friday to cause delays in the Vesuvius Bay-Crofton ferry service.

The corporation said last week's that Friday's low tides created difficulties in the morning for vehicles boarding the ferry at Vesuvius Bay. In the afternoon, mechanical problems at the same dock delayed loadings again and caused a half-hour disruption in service.

Corporation spokesman Betty Nicholson said the morning's low tides accentuated an indentation at the top of the loading ramp. The indentation, covered by a piece of plywood but due to be asphalted in the near future, could not be easily negotiated by vehicles.

"Several vehicles had pro-

blems crossing the dock to the ferry," said Nicholson, who added that an asphalt covering will correct the differences in height between the two points.

The afternoon problem, meanwhile, was a mechanical failure with the apron counterweight, which meant the apron had to be manually lowered to the level of

the ferry's deck before vehicles and passengers could off-load.

Nicholson said the vessel crew had to bring a vehicle down the wharf to apply enough weight to bring the apron to the deck. Repairs were later made to the counterweight, and the ferry sailed back to Crofton half an hour later than scheduled.

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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Some never learn!

Don't look too closely, but this column is written on an ancient Remington manual typewriter. Since the inception of electronic typesetting I've maintained a steady war with new-fangled writing and I'm keeping it up.

When I get into the office with my copy, everyone glowers. The front office look daggers at my folios because they know only too well who will have to proof-read them. Reputable, red-blooded, real reporters look down their noses at this old goat who can't even use a floppy disc. Damn it! I am a floppy disc!

Mr. Editor MacDonnell spits, metaphorically, and quickly explains that because I'm late there isn't much space left for me.

You know, it's a fine thing to be old-fashioned, but I'm none too sure that I'm thoroughly enjoying my dotage!

Marching to oblivion

The advancing forces have been routed. The battle of the caterpillars is over. Winners were the caterkillers.

We have a few sad little tent caterpillars crawling around with little instinct for eating or for anything else. The little white spots in the front end of the beast have taken over and another busy cycle of tents is over.

Best example I saw this year was on Booth Bay, where an apple tree was almost completely closed in by the webbed tents of the destructive crawlers.

Incidentally, Mike Byron, agricultural teacher at Ganges, expressed his concern recently at the use of chemicals or other means to destroy the caterpillars when they were swarming. Distasteful as they may be, the only real cure for tent caterpillars lies in the white spots of the parasite, which destroys them naturally. When you seek to destroy the caterpillar you may succeed in destroying the parasite and leaving the field that much more wide open for more caterpillars in the future.

The price is righter!

John Anderson left me a copy of the *Mount Dora Topic*, published in Florida in the heat of the moment.

Post office

Delivery difficulties probable

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Action could begin in other areas soon.

Despite the threat of strike action in B.C., Ganges Postmaster Fred Smidt-Nielsen said Monday that even if LCUC members in this province go on strike, post offices throughout the Gulf Islands will remain open.

The current labour dispute with Canada Post involves only the Letter Carriers' Union. Other post

Teachers select new president for association

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association has a new leader.

Elaine Jacobson, a substitute teacher at the Pender Island School, has been selected GITA president. She officially assumes the role in July.

Jacobson takes over the position from Barb Aust, who was recently named principal of Fulford School.

setting it straight

Ann Wilson of Ganges received a Bachelor of Science (biology major) degree in University of Victoria convocation ceremonies held May 29 and 30 — not a Bachelor of Arts degree, as erroneously reported in last week's *Driftwood*.

I read it with interest and some surprise. According to a columnist, the helmet law requiring motorcyclists to wear protection against head injuries came into being in Florida to enable the state to share federal funds for roads, rather than with any thought to protecting riders.

With advertisements such as a 1986 Mercury Marquis with 16,000 miles for \$14,000, it was surprising to find that a car wash is \$8; a wash and wax is \$30 and a "deluxe" wash and wax is \$45.

Other prices appear rather lower than those here at home, but the disparity between the United States dollar and our own covers part of the apparent economy. Like a Whirlpool washer and dryer for \$650 or, at the other end of the scale, breakfast of two eggs, bacon or sausage, grits or home fries and toast for \$1.89.

Incidentally, they have Real Women in the United States, as well as here!

Words again!

It was a large chain store in the great city advertising for help. The company sought an "alterationist".

I knew what an alteration was and I knew that tailors and dressmakers were engaged in large scale alterations. But I had never encountered this particular profession.

With a bow at a venture I would have expected an alterationist to be a pussy-footed veterinarian, but I was way out.

I guess it makes me a manualist.

Always niggling

"You will remember Vienna," sang the Viennese. I will remember Vienna, a new toaster oven tells me.

As a niggling purist, a carping advocate of literate precision, I cringe at the careless perpetuation of inaccuracies, as long as they are not my own.

And the oven? It tells me at what temperature "weiners" should be cooked and every self-respecting wiener sausage knows full well that its forebears came from Vienna and never from Veinna. Hence the more functional spelling of "wiener".

On the other hand, it is more than likely that wieners or weiners will cook at about the same heat setting.

Mayne resident will carry flame

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mately 70 application forms, Mayne Island's Denning completed but one. "I filled out one for my daughter, too, and she wondered why she didn't win," Denning said last week.

Denning said she applied to be part of the relay because she thinks there will be "a neat feeling representing Canada, in some way, for the Olympics." She also believes there will be a symbolic link between her and the athletes who have carried the flame to other Olympiads over the ages.

But why carry the torch between Parksville and Qualicum, instead of along a stretch of highway closer to the Gulf

Islands. "That area just appealed to me," she said, adding that her choice of locale may have helped her selection: "Maybe," she said, "not too many other people wanted to run there."

Denning said the choice of venue may also prove to be more convenient for her. She will be attending college in Vancouver next January, she said, and can easily reach the Parksville-Qualicum area from there.

"I may even take my daughter (Sasha, age seven) along," she said.

As for preparations, Denning said she is not a runner but once jogged and has since taken up cycling and walking around Mayne Island. She also practices yoga and Tai Chi.

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Is tomorrow's legacy too expensive today?

A private developer's interest in turning roughly half of MacMillan-Bloedel's Salt Spring holdings into publicly-owned parkland appears to answer one of the largest local concerns about eventual disposition of those lands. On the surface, that is.

The developer, who has a conditional agreement of sale with the forest company, is negotiating to sell or trade to the province and the Capital Regional District about 2,000 of the 4,900 acres in question, and is pondering inclusion of another large parcel in a Maxwell Lake watershed preserve.

Ever since the acreage was first put on the market about two years ago, Salt Spring Island residents have expressed concern that the bulk of the forested land might become off-limits to outdoor recreational pursuits or, worse, be developed in a way that might upset the rural nature of the island.

Turning about half the acreage into publicly-

owned parkland would be the answer to one of those concerns, but the question which must now be considered is: at what cost?

The acquisition of those lands would be a priceless legacy for future generations, although the public—through its political representatives—must decide whether the cost might not be too much for current pocketbooks to carry.

The first price tag to consider is the cost of buying the lands or, in the case of the province, possibly taking it in trade for other properties. Beyond that, however, lies an equally-large consideration—the annual cost of maintaining and upgrading parkland, covering liability insurance premiums, administration, etc. It's an unknown factor, but that does not make it any less real.

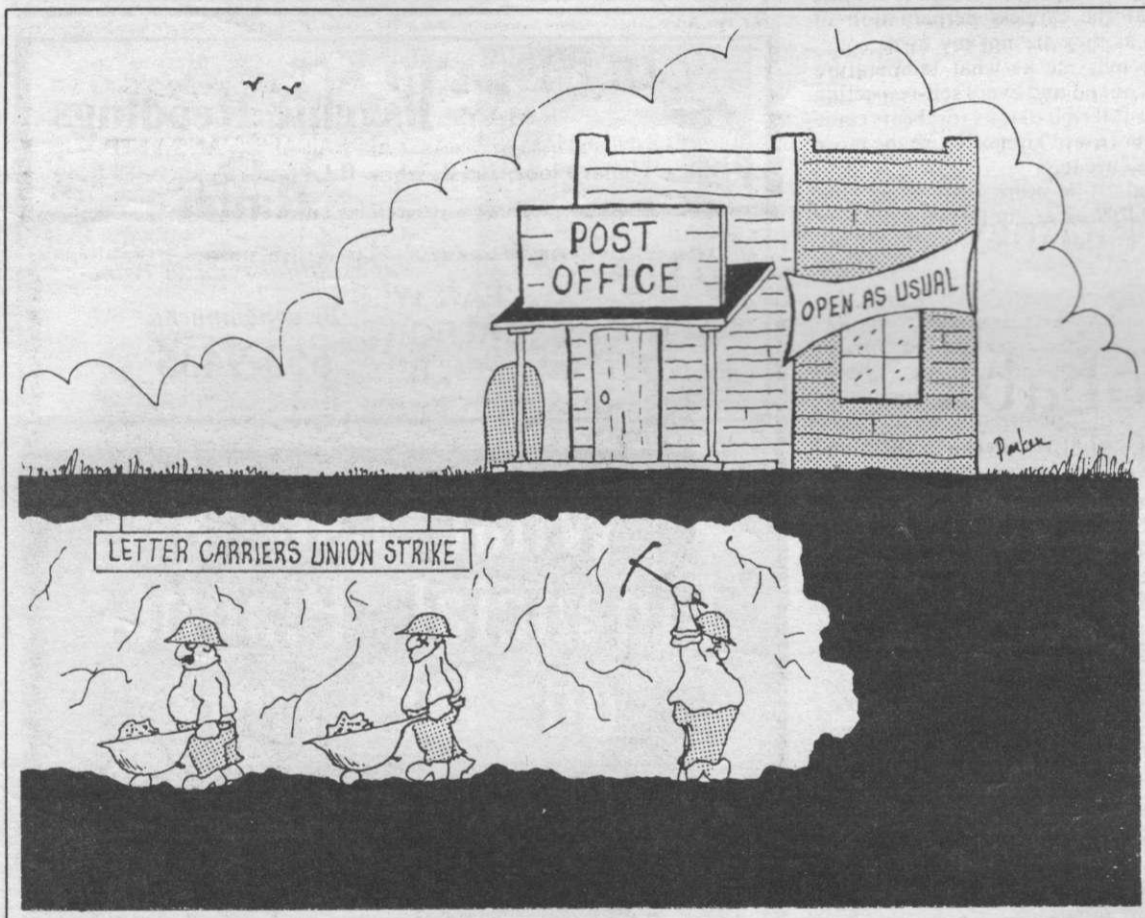
As noted above, no dollar value can be placed on the worth of a legacy for future generations. And there is no doubt acquiring the acreage in question as parkland could constitute acquisition

of a priceless commodity—but it's going to cost today's residents dollars and cents to obtain that bequest.

At this stage of the negotiations over a possible purchase, there are too many unanswered questions (i.e., what will happen to the rest of the land?) to permit an easy analysis of the choices facing islanders, or of the role they may play in the scenario.

However, some points to ponder include: Can the provincial government or the regional district afford to acquire the land they have been offered? If not, can the public step in? If so, is it willing to pick up the tab? Most important of all, can the public and the politicians afford to pass up the chance to obtain the lands in question? And finally, if these negotiations fail, what other preservation options remain?

With so many questions, and so few answers at this point, your elected representatives need to hear your suggestions and concerns.



Two resignations show toll of 'public service'

Two Salt Spring Island organizations lost their leaders this week. Both Rick Rockliffe, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and Joan Ingram, chairman of the island's transportation committee, are stepping down from their posts—and for the same stated reason.

Ingram, who has been with the transportation committee since 1984, and Rockliffe, president of the chamber since late last year, said the vast amount of time eaten up by performance of their duties for those organizations was the principal factor prompting a decision to leave.

(Neither will completely walk away from their group, however. Rockliffe will remain as a chamber director, and Ingram said she will help the transportation committee whenever she is able to do so.)

The decisions made by Rockliffe and Ingram, to leave the top posts in their respective organizations, point out how demanding such community responsibilities can be, particularly in regards to the sacrifices of time and effort required to keep an operation running as smoothly as possible.

The former chamber president and the ex-chairman of the transportation committee deserve the public's thanks for taking on their responsibilities and performing their functions as well as they were able.

Smashed cans underline importance of brochure

For years, a close friend has held a thinly-disguised hatred for a certain brand of Canadian-made beer. For all of those years, I had thought his criticism of the product was tied to its flavour or constituency, or maybe even to the height of its foam when the liquid is poured into a glass.

My assumption was silly, of course (Canadian beers, after all, are as distinctive as their containers), but it took a recent outing to finally reveal to me the source of my friend's contempt for one brewery's brand: he equates the product with pollution.

The friend is an avid outdoors-lover, constantly off on some backwoods trail in search of a hot

springs site or scrambling up steep hillsides to find an alpine meadow. I was with him on his last excursion, when both of us stumbled across a cache of empty beer cans bearing the brand name he has come to hate.

It was old hat to my friend. He swears that wherever he travels off the beaten track — no matter how far it may be from so-called civilization — he is forever finding empty beer cans emblazoned with an all-too-familiar label. No wonder he hates that brand.

Of course, his quarrel is not with the brewery but with the thoughtless clods who choose to deposit their wares on every isolated beach, mountaintop and mea-

my
word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

dow between here and Atlin. Which brings us to this week's topic: outdoor etiquette.

The Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C. — bless its soul — has just prepared and released a pamphlet spelling out a "code of ethics" for people who participate in outdoor activities, particularly in the wilderness. It aims to encourage an attitude of personal

responsibility for the environment by stressing that all of us have a role to play in keeping the outdoors clean and safe.

The code's main point is to show consideration for the environment. For example, it notes that small parties travelling together will lessen the impact on the area being visited, and minimize disruption of the wildlife there.

The code also examines subjects like camp etiquette, the need to practice "environmentally-sound personal hygiene" and a *pack it in, pack it out* philosophy, and pointers on campfires. It also explains the importance of respecting private property, and of

planning ahead and taking along appropriate and sufficient supplies.

Copies of the "code of ethics" are available from the Outdoor Recreation Council of B.C., 1200 Hornby Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2E2. Telephone 678-3333.

The pamphlet is a useful and informative piece of work. Much of what it contains is common knowledge (and common sense) to most outdoor enthusiasts, but they're not the ones this brochure is aimed at, anyway. As my friend's experience with the beer cans points out, there are still a lot of ignorant people out there — people whose education should start with a look at the code.

Consider

Sir,
In searching for suitable land for commercial and industrial zoning outside the rural residential areas, I suggest the Industrial Task Force consider the following:

- Go off island and do some research into other areas that have solved this problem. One good example is Koksilah Industrial Park in Duncan. Surrey's various-sized zones are others.
- Rita Johnson and the ministry of municipal affairs have formed a non-partisan committee to study zoning on the Islands. Victoria should be asked for funding for an Industrial Land Area on Salt Spring.

If proper planning is not done for the future, Salt Spring will end up looking like an industrial milltown instead of a place attractive to tourists and new residents. The indigenous merchants and restaurateurs stand to lose if we become an unattractive industrial hive. There's a lot of competition from the other Gulf and San Juan islands and Vancouver Island.

The areas picked by the Industrial Task Force are not practical for industrial or commercial use; and the suggestion of ad hoc planning as the occasion and the need arises is ludicrous. The area humorously denoted as the "banana" extrusion in the vicinity of King's Lane and Leisure Lane is too small and too impractical for large scale industrial use, as are some of the other suggested sites. Some of them infringe on residential areas in situ. There are areas in the middle of the island which lend themselves to the conception of an industrial park, close to accessible roads.

JUNE O'BRIEN,
Ganges.

Thanks

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to local roads foreman John Stepaniuk, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
On behalf of the Life Skills students and parents support group, I would like to express a sincere thank you for the efforts made by your department to improve pedestrian safety conditions at the junction of Rainbow and Fulford-Ganges roads.

The newly-installed sidewalk has encouraged pedestrians to keep close to the hedge, and has eliminated the problem of water collecting on the walkway on rainy days. Although the offending hedge still obscures visibility for traffic, the safety of students walking to and from school around this corner is greatly improved.

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We need volunteers in order to make our unit work on Salt Spring. There are four main activities of the Canadian Cancer Society requiring volunteers: public education, service to patients, research and fund-raising.

A few hours of your time could help save a life.

For more information call Jo Logan at the Community Centre (537-9212).

Canadian Cancer Society,
Salt Spring Island.

Good idea

Sir,
Regarding the postal workers, the authorities also do bag inspections in other countries.

I was recently on holiday in Australia. While shopping one day in a small city in Queensland with my friend, she informed me that on the way out of the store we would have our shopping bags inspected.

I was quite surprised but, having nothing to hide, I opened my bag for inspection.

I certainly didn't get hostile and shout about my "rights" as the postal workers are doing. Actually, I thought it a very good idea — to cut down on thefts — because, let's face it, we, the consumers, are paying higher prices to cover all these losses due to stealing.

It may be a good idea to make spot-check inspections in our cities — not just for postal workers, but in department and food stores. We may even lower the cost of living.
N. DALBY,
Ganges.

Experience

Sir,
There is little doubt that the upcoming visit by the popular theatre company, *Grupo Teyocoyani*, from Nicaragua, will be a cultural exchange that we will not want to miss.

Nicaragua is so often in the news, many will want to demonstrate their support or ask questions. The performance will undoubtedly be unique, entertaining and thought-provoking.

The company recently appeared in Montreal at the Festival of the Americas. *The Gazette* wrote: "Inspired by myths, legends, traditional music and dance, it raises issues most native Nicaraguans can't talk about freely, let alone act on."

Popular theatre has often been aligned with "political" or "guerilla" theatre, two words which would suggest a boringly didactic or confrontational experience. However, these terms are heavy in reactionary overtones and neglect the spreading global movement of people's indigenous expression through performance.

Undoubtedly the aim of this theatre is to raise human consciousness towards social change, yet theatre has often held this purpose — from the Greeks to Brecht, including Shakespeare. Called the "Third Theatre" because it falls outside the traditional or mainstream or experimental theatres, it is a form of grassroots expression rising from the direct experience of its creator-performers. In many ways it is modern day ritual and can take a form different from Western plot-oriented drama, incorporating dance, music, mime, visual and plastic arts in a braided effect.

What we will experience with the Nicaraguan group cannot be dismissed as "folk life" but must be viewed as a direct cultural and artistic expression of the Nicaraguan present-day experience. Through an open witnessing of that expression, we can better understand the Nicaraguan people as they truly are.
BARBARA DRENNAN,
Vesuvius Bay.

Efficiency

Sir,
Last weekend our squadron had the pleasure of hosting the annual general meeting of the Vancouver Island district of Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons.

Over 130 members, representing the 17 squadrons of the district, attended. On behalf of my colleagues, I would like to thank some of the local enterprises whose co-operation made this a most successful conference.

The delegates left full of praise for the accommodation and meals at the Harbour House Hotel, the excellent service provided by Ganges Marina to the 30 vessels which sailed in, and to institutions and merchants who helped out in a variety of ways.

It is a source of great satisfaction to know that our community can handle such an event with good spirit and efficiency.

MAX FITCH,
Squadron Commander,
Ganges.

Suffer

Sir,
I imagine that the teachers in B.C. must feel very satisfied in knowing that by their on-going job action, they are able to sacrifice the children's education in order to try and improve their own already over-paid positions. I hope they have fully explained the situation to the children, and that the children realize why their education is made to suffer.

I.P. DENROCHE,
Galiano Island.

Whitewash

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the B.C. Ferry Corporation, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
This is — without prejudice — a response to your letter of May 12, addressed to *Driftwood* as well as to myself.

I am being extra-careful in what I say, particularly if it involves people being reprimanded as the result of an official complaint against them.

With respect to the incident on the ferry on April 3, I was most upset by the rudeness and arrogant attitude of the first mate and

the deckhand, who offered no help or encouragement with the vehicle problem. The passengers were the ones who came forward and helped me.

Yes, my "male companion" (who happens to be my husband) was paged. He also happens to be deaf in both ears and had his hearing aids turned off. The vehicle in question belonged to him, not me, and yes, you are right, I was more than upset with him for not answering the page.

There was never any "mistake or misunderstanding" or "not being fair and accurate" on my part as to who was in error, or who displayed rudeness and arrogance.

I do, however, appreciate your magnificent whitewash of two B.C. Ferry employees.

PATRICIA L. MAY,
Ganges.

Support

Sir,
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who gave their support to the day of protest on Monday, June 1. The struggle against Bills 19 and 20 goes on. Please remember to send your letters and phone calls in to our MLAs and other government members. They still need to hear from us all.

Thank you again for your support.

MICHAEL HAYES,
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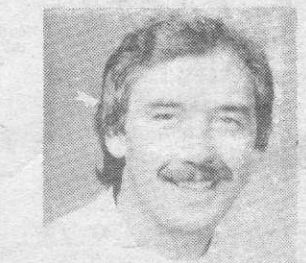
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Proposal

Sir,
Allow me to acquaint you with a proposal being presented by a developer to transform a narrow strip of waterfront property, namely Saltery Bay on the southwest shore of North Galiano Island, into a marina complex of boat launch, wharf and/or floats, dry land boat storage and car parking, in the preliminary plans being presented.

If the development proceeds, it will destroy forever the only beach area foreshore where one can enjoy and approach the natural surroundings of land and sea in this area.

The Saltery Bay Preservation Society and myself are desirous that anyone interested in the retention of this unique shoreline contact the writer for further information.

Thank you for your co-operation.
NORMAN J. RUSSELL,
Saltery Bay Preservation Society,
Galiano Island.

Insult

Sir,
Canada Post's latest public relations exercise (General Manager M. Gormick's *Open Letter to Rural Customers*) insults and seriously misleads your readers. The only "campaign of attention-seeking tactics and misinformation" to which rural people have been "exposed" is that of Canada Post itself.

It is not surprising Mr. Gormick's phrases are tired and empty since his copy comes directly from what must be a well-worn word-processing disc shared by the offices of Harvie Andre and Canada Post. Between February and May, 1987, I have seen this same letter, opening paragraph modified as needed, in all the Maritime provinces, Quebec, Saskatchewan and B.C. It is the standard reply sent to the thousands of genuine enquiries made by responsible MPs, town councils, citizens' groups, worried employees and individuals who care about the quality of life and the economy in rural areas. Now Canada Post has stepped up its campaign of false reassurance by sending this message to such papers as yours and by circulating tabloids (*The Mail*) published and distributed at the taxpayers' expense.

I urge your readers to be alert to the intentions hidden behind the smooth phrases of Canada Post communications. After denying any policy exists "to effect widespread closures of rural offices," the letter goes on to state that "postal product outlets will be expanded" over the next 10 years or more. How will this be achieved? By "changing the method or location of postal services, using the resources of local private business." Translated into plain English, this means that hundreds of rural post offices will be replaced by supermailboxes for delivery services and by stamp

outlets or franchised offices for retail services. Going to the village post office to collect your mail and meet your neighbours will, like the steam train engine, be a thing of the past. Canada Post is telling us we in rural Canada are obsolete.

Historical examples exist of plans being in print, on paper for the world to see, yet no one believing they could ever be implemented until it was too late. This plan exists on paper. (See Canada Post's Business Plan, 1986-91, Appendix 2, p.4, *Operational Guidelines to be Considered for Rural Post Office Amalgamations*). This plan is being implemented. We must act while we still have time.

The five-year plan divides the 5,221 rural post offices into two main categories. The 3,500 larger offices (serving populations greater than 1,000 or more than 75 points of call) will be sold off to private business and the remaining 1,700 will be replaced by supermailboxes and, "where feasible," stamp outlets.

Canada Post tries to sweeten the pill by saying this will happen slowly, over the next five to 10 years. Their directors might suffer from short-term thinking. We rural Canadians do not. When we plant trees and patiently enrich our soil, it's because we intend to be here in 10 years time. We grow and plan and build for our children and for our grandchildren. We care as much for the post office of the future as of tomorrow. We demand continued employment not only for our postmasters, but for their daughters and sons.

Canada Post is saying they don't believe we're going to be living in the country in five or 10 years time. And those who persist in living in inefficient and unprofitable places (from the corporate view) will be so few as to not matter. Canada Post, a Crown corporation of our federal government, is banking on the death of rural Canada. Are we going to take this quietly? Are we going to become complicitors in the demise of a way of life we value?

Thousands of Canadians are fighting the five-year plan by signing petitions, supporting resolutions and, particularly important, telling our MPs to represent our interests in Ottawa. The next time you receive Canada Post's standard reply, write back requesting an honest answer, with original language, from a real person.

CYNTHIA PATTERSON,
Agassiz, B.C.

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Need

Sir,
I don't know how many times I have said to my patients that they need to swim to complete their rehabilitation. As a physiotherapist, my job is to restore function to the musculo-skeletal system. This involves increasing the range of motion in specific joints and strengthening the muscles surrounding the area.

Once I have started to treat a condition it is essential that the patient adheres to a rehabilitation exercise program to maintain and improve mobility, to increase muscle strength, to increase circulation, to stretch tightened soft tissue and to improve posture.

Swimming is an ideal exercise, as it is non-weight bearing and can achieve the above without stress to the body. It will provide both assistance and resistance to exercise through the buoyancy of water. Many conditions benefit with swimming, the range varying from acute strains and sprains to more chronic arthritic conditions. All age groups do well with "hydrotherapy," whether it is just exercising in water or for an aerobic work-out.

I thoroughly support the activities of the Swimming Pool Society as my patients need a swimming pool on Salt Spring.
LESLEY SPINKS,
Ganges.

Christmas

Sir,
With just under 200 shopping days left before Christmas, Defence Minister Perrin Beatty has put pen to White Paper and drawn up an imaginative list of war toys for Santa to deliver during the holiday season. Forget the G.I. Joe dolls and the more recent Transformers; our Mr. Beatty is not one to pussyfoot around with cheap imitations. Can't you just see him sitting up on Santa's knee — "... and a destroyer and a mine-sweeper and three subs ... no, six ... make that a dozen ... yeah, that's the ticket, a dozen nuclear-powered attack submarines."

Ever wonder what the eight billion dollar tab is going to really get for us? Are we going to finally blast those godless Ruskie vermin out of our northern waters? Will we put those trespassing French fishboats on ice? Will the Americans quit treating us like a nation of Rodney Dangerfields?

No, chances are that everything will continue as it has and that the new fleet of warships will be obsolete before it even touches water. Oh, someone will make a buck on the deal, I'm sure, but guess who will end up footing the bill?

Quite likely, the only one who will notice a change is Santa himself. He will probably have trouble getting to sleep at night — what with all those nuclear subs rumbling around under his North Pole toy factory. And don't be surprised if, come Christmas Eve, you look up into the night sky and hear the distant ringing of sleigh-bells and a sad voice crying "... on Trident, on Blitzkrieg ..."

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,
Fulford Harbour.

Heritage

Sir
The Farmers' Institute is interested in public input and assistance in the operation of the Bittancourt Heritage House on the grounds of the Farmers' Institute on Rainbow Road. This facility was built in 1885 and moved to this site, where it was set up to show early Salt Spring history.

We would like to set up displays on a regular basis and open this house to island visitors and residents. If any community members or groups are interested in assisting us, please phone Bob McWhirter at 537-5548 (office) or 537-2194 (home). If enough interest is shown, we will have a meeting early in July at Bittancourt House to discuss its future.

BOB McWHIRTER,
Ganges.

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Courts (thankfully) free from pressure

VICTORIA — It was early dawn when Sheriff Brian Smith mounted his grey steel charger, rode tall in the saddle to the court house, guns a'blazing, eyes steely, to ask the Supreme Marshall for permission to clean up the town.

Those dastardly rabble-rousing sobbusters and sheep farmers, he growled, must never again be allowed to disturb the serene life enjoyed by all in Vanderland.

"Go get 'em, Brian," shouted the pious folk and wealthy cattle barons, as the sheriff rode past. But alas, the Supreme Marshall disagreed. "Brian, my boy," he said, "you are not very bright, are you? I can't give you permission for this crazy plan of yours."

Every so often, I look with envy to the checks and balances built into the American political system, but in some ways, we've got the Yanks beat six ways to breakfast. Take our British tradition of appointing rather than electing judges.

Mr. Justice Kenneth Meredith last week threw the attorney-general's application for an injunction against labour leaders out of court. One can't help but wonder what an elected judge, dependent on the political winds of the day and the largesse of the government in power, would have done.

The injunction application, hatched in the premier's office, written by Smith with the help of some high-powered Vancouver lawyers and, to my knowledge,

'The judicial system's integrity is protected.'

with no input whatsoever from Deputy Attorney-General Ted Hughes, was the craziest thing the government has done since Bill Vander Zalm became premier.

The whole scheme was unbelievable from the start. Stung by the one-day work stoppage — some referred to it as a general strike — which saw 250,000 workers stay off the job in protest over Bill 19, the new labour legislation, the government was looking for a way to prevent unions from taking similar action in the future.

Not that the unions had threatened to stage another general strike. True, there was some tough rhetoric, hinting that the one-day protest was only the first step, but it was hardly evidence on which to base the course of action the government chose.

Thomas Berger, acting on behalf of one of the unions involved in the controversy, called the injunction application "an offence to free people." Berger is a highly-respected former judge. And, yes, he was also leader of

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

the provincial New Democratic Party for a short term before he was called to the bench.

In seeking the injunction, Smith cited sedition and the possibility of attempts by the trade unions to overthrow the government by force. This, he said, must not be allowed to happen.

There was one aspect to the injunction application that can only be referred to as sinister. It contained language which the Criminal Code specifically lists as exemptions. Smith was trying nothing less than to expand the Criminal Code and make exemptions in the Code — actions not considered seditious offences in a civil suit.

Had the injunction been granted, it would have been an offence to counsel illegal actions, such as the one-day protest. By doing so, labour leaders would have been in contempt of court. In a crazy and convoluted way, often peculiar to the law, the injunction could have been interpreted to also include the media. It would have been an offence, for instance, to report illegal union activities. A columnist speaking out in favor of the unions could have been charged with sedition.

Those fears were played down by the government. Both Smith and the premier dismissed them as ridiculous. No government, the premier said, could and would attempt to muzzle the media. They both missed the point. The question isn't what a government would do, but what it could do. As long as the power is there, governments will be tempted to use it.

Berger was right. The injunction application was an offence to free people. The scenario was more reminiscent of Korea or El Salvador than Canada.

Mr. Justice Meredith's ruling was a well-deserved slap in the face of the government in general and the attorney-general in particular. It was a clear message to Smith that he had gone too far. In many other democratic jurisdictions, a politician would feel compelled to resign after such a debacle, but don't hold your breath waiting for Smith to step down.

But even if he stays on, we can take comfort in the fact that the judicial system's integrity is protected by what amounts to virtual immunity from political pressure. As long as that's the case, even the man responsible for law and order can't use the system for warped political aims.

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Additional

Sir,

I would like to make an additional credit to your article on Tim Fitzharris' book, *Wildflowers of Canada*, published by Oxford University Press.

Diana Thompson has produced the delicate line drawings in the book. She also lives and works on Salt Spring as an illustrator, printmaker and abstract artist. She exhibits year-round at the Waterfront Gallery and will be seen this summer at Artcraft.

She is an active member of the island's artistic community. This realization gives *Wildflowers of Canada* an additional and special quality to those of us who know her well.

MARGIE KORRISON,
Vesuvius Bay.

Benefit

Sir,

A covered, heated pool would be of great benefit to older, handicapped people like myself who find it increasingly hard to walk, as swimming provides such good exercise for the whole body.

Accordingly, I heartily support the pool society in its effort to provide us with a leisure pool, and will gladly pay the modest increase in taxes necessary for its construction and maintenance.

I.M. HUNT,
Ganges.

Good theatre

Sir,

In contemporary theatre talk, "the method" is often maligned. Actors who are trained to delve into the psychology of a character fall prey to such deep internalizing that they leave an audience cold with their emotionalizing.

Although spawned in acting classes given by Alex Bruhanski, there was none of this in the recent performance of *Meetings with Remarkable People* at Off Centre Stage. There we met Yarrow Sheehan/Georgia O'Keefe, Sally Sunshine/Mother Theresa, Syd Filkow/Lenny Bruce. Each actor tapped into the soul of their character with clarity and integrity. Their monologues encompassed what they as actors and characters wanted most to share, and were given wholeheartedly.

The dramatic context of the event was unusual in that we as audience became the foil in the dialectic, a format which was progressively more engaging as we settled into our role. Any encounters I have with these three famous names will bring back images of their portrayal. I know them better as human beings; they have come alive and answered my questions. This was good theatre. Hopefully we'll be able to see it again.

BARBARA DRENNAN,
Vesuvius.

Party

Sir,

Let's party!

Sure, let your Grade Eight and Nine sons and daughters attend the after-grad party. They're not graduating yet, but everyone will be there — even some 25-to 30-year-olds long past graduating. This is just the example the younger ones can emulate.

Take the lead, supply your teen with a case of beer for the party. After all, they have to learn to handle their beer someday, don't they?

Don't check up on them that night. Your daughter said she was invited over to a friend's house overnight, but don't call, just to be sure ...

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Don't, by all means, check the party. There will be adults in attendance who are upstanding citizens of the community and will keep an eye on your daughter, and son, and besides, the music is so loud.

Don't worry about keeping your prescription pills and medication locked up, your son or daughter wouldn't dream of popping a pill.

Don't let the kids drink and drive, hire a bus for them.

Don't say no, everyone will think your offspring is a nerd, out of touch. Peer pressure is something they learn to handle later.

We are seriously concerned about our youth on Salt Spring. We want to wish them success and

happiness as they embark on a new phase of their lives. We trust that a majority of them will say *No*, and *Stay Real*.

We trust, also, that the parents of the undergraduates will say *No* to their requests to attend the party, and others like it. Can we seek some alternative ways of celebrating, now and for the graduations in the future?

Name withheld by request,
Ganges.

Fantasy

Sir,

The prevalent fantasy of economics correlates hard work and riches. Easy money is

preferable to some; get what you can. After all, the prime minister has 50 pairs of Gucci loafers in his closet. The high rollers have the most fun, right?

The fuzz was at the market Saturday, writing out traffic tickets as usual. Thirty-five bucks apiece. I suggested to him that \$35 was too much. He said: "Take it up with the government." He wrote enough tickets in half an hour to pay his wages for the day ... a pretty good racket, if you ask me.

Now, I swore to fight my traffic ticket (earned six weeks ago) "all the way to Russia." I must confess that when court day arrived, I went to work instead. I have a low tolerance for sitting in a box

waiting to be 'taught.' I do intend to take it up with the government. If anyone else out there feels the same, please call me in the evening at 537-4395.

Intuition whispers that "the government" is right here: that is, a local group or person is exerting this pressure, perhaps to show the market rebels that if they want to mess around with "progress" they're going to get burnt. Well, they are at least succeeding in raising the temperature.

The search for bucks brings out the worst of human nature ... intolerance, tunnel vision, a abuse of power. We see it worldwide. Our island is a paradise, and if we end up having political reasons why we cannot be friends, the island is too small.

Or our heads are too big.

KEITH MacHATTIE,
Ganges.

Mr. Couvelier & Mr. Huberts: It's up to you to stop the confrontation. And time is running out!

BILL 19 IS BAD for everybody. And it's tearing our community apart. You must convince the Premier and Cabinet to set aside Bill 19 and take a second look.

That is your obligation to this community.

An overwhelming majority (74%) of British Columbians agree it would be in the public interest for the government to set aside the Bill and set up a committee of government, labour and business leaders to take a second look at Bill 19.

It is your responsibility to take that message to the government, on behalf of the rest of us.

On a matter of such importance as Bill 19, we expect you to put aside political partisanship, in the public interest, and vote on behalf of the people who live in this community.

A "cooling off period" is called for here. As our representative in Victoria, we are counting on you to carry that message to the legislature.

Please don't let us down.

If you really care about the people of Sannich & The Islands tell the Premier to set aside Bill 19

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICTORIA & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

PLEASE join our Citizens' Campaign for Industrial Cooperation. Call our MLA and leave a message: "Count me in as another member of this community who wants the confrontation to end, so we can all get on with our lives. Speak out on my behalf, and tell the Premier and Cabinet to set aside Bill 19."

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Island Amnesty branch helps Soviet win freedom

The efforts of Amnesty International's Salt Spring Island chapter has helped to free a Soviet resident from a psychiatric hospital, the group said last week.

Chapter members learned June 4 that Soviet authorities had just released 38-year-old Valery Vasilievich Tyurichev after holding him in various institutions since 1981.

For the past four years, the Salt Spring group — in conjunction

with an Amnesty International chapter in the Netherlands — has been sending letters and telegrams to Soviet authorities, protesting Tyurichev's confinement and urging he be released. The local effort was spearheaded by member Rodney Polden.

The only 'crime' committed by Tyurichev, the Salt Spring chapter says, was the "peaceful exercise" of his freedom of expression.

"He carried placards, applied for emigration and wrote letters. In theory, the freedom to carry on such activities is guaranteed under Soviet law. Instead, Valery was arrested in 1981 and declared insane."

Four years ago, the Salt Spring chapter 'adopted' Tyurichev and began lobbying for his release. During that time, they say, the Soviet resident was treated against his will with powerful

neuroleptic drugs, and his physical condition deteriorated. At one point, he went on a hunger strike to protest his treatment.

Amnesty International's Salt Spring chapter points out that the release of Tyurichev underlines the effectiveness and importance of letter-writing campaigns, and that it shows Soviet authorities "seem to be acutely aware of the kind of negative publicity Amnesty's work can generate."

To help with that kind of work, however, the chapter says it would welcome more members — both for general letter-writing activities and special efforts. For further information, contact Terri Brandmueller at 653-9454.

The chapter adds that it believes Salt Spring residents are willing to support its works, pointing to the \$6,000 raised locally for Amnesty International at an art auction.

Scientists, politicians offering different food irradiation stand

Members of Parliament do some of their best work in committees away from the circus atmosphere and partisan confrontation of Question Period. Committees allow members of all parties to focus their attention on specific issues, often producing an unanimous report. At their best, these reports provide helpful advice to the government on topics that are either contentious or complex.

In May, the standing committee on consumer and corporate affairs provided a good example of all-party co-operation when it tabled its report on food irradiation. The committee recommended the government should not allow greater use of food irradiation "until an in-depth scientific assessment of health implications and further toxicological studies indicate that no significant adverse health effects would be expected to be found by the ingestion of irradiated foods."

Food irradiation has been possible since the Second World War, but in recent years there has been a great deal of interest in its widespread commercial use. "Although irradiation has been allowed for selected food items in Canada since 1960, apart from a short period during the mid-1960s when radiation was used to inhibit sprouting in potatoes, food irradiation has not been, nor is it now being carried out commercially in this country."

Its proponents see it as almost a miracle process that can prevent food from spoiling for long periods of time, reduce the danger of bacterial disease, and cut the use of chemicals for pest control. Obviously a process such as this could have great potential benefits, not only for countries like Canada, but even more for Third World countries where the problem of hunger is closely related to food spoilage.

The Science Council of Canada has focused on these potential benefits. In its report, released only days before the Parliamentary committee's, the Science Council reached quite a different conclusion: "Food irradiation is now a credible option for dealing with problems of food preservation, hygiene and quarantine protection. In some ways it is a preferable alternative to present treatments — it offers consumers

from ottawa

by jim manly

the option of food with fewer chemical residues and it enables greater control of dangerous food-borne diseases. Tropical countries have much to gain by buying and using technology to enhance their food exports and to increase the safety of and reduce spoilage in their domestic food supply."

The Science Council sees radiation not only as a benign process for the Third World but one that will be great for Canadian business — if we move fast enough to get the lead in marketing radiation technology around the world. Capitalizing on this technology depends to a large extent on the initiative of Canadian entrepreneurs and government, and on acceptance of the process by Canadian consumers.

Potential investors must bank on consumer acceptance of food irradiation technology. The Science Council called on government departments to pave the way for widespread food irradiation in Canada, so that Canadian business can "reap the rewards of fulfilling fast-rising global demands."

The Parliamentary committee, however, which held more extensive hearings than the Science Council, says "not so fast." It points out the potential benefits are balanced by potential risks which have not yet been adequately studied or assessed. Some of these unknown risks are related to cancer, others to resistant strains of micro-organisms, still others to the deterioration of essential nutrients in irradiated food.

On these and many other questions the committee concludes "the jury is still out." Further tests and studies still need to be done.

One of the committee's most important recommendations was that when and if irradiated food products are sold in Canada they should be clearly labelled as such.

Few MPs have a scientific background and we sometimes have difficulty dealing with issues that involve scientific complexity. In the case of food irradiation, the issues are very complex. It may well be that the Science Council of Canada will turn out to be correct and that food irradiation will be a great blessing to humanity. In the meantime, serious questions about some unacceptable risks remain unanswered. Given these risks, the committee on consumer and corporate affairs acted responsibly when it urged the government to take a very cautious approach.

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Allan Dennis holds a sabot close to the dock prior to Sunday's races in Ganges Harbour. The boat was raced by Dennis' grandmother, Aileen Neish, who won the first race by a healthy margin.

By school board

Water taxi contract awarded

Gulf Islands Water Taxi will transport Outer Islands students to and from classes for the next five years, following a decision made Thursday by School District 64's board of trustees.

The board voted at its regular meeting June 11 to award the district's water taxi contract to GI Water Taxi, a local firm operated by Jack Hughes.

Hughes' bid of \$197,000 per year was the lowest received by the district. The five-year contract also contains a provision whereby GI Water Taxi will receive an additional \$15,000 in 1989-90 if the number of students on Route 1 is more than 40.

In an effort to improve safety and service, GI Water Taxi will purchase a new 38-foot Argo 42-passenger aluminum water taxi for Route 1, and refit the 37-foot, 40-passenger *Mistaya III* for Route 2.

The new Argo vessel has a four-month delivery date. Until it arrives, GI Water Taxi will serve the route with the *Mistaya III*, *Phantom Hawk III* and the *Ganges Hawk* at a cost to the district of \$15,700 per month.

GI Water Taxi was one of two firms submitting bids for the contract. The other firm, Gulf Islands Sailing Charters, submitted three separate bids that included the purchase of several new boats.

In commenting on the decision to give GI Water Taxi the

contract, board chairman David Eyles noted that the district's "overall aim is to provide its students with the safest transportation at the most cost-efficient

price." Bids that included the purchase of two new boats, he said, were simply "too expensive" for the district.

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Pender Island	School Hall, Wednesday, June 17/87	1030 hrs.
Galiano Island	Community Hall, Wednesday, June 17/87	1430 hrs.
Saturna Island	Community Hall, Thursday, June 18/87	1030 hrs.
Mayne Island	Health Centre, Thursday, June 18/87	1430 hrs.
Salt Spring Island	Activity Centre, Monday, June 22/87	1930 hrs.

AGENDA

1. Previous minutes
2. To receive the Annual Reports
3. To receive the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 1987
4. To elect Annual Society members
5. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**
To elect members to the Board of Management for the following terms:
1 board member - Galiano Island for a one year term
1 board member - Saturna Island for a three year term
2 board members - Salt Spring Island for - one three year term & one one year term.
6. Appointment of auditor
7. Special Resolution & Proposed Amendments to the bylaws:
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8. Any other business that may come from the meeting.

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Applications will be made available prior to the Call to Order of the Annual Meeting. Applications are currently available at the Hospital's Business Office.

ANNUAL MEMBERS

- (a) Members who have paid the fee for membership during the year 86/87 to June 17/22, 1987, as applicable.
- (b) Any person not owning property on the Gulf Islands and not currently being an Annual Member but who desires to be an ANNUAL MEMBER and vote at the 1987 Annual Meeting must make application one month before said meeting and should apply to the Administrator, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, Ganges, B.C. Annual meetings will be held between June 17 and June 22, 1987. The membership fee is currently \$1.00. This notice does not apply to landowners or spouses of such persons.

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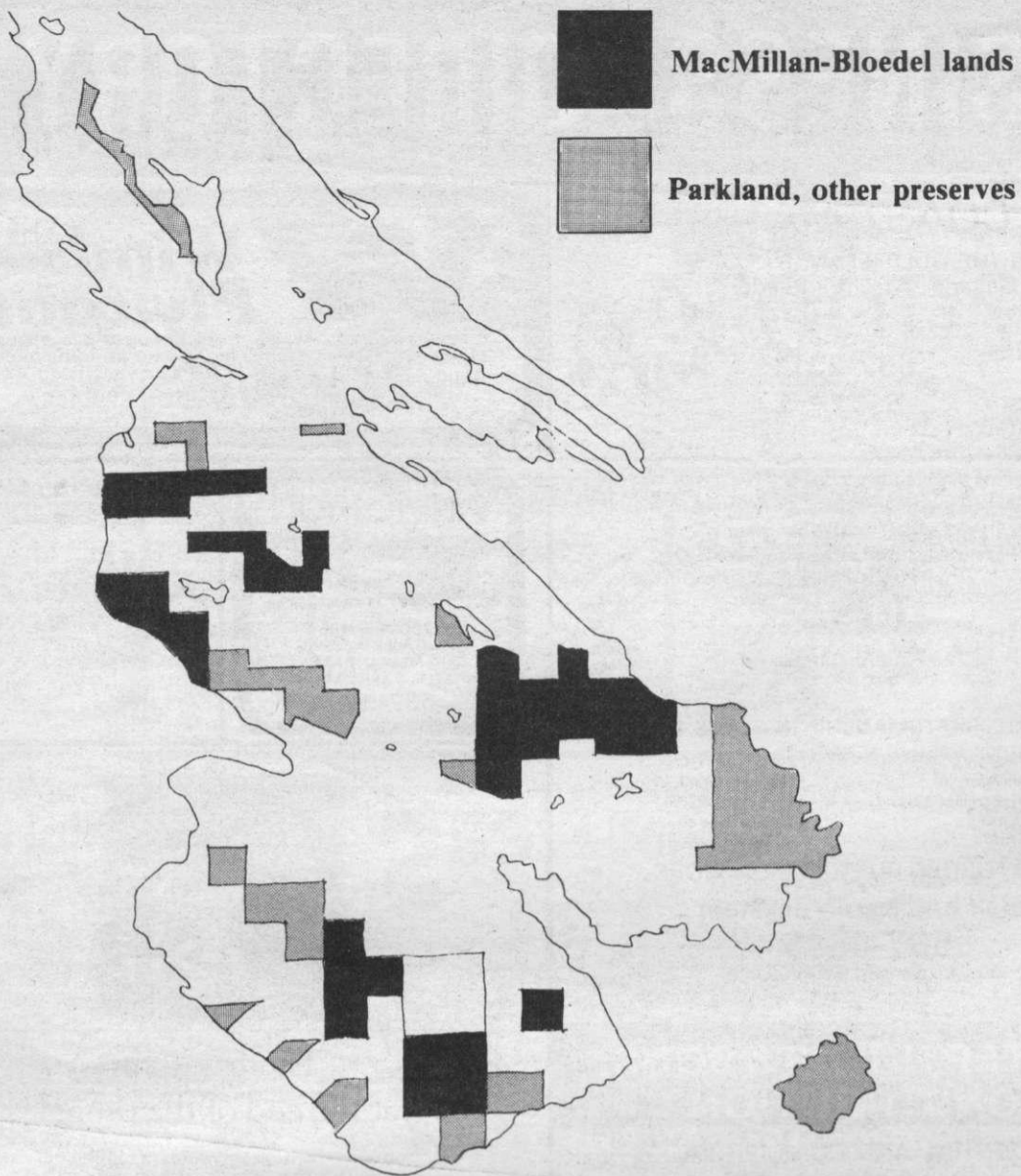
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Forest firm accepts conditional sale deal

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District (CRD), Williams said, to see if it is interested in acquiring as parkland an 800-acre block surrounding Peter Arnell Park on Stuart Road. Transfer of that parcel would protect the fish hatchery on nearby Cusheon Creek, he explained.

A park is Upward's first choice for use of the Stuart Road block, Williams continued. Failing that, a second option is cluster development. A third — and least desirable — use would be development of large, private estates.

Meanwhile, another block of land — near Maxwell Lake — is being discussed for inclusion in a watershed preserve, Williams said.

Upward, described by Williams as a "civic-minded individual," is the son of a former head of the Greater Victoria Water Board. The father was supportive of the regional parks concept, Williams added in explaining the son's rationale for seeking to turn some

of the MacMillan-Bloedel holdings into parkland.

The forest company, meanwhile, is not assuming Upward's purchase offer will automatically translate into a sale. MacMillan-Bloedel has been working with two independent consultants to prepare contingency plans for disposal of the properties, and will keep those avenues open while Upward attempts to meet the conditions of his purchase agreement.

One of the consultants involved with MacMillan-Bloedel is Salt Spring resident Ken Renaud, a project planner who also serves as president of the Gulf Islands Woodlot Association and on the board of Island Futures.

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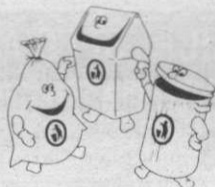


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Hole-in-one amazes Salt Spring golfer

Maybe it was luck, possibly skill — but in all likelihood, it was a combination of both.

Kevin Bell recorded a hole-in-one last week at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club.

It was on the course's second hole that Bell made his memorable shot. "I just teed it up and put it right into the cup," he said. "Oh, it didn't go right in—it bounced a couple of times."

There was, of course, no one more surprised by the shot than Bell himself. "It was only the third time I've been golfing this year, and about the 25th time ever," he noted. "So I figure if I can do it once every 25 games, that's great."

The hole-in-one was a boost to Bell's golf game. The Salt Spring Islander, who usually records a score of 102 for 18 holes, shot a 44 for nine holes.

'Player of the week' nod awarded to Colin Byron

Colin Byron of Log Sort was named 'player of the week' in the Salt Spring Island Men's Fastball League last week. Byron earned two wins on the mound, and contributed the game-winning RBI in one of those games.

League standings, as of June 14, were:

Team	W	L	Pct	GBL
Log Sort	5	2	.729	—
Vesuvius	5	3	.625	1/2
Fulford	4	4	.500	1 1/2
Patterson's	1	6	.143	4

Results of last week's games

were: Log Sort 8, Vesuvius 6; Vesuvius 24, Patterson's Store 5; Log Sort 6, Fulford 5; and Vesuvius 5, Fulford 0.

Following are the team standings for the Salt Spring Island men's competitive slowpitch league, as of June 15:

Team	W	L	Pct	GBL
Rebs	8	1	.888	—
Barflies	5	4	.555	3
Scorpions	4	5	.444	4
Beachbums	1	8	.111	8



And the winner is . . .

Karate students receive awards from one of the judges at Saturday's competition in the

Activity Centre, Ganges. Students from a number of clubs through-

out the region travelled to Salt Spring for the event.

Salt Spring golfers take lead in inter-island play

The second round of the men's inter-island golf competition was played at Salt Spring on June 11.

The home team came out on top with a score of 504 points, followed by Galiano with 403 points and Pender with 389 points.

The last round in the competition will be played at Galiano on Thursday, June 18.

In regular Thursday men's play there was a three-way tie, at net 67, among Eric Bracher, Frank Cunningham and Bill Woods.

In twilight delight play on June 3, a field of 48 golfers turned out. Marj Cade and Steve Marleau were closest to the pin on the second hole.

Low net winners, at 44, were

Final match will take place on Galiano Island course

Joan Calderhead, Flo McLeod, Pat Tiernan, Bill Liston and Gordon Calderhead. Runners-up at 45.25 were Shirley Anderson, Liz Coe, Frank Cunningham and Archie Black. In third spot, at 45.5, were Marg Rithaler, Mary Alice Burford, Bob Marshall and Bob McKay.

Low gross winners, at 72, were Connie Broadbent, Charlotte Cooper, Hal Stone and Don Storr.

The Aage Villadsen Classic played over nine holes on Saturday, June 6.

Gary Coulter's score of 40 won low gross honours for the men.

He was followed, in order, by John LaGrow, Jim Burford, Fred Broadbent, Dick Rudd, Gordon Parsons, Bill Kernaghan and Eric Bracher.

Chris LaGrow won the low net title in the ladies' field. She was followed, in order, by Kas Black, Irene Hawksworth, Julie Godwin, Liz Coe and Anne Monroe.

The tournament and a raffle realized \$310 for Greenwoods. The draw, worth \$100, was won by Pat Harrison.

On Sunday, June 7, 70 players teed off for the Adam and Eve Tournament. Winners were Jack

and Julie Godwin (net 61) followed by Vera and John Sarginson (net 61.5), Barbara and Richard Nemeth (net 61.5), and Helen and Bill Kernaghan (net 63).

Winners of longest-drive honours were Connie Hardie for the ladies, and Richard Nemeth for the men.

On Tuesday, June 9, the 18-hole division played match versus par. Winners were Helen Kernaghan, Kathy Darling and Shirley Parsons, all at plus-six. The putt pot was won by Anne Monroe, with 27.

On June 9 and 10, 14 ladies

from the nine-hole section played 14 from the 18-hole division for the Challenge Cup. The 18-hole players won.

In other play by the nine-hole ladies on June 9, three golfers shared the low net prize: Mary Pike, Kay Booth and Joyce McLean. Anne Vodden won the putt pot, and Joan Milner had a chip-in on the third hole.

In twilight delight play on June 10, a field of 33 golfers turned out. Closest to the pin on the second hole was Nels Vodden, while two groups tied for low net honours at 44.25. They were: Frank Cunningham, Fred Broadbent, Max Anderson and Shirley Anderson; and Jack Fraser, Bill Woods, Joan Tiernan and Mary Woods.

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School board asked for tennis court donation

The Salt Spring Tennis Association has asked School District 64 for a \$1,200 donation towards completion of the fourth court at Portlock Park.

Norman Best, president of the association, made his appeal to school trustees at their regular meeting Thursday.

The fourth tennis court is expected to cost approximately \$33,000. A third of the funding needed has been received in the form of a donation from Dr. Jack Fisher, while the B.C. Lotteries Branch is providing another \$11,000. The remaining amount is being split between the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission and the island's tennis association.

At Thursday's meeting, Best noted that while the new court is now nearing completion, the tennis club has been stymied in its effort to raise \$5,500. As a result, he said, the organization feels compelled to ask School District 64 for a major donation.

'I'll need to know what it's being taken away from.'

"The court is much-needed, and so far, the tennis association has been able to raise \$4,240 of the \$5,500," Best stated. "However, the balance is \$1,260, and we have effectively exhausted all possible sources of funding . . . That's why I'm here to ask you to put up the remaining \$1,260 on behalf of the school system. School classes use the courts, and students play on them a lot."

A number of the trustees said they supported the request in principle. However, trustee

Charles Hingston said that before he could support any motion approving the donation, he needed to know exactly where the district would find the required \$1,260.

"If, for example, that \$1,200 could buy new textbooks or put a teacher aide in a classroom, then

I'm not sure that (putting it toward a tennis court) would be the best way to use it," he said. "What I'm saying is that I'll need to know what it's being taken away from."

Other board members noted that the district seldom approves requests for funding from organi-

zations. It was also pointed out that the district has already told swimming pool society officials that it will provide any support possible to the proposal — except funding.

Best said he felt school children should be using the tennis courts for free. However, he added that

because school children were using the courts, he felt it was "fitting that the board underwrite this relatively small amount."

"Make an exception to the rule," he said.

Trustees referred the matter to their building and grounds committee for further consideration.

Rick Rockliffe resigns Chamber presidency

Rick Rockliffe resigned last week as president of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

Rockliffe said he stepped down because the chamber job requires putting in more time and effort than he is able to give.

Rockliffe, who was elected to the president's post last year, explained that his time is being taken up with attention paid to his two Salt Spring Island businesses and a company he operates in Vancouver.

"The chamber is making the transition from a small to a large organization, and keeping it going has turned out to be a very time-consuming job," Rockliffe told *Driftwood*.

"With the momentum that had been built up in the chamber over the past few years, it had grown

to the point where I could not do justice to the job," he continued. "It had reached the point where Jack Cherry, the vice-president, was spending four hours a day doing my work, and Spencer Marr, the business manager, was doing chamber work eight hours a day. That's over and above their committee work."

Rockliffe's resignation, accepted "with regret" by directors last Wednesday night, leaves Cherry in charge of the organization until an election is held this fall. Rockliffe will remain with the chamber, as a member of its board of directors.

In stepping down, Rockliffe said the chamber's workload is growing so quickly that it underlines a need for the organization to attract new members.

Chairman steps down

Joan Ingram, chairman of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee, is stepping down from her post.

Ingram, who has served with the organization since 1984, said Monday she will not stand for election when the committee names a new, three-person executive this Friday.

"The (chairman's) job is quite time-consuming, and it got to me this year," she explained.

Ingram said that while she will end her official duties with the committee, she will continue to support its work.

"I have no intention of washing my hands of the committee," she said. "I will continue to support the group and do what I can, from time to time."

Local teachers, school board agree to new contract terms

School District 64 and the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association have come to terms on a new collective agreement.

The deal, reached recently by negotiators for the two parties, will give district teaching staff a 3.2 per cent increase in grid salary and increments during the coming year. A few minor changes were also made in contract language.

In making the announcement, trustee Grace Byrne said she felt it was a fair settlement.

"A good collective agreement is evident when both parties go away feeling they've gained something," she noted.

According to Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall, who negotiated on behalf of the board, the settlement will cost the public purse approximately \$80,000. He added that because the settlement is "in line with others reached in the province", it should have no difficulty obtaining government approval.

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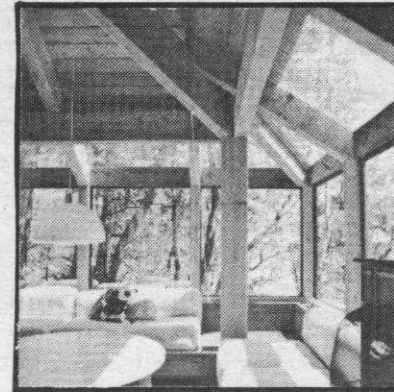
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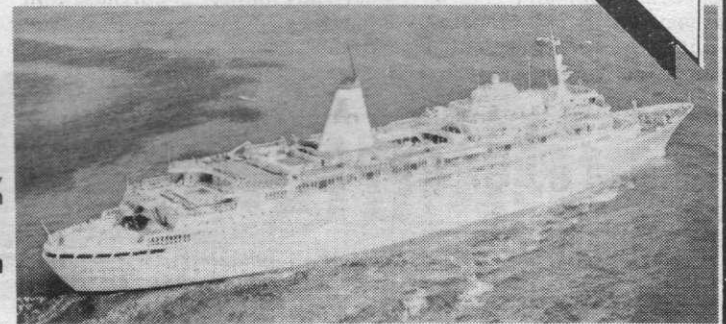
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Little-used School Act clause invoked for property purchase

A little-used section of the B.C. School Act will allow District 64 officials to take the first step toward improving educational facilities in Ganges.

The board of trustees voted unanimously last week to borrowing \$110,000 under Section 217 of the School Act for the purchase of property located along Kanaka Road and adjacent to Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Schools Superintendent Mike Marshall noted that purchase of the property has ministry of education approval. Closing date on the deal is July, and District 64 will likely take possession of the land (slightly less than an acre in size) by September 1.

Only three other school districts in the province, according to Marshall, have utilized Section 217 of the School Act this year to obtain emergency funding for capital projects.

Under normal circumstances, a school board planning to purchase property simply includes the necessary amount in its annual capital expense proposal. The ministry will then either approve or reject the request.

However, Marshall explained that when School District 64 prepared its capital expense budget last August, the property in question was not on the market. It was only in the last month that the lot was made available for purchase.

Marshall said ministry officials have given their blessing to the emergency borrowing, and funding to repay the loan will be included in the district's next capital expense budget.

Though some residents may balk at the idea of the district borrowing money to purchase property, school officials say the move will actually save Gulf Islands taxpayers approximately \$250,000 in the long run.

Gulf Islands Secondary School is in need of additional space, and the existing site is fully utilized. For several months, the district has been looking at other properties with an eye to purchasing a new school site sometime in the future. Yet as Marshall pointed out, any property purchased in the Ganges area would have to be connected to the sewer system at considerable cost.

"This is most cost-effective, and I am convinced it will have great benefits for the children and taxpayers of the district," he said. "This property, when developed, will fulfill the board's needs for the foreseeable future — 10 or 15 years, I would think."

Board chairman David Eyles stressed that although the board has elected to borrowing funding in this instance, it has no intention of doing so on a regular basis.

"This is not a new foray or direction by the board, only a temporary measure," he said.

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Transportation committee meets with politicians

Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee members met yesterday (Tuesday) with MLA Mel Couvelier to discuss ferry service.

The committee said earlier that the purpose of the meeting was to explore ways to improve local input into B.C. Ferry Corporation operations.

Committee member David Clegg said the local body is

interested in seeing later sailings on the Swartz Bay-Fulford Harbour and Crofton-Vesuvius Bay routes, and in having a mid-morning connector service returned between Long Harbour and Mayne Island, but that it has not been able to gain ground on those points in discussions with the corporation.

"The corporation tells us the problem is not enough boats, and

the only solution is to loosen the government purse strings," Clegg said Monday. "Basically, we want to see if we can get our legislators to make money available for a better service out here. We're hoping the politicians can help produce a better form of co-operation from the corporation."

He added: "The corporation says its hands are tied and that it

needs more help. That's what politicians are for."

Clegg and Transportation Committee chairman Joan Ingram noted that former Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Hugh Curtis was an effective liaison between the local committee and the corporation. Both are hoping Couvelier and fellow riding MLA Terry Huberts can take on the same role.

Ingram noted that the committee will have new leadership as of this Friday, and that the meeting with Couvelier will be a first for the body. "Everyone will be starting from scratch," she said.

Along with Tuesday's meeting with Couvelier, the committee has scheduled a meeting today (Wednesday) with the corporation to discuss scheduling and operations.

For Gulf Islands ferry service

Chamber seeks return of 1986 schedule

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is fighting ferry schedule changes set to go into effect tomorrow (Thursday, June 18) in the Gulf Islands.

The chamber is upset that the new schedule eliminates convenient access to Salt Spring Island from Outer Islands points. It is lobbying the tourism ministry, the transportation and highways ministry, and Saanich-and-the-Islands MLAs Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts, asking for reintroduction of the schedule used last summer.

"The schedule used in 1986 was not perfect, but it was better than what we've been offered this year," says Rick Rockcliffe, who stepped down as chamber president last week but continues to serve the organization as a director.

Rockcliffe said the Ferry Corporation's response to his request to reinstate the 1986 schedule was that last summer's arrangement was geared to handling the Expo 86 rush.

"That's no reason not to reinstate the 1986 schedule," he said. "We know it works."

Rockcliffe said he has contacted various provincial government representatives to point out that this year's summer schedule does not provide convenient access to Salt Spring Island, particularly from Outer Islands points. The timing of sailings, and the round-about routes taken to Long Harbour, now make it difficult — if not impossible — for Outer Islanders to spend a full day on Salt Spring, he said.

"Historically, people on the Outer Islands did their shopping on Salt Spring during the day and returned home in the evenings," Rockcliffe explained. "With the new schedule, Salt Spring is no

longer the hub. People from the Outer Islands cannot shop here — they're being directed to Victoria and Sidney."

The chamber is also concerned that the Ferry Corporation has not allowed enough sailings on the Tsawwassen-Long Harbour route to satisfy the number of visitors expected to want to travel to Salt Spring this summer.

"Tourism, to date, is already up 30 per cent over 1986," Rockcliffe said. "The current ferry

schedule is not adequate to meet that demand."

Last Sunday, chamber representatives met with members of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee to discuss the issue. The transportation committee was scheduled to meet yesterday (Tuesday) with MLA Mel Couvelier to discuss its concerns and possibly set up a further meeting with Ferry Corporation officials.

Chamber vice-president Jack

Cherry, who attended the Sunday meeting, said the transportation committee has decided to explore political solutions to its ferry schedule concerns and has asked the chamber to take responsibility for lobbying in favour of reinstating the 1986 summer schedule.

Cherry said response from politicians has been favourable, but the chamber has been asked to "be patient and try out the new schedule until mid-July, to see how it works."

Ferry schedule copies format used by airlines

The B.C. Ferry Corporation has changed its schedule format.

The corporation's summer schedule, which goes into effect tomorrow (Thursday, June 18), has been printed up in a form similar to the origin-destination charts used by airlines.

"The schedule is no longer based on where a ship goes, but on where the people want to go," corporation spokesman Betty Nicholson said last week.

Nicholson explained that the new format allows travellers to figure out scheduled sailings by matching their point of origin with their destination. The schedule covers all seven days of the week, lists arrival and departure times, and covers stops made en route.

"We believe the new format will be especially beneficial to visitors," Nicholson said, because they will not have to read the full schedule to determine which sailing to take to reach any given island.

The airline-type format was suggested to the corporation a few years ago by the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee,

Nicholson said, but was not instituted until this year, when the corporation realized that the number of connecting services in place this summer made for a complex timetable — one that might be too difficult to comprehend using the older format.

Three ferries will be in service this summer for Gulf Islands travellers. A 138-vehicle vessel will travel between Swartz Bay and island points, a 192-car ferry will connect the Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen, and a smaller ferry will move people and vehicles among Mayne, Pender and Saturna islands.

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Highlight of year for Life Skills students was presenting \$10,000 cheque to Rick Hansen on behalf of all Gulf Islanders. Sharon

Rowe, above, and Clifford Crooks handed over the donation at ceremony in Coquitlam.

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Life Skills Program outing marks end of school year

Gulf Island Secondary School's Life Skills Program recently ended a busy year of activities with a picnic held at Booth Bay Resort.

Students were transported to Booth Bay at 11:30 am by staff and parents. The first item on the agenda of activities was a meal of hot dogs, supplemented by salads and desserts contributed by parents and staff.

After the meal, students played games and explored the foreshore. The day concluded with presentations to staff by the

students, and the awarding of prizes to the top students. Receiving the latter awards were students Jason Mathews and Jay Pinchin.

The picnic brought to a close a year of hard work and activities by students, parents and program staff. The highlights of the year were the efforts made by students to raise funds for the *Man In Motion* fund, and their trip to Vancouver to present those funds to Rick Hansen on behalf of all Gulf Islanders.

At Prince George gathering

Group honours Ganges resident

A Ganges resident was honoured recently in Prince George by an organization dedicated to helping people lose weight.

Anna Wlastiz was presented as chapter queen of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) when over 1,000

people assembled May 29 and 30 in the northern B.C. city.

Wlastiz recently lost 32 pounds to reach the goal her physician had recommended.

TOPS has over 12,000 members in B.C. In 1986,

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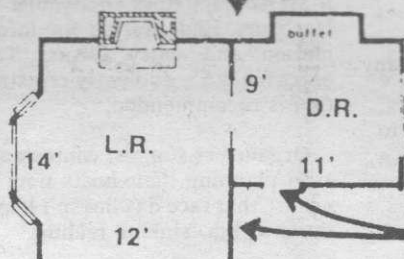
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Popular Salt Spring Island band to kick off Sea Capers celebration

The original *Club Mongo* has re-formed and will headline a dance kicking off Salt Spring Island's Sea Capers weekend.

The June 26 dance, to be held at the Farmers' Institute building on Rainbow Road, will see the popular Salt Spring Island band kick off two days of activities marking the 10th annual Sea Capers celebration.

The dance, organized by Lynne Richardson with the help of the Jellyfish softball club, is priced at \$5. Tickets are available at Pharmasave, Rodrigo's, Lickety Sip, Dagwoods, Video Ranch and Video Visions.

On Saturday, June 27, Sea

Sea Capers contest

Capers will provide a parade through downtown Ganges. Participants will gather at Kanaka Road for a 10 am start and will be led by a colour party of the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 92, Salt Spring Island). It will be followed by a Kiltie Pipe Band from Duncan, floats, decorated automobiles, decorated bicycles, people in fancy and comic costumes and—for the first time in Ganges—dressed-up dogs.

The float section of the parade is expected to be larger than ever, although organizers say that to date, only one entry has been received. It arrived from the Ganges and Fulford branches of

the B.C. Old Age Pensioners Organization (OAPO).

Following the parade, the day will feature land and sea events. The two most popular and exciting events are usually the walk-on-water and build-a-boat competitions.

The build-a-boat contest was won last year by Ernie Booth, who says he expects to repeat his performance of 1986. Booth adds that he will also enter the walk-on-water event and expects to win that one as well — a feat which would break the hold of the Jorgensen family, which has won the contest each year since its inception.

Boat-building plans made

Sea Capers '87 features an event that's guaranteed to test both the ingenuity and stamina of local residents.

On June 27, the Great Boat Building Contest will get underway in Ganges at 11:30 pm.

The event — sponsored by Payne's Marine Supply, Windsor Plywood in Ganges and Harbours End Marina — will require two-person teams to fashion a boat from nothing more than a sheet of plywood, 20 feet of wire and a tube of Sikaflex sealer.

The contest won't end when the work stops, however. Each team,

to prove that its creation actually functions as a boat, will also be required to have a crewman row it around a pre-determined course in Ganges Harbour. The winner will be the team whose crewman and craft first cross the finish line — together.

There are a few other rules. Although materials for the race will be supplied by its sponsors, each team will be required to bring its own tools: a hand saw, a hand drill with three-sixteenths bit, a caulking gun, pliers, gloves, solvent and a life jacket.

Furthermore, while both team members may work on the boat, only one will be permitted to paddle it around the course. To win, the boat must be floating and the crewman must be in it.

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Geranium genus offers colourful June showing

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The Geranium genus, which incidentally doesn't include the common garden geraniums (*Pelargonium hortorum*) nor the ivy-leaf geraniums (*P. peltatum*), does include dozens of hardy perennial and annual species, yielding one-to-two inch blooms from June to September. The cup-shaped flowers open flat as they age, to fully display their pink, mauve, lilac, violet, purple, blue or occasionally white petals, most often with darker accent colouration in their veining.

The blooms are borne singly or in clusters, and as they fade the spent flowers should be picked off to preserve energy. If left to go to seed, a long, beak-like seed capsule will form (hence the name *cranesbill*), and since they are predominantly species, the seed will usually grow true to type. (Named varieties will not.)

Plant height and spread varies from six inches to two feet in height and up to three feet in diameter. The leaves are an even green, from one to three inches across and deeply lobed or finely cut, almost like a cutleaf maple. This all serves to gracefully accent the floral show.

Whether grown in the rockery as a ground cover, in the perennial beds, or in the borders of mixed plantings, they like to have a well-drained soil, with enough sand, peat, or organic matter to ensure fast drainage and no puddling or standing water. Beyond this requirement, they are tolerant of almost any soils, provided they receive some moisture during the growing season.

A light feeding or compost topdressing in the spring will encourage them to bloom their little hearts out for you. They prefer a sunny situation but will do just fine in partial sun (four hours or more). A pH of 6.0 is ideal, so

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Chris Schmah

give their locales a light liming every two or three years.

Keep an eye out for slugs as they can sometimes wreak havoc, and clean up the plants in autumn by cutting them back to ground level once the leaves have browned or died down. Overall, the Geranium genus is an easy one to care for and rewards are great.

Named varieties of geraniums may be purchased from garden centres, and propagated by crown division in fall or early spring, or they may be multiplied by root cuttings taken in late summer or

'Many varieties and species are available in the spring, and suitable choices may be made for use almost anywhere in the garden.'

early autumn, after blooming is finished or in early spring while the plant is truly dormant. While three to four-inch greenwood cuttings may also be taken right now, the success rate is low, unless you have a climate-controlled propagating chamber or the will to conquer against heavy odds. Species geraniums may be reproduced by any of the above techniques, or by sowing seeds into a well-drained sterile starter mix, right after the seeds mature and ripen.

Many varieties and species are available in the spring, and suitable choices may be made for use almost anywhere in the garden. Geranium *endressii* and its cultivar, *G.e. Wargrave Pink* give soft rose pink blooms with magenta veining

from late May through to the end of October, on a compact plant with deeply lobed leaves. For its tall spreading form, large dissected leaves and two-inch rich purple blooms, Geranium *Magnificum* is a great choice. The richer intense purple veining makes it an even more magnificent beauty.

Geranium *dalmaticum* is a low spreader good for the rock gardens where its small roundish leaves and even pale pink blooms without veining can be appreciated. The bloom season runs from June through to the middle of August, and the plant gives an appealing red fall colouration as well.

Another lovely red autumn colouration is produced by the spreading, trailing, Geranium *sanguineum*. Attaining a height and spread of up to 18 inches, the plant produces a vibrant show, with the deep, crimson-tinged purple blossoms being borne from May through August.

Deep pink flowers with a compact plant form, make Geranium *subcaulescens Splendens* a choice plant for rockeries. Other desirable species include *G. grandiflorum*, *G. psilostemon*, and *G. platypetalum* to mention but a few; however, the only problem here becomes availability, as these and most other obscure varieties are special-order items, or grown from seed (species only). As their popularity grows, so will the available supply of these beautiful hardy, trouble-free perennials and, with the passage of time, true geraniums will find a place in almost every garden.

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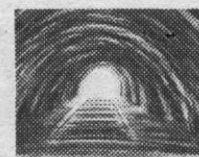



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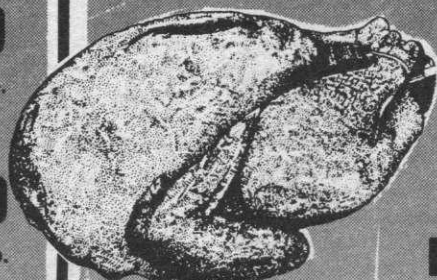
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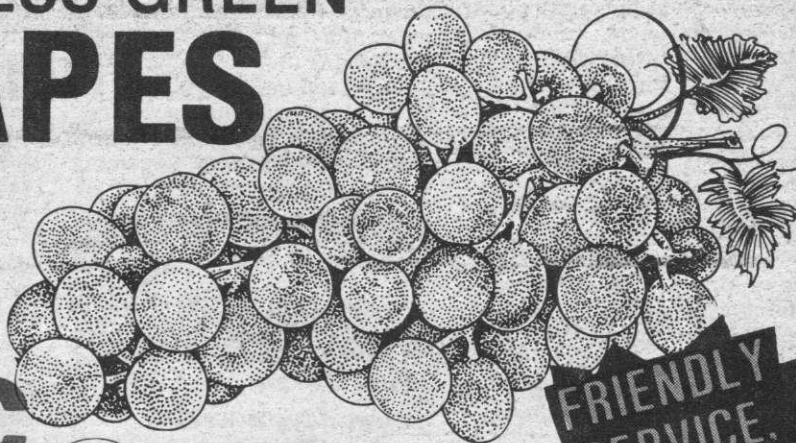
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Reception held to launch 20th season for Artcraft

The 1987 version of *Artcraft* opened last Thursday night at Mahon Hall with a wine-and-cheese reception for contributors and members of the sponsoring Community Arts Council (CAC).

The throng attending the preview party saw a hall filled with the works of approximately 160 local artisans and craftsmen — and a physical layout slightly different from the one in place over the past few years.

The main change is in the main part of Mahon Hall, which now features a series of crossbeams dropped from the ceiling. The change offers an aesthetic improvement in that it provides a feeling of small-shop intimacy, and a practical one by giving organizers a base for the attachment of lighting fixtures.

Another notable format change lies in the use of the small room adjacent to the main hall. The long, narrow space is now home to all of the major artworks on display, and the placement of track lighting on the ceiling gives the room a gallery atmosphere. The room and its contents are now a focus, not an afterthought.

Artcraft, in its 20th season, will

operate from 11 am to 5 pm, seven days a week, from now until Labour Day. The locally-produced works it offers for sale range from musical instruments and hand-crafted furniture to silk scarves and greeting cards. In between are sculptures, jewellery, original paintings and etchings, quilts, sweatshirts and sweaters, sheepskin rugs, pottery of all

'Artcraft, in its 20th season, will operate from 11 am to 5 pm, seven days a week.'

types and designs, wooden clocks and bowls, dried flowers, clay boxes and much more.

The CAC, which sponsors *Artcraft*, charges a 22 per cent commission on the works sold. After paying expenses, it is left with a tidy sum used to support the arts on Salt Spring Island — through grants given to local

organizations and art students, and through sponsorship of events, workshops and other arts-related programs.

Last year's *Artcraft* was the best-ever, financially, for the CAC. The summer-long sale realized gross sales of \$225,000 — up significantly from the \$100,000 in sales recorded but four years earlier.

CAC director Laurie Neish said last week the 1987 version of *Artcraft* will need to register daily sales worth \$800 just to break even, and that he doesn't expect the sale to begin making money for the CAC until mid-August. Last year, *Artcraft* grossed \$2,000 a day in sales.

The show and sale operates with four employees hired by the CAC — manager Martin Bach, two student cashiers and a bookkeeper. Artists and craftspeople whose works are offered for sale provide the bulk of the manpower by each working at the hall for three half-days over the course of the summer, or by assisting with set-up and disassembling tasks.



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At Off Centre Stage

Nicaraguan troupe to perform

Nicaraguan popular theatre will come to Off Centre Stage on June 24.

Grupo Teyocoyani, a theatre collective based at a co-operative farm on Nicaragua's arid north-west coast, was founded in 1980 to promote literacy and agrarian reform.

The troupe of seven members performs "a mixture of traditional folklore pageantry and passionate harmonies," according to Off Centre Stage, which will host its appearance on Salt Spring Island.

When *Grupo Teyocoyani* appeared at a recent festival in Montreal, the *Gazette* said the

Spanish-speaking group was "inspired by myths, legends, traditional music and dance (and) raises issues most native Nicaraguans can't talk about freely, let alone act on."

Off Centre Stage adds: "The extreme political climate of Nicaragua has forged *Grupo Teyocoyani's* creative expression into a vibrant yet essential form where audience and actions are not kept apart by the artifice of the stage."

The troupe has been touring North America and Europe and is stopping on Salt Spring en route back to Nicaragua. Its one-night performance here is seen by the

sponsors as "a rare opportunity to extend cultural appreciation and understanding between people."

The June 24 performance — a Wednesday night — will be entirely in Spanish, and supplemented by an English precis contained in the program.

Show time is 8 pm. Tickets are available at Off Centre Stage and *et cetera*.

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Guild members to attend conference

Salt Spring Island weavers and spinners will participate at the 13th biennial conference of Northwest Weavers' Guilds, to be held June 21 to 27 at the University of B.C. campus in Vancouver.

The guild will enter for juried competition its recently-completed display work, *The Sea Around Us*, which was given a local preview showing at Mahon

Vancouver hosts weavers, spinners

Hall in May.

The Vancouver conference will attract fibre artists from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, England and New Guinea, as well as those from B.C. In all, about 1,000

weavers and spinners should be in attendance.

Salt Spring Island guild members invite local residents to visit the conference if they happen to

be in Vancouver. The juried show, *Personal Expressions*, will be open to the public in the Asian Centre from 10 am to 5 pm on June 25 and 26; and from 10:30 am to 1 pm on June 27.

Displays by weavers guilds will be in the memorial gymnasium and open to the public on June 26 and 27. Viewing hours are 10 am to 5 pm on June 26; and 10:30 am to 1 pm on June 27.

Rooted in 'social animal' core

Making artifacts supplies gratification

By GARY CHERNEFF

"Three lifetimes ago I used to make over 474 types of pottery. Jugs, bowls, mugs, plates, rabbit feeders, butter and milk coolers and just about everything you could think of. I started cutting down on the types and styles and over the years the numbers got smaller and smaller until I had reduced it to a bowl and a mug. Then I realized I could stop the mug because you can drink out of a bowl. If you are deep into Zen, you can dive into a bowl. Go deep into a bowl and you can see the rise of a horizon. Now I make only bowls and have at last found true happiness, in a bowl."

These eloquent and playful words are by an old Vancouver potter by the name of David Lambert.

Making artifacts for use has a gratification in it which goes far beyond self-indulgence and I sense it is rooted in the core of our being as social animals. The need as individuals to share and exchange our talents for the sustenance and enjoyment of our neighbours — the making of something of practical significance and cultural integrity. Traditionally as consumers we search for objects which satisfy our needs and delight our eye according to the style of the day.

Of course, these days style changes quickly. So without adieu, you must hustle your bustle down to the latest edition of *Artcraft* which opened at Mahon Hall last Friday.

I don't much like sounding like the gushy fashion show commentator but Margie Korrison's bold geometric fabric designs are stupendous. These tops are veritable artworks on your person and are a tribute to the abstract artists of our time. The pieced together and constructed tops of 100 per cent cotton are jazzy, colourful, contemporary and fun.

In the outrageous softwear department, check out hand-painted sweatshirts by Karen Reiss and — blush — the very colourful

art seen

underwear by the same artist.

While your eye is still on wearables you might find yourself drifting over to Ilse Leader's exquisite woven tops. These are not folksy but are sophisticated, lustrous designs handwoven from cotton, linen, silk, rayon and acrylics. Very subtle colours and very elegant. Ilse continues to produce work of high quality. Also in and around this area look for Suzanne Gagnon's paper fans. Handmade, each one is unique and special.

You can get everything from soup to nuts at *Artcraft*, or rather — everything from canned smoked

salmon to Salt Spring recording artists. In this department look for cassette tapes by Kathy and Jane Stack, Susan Cogan and Caroline Rine. I know there are a lot more musicians out there than this, so where are the rest of you?

Pottery has always been a big attraction at our annual summer fair. New this year is Melissa Searcy, whose carefully crafted porcelain boxes reflect a concern with pastel colour washes over delicate textural variations. Ellen Box also has some interesting ceramic inventions incorporating brighter colours and sculptural sensibilities. In a more traditional vein are the classic burnished and pit fired vessels of Katie Schlegl. These are very carefully considered pieces which show a great sensitivity to form and subtle

colour nuance. Tom Graham's gay and sturdy functional ware is also worth a special look. By far the most exciting new ceramics are those by Bonnie Kreye, who spent last summer at the Banff School of Fine Arts. Bonnie's work is adventurous and tactile but still has one foot firmly rooted in tradition. Her freely applied decoration is lively and invigorating. It is great to see people taking chances.

The new improved decor and lighting in Mahon Hall plus a very open display plan make a visit to Mahon Hall an enjoyable and relaxing adventure, much to the credit of the board of the Community Arts Council and co-ordinator Marty Bach and assistant Penny George.

Spiritual healing workshop scheduled for this weekend

Spiritual Healing through Awareness and Touch, a workshop by Maureen McNamara, is set for Saturday, June 20, at Off Centre Stage.

The workshop will begin with an identification of "spiritual energy and how to work with it," Off Centre Stage says. In the afternoon, the session will see McNamara demonstrate how individuals can use spiritual energy, through touch, for the benefit of others.

"Meditation and breathing techniques that connect us with this special part of ourselves, and contacting spirit guides to assist in healing, will also be discussed," Off

Centre says.

McNamara has been a practicing and teaching holistic health counsellor and Shiatsu therapist in Victoria for five years. Her background also includes social work and an involvement in Buddhism.

Off Centre Stage notes the workshop will give participants information and techniques they can use "to take greater responsibility for their spiritual and physical well-being."

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Tape shot at Reno air races

Island man produces video for retail market

By MIKE TURKKI

The Corsair squats on concrete, a throaty roar coming from its massive engine. Iron wings slowly lower to the fixed position; men scramble to remove wheel chocks. Untethered, the old warbird screams defiance and rumbles away, the blast of its passage bending grass along a rubber-blackened runway. Within seconds it's airborne and heading east, talon-like landing gear retracting smoothly into its gleaming metal skin . . .

Sights such as this were common during the 1940s, when begoggled American pilots fought their Japanese counterparts for mastery of the South Pacific. Today, however, they are almost a thing of the past; every year, as the supply of spare parts for old planes dwindles, fewer Corsairs, P-40 Warhawks and P-51 Mustangs take to the skies. For the most part, they now only appear at select races and airshows in North America — which effectively prevents most people from catching even a glimpse of these "rare birds".

Yet thanks to the efforts of Salt Spring resident Craig Marshall, 'hard-core' aviation addicts will soon be able to get a healthy dose of airshow entertainment without leaving the comfort of their living rooms.

Marshall, quite simply, is bringing classic planes to the people. A professional aerial photographer by trade, he's just completed *Sights and Sounds — The Reno National Air Races*, a full-length video production that will entertain the average individual as well as the flight fanatic. The one hour, 57-minute tape is now available to local residents, and its creator hopes it will prove popular.

Sights and Sounds — The Reno National Air Races is Marshall's first production for the retail market. The video, which includes a soundtrack supplied by Sheri Ulrich and the Hometown Band, shows the planes and people involved in last year's air races at Nevada's Stead Airfield.



Aerial photographer Craig Marshall at home with his equipment and two copies of *Sights and Sounds*—the Reno National Air Races. The video is Marshall's first for the retail market, and he is hoping it proves popular.

Although it contains shots of other aircraft (including some spectacular footage of the U.S. Air Force's F-16 Thunderbirds in action), this production focuses on the Mighty Unlimiteds — classic prop-driven aircraft from the Second World War era. There are more Mustangs, Corsairs and other warplanes in this video than the average 1940s Hollywood production, and they're all in vivid colour.

Marshall — who first became interested in aviation at the age of

six and now possesses an ultralight commercial with trainer's licence — never thought his trip to the Reno air races would lead to a full-length video production. Yet it developed almost naturally out of his love of flying and photography.

"I just went down there on spec," he said recently, "but it turned out that as soon as I got there, I was hired by one of the teams. It was John Sharp. I did a production for him that's already

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Arsenault's art gets a showing on Salt Spring

The first Salt Spring Island showing of painter Wayne Arsenault's works will be held at Off Centre Stage on June 21 from 7 am to 10 pm. The show will continue to July 12.

Arsenault, an island resident for the past two years, has seen his works exhibited at Vancouver's Firehall Theatre, and at North Park in Victoria.

An artist who etches as well as paints, Arsenault covers a broad range of subject matter, tone and scale in his works. Off Centre Stage describes him as "a contemporary artist who paints because he is impelled to, and simply because he loves it."

It adds that, unlike conceptual artists who translate thoughts into visual forms, Arsenault's works began as visual inspiration. "He intends to communicate emotionally with his figurative art," Off Centre Stage says.

The artist will be in attendance at the June 21 opening.

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