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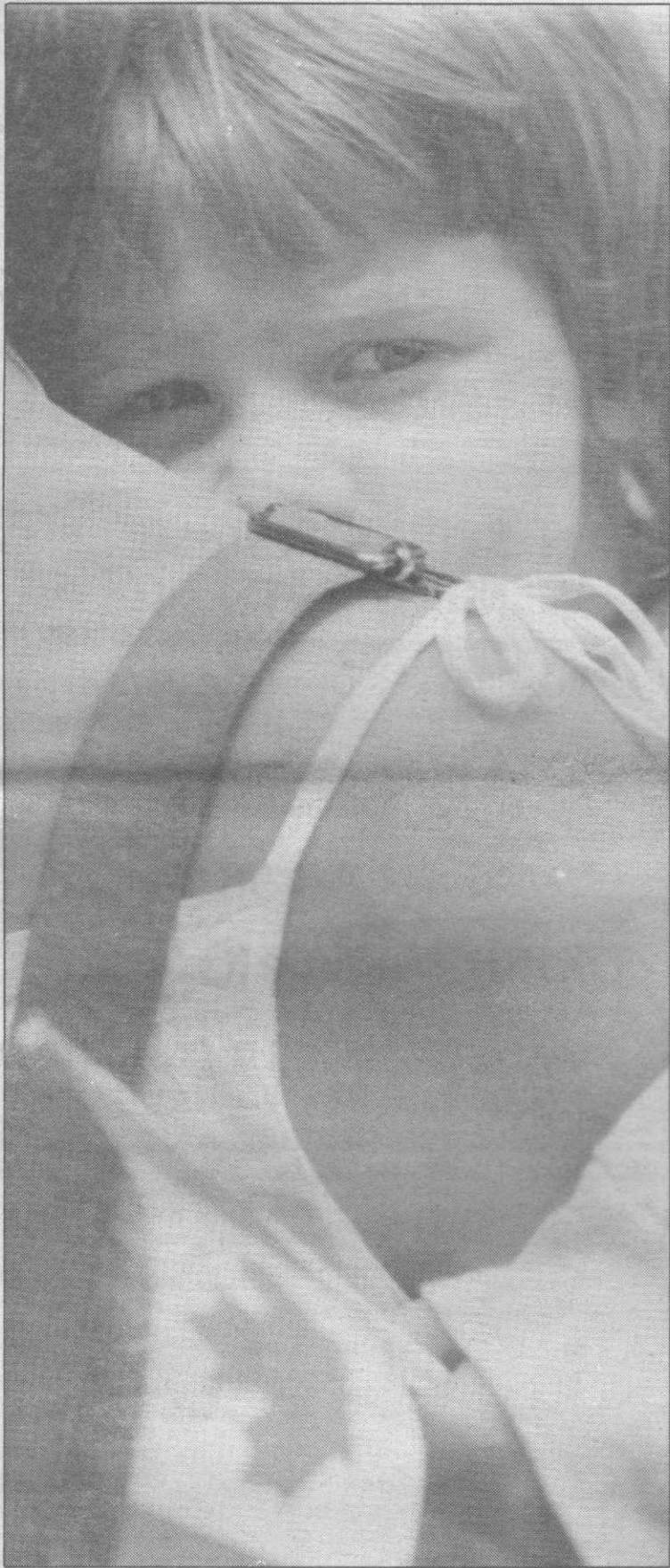
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Flagged out

Jennifer Moore, 3, takes a break from Canada Day ceremonies held last Wednesday at the North Galiano Jamboree by resting

against the shoulder of her mother, Barbara Moore. Both are from North Galiano. Story, more pictures on page 2.

Schedule scuttles periodic shipments

By MIKE TURKKI

Officials from the B.C. Ferry Corporation insisted last week that the temporary cancellation of dangerous cargo sailings to Pender and Galiano will not create problems for Outer Islands merchants dealing in propane.

Betty Nicholson, a spokesman for the B.C. Ferry Corporation, said Monday that changes in the summer ferry schedule made it necessary for the corporation to temporarily halt dangerous cargo sailings to the two Outer Islands in question. She said, however, that plans are in place to ensure merchants there will be able to meet all demands for propane.

"This summer, with the extra sailings, there is no surplus vessel in Swartz Bay (available for dangerous cargo sailings)," explained Nicholson. "It is running between Saturna, Pender and Mayne. The ferry corporation,

did, in conjunction with the propane dealers, run two dangerous cargo sailings in the beginning of June, during which time extra tanks were put in by June 10."

Nicholson said the propane companies' clients were asked to estimate the amount of gas they would likely sell during the summer, and enough was hauled to the islands to meet the predicted demand.

Some Pender Island residents, however, have expressed concern that the island may run short of propane prior to the resumption of dangerous cargo sailings in the fall.

Joyce Coates of the new Driftwood Shopping Centre on Pender claims no notice was given to local firms dealing with propane. She said the ferry corporation never notified her of the decision

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Pump owners warned about possible hazard

The ministry of health is warning B.C. residents that some well water pumps in use today may be contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

"These pumps are used for domestic well rather than community water supplies," explained Environment Minister Bruce Strachan in a press release issued July 2. "It is important that owners be alerted to the problem promptly."

The discovery that some well-water pumps in use throughout the province may contain PCBs was made following the release of a technical report on the subject by Ontario's ministry of environment.

According to that report, submersible pumps with oil-filled motors manufactured between 1964 and 1980 are the ones most likely to contain the toxic chemical. Jet pumps and other pumps with the pump motor located above ground are not linked to PCB contamination of well water.

Ministry officials state that domestic submersible water well pumps which may contain PCBs are: F.E. Myers (made before 1977-78), Peabody Barnes, Pump-

tron, Red Jacket, REDA, Sta-Rite (U.S.), Standard and Tait.

Four other submersible pumps — Aeromotor, Berkeley, Sears and Webtrol — used two different types of motors: water-filled, PCB-free Franklin Electric motors or oil-filled motors that could contain PCBs.

Homeowners with submersible pumps should verify the make of motor installed in their pumps.

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Fall Fair lists included today

Included in this week's edition of *Driftwood* is a separate 40-page catalogue outlining categories and rules in effect for this year's Salt Spring Island Fall Fair.

The catalogue, published by *Driftwood* for the Farmers' Institute, helps exhibitors prepare their entries for the Fall Fair, which will be held this year on September 19 and 20.

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New laws

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Kick it

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Summer Festival of the Arts

July 1 — August 2



Warning sign painted on Fulford-Ganges Road

Water pump warning set by ministry

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Ministry officials say homeowners with Beatty, Goulds, Grundfos, GSW, Home Hardware, Jacuzzi, Layne and Bowler, McDougall, Monarch, Pioneer, Pumps and Softeners, Sta-Rite (GSW) and Southern pumps need not worry about PCB contamination. These pumps used only water-filled Franklin Motors.

F.E. Myers pumps manufactured after 1977-78 used only PCB-free F.E. Myers motors.

PCBs, which have been found in the pumps' capacitors or cooling oil, pose a potential threat to drinking water because of their toxicity and their potential to accumulate in organisms.

Test results from Ontario show levels of PCB water contamination from the pumps is generally below that province's drinking water PCB standard of three parts per billion.

Anyone wishing additional information is invited to contact the ministry of environment's waste management office in Nanaimo (758-3951).

Crosswalk signs painted

Ministry of highways crews painted advance crosswalk warning symbols on roads in downtown Ganges last week.

The work, which also included the revamping of some parking in Ganges, was done June 30, according to a spokesman for the ministry. No estimate of the cost was available.

According to the spokesman, ministry officials have considered putting overhead crosswalk warn-

Fears groundless, corporation says

Islanders worry about propane

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to cancel dangerous cargo sailings for the summer, and she only learned of the cancelled sailings by accident.

Coates wants assurance from the B.C. Ferry Corporation that, if necessary, a special dangerous cargo sailing will be made to bring additional propane supplies to the island.

Nicholson said Pender and Galiano residents need not worry about running out of propane during the summer.

"If and when the propane gets low, the supplier will come back to B.C. Ferry Corporation and we can work something out," she said. "But we don't feel the need will be there."

"It's never been a case of *If you run out before fall, too bad*. If it gets low, we will certainly make another run."

Companies supplying propane to Galiano and Saturna have hauled what they feel are adequate supplies of the gas to the islands. However, getting the additional supplies there wasn't an easy task for at least one firm.

Ernie Reimer, branch manager for Superior Propane in Victoria, said the company didn't receive much warning that dangerous cargo sailings to Pender Island were being cancelled.

Reimer said that when the company did learn of the corporation's plans, it rushed a dozen 3,000-litre tanks to Pender. Then,

on June 10, Superior Propane trucks hauled six loads of extra gas to the island.

"We begged, borrowed and stole enough equipment to get the extra propane over there," Reimer stated. "We got a truck from Campbell River, others from all over the island."

Reimer said he hopes the island now has enough propane to last until the fall, when dangerous cargo sailings will resume. However, he doesn't know how the

island will be resupplied if it runs out of propane before the fall.

"We're hoping they'll be able to make do," he said. "I suppose if they run out, there are barge services that could be hired to take some over, but that would be pretty expensive. I don't know what (B.C.) Ferries would do."

According to Reimer, ICG Canadian Propane also supplies gas to the Outer Islands. ICG officials could not be reached for comment.

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Manly won't run if riding changed

MP Jim Manly (NDP, Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands) said last week he will run in the next election — but only if it takes place before redistribution.

Under proposed redistribution, Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands is to be eliminated and its parts absorbed by three new ridings: Nanaimo-Cowichan, Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca and Saanich-Gulf Islands. The veteran MP says he would not seek re-election in any of the new ridings.

However, the new ridings cannot be in place before July, 1988. Any election before then must be held under the current boundaries.

"There is a good chance the government will call an election either this fall or next spring," Manly said last week in a prepared statement. "In that case, I will definitely seek the New Democratic Party nomination and run for re-election."

Manly added that an election held with the new ridings in place would cause him to step down as an MP. He has a deep attachment to the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands riding, he said, and no such feeling for any of the new ridings.

"I like the variety of community and the different kinds of people (in Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands)," he said. "I'm committed to the particular mix of issues this riding presents. In all honesty, when I looked at the ridings which would be created by redistribution I realized I didn't feel the same way about any one of them."

Manly said the NDP is in a strong position nationally and a number of good people will probably seek nominations for the party in the new ridings.

Redistribution means there will be four extra seats in B.C.,



Jim Manly

including one new seat for Vancouver Island. Increased representation "will be good both for the province and for New Democrats, who have always had a strong base in this province," Manly said.

Manly is expected to be on Salt Spring Island this weekend to attend the Gulf Islands NDP Club's annual summer barbecue, scheduled to begin at noon this Sunday, July 12, at the Farmers' Institute in Ganges.

Joining Manly will be national party leader Ed Broadbent, party MPs and MLAs from B.C., members of the NDP provincial executive, and party supporters from Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.



to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

Who's crowing?

Seen any good crows lately? The woods is full of 'em.

At five of the morning clock the Madrona Crows celebrate the birth of a new day with a formal assembly. Attendance is required of all birds.

As the sun rises they let it shine. In one vast, beautiful chorus they burst their lungs in cacophony. The crows find it tuneful and inspiring. I find it deadly. Give me a mini-bomb and I might show them where they get off. On the other hand, who wants to get up at 5 am to tell a bunch of crows where they get off?

Funny thing about it all is that the other day I thought they'd started again and then I realized it wasn't the crows at all that time. It was my grandchildren swimming!

Stop! Quick!

I don't often drive vans, but every now and then I have need for something bigger than will fit in the car. Then I borrow a van.

I can take the rattles. I can ignore the fact that the knob on the window winder is gone astray. I can sort out the gear-shift after a time. But I can't make headway with the hand brake. In fact, the emergency brake or the parking brake isn't even a hand brake. You have to use your foot.

How often do you need that extra attachment to the braking system? Not very often. The only time it is indispensable is when you try to start off on a hill. And how do you twiddle your feet on a manual shift to stop the buggy from rolling backwards? Mind you, if you're driving it every day you can probably catch it with the clutch and scarcely roll. Rarely drive it? Have fun with the brake!

I don't know how the licensing authorities ever countenanced the sale of a vehicle which can be virtually undriveable on a steep slope. You stop: you set the shift in neutral and you apply the foot brake. With the left foot you apply the emergency brake. Then the vehicle stands in the traffic line with the brakes on. You press the clutch pedal and engage low gear. Leaning over to the manual brake release, you wait for the traffic to start moving, let up the clutch pedal until it bites, release the brake and gun it.

Is there a clumsier way of driving in today's traffic conditions?

A long shot

She was a complete stranger in Victoria and in less than five minutes of conversation I learned that she had served in Africa with my cousin, Rev. Fr. Ken Haskew.

I was chatting with a car salesman on a lot in Victoria when the middle-aged American woman asked for directions to the nearest hospital. She was not looking for help but for an old friend. While in Africa she had met a doctor who later retired to Victoria.

Simply to fill in a conversational lag I explained that in all of Africa I had but one acquaintance, my cousin in Ghana. I added his name and calling.

"When you write, ask him if he remembers the American Three Ems," she bade me.

The reference is to the Maryknoll Medical Missionaries and she explained that she was a nun.

It was a day of coincidences. The nursing nun, who did not identify herself, remarked that she planned to return to Africa this summer to continue her work in a Mohammedan community.

The car man pricked up his ears at the reference to North Africa because he had served as an airline pilot there.

It was just another coincidence, really. The car vendor and the American missionary in Canada from Africa exchanged reminiscences about life in a Mohammedan setting. I didn't see her again.

But the coincidence didn't end there. I was chatting with Kevin Wiseman, who was at one time parish priest at Salt Spring's Catholic churches.

Ken Haskew? He remembered him. He met him once some 43 years ago and although both served the same order in Africa they never met again; one was in Tanganyika and the others in Ghana.

I'd better just keep my mouth shut in future!

Everything in its place!

I was trained in the military style of untidiness. If you can't see it it ain't there. I was in hospital when all foodstuffs had to be stuffed under the sheets for the inspection by any senior officer. Get it out of sight! He was happy, the troops were happy and the bed was sticky.

Women's Lib went the hard way. She was a trained nurse before she turned to newsprint. The training was strict, demanding and ungenerous. I have heard that quote from her training days so often: "A place for everything and everything in its place!"

setting it straight

The overall winner of the Sea Capers sand-building contest was incorrectly identified in last week's *Driftwood*. The top entry was a dog sled and three dogs built by Maureen Cue, Kathy and Jim Fraser, and Norma Hathaway.

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Could contracts end education-only campaign?

The long, hot summer may provide us with something more than suntans this year. Hopefully, it will also allow a cooling-off period in the dispute between school teachers and the provincial government and, come September, an atmosphere that will bring peace to an otherwise-volatile situation.

Tensions now in place were born when Victoria introduced Bill 20, which set forth new rules governing the teaching profession in this province. Teachers responded first by protesting the measures, then by implementing an instruction-only campaign which they say will continue when classes convene again in the fall.

We doubt whether teacher-government frictions will ease while Bill 20 is in effect, while private citizens and public groups like the teachers continue to protest the new legislation, and while the provincial government resists requests for more consultation and changes to the Act.

Anything is possible after a summer away from the front lines, however.

If nothing has changed politically by September, and the instruction-only campaign is again implemented in B.C. schools — which looks like a certainty at this point — we can expect a frustrating year for teachers and students alike.

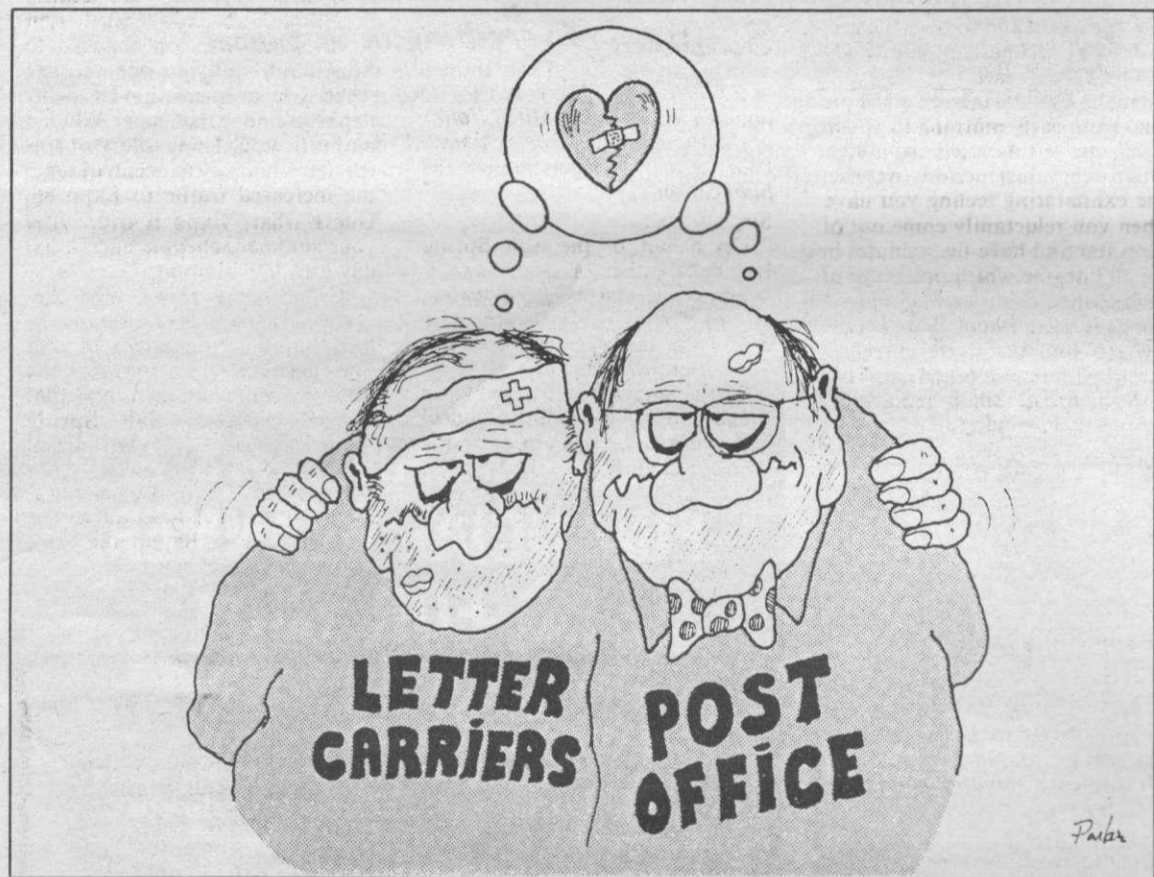
Teachers will suffer because the majority of them see involvement in extracurricular activities as an unofficial but essential aspect of their work, which they tackle with diligence and enthusiasm; students will suffer because they will be denied access to and involvement in those activities.

One solution worth considering might be the specific mention of involvement in extracurricular activities in the contractual job description for teachers, and appropriate adjustments in salaries and working conditions. On the plus side, such an arrangement would clarify the expectations placed on both employer and employee, and recognize

the value of instruction or supervision which takes place outside the classroom and beyond normal school hours. Outlining the ground rules in contractual form would be best for everyone involved, from parents and students to teachers and administrators.

On the down side, the tradeoffs involved in rights and obligations might prove too difficult to resolve, and the above suggestion cannot be considered while friction exist between Victoria and teachers. An instruction-only campaign is one of the few levers teachers can use to apply pressure on Victoria; they cannot be expected to give it up as long as they have hopes of effecting changes to Bill 20.

But the idea should still be considered at some point, as soon as some measure of peace is restored to the education system and before teacher-board contracts are subject to the next round of negotiations.



Crosswalk confusion product of our habits

While it is a commendable effort, the recent painting of crosswalk warning markers on the main road through Ganges is probably doomed to failure, at least as far as Salt Spring residents are concerned.

Why? The habits of pedestrians crossing downtown streets is such that motorists cannot be blamed for going into shock at the sight of anyone actually using a crosswalk. Next time you drive through the core, count the number of people jay-walking, as compared to those using the crosswalks provided for their safety. The latter group is a distinct minority.

Local motorists, accustomed to the flow of two-legged traffic, know when and where to slow down to watch for people darting through traffic. They know it's not where the crosswalks are located, and adjust their blinders accordingly.

The crosswalk warning signs then, are more for visiting motorists and pedestrians. Unless they quickly grasp local customs — or we 'locals' change our ways — the summer traffic flow promises to be a tangle.

Take an annual report, mix it in with Canada Day...

Here and there:
• This is the time of year when annual reports from all sorts of organizations, public and private, cross my desk. And it's interesting to note that some of the classiest-looking publications are coming from government agencies, whose bills are paid by you and me.

A notable exception is B.C. Hydro, whose cost-cutting and downsizing in recent years is reflected in a no-nonsense, bare bones annual report that cost a minimal number of dollars. It arrived last week and is a simple, 24-page booklet filled with little more than financial tables and charts and graphs. Which is all you really need.

More public agencies should

follow Hydro's lead, if only to save a few taxpayer dollars otherwise lavished on slick and colourful annual reports which few people read, anyway.

• Ottawa's big-budget pomp and ceremony in honour of Canada's birthday made for quite a show. In my books, however, the smaller-scale celebration on North Galiano was much better than anything the nation's capital had to offer.

Ottawa gave us things like Rita McNeil, Brian Mulroney and a dazzling fireworks display. It was a capital-E event tailored for maximum exposure.

The celebration held at the North Galiano Community Hall, meanwhile, had an out-of-tune band, a lone Mountie leading a

my word

by Duncan MacDonnell

parade and a ragged singing of *O Canada*. But what it lacked in polish and high profile was more than made up by spontaneity and honesty — the kind the staged events in the nation's capital can never hope to duplicate.

Thanks, North Galiano. The last time a public Canada Day celebration gave me so much enjoyment was back in 1979. And that was because I met my wife there.

• Word from the Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee is that the ferry operating out of Long Harbour will soon be getting an elevator for handicapped and infirm passengers. The committee has had that request on the books for about three years, and it's nice to see it finally realized. Especially for the passengers affected.

• Public concern over AIDS has spawned some of the strangest press releases I've ever seen. One gem concerned a condom company's thorough documentation of the testing methods used to determine the reliability of its products; another explained in great detail why condoms made from animal membranes are no

guarantee of safety. I know this stuff is important, and that AIDS is certainly no laughing matter, but it sure makes for weird reading.

• Speaking of strange, how about that remark made by Premier Bill Vander Zalm? He suggested last week that 'killers' and other dangerous prisoners be sent to isolated work camps. When asked where, he is reported to have smiled and said "the East Coast." Worst attack of the not-in-my-backyard syndrome I've seen in a while.

• And finally, a reminder that this is week two of the Salt Spring Island *Summer Festival of the Arts*, an event worthy of our patronage and support. It closes August 2, so hurry.

Disappointed

Sir,
There were a lot of disappointed people last week when your paper was distributed. After all the coverage you had given in the weeks prior to the Sea Capers weekend, wouldn't it have been super to let our shut-ins have a glimpse of the parade?

When the first edition of your paper was distributed after the event there was not one picture of the parade itself. Many of our shut-in friends on the island rely on your paper for a glimpse of what goes on outside their homes or hospital rooms, and judging by the crowds on the streets as the parade passed by, everyone, or mostly everyone, loves a parade, and it was a good one this year.

I am sure it would have given lots of pleasure to our shut-ins if there had been just one picture of the overall parade in last week's paper, while it was still in the minds of everyone. A picture is worth a thousand words, and while your reports were good, I am sure a picture would have enhanced the whole coverage.

We all tend to forget our shut-in friends, but many of them were once active in community affairs such as this, and I am sure a picture would have given them a lot of pleasure, and something to think and talk about for quite awhile.
GLADYS SLINGSBY,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
On behalf of the Inter-church World Development committee, please accept our sincere thanks for the excellent coverage you gave us prior to the fund-raising tea in May. The money has now been allocated as follows:

- continued support to the primary school in Bangladesh;
- grant to assist a paramedic from Tanzania in public health training; and
- grant to the World Council of Churches, the project to be chosen later.

When our total of \$3,300 is matched by grants from CIDA, it amounts to approximately \$16,000. Thanks to all who support the World Development Tea, the quality of life is improved for thousands of people.
G. GIBBS,
Ganges.

Delightful

Sir,
A recent Sunday afternoon adventure took us to the children's art exhibition at Beaver Point Hall. What a delight — what I saw inside took me on a magical trip through their visual imaginations, a treat to be sure.

Thanks also to those responsible for preparing and hanging the exhibition. While enjoying the artworks of pre-school kids to



HAPPY FORTIETH LOUISE!

Grade 12 students, I realized something; an important ingredient in exhibiting art is that the art be treated with care and respect. At times it is too easy to compromise when presenting children's work, when reputations and money are not at stake. There was no compromise made here, only evidence of great care and respect taken in presenting the artwork.

Thanks for the opportunity to take the kids' art off the fridge door and into the "gallery."

And finally, kids, thanks to you who made the art — I was thoroughly enchanted, keep doing it.

BONNIE KREYE and family,
Ganges.

Woodstock?

Sir,
Since when is a Festival of the Arts not a Festival? When it has been turned into a folk and jazz smorgasbord reminiscent of Woodstock.

Not one solid piece of musicianship is represented in the entire program. The personal tastes of the directors seem to be well represented, with no consideration for the adults.

Salt Spring Island has just had one entire evening devoted to folksy Woodstock, at the Sea Capers event; it was not particularly well-attended, and teenagers appeared rather bored by it. So why five weeks of the stuff?

Festival of the Arts should be just that. My apologies to the Salt Spring Singers — the entire responsibility of representing musicianship, virtuosity, professionalism and aesthetics rests on their performance.

SUZANNE MADDISON,
Ganges.

Leftovers

Sir,
Regarding the sand-building contest held in conjunction with Sea Capers at Vesuvius Beach, it was the most poorly organized event I have ever seen. And I'm not the only one on the island who thinks so.

The prizes given out looked like they were leftovers from a garage sale. Who would want a glass goblet with a chip in it, after all the work they had done? Two little girls worked together and won a prize — but tell me, how can they divide one carved coconut between them?

letters

If the organizers knew there were going to be 124 participants, they should have had enough prizes for the winners and their helpers and plenty of prizes left over just to make sure no one was left out.

Also, as the winners' names were called it should have been mentioned what they made. And there should have been "honourable mention" names added to the list. There was a beautiful one made by a gentleman (name unknown) of Rick Hansen in his wheelchair coming over the mountain and below was the big dome in Vancouver and the city.

There were many that could have been under the "honourable mention" list and plenty of time for all of it. If you think there wasn't time, make time. There was lots of work done and many disappointed kids.

MARY FOX,
Ganges.

In support

Sir,
Due to chronic arthritis, I had a knee replacement. Stainless steel and plastic were used. Now, no more pain, no more pills — but lots of physiotherapy and exercise was the ticket.

So, in October of 1986, I moved to Duncan, after nine years on beautiful Salt Spring Island — why? Because I had to exercise my new knee joint and water is the best exercise for all parts of your body — new or old ones.

Duncan's 25-metre pool is used from early morning to 10 pm by all ages — tots, teens and oldies. This is the most perfect exercise. The exhilarating feeling you have when you reluctantly come out of the water and have five minutes in the 102 degree whirlpool are hard to describe.

I have seen where chair people lowered into the water exercised with their attendants and came out with a broad smile remarking, "Isn't water wonderful!"

Yes, I heartily support your pool project. I believe in miracles for I have seen them happen in the aquaniss pool in Duncan. Get wet — get fit. It works, you bet it does.
JOAN THOMSON,
Duncan, B.C.

Focal point

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to David Mercier, chairman of the provincial government's standing committee on economic development,

transportation and municipal affairs, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
We understand that your committee is undertaking a review of the Islands Trust, and that it is expected to report to the Legislature by October 1.

The Salt Spring Island Planning Association, to which all residents are entitled to membership, is vitally concerned with how the Islands Trust functions. We seek to identify how its role can be enhanced to most effectively serve both the island communities and the persons from urban centres who come to the islands to experience a quieter lifestyle. Throughout the two decades of its operation, the Planning Association frequently addressed this issue, and has provided a focal point through which public views can be expressed.

We would appreciate therefore being advised at the earliest moment, of the process under which your committee will act in this matter; the places and dates at which public input will be solicited; whether you will be seeking written or oral submissions; the date by which you will need to have responses for the compiling of your report.

SYDNEY O. WIGEN,
Fulford Harbour.

Salute

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the Ganges RCMP detachment, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, I would like to thank you for dealing so expeditiously with the crosswalk problem we drew to your attention.

The chamber would also like to thank you for your efforts to deal with parking law violations on the island. Your action recognizes that these violations constitute a serious traffic hazard and anything that can be done to reduce them is a benefit to everyone.

JACK CHERRY,
Ganges.

Arrogant

Sir,
On Friday, June 26, on the 6:30 am ferry from Fulford Harbour, the mirror on the passenger side of our Mazda car was snapped off by the driver of a gravel truck as he walked past. He smiled, stooped and picked up the broken mirror, handed it back and walked away. When I took the mirror to his truck and asked for a replacement, he laughed and said, "Buy yourself a stronger one." I asked him if he would like it if I broke his mirror and he said: "Do it if it will make you feel better."

I won't break his mirror but I think his actions show his lack of consideration for other people's property, a lack of intelligence, and a very arrogant attitude, none of which improves the lifestyle on Salt Spring Island.
S.A. REYNOLDS,
Sidney, B.C.

Changes

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

Sir,
Well, you've struck again. I guess you remember me — I complain each time you screw me up with your schedule changes. To refresh: our truck goes from Salt Spring to Vancouver twice a week, leaving on the first ferry and returning on the last ferry. Used to be we went on Fridays, but because the Friday boat leaves Tsawwassen so late, last year we changed to Thursdays. Imagine our surprise when you changed the Thursday departure to a late one. When I wrote to you, I was told that this change was made to accommodate the increased traffic to Expo 86. Guess what? Expo is over. And your summer schedule has Thursday as a late night again.

It's probably about time that you people took into account the fact that the population of Salt Spring is greater than that of all the other islands combined, and that maybe, perhaps, Salt Spring should have its own direct Tsawwassen-Long Harbour run.

Alternatively, may I suggest that you institute a connecting service through Swartz Bay at the same fare as the direct run.
D.W. EVANISHEN,
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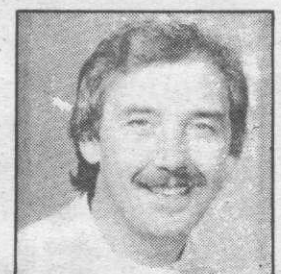


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Price of ignorance more than education

VICTORIA — Politicians whose rhetoric would have you believe that British Columbia is on the leading edge of technological research and development just had the slats knocked out from under them.

A report prepared by B.C.'s three universities — UBC, Simon Fraser and Victoria — is the greatest and perhaps most convincing indictment of the provincial government's parsimonious attitude towards the funding of B.C.'s institutions of higher learning since former premier Bill Bennett put them on a financial starvation diet in 1983.

The report, titled *The Role of the Universities in the Economic Development of British Columbia*, was requested by Stanley Hagen, minister of advanced education and job training. If the minister is adept at reading between the lines, the report is more than he bargained for. It definitely makes Canada in general and B.C. in particular look like a poor cousin to a score of other countries when it comes to investing in research and development, the magic fuel that propels societies to the top of the modern technology heap.

Consider this: For each 10,000 people in the general workforce, the United States has 65 scientists and engineers pushing back the frontiers of knowledge in the field of research and development. Japan is a close second with 58, followed by West Germany's 57 and the U.K.'s 45. Internationally, Canada is at the bottom of the barrel with a mere 26. In B.C. the figure is 12 — less than half the national average.

Yet, according to statistics contained in the report, advances in knowledge are the prime factor in real economic growth, accounting for 33 per cent, while more labour is responsible for only 20 per cent, more capital for 18 per cent, better education for 14 per cent and all other factors combined for the remaining 15 per cent.

B.C. doesn't fare any better in a statistical analysis of research and development funding based on a percentage of the gross national and gross provincial products. While the U.S. spends a healthy 2.7 per cent of its GNP on research and development, followed by Japan with 2.6 per cent, France and the U.K. with 2.3 per cent each, Canada lags behind with 1.3 per cent, and B.C., once again, comes in last with 0.75 per cent.

"Canada, and particularly British Columbia, needs to spend more on R&D to keep up with those with whom it hopes to compete," the report says.

To compete with the world in the new economic age, the report says, B.C. must strive for a diversification of businesses in a number of fields, including micro-electronics, computer science, biotechnology, materials science and health sciences.

A few years back, the former Social Credit MLA for South Peace, Don Phillips — also known as Leatherlungs — expressed his low opinion of teachers by thundering at one of his opponents across the floor (a teacher), to

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

"get a real job." It was an opinion shared by many of his colleagues which, in part, explains why the government placed schools and universities into a financial straightjacket.

The report beats such neanderthals on their own turf with some impressive documentation of where investment in R&D through universities can lead.

In the last 15 years, according to the report, the University of B.C. was responsible for 52 successful spinoff companies, formed by students or faculty members who left the university to go into a business based on a university invention or know-how or the expertise they gained by their association with the university. Simon Fraser University gave birth to 25 spinoff companies and the University of Victoria to 20.

"These companies employ more than 1,650 staff and, in 1985 alone, had sales in excess of \$170 million," the report says.

"At a university, to do research means to discover something that nobody knew before," says the report. And more germane to the field of high technology, the U.S. Conference Board has this to say:

"Good universities attract high technology companies that seek graduates knowledgeable at the state-of-the-art level."

But without money, there can be no good universities. And money is what B.C.'s universities haven't seen too much of since the beginning of the restraint program.

During the last two fiscal years, the increase in total funding for B.C.'s three universities was 5.6 per cent. During the same time, U.S. universities saw their funding raised by an average of 14 per cent. It's difficult if not impossible to stay in the race in the face of such fiscal restraint.

To be among the best doesn't come cheap. But if you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

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Centennial Park upgrading momentarily slowed

Several weeks have gone by without any report from me. There are a good many things going on, but no final developments to describe. In general, things are going very well. A few matters could be noted.

Centennial Park

Renovations to the former parking area of Centennial Park have been held up due to other prior commitments of those who have volunteered to help us. We still expect to have the project perhaps half-completed by late summer. In the meantime, everyone seems to be most understanding, for which we are all grateful.

Since the Parks and Recreation Commission hired a part-time gardener for Centennial Park, there has been a tremendous

improvement, which has been commented upon by many. We still have to install a larger water line, and some underground wiring is going to be required. The cost of a gardener is partly being borne by contributions from those selling at the Farmers' Market each week.

Solid Waste

The major study of this problem, undertaken by the CRD, will not be completed until early fall. As far as our local preference is concerned, if the open house we held is any indication, a transfer station is preferred to other methods.

Only three of those completing questionnaires at the open house were in favour of continuing with a landfill.

There will be further opportunity for public discussion

director's report

Hugh Borsman

when the final report, along with cost implications, is presented. The local solid waste committee, chaired by Tom Gossett, is standing by awaiting the final report.

Swimming Pool Proposal

Today, July 8, will be the first meeting with the architect selected to prepare a feasibility study for a swimming pool. I mention it only to assure everyone that prior to any referendum in November, there will be a full and frank

discussion regarding costs. The pool society members have already done a lot of work in this regard, but the architect chosen has vast experience with pools and their operation, and hence the pool society and the recreation commission should be able to provide reliable figures.

the CRD.

Ganges Village

The incorporation study is going slowly, partly because of some expressed interest in an alternative county system of government. In the meantime, our problem of maintaining some democratic process for the village still exists.

Last fall, two very successful meetings were held with representatives of about 12 groups interested in village affairs. Another such meeting will be held on July 13 and invitations have been forwarded to about 16 committees. Reports will probably be given by almost all of these organizations. At least then the right hand will know what the left hand is doing.

Possibility eyed

Swimming pool study launched

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has hired Vic Davies Architect Ltd. of Saanich to study the feasibility of constructing an indoor swimming pool on Salt Spring.

The study — to cost \$7,500, will be done by Vic Davies with assistance from George Goodwin — a well-known and highly respected recreation consultant based in Williams Lake.

Davies — an architect who has already designed and completed six leisure pools in B.C. and is currently working on 13 more across Canada — will handle co-ordination of the feasibility study, an analysis of site options, design, and capital costs.

Goodwin, meanwhile, will report on operation of the pool, its projected costs and revenues, and the effects of taxation over the specified benefitting area. He will also provide advice on referendum planning and preparation, and analyze potential sources of funding.

The study is expected to take approximately three months. In addition to a final report, its \$7,500 price tag will include:

- one set of coloured, mounted presentation drawings for public meetings and referendum purposes;
- a model of the proposed building;
- a master copy of the feasibility study report, and another copy suitable for reproduction; and
- all the firm's travelling expenses to and from Salt Spring Island.

Funding for the study has been provided by the Capital Regional District through a special fund established for this purpose. If construction and operation of a pool is found to be feasible by

Davies and Goodwin, any money spent on the study will have to be repaid.

At its June 29 meeting, the recreation commission also agreed to pay the costs of sending two members of the pool society to examine the Grand Forks leisure pool.

The Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society, a non-profit organization established last fall to promote the construction of a community pool here, has been working with the recreation commission since

this spring to develop a swimming pool proposal.

Society officials favour construction of a leisure pool. Pools designed along this concept include large areas of shallow water and offer something for all potential users. Beach areas are available for young swimmers, while other sections of the pool cater to the 'serious' swimmer.

The pool society has a slide show explaining the leisure pool concept, and island groups can book it by calling 537-9265.

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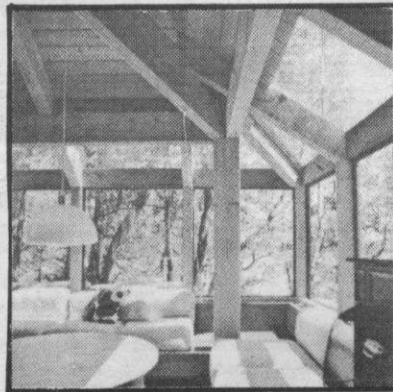
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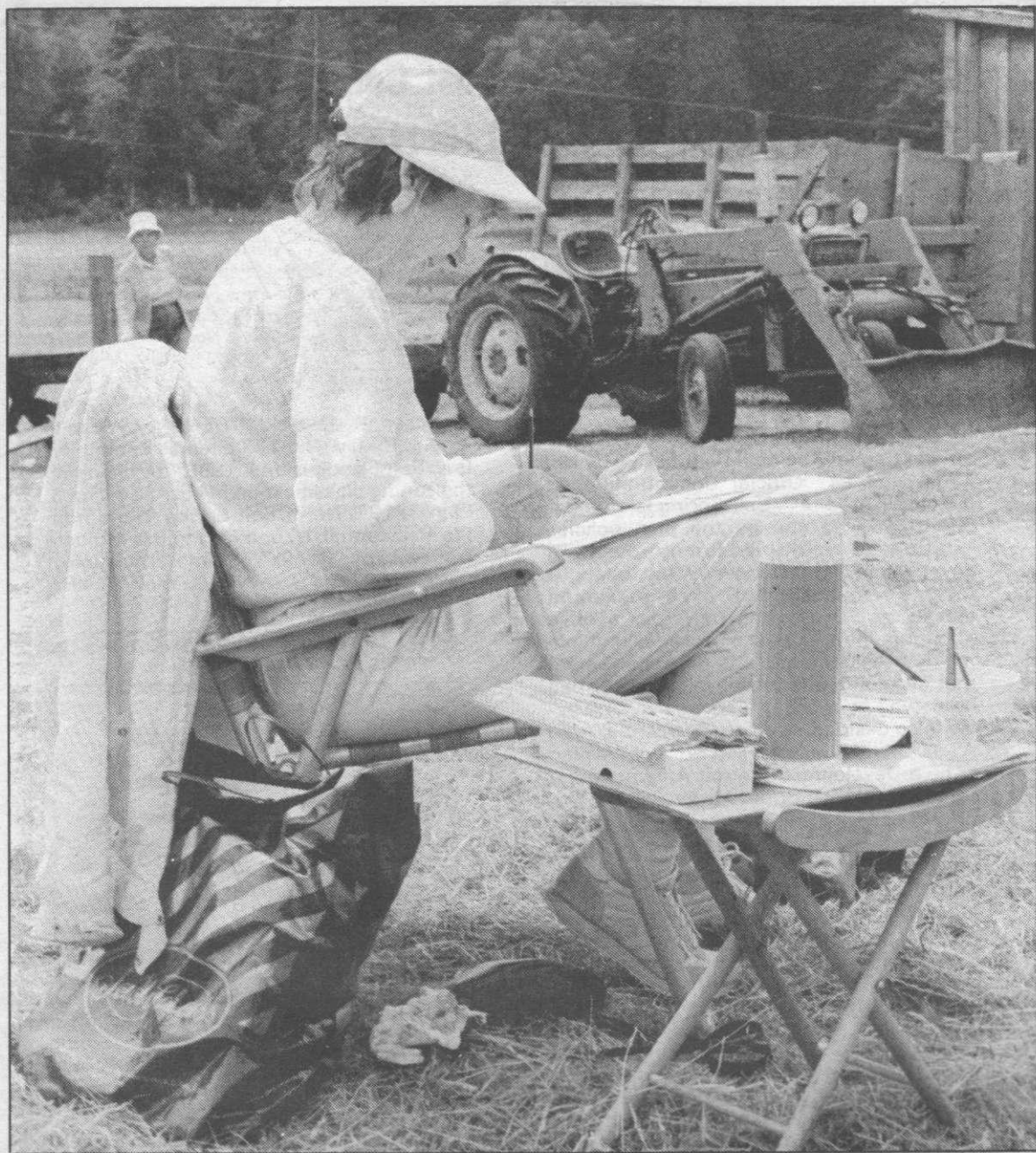


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Pretty as a picture

Joyce Johnson of Vancouver found farmyard off Beddis Road a perfect spot for setting up her sketch pad. Johnson was one of approximately 180 painting

students, split into two groups, who spent a week on Salt Spring Island at workshops operated by the Federation of Canadian Artists. Groups painted at various

island locales by day, attended instructional sessions at night and capped week-long stays by holding open-house art displays.

Commission grants funds

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has awarded grants totalling \$4,050 to community groups on the island.

The grants, announced by recreation commission member Jim Ballantyne at the organization's monthly meeting June 29, will be used by local groups to promote recreational activities on the island.

The list of grants is as follows:

- Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club — \$150 (requested \$200).
- Salt Spring Island Soccer Association (youth soccer) — \$1,600 (requested \$2,000).
- Salty Wheels Square Dance Club — \$100 (requested \$350).
- Salt Spring Singers — \$400.
- Salt Spring Island Achievement Centre (bowling) — up to \$1,800.

The commission's grants committee rejected a request for a \$1,000 grant from the Ganges Education Society Kindergarten.

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Temperature drop aids water system

Cooler temperatures late last week eased water supply concerns facing the North Salt Spring Waterworks District.

Earlier, a succession of hot days had prompted waterworks officials to ask users in the Southey Point and Sunset Drive areas to cut back on their normal consumption of water.

Mike Larmour at the Waterworks District office explained that the system has a "weak part" in the Sunset Drive area, which it moved to reinforce last year by installing a 15,000 gallon storage tank at Southey Point.

While that move can meet most demands, a strain occurs when temperatures soar, as they did early last week.

"Water consumption is tied to temperatures, and there can be problems if we have a succession of hot days," he said. "When it's hot, we get a lot of high peak use. We had a lot of hot days so we asked people to voluntarily cut back, and it helped a lot."

In the meantime, Salt Spring saw a mid-week change from hot temperatures to milder weather, he said.

"Now we're in good shape. The combination of good weather and co-operation helped. We're all right for now, but it depends on the weather."

Boats worry

Complaints of speeding boats on St. Mary Lake were sounded last week by an elderly resident of the lakeshore.

The complainant protested the towing of water skiers by boats manned only by the driver. She added a second concern that on occasion she see very fast-moving boats dangerously close to shoreline swimmers.

She asked all boaters to use greater care in the handling of high-speed craft near youthful swimmers.

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Dry weather leaves fish in need of rescue

The Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society was called upon last week to perform a major rescue mission.

Society members, with the help of several student volunteers, worked throughout the week to transport more than 800 sea-run cutthroat fry from creeks to lakes and larger pools throughout the island. Recent dry weather has reduced many of the local water-courses to a series of separated pools, stranding hundreds of young trout in oxygen-depleted pools.

"Volunteers and Challenge 87 students have rescued 378 native, wild cutthroat from Mansell Creek and put them into larger ponds and Bullock Lake," said society member Kathy Reimer on Monday. "On Cusheon Creek, students Colin Ward, Jason Stevens and Byron Nutting captured a record number of 579 in one day.

"In all, 880 fry were salvaged. Six hundred were put in Cusheon Lake and the rest in Blackburn. There are an estimated 1,000 left in larger pools in the creek that may have to be moved later this summer."

Reimer added that the society would like to see local creeks running all year, or at least provide more water storage on them. She said the society is hoping to obtain more funding for excavator work in the future, and is presently studying the possibility of raising the level of St. Mary Lake to keep Duck Creek running.

"This system has the largest cutthroat population on the island," she added.

The enhancement society needs more volunteer workers, and anyone interested in helping should contact Deb Nostdahl (537-9618), Marina Scott (537-4183), Pam Bittinger (537-5204) or Reimer (537-9630).

Open fire ban remains despite light showers

Salt Spring Fire Department officials continued their ban on open fires last week.

Fire Chief Bob Leask said Monday that although campfires are being permitted at resorts and provincial parks "under supervision," the fire department is encouraging people not to use them. All burning permits have also been cancelled until at least this fall.

"It's really dry out there," Leask noted. "No burning is allowed, except in incinerators. But we're asking people to be very careful. I'm not even using my own incinerator, because it's too risky."

Dry conditions continued throughout the province last week. Although the area did receive some rain, Leask said he doubted if enough would fall to significantly reduce the fire hazard in this area.

"We need a lot of rain, and we probably won't get it until the fall," the fire chief said. "Actually, if it rains a little bit, it just creates more problems, because people go out and start fires thinking: 'We just had rain.' But in the bush, trees keep the rain off the ground, and it stays dry."

The weekend of June 27 was a busy one for Salt Spring firemen. In addition to a fire that threatened the Maxwell Lake watershed on June 26, volunteers were called on to extinguish a blaze along Rainbow Road on June 27.

Leask said the fire along Rainbow Road was caused by a dormant slash pile that "flared up." In some cases, though a slash fire appears to be out, live coals remain burning deep within

the pile for months.

Also on Saturday, firemen responded to a fire in an automobile. The vehicle, a Valiant that had been cut down into a convertible, was destroyed while parked at the beach along Rainbow Road.

Leask said it appears a burning cigarette lodged inside the car and started the fire.

On July 5, firemen also responded to a fire call along Rainbow Road, where a resident was burning refuse. The blaze was extinguished.



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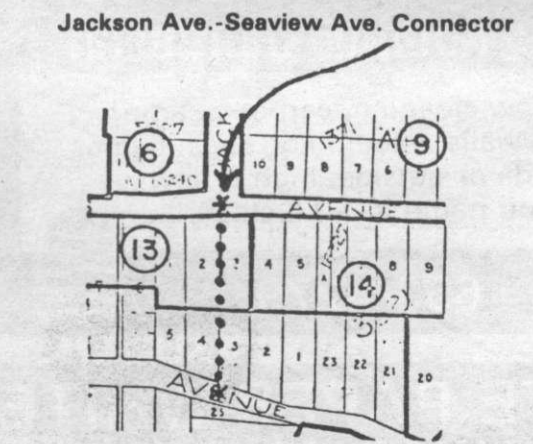
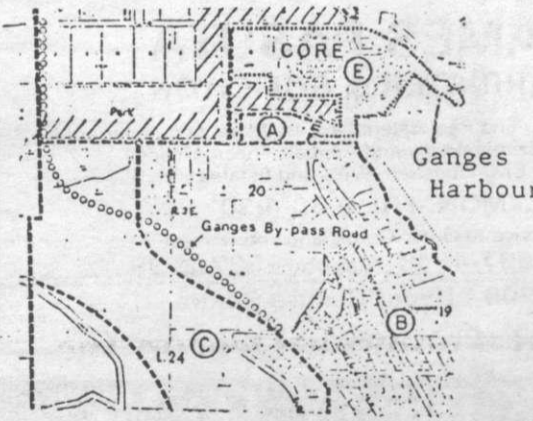
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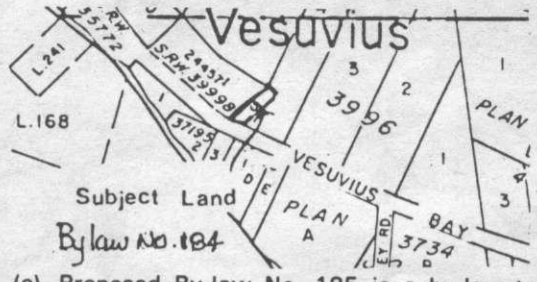
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In general terms the intents of the following proposed by-laws are as follows:

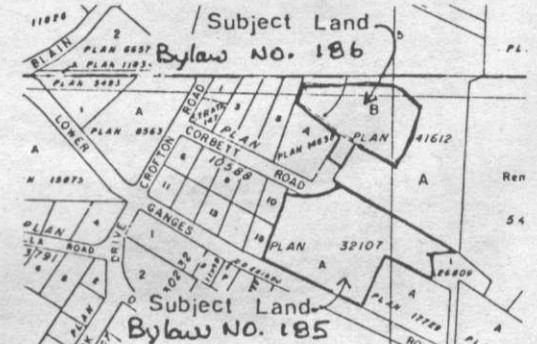
- (a) Proposed By-law No. 181 is a by-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 118, cited as "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area 'F' - Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972" to change the plan policies relating to multiple family dwelling development in Ganges. The changes include establishment of a maximum density of 10 dwelling units per acre, a minimum lot area of 0.75 acre for multiple family developments, and the requirement that all multiple family developments shall be served by a community sewer. The by-law also designates all of "Residential Area A" as defined in Inset Plan No. 1 of the plan to be a Development Permit Area pursuant to Section 945(e) of the Municipal Act.
- (b) Proposed By-law No. 182 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123 cited as "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985", by adding a new zoning classification, Multiple Family 2 Zone (MF2). Multiple family dwellings and one single family dwelling are permitted uses of land in the zone. A maximum of 10 multiple family dwellings per acre, including one single family dwelling, are permitted. The by-law also includes regulations regarding site coverage, building heights and setbacks as well as a minimum lot area of 0.75 acre for multiple family dwellings and a minimum lot area regulation of 0.75 acre for subdivision purposes.
- (c) Proposed By-law No. 183 is a by-law to amend Capital Regional District By-law No. 118 cited as "Official Community Plan (Electoral Area 'F' - Salt Spring Island) By-law, 1972" to delete from Inset Plan No. 1 - Ganges the proposed "Outer Road" and by adding "Ganges Bypass Road" as shown below. The by-law also amends Inset Plan No. 2 - Ganges by adding "Jackson Avenue - Seaview Avenue Connector" as shown below.



- (d) Proposed By-law No. 184 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123 cited as "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985", by changing the zoning classification of Lot 5, Plan 3996, Section 9, North Salt Spring Island from the Rural Residential 2 Zone (RR2) to the Commercial 1 Zone (C1). The general location of the subject land is shown on the following sketch.

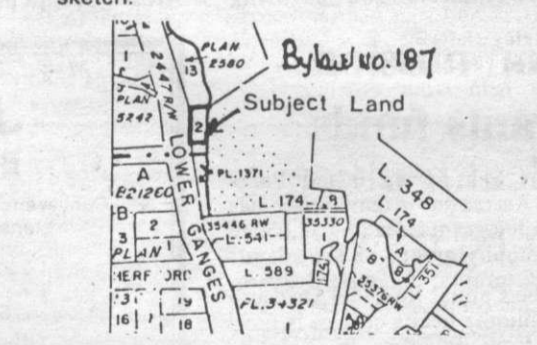


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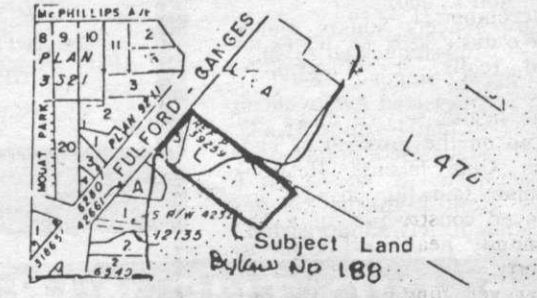


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- (g) Proposed By-law No. 187 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123, cited as "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985", by changing the zoning classification of Lot 2, Section 2, Ranges 3 and 4, Plan 5242, from the Industrial 2 Zone (I2) to the Industrial 2A Zone (I2A). The general location of the subject land is shown on the following sketch:



- (h) Proposed By-law No. 188 is a by-law to amend By-law No. 123, cited as "Zoning By-law, Salt Spring Island, 1985" by adding to Section 21.A.1 the list of permitted uses in the Commercial 3A Zone (C3A) a new Subsection (2) which allows business and professional offices as a permitted use in the zone. The general location of the land subject to the bylaw alteration is shown on the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed by-laws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 747 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(v) of the Municipal Amendment Act, 1985, an additional copy of the proposed by-laws may be inspected at the Capital Regional District Building Inspection Office, Salt Spring Island.

CYNTHIA HAWKSWORTH
Manager



Sign of the times

Artist and sign painter Warren Langley (left) hangs a new sand-blasted cedar sign on Mahon Hall with help from assistant Gord

McQuaid. The two Salt Spring craftsmen attached the sign to the front of Mahon Hall on Monday.

Health office to be moved

The Capital Regional District's community health service is moving from its office on Rainbow Road.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's representative on the CRD board, said last week that School District 64 has bought out the CRD's lease on the building because it desperately needs additional space. The health service will be required to vacate its office in the school board building by December 31.

"We did it as a service to the board, really," explained Borsman.

The health service office will end up on the grounds of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. Borsman said the hospital has approved construction of a new community health office on its property.

However, funding for the project won't be available until next year. In the meantime, Borsman said, the community health service will operate out of the hospital nurses' residence.

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police report

Ganges RCMP officials are investigating a number of incidents that occurred in the Gulf Islands last week.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the Ganges detachment said New Westminster resident Luke Fignault reported the theft of two sidebags and a two-man tent from his bicycle.

The theft occurred sometime between 2 pm and 5 pm July 4 while Fignault was riding on the ferry operating between Salt Spring and Otter Bay on Pender Island. In addition to some clothing, the sidebags held Fignault's wallet and \$130.

Police handed out a 24-hour roadside suspension to a driver here after responding to a motor vehicle accident on Blackburn Road at 4:55 am July 4.

"It was first reported as an injury accident, but it wasn't," said Hanks. "Damage was under \$400."

Charges are also contemplated against a local youth following the seizure of 15 marijuana plants in the central Ganges area.

RCMP officers are still investigating the case. The seizure was made July 3.

Ganges RCMP are continuing their investigation into a break-in that occurred sometime between June 15 and June 27 at a summer residence along Mansell Road.

Sgt. Hanks said that the culprits made off with a quantity of liquor, bedding and clothing from a summer home belonging to Mike Murphy of Vancouver. Entry to the dwelling was gained through a window.

In other matters, police also made a number of liquor seizures during the week.

One 17-year-old youth was charged with possession of alcohol while under the legal age. The offence carries with it a \$100 fine, which the offender can voluntarily pay rather than take the case to court.

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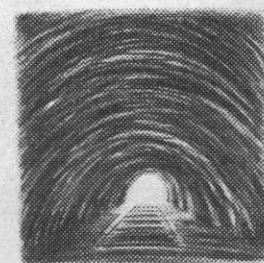
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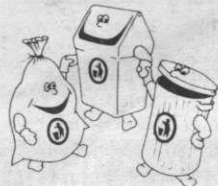
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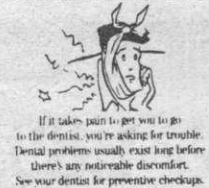
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Ex-union official analyzes legislation

Bill 19 destroys 'balance of power' in B.C.

By MIKE TURKKI

Bill 19, the provincial government's controversial Industrial Relations Reform Act, is a threat to workers because it destroys the balance of power currently in place between labour and management, according to Salt Spring resident and former union official Art Morton.

Morton, who has held executive positions with unions and worked as branch manager of an international investment house, described Bill 19 and its impacts at a meeting held here June 7.

To gauge the impact Bill 19 will have on labour in B.C., Morton says people must first understand the relationship between management and workers, and how unions work.

"In order to understand Bill 19, you have to know something about what the situation was before," he said. "Although society has basically tried to get away from the use of force, this has never really taken effect in labour relations. Labour relations are basically an exercise in force. This is the basis of how you must regard Bill 19.

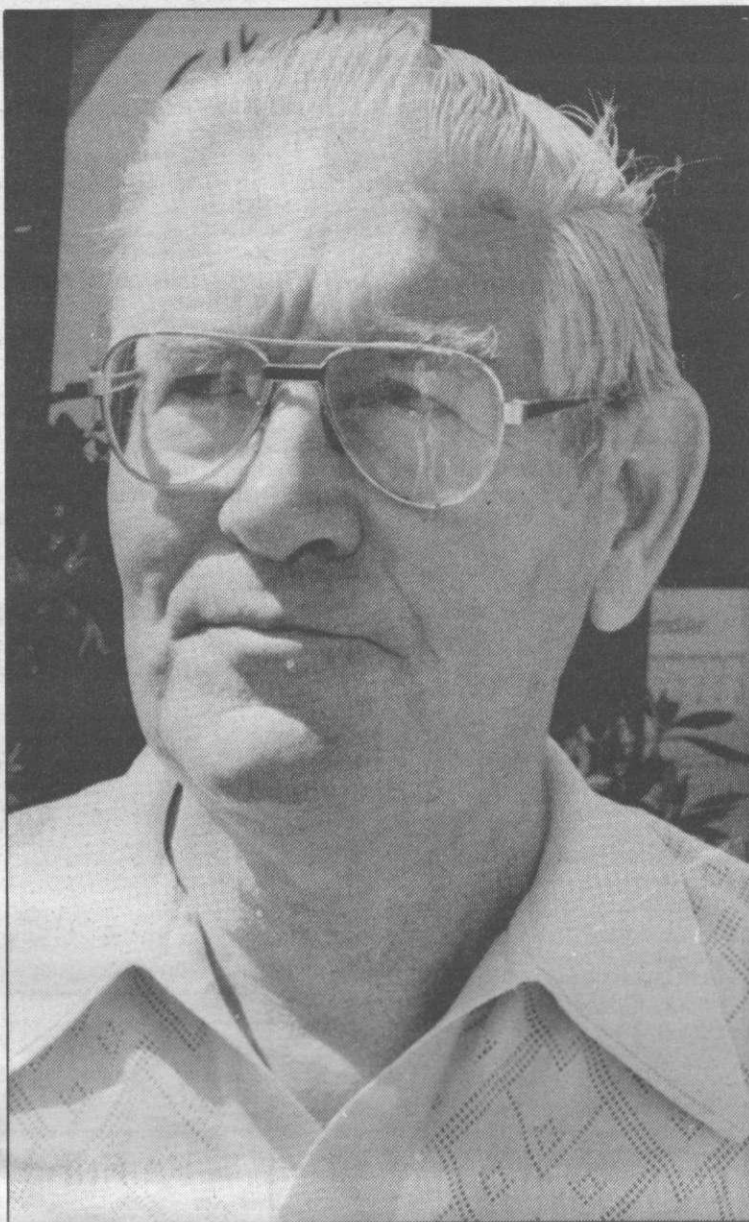
"Because labour relations are basically an exercise in force, it's important that there be some balance to that force."

Many British Columbians have praised the government for introducing Bill 19, claiming that unions are too powerful and no longer operate according to democratic principles, he noted. However, Morton says, that attitude is based on myth rather than reality.

"All unions are governed by constitutions, and in my experience, they are very democratic," the former union official stated. "I know in our case, when we broke away from the U.S. unions, we took sample constitutions and what we ended up with was the most democratic constitution you could think of. We had things in there allowing for the recall of officers, limits on the pay for union officials, and limits on the number of consecutive terms they could serve.

"But like anything else, the problem is that any group can write in democratic safeguards, but their effectiveness depends on whether the individual member exercises his rights.

"Union members aren't belligerent. The thing is, if a person doesn't pay attention to regional



Art Morton

district and school board votes, he's not likely to pay attention to his union's affairs, either."

Morton noted that many members of the public perceive unions as aggressors in labour relations, a myth he says is perpetuated by the media when they use such phrases as *the company's offer* and *the union's demand*. In reality, he said, management generally forces labour into becoming the aggressor in most negotiations.

When a contract is due to expire, he explained, either the union or the company must indicate it wishes the agreement

renegotiated. If neither party does so, the old contract automatically remains in effect. This rule, Morton said, is used by companies to force unions into the role of aggressors.

"If you don't reopen a contract, things remain as they are," he stated. "Because of inflation, it is always to the company's advantage to leave things as they are. As a result, the union has to go through the process of reopening the contract, and in the public's view is seen as the aggressor."

Morton said unions are also at a disadvantage in contract negotiations. While companies generally employ professional negotiators,

Morton said most unions are represented at the bargaining table by "the-guys out of the mills.

"So we're dealing with a lopsided situation to begin with, and it can be a bit daunting," he continued.

Morton said that in any negotiations, union members ultimately have only two choices: accept the company's offer, or go on strike. He added that contrary to popular opinion, union members are never eager to walk the picket line.

"When you consider going on strike, it's a frightening procedure," he said. "As an individual, you're worrying if you're going to lose your job or be subject to some kind of legal action. Your spouse is worried, and you have personal concerns. It's a traumatic thing.

"So when you see a union voting 85, 90, 95 per cent to go on strike, you know there's got to be something really wrong with the contract. That's not the reaction of a reasonably happy work force.

"Basically, when you go on strike, you're betting your stomach can hold out longer than the company's machines can afford to stay idle. And it's a situation you can't win, because you never make up for the lost wages. But you feel if you don't take that step, the company's next offer will be correspondingly lower."

Because labour relations — particularly strikes — are an exercise in force, Morton said that picket lines are important to union members. "The visible manifestation of a strike is the picket line," he said. "If everyone on strike simply went home, they'd have lost. That's why the picket line is so important. It's a show of force, of economic force."

Bill 19, the former union official noted, changes the rules concerning picketing. It outlaws secondary picketing and makes it illegal for unions to boycott the services or products of a struck company.

"All these things — secondary picketing, hot edicts — are the union's efforts to apply what power is available to them," he said. "When you realize the background, you understand the impact Bill 19 will have. Hot edicts become illegal, even if they've been fairly bargained for in a contract. It's now illegal for unions to refuse to handle goods from South Africa, for example.

What they (B.C. government officials) have done is taken all moral considerations out of contracts."

Union officials are also concerned about Section 62 of the Act, which creates a new Industrial Relations Council under the guidance of one individual (former Compensation Stabilization Commissioner Ed Peck). Peck will have wide-ranging powers to intervene in labour disputes and end strikes.

"It creates, if you'll excuse the pun, an entirely new Pecking order," Morton said. "Section 62 gives Peck authority never given to anyone else. He (Peck) can do so many things. He can end strikes, call for union votes on a company's final offer."

The new Act also permits companies to hire employees during labour disputes, and gives those employees the right to participate in union affairs — even though they aren't members of the labour organization.

Morton added that under Bill 19, individuals who don't want to pay union dues will find it easier to avoid doing so.

"It's always been the case that if, because of religious convictions, a person didn't wish to pay union dues, that was acceptable," he stressed. "Conscientious objections like that were acceptable. But now, you'll find a lot more people conscientiously objecting to paying union dues. The interesting thing is, I've never known anyone to conscientiously object to sharing the benefits won by unions. And a union operates on its dues."

In the final analysis, Morton said, Bill 19 weakens the union position on all counts. "It will make it difficult for unions to operate in any context," he said. "It severely changes the balance of power, and when you consider that 95 per cent of all negotiations were concluded without strikes, it would seem the former system was working reasonably well. Sure, there was room for improvement, but this (bill) totally changes everything.

"In my mind, this was designed specifically to weaken the union movement," he continued. "It will make it difficult for them to effectively represent their workers, and I think we'll have a very poor labour climate in B.C. until it is changed."

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Greenwoods employee upset by failure to change bylaws

A Salt Spring resident expressed dissatisfaction last week with a policy that prohibits employees of Greenwoods and Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital from holding membership in the societies responsible for operation of the two institutions.

Greenwoods employee Mary Williamson said Thursday that existing bylaws prohibit staff members from joining the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, the non-profit group responsible for Greenwoods. She noted that a similar bylaw is also in effect at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital.

According to Williamson, attempts have been made to change these policies, but without success.

In 1986, she said, hospital employees — who can hold membership in the Greenwoods' society — indicated they would move and second a motion to amend Greenwoods' bylaws at its annual general meeting. Williamson, who is a member of the hospital society, agreed to do the same at Lady Minto's AGM.

"I'd never given it much thought before then, but it seemed reasonable to me," Williamson said last week.

Motions to amend the bylaws of Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital were made at the institutions' respective 1986 AGMs. However, the motions were subsequently changed slightly, which under current regulations made it necessary to table them until 1987.

When Greenwoods and Lady Minto Hospital held their 1987 meetings June 22, Williamson came prepared to reopen debate

on the respective bylaw amendments. She expected the motions to be dealt with, but was once again disappointed.

Neither motion was dealt with. No one showed up at Greenwoods' AGM to move it, and as a result, votes on the motion received from Outer Islands residents were destroyed. The motion to amend Lady Minto Hospital's bylaws, meanwhile, was not considered after board officials indicated that a flaw had been discovered in the same bylaws and would have to be rectified before other changes could be considered.

Williamson is furious, and feels that officials of both boards do not want the bylaws changed.

"There was no mover and seconder at the (Greenwoods) meeting, but I went to Robert's Rules of Order, and the way I interpret them, once a motion is moved and seconded — and then tabled until the next AGM — it does not have to be moved and seconded again," she said. "Now, not only have the staff been disenfranchised, but what about all those sealed ballots from the Outer Islands? That's really what makes me angry. Why were those ballots nullified? Why are they (board members) fighting so hard to keep the staff from being members of the society?"

"We're all property owners, taxpayers," she continued. "What's wrong with being a member of the society if you work there? In the case of teachers, I can understand them not being board members, but they're still allowed to vote."

Hospital chairman A.P.S. (Sandy) Gordon said the motion

amending Lady Minto's bylaws was to be brought forward at the June 22 AGM. Gordon indicated, however, that the hospital's solicitor has discovered a flaw in the institution's bylaws.

"The major problem is that we can't hold five annual general meetings (on all Gulf Islands), which is what we have been doing," Gordon stated. "We're going to review the bylaws, and we hope to have that completed by the end of September. But there are no guarantees with legal matters like this."

Gordon said that even if the hospital society elects to change its bylaws and allow employees as members, there is no guarantee the move will be permitted by the provincial government. He noted that all hospital bylaws must receive approval from Victoria.

"When we wrote the minister about this last fall, he declined (to allow it)," said Gordon. "So that's another thing to consider."

"I'm sure it (the situation) will all get looked after in the long run," he concluded.

Peter Vida, president of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, said that although the society's board wanted to deal with the bylaw amendments this year, it could not proceed because the motion in question did not have a mover and a seconder.

"We wanted to go ahead with it," Vida stated. "We voted on it in the Outer Islands, and those ballots were destroyed when we didn't get a mover and a seconder. There was nothing we could do. It was all very strange."

Sheep show, sale set

A show and sale of sheep breeding stock will be held this Saturday, July 11, at the Cobble Hill fairgrounds on Vancouver Island.

The event, an annual affair, is sponsored by the Inter-Island Sheep Breeders Association, which includes the Gulf Islands in its coverage area.

The sale begins at 12 noon but owners with sheep to consign are asked to bring their animals to the fairgrounds between 9 am and 11 am.

Organizers expect about 100

sheep to be sold, a number equal to the total reached at last year's event.

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Interpretative sessions on at parks in Gulf Islands

A summer-long series of interpretative talks continues this week in local parks.

The sessions — held at Ruckle Provincial Park on Salt Spring Island and Montague Harbour Provincial Marine Park on Galiano Island—are free and open to the public.

This week's presentations are as follows:

- *You Otter See This.* Otter researcher Tracy Michalski and one of her subjects will be on hand to answer questions on otters in local waters. Friday, July 10 at 9 pm in Ruckle Park.

- *Who Lives Where the Beach-Walker Doesn't Go?* An illustrated talk about subtidal animals with marine biologist Steve Cross of Aquamatrix Consulting. Saturday, July 11 at 9 pm in Ruckle Park.

- *A Nature Walk.* Celebration of B.C. Parks Trail Day. Sunday, July 12 at 2 pm in Montague Harbour Park.

- *Oncher-rynchus.* An illustrated talk with Linda Ecklund. Sunday, July 12 at 9 pm in Montague Harbour Park.

- *Games For Children.* Monday, July 13 at 9 am in Montague Harbour Park.

- *Anatomy Of A Seabird Colony.* A naturalist discusses a typical Gulf Islands seabird colony. Monday, July 13 at 8 pm in Ruckle Park.

The park presentations are co-ordinated by Salt Spring resident David Fraser, who holds a Master's degree in ecology and teaches courses in vertebrate

biology and wildlife management at the University of Victoria.

Along with the sessions featuring guest speakers, Fraser has lined up a program of nature walks, slide shows, films and games for children.

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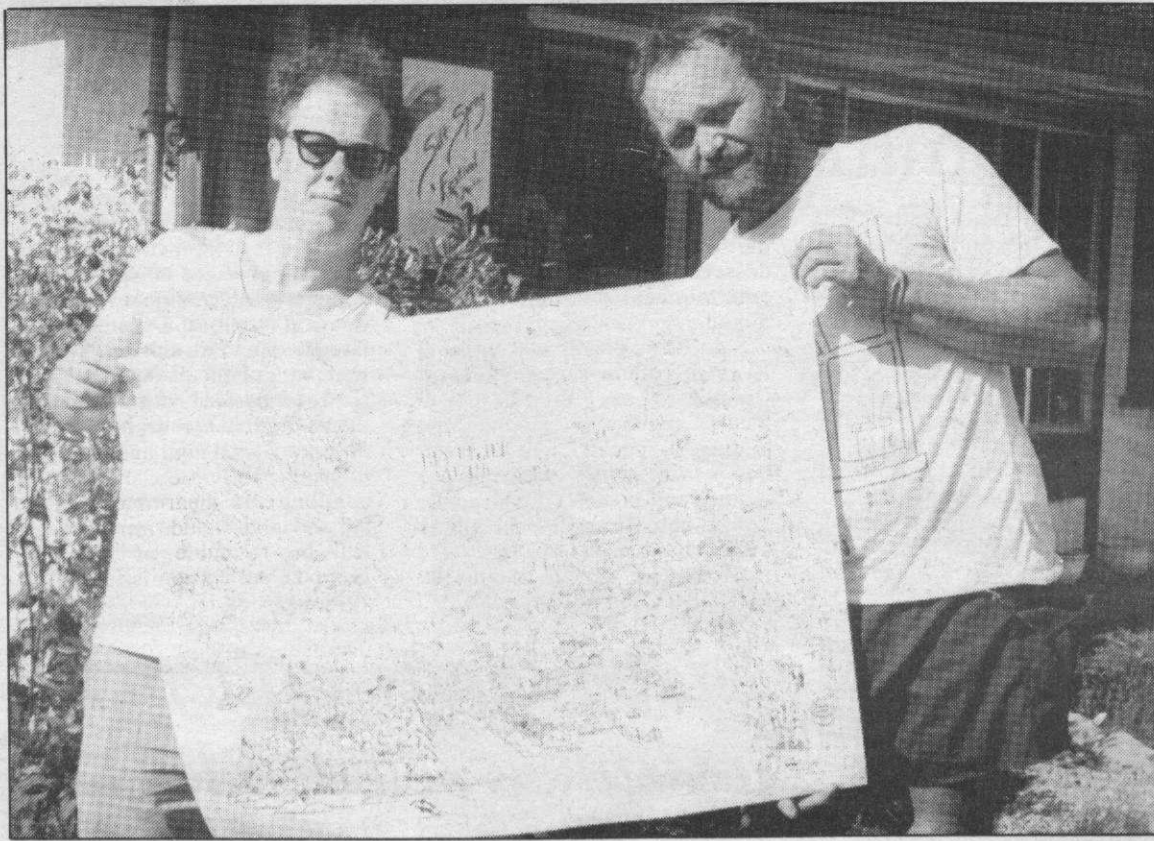
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LADIES' SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Wed., July 8: Byrons vs Ladies, Portlock; Inn vs Dagwoods, Fulford. Mon., July 13: Byrons vs Dagwoods, Fulford; Ladies vs Driftwood, Portlock.

FRIDAY NIGHT SLOWPITCH: July 10: Canada Dry vs Swamp Rats, Fulford; Gang Green vs Soccas, Hydro; Jellyfish vs Rebs, Little League; Lust vs Piledrivers, Portlock. Palm Creamers bye.



Morningside Studio's Bill Rhodes (right) and artist Ian Verchere display their poster map of Salt Spring Island. The map, which also functions as a business directory, is available at shops throughout the island.

Morningside Studio produces new poster map of Salt Spring

Question: *What's black and white, tells tourists where to go and amuses children?*

Answer: *The latest poster map of Salt Spring Island.*

Morningside Studio in Fulford Harbour has produced a large map and business directory of the island. The work — an artist's impression of Salt Spring as viewed from a plane flying into Ganges Harbour — not only shows many of the island's businesses and their locations in an attractive manner, but doubles as a poster that children can colour.

The map is the work of Ian Verchere, a third-year art student at Emily Carr College of Art and Design. Morningside Studio paid for its production by collecting

promotional fees. Only businesses which paid a fee to the map's producers appear in the drawing.

Bill Rhodes of Morningside Studio said he and Verchere spent a full 17 working days putting the map together. Rhodes did the promotional work, while Verchere travelled throughout the island sketching local business premises. The map's producers even traded aerial photographer Craig Marshall a spot on the map for some shots of Salt Spring from the air.

"I went around to all the businesses and sketched them," Verchere added. "That way, I had a whole stack of sketches to work from once I figured out how I was going to put them all on it."

"We wanted people to be able to see where they were, and where everything was located," added Rhodes. "We feel it's a good representation of Salt Spring."

The work is Morningside's first map, Rhodes said. The studio, which concentrates its efforts on the production and marketing of fine art for the tourist market, is also considering putting together a video and possibly doing some calendars.

"We're proud of the map," said Rhodes, "and the response to it has been very good."

The map is being sold both by itself and in a package with 12 felt pens. It is available at a number of local businesses.

Chamber planning auction in August

The Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce will hold a mid-August auction of "goods and services" to raise funds for its operations.

Going on the block will be items ranging from accommodation at a local resort to a five-year subscription to *Driftwood*.

Chamber director Gary Greico, one of five members working to organize the event, said the intent of the auction is to raise "some seed money" for the organization.

At present, he explained, the Chamber's sole source of income is the dues paid by members. That money goes mainly to cover the cost of the tourist information centre, which is staffed entirely by volunteers. Other overhead, like a monthly news bulletin, also cuts into the Chamber's bank balance.

None of the money to be raised at the August event is earmarked for projects the Chamber is currently involved with, Greico said. "It's not money for specific projects, but to continue our day-to-day activities."

The 'goods and services' auction is set for August 15 in the courtyard of La Fontana Caffe in Ganges. The plans, still being finalized, call for wine and cheese to be served and for musical entertainment to be on hand. The auctioneer will be Arvid Chalmers.

Greico, who began lining up donations for the auction late last week, said he already has a

number of items confirmed. They include three five-year subscriptions to *Driftwood*, four accommodation packages at Shady Willows Resort, accommodation at the Seabreeze Motel, a bakery gift certificate for \$25, five pounds of vacuum-packed fresh-frozen salmon, unspecified items from Mouat's and Foxglove, plus some monetary donations.

Money contributed to the auction will be offered for bids in the form of gift certificates for work performed through the Salt Spring Island Employment Action Centre, Greico said.

Anyone wishing to donate to the auction should contact Greico (537-5577; 537-2086), Geoff Swift (537-2532), Brian Harding (537-4145), Brian Jewell (537-2596) or Carol Fowles (537-5933).

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Three-day island peace festival to commemorate Hiroshima

A three-day peace festival will be held on Salt Spring Island in early August to mark the dropping of an atomic bomb on Hiroshima during the Second World War.

Operating under the theme *Our Hopeful Future*, the festival will open Thursday, August 6 — the anniversary of the bombing — with a candlelight ceremony in Centennial Park, beginning at 8:30 pm. Completing the evening will be flute music, poems and prayers, dramatic readings and choral singing.

A community social will be held the next night, August 7. A dessert exchange is planned, with entertainment still to be determined.

Saturday's events will be from 10 am to 3 pm in Centennial Park. Organizers say the day will include balloons, paper crane folding, a speakers' corner, non-competitive games, videos, letter-writing and puppets.

Also on Saturday's schedule is a presentation of the play, *Give Peace A Chance*, and an appearance by the Raging Grannies.

Community groups involved with the festival include the local chapters of Voice of Women and Amnesty International, the Salt Spring Nuclear Disarmament Group, the Salt Spring Centre, members of the Baha'i faith and the recently-formed group, Teenagers Organized to Uphold Global Harmony (TOUGH).

Volunteers who would like to help with the video operation or activities for children should contact Debbie Davies (537-5143) or Juliette Laing (537-9542).



Bursary

Cathy Bourassa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bourassa of Salt Spring Island, recently received a \$500 scholarship from the members of the auxiliary to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. The recipient will use the scholarship to further her nursing studies at Langara College in Vancouver.

Gulf Islands students to utilize science kits

Students throughout the Gulf Islands will benefit from four science kits currently being developed in School District 64 with money received from the *Fund for Excellence in Education*.

Under *Project Excellence*, four intermediate science units — Microscopes and Applications, Investigating Sound, Chemistry, and Weather — are being developed for use in local schools. The entire project is expected to cost approximately \$16,000.

Each "kit" will be housed in two portable containers, each of which will include 16 sets of supplies and materials — enough for a half class. These kits will be circulated to schools throughout the district and be part of the science curriculum.

The creation of each kit is a lengthy process. All four are being designed by the district science committee using a problem-solving model, which involves the identification of problem-solving skills, concepts and lesson objectives. Adequate back-

ground information must be provided to teachers, and a complete list of materials and supplies has to be produced.

Detailed lesson plans are necessary, student work and activity sheets must be created, and evaluation methods must be set out.

The creation of each unit also requires the preparation and publication of lesson plans, as well as the ordering of supplies. Even the crates used for transporting each kit must be constructed. Teacher in-service in the use of the materials and supplies is also necessary.

According to district officials, two of the units — Microscopes and Applications, and Investigating Sound — are currently in the third stage of publication. Purchase orders for equipment and supplies are now being filed for these two units, and district officials hope they will be ready for use in September.

The other two units, Chemistry and Weather, will be prepared during the coming school year.

Feldenkrais method to be shown

Flexibility topic of local workshop

A workshop on the Feldenkrais method of improving flexibility and movement is scheduled for Salt Spring Island on the weekend of July 10-12.

The workshop will be led by

Anna Haltrecht, a certified Feldenkrais practitioner who recently moved to Salt Spring from Vancouver. She can be reached at 537-5681 for registration and further information.

The methods to be showcased at the workshop stem from the studies of Israeli scientist Moshe Feldenkrais, a leading movement educator and pioneer in the development of new approaches to learning.

Feldenkrais, who began his research into somatic education and neurophysiology over 50 years ago, held a PhD in physics and engineering, plus a black belt in Judo. That background, combined with an understanding of human movement, led him to develop his "awareness through movement" techniques.

"Throughout his studies," Haltrecht notes, "he discovered many interesting links between

diverse types of body work, and between Eastern and Western healing practices and philosophies."

The techniques which resulted focus on the body's capacities for self-healing and self-correction, she said.

"Babies left to their own resources rarely experience backache, stiff joints or aching muscles," Haltrecht explained. "Adults, on the other hand, through chronic misuse and mismanagement of their bodies, often experience much pain and discomfort."

Through the Feldenkrais method of inducing awareness through non-strenuous movement, practitioners "can discover habitual patterns of movement that cause the discomfort, then find out how to create newer, more efficient habits by learning how the body functions as a whole," Haltrecht said.

She added that the workshop would be helpful for anyone of any age with specific injuries or particular needs, for people wishing to improve athletic or performance abilities, and for anyone desiring "more ease and elegance in their daily activities."

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James Tudor

Local youth selected for India trip

Fulford resident James Tudor is one of 40 B.C. youths selected to participate in the 1987-88 Canada World Youth program.

Canada World Youth is a Canadian non-profit organization that operates youth exchanges between Canada and Third World countries. In its 16 years of operation, it has involved more than 10,000 young people from Canada and exchange countries.

The program was founded by a group of Canadians interested in the role of youth in contemporary society — a society where it is becoming increasingly apparent that, in order to live in the world of today and tomorrow, people must develop tolerance and openness to values. Founders of the program feel people must become involved in the complex issues of development.

Tudor, 19, will participate in the Canada World Youth program for seven months. He travels first to northern Alberta, where he will spend three and a half months working with 20 other Canadians and 21 young people from India. Then, in mid-October, he will travel to India, where he will spend another three and a half months working in communities there.

Tudor, who grew up in Victoria, became interested in Canada World Youth after his family took in a participant from Indonesia. He applied to the program after completing high school, and then went to Europe for nine months. He returned to B.C. after learning he'd been granted an interview.

Tudor enjoys travelling, and is looking forward to seeing India.

Participants in the Canada World Youth program are encouraged to become as involved as possible in the life of their host communities in Canada and the exchange country. The program is structured to enhance an individual's understanding of the world and self. It is open to young people aged 17 to 20, and applications are accepted during the months of October, November and December.

More information on Canada World Youth is available through the organization's B.C./Yukon regional office at 201-1894 W. Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 1Y9 (telephone 732-5113).

Craft originally from Japan

Raku pottery has undergone a process of acculturation

By GARY CHERNEFF

Since I have been writing this column, I have avoided telling you about the creative endeavours which are closest to my daily functioning. Ceramics is what I live and breathe — probably even in my sleep. But when one is so close to something, it presents a problem in trying to show someone the forest without complicating things too much by introducing each and every tree. So in order to dodge the issue I'll instead have you meet just one tree.

In the last four months I have been involved in one aspect of the pottery-making process which is commonly known as raku.

There is a lot of folklore surrounding this term, which mainly has to do with the making of ritual teabowls for the Japanese tea ceremony.

Like all immigrants, the original techniques have undergone an acculturation — in this case, to the point where it no longer resembles its past self.

Raku is distinguished from other ceramic processes by the unique way in which the pots are glaze fired. To the lay observer, this consists of placing the pre-fired and decorated object into a red hot kiln and proceeding to raise the temperature further until a specially formulated glaze coating "fluxes" or melts into its glassy state. At a point deemed appropriate by the potter, the pot is extracted from the hot kiln with tongs and then most usually plunged into a metal can containing such wondrous things as dry sawdust, newspaper, hay or

art seen

leaves. At this point there is usually a sudden burst of flames and acrid smoke and occasionally the whiff of overdone hair.

At night the process is spectacular, with flames leaping from the kiln and backlit bodies extracting incandescent vessels. It is not unusual to find potatoes baking on the kiln along with onions, hot dogs, marshmallows and inevitably a vessel containing

'At night the process is spectacular, with flames leaping from the kiln.'

saki — which is, of course, merely an offering to the kiln god who, as it turns out, has a prodigious thirst.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? But as I have been discovering, the wily dragon kiln has a mind of its own. One must learn to bend like the willow and have patience with one's ignorance. Differences of 20 degrees can completely change the character of the glaze from a mat

surface to glassy and even runny. Firing too fast can cause blisters, particularly on a glaze that is applied too thickly. If one is too hasty in plunging the pot into sawdust, he may lose the large network of carbon-filled cracks which are a characteristic of many raku glazes.

On the other hand, a sluggish response may sacrifice a sought-after metallic sheen derived from copper and silver additives.

Raku pots are often identified by the dramatic contrast of the bright glazed surface with the black, carbonized unglazed clay body. In spite of what might appear to be high temperatures, these pots are fired in relatively low ranges for ceramics. This offers the artist the option of using bright colour pigments which burn out or muddy up at higher temperatures.

Needless to say, hauling a fragile pot in and out of a hot kiln and cooling it rapidly is risky business. Two molten pots can stick together if bumped. An overexcited grip may allow the tongs to slip and the pot to fall. The pot must be dry before placement in the kiln, lest expanding superheated steam detonate its unsuspecting host.

Certainly the potter must avoid enquiries from curious onlookers at critical moments. Rakuers are able to hold their breath for extended periods to avoid smoke, but definitely show a blue cast to their skin. At the end of the day the smoke lingers in the twilight and in your hair and clothes, but despite burnt toes the exquisite, spontaneous dialogue between a potter and his clay makes the day's activities an artistic feast.

Car club members take seniors on July 1 picnic

Eight residents of Greenwoods took a trip down memory lane last week.

On Canada Day (July 1), members of the Castaways Car Club fired up their classic automobiles and took the seniors to Beaver Point for a picnic, club vice-president Dennis Marshall said Saturday.

"Actually, one of the members of our club suggested it," said Marshall. "Dee Kinney did the arranging."

According to Marshall, the Greenwoods residents enjoyed the trip immensely. "It was really great for them," he said. "We had a lady with us who was 86, and as sharp as a tack. We brought extra food for them for the picnic, and we had tons of food."

Marshall and club members encourage local residents to involve Greenwoods citizens in activities.

"I don't see why more people don't do this," he said, "and they don't have to do it as a club. They can do this as individuals."

The Castaways Car Club was formed a little more than a year ago. In addition to taking an interest in classic and antique automobiles, the club is also open to owners of vintage motorcycles.

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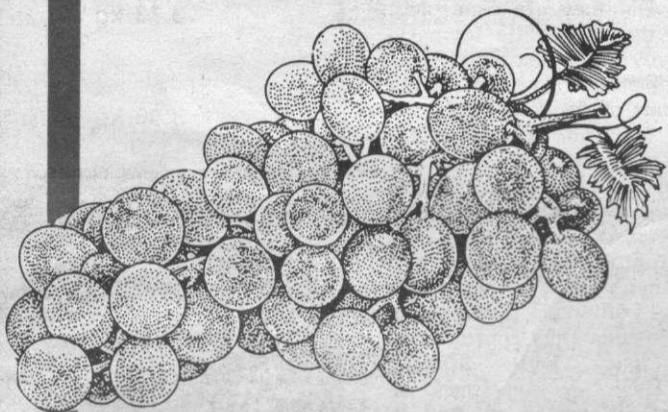
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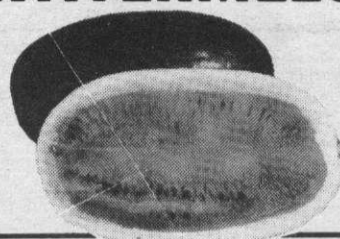
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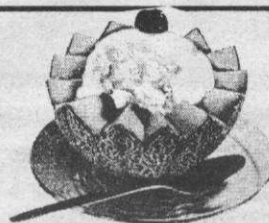
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Connie Kaldor appears July 15

Arts festival continues with play, two concerts

Salt Spring Island's *Summer Festival of the Arts* continues this week with a theatrical production, two concerts and a presentation for children.

• *Lautrec* will be staged July 9, 10 and 11 at Off Centre Stage, beginning at 8:30 pm each day. Admission is \$6.

The play, a one-man effort set in a French cafe, is a biographical presentation of the life of Henry de Toulouse Lautrec, the famous French painter and graphic designer who was dwarfed by crippling accidents as a boy. Lautrec, who aspired to greatness through his art, died of debauchery at a young age.

• Norman Foote brings his love of music and puppet comedy to the Salt Spring Elementary School Activity Centre on Saturday, July 11, beginning at 1 pm. Tickets for the children's performance are \$3.

Foote, who began his work with puppets over a decade ago, has sharpened his skills in a number of performance venues, including streets, theatres, comedy clubs and schools.

On stage, Foote's presentations invoke the absurd, featuring props like the Prime Minister in a trunk, and a host of inanimate objects transformed into lively comical characters. Watch for the talking head.

Foote is also a guitarist and singer who entertains with humorous ballads and adaptations.

• The Salt Spring Singers take to the stage at the Activity Centre at 8:30 pm on Sunday, July 12. Admission is \$5.

The Singers, comprised of 45 men and women and led by the talented and knowledgeable Joy Johnsen, hold two major concerts each year on Salt Spring Island — at Christmas, and in the spring. Enormously popular, they offer a musical program which ranges from Handel and Gershwin to folk songs and Woody Guthrie.

• Connie Kaldor appears in concert at the Activity Centre on Wednesday, July 15, at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$8.50.

Raised in Saskatchewan, Kaldor made her folk festival debut at age 16 and later moved to Edmonton to study theatre. After appearing in productions with companies like Theatre Passe Muraille and 25th Street House Theatre — and dozens of radio, television and cinema projects — Kaldor left the stage to concentrate on a musical career.

Tickets to *Summer Festival of the Arts* events are available at *et cetera* in Ganges, which also carries full festival programs. For further information, call 537-4167 or 537-5211.

Cashman's play *Turning 30* an energetic, powerful work

By JOELLE HANN

It's Thursday night at Off Centre Stage and a small crowd shuffles into the rough, intimate theatre space. From their seats, they can see a set containing a table and chair in one corner, a rocking chair in another, various crates, a small altar and a large Bible. No two items seem to fit into any one setting.

The first character to appear onstage in the production — *Turning Thirty*, presented by the Salt Spring Island *Summer Festival of the Arts*—is a bespectacled little man dressed in black who uses only the wooden table and chair. A second character uses only the altar and Bible; a third only the lights.

On it goes until six characters have been created single-handedly by Cheryl Cashman. Each has come and gone and used only a part of the complement of props — and, like the props, none seems to have a connection with another. Or do they?

The little man in black is Ludwig D. Riel, a professor of history at the University of Alberta. He is obsessed with saving the world and its people — not through persuasion and education, but through terrorist tactics like bombings.

A second character is a nun badgered by the smooth, slippery-tongued voice of temptation who tries hard to be pious. She faces a moral conflict: pleasure by her standards, versus pleasure by the standards of clergymen and the establishment.

Leona, a flower child from Galiano, has to confront the fact that problems aren't always the result of two external forces erupting into conflict. Quite often, they stem from friction between internal romanticism and external reality.

(When Leona tries to act out her fantasy in the real world, she finds it different and not nearly as pleasurable as she had imagined.)

Shirley Ann is a would-be adolescent socialite from Pembroke who is suddenly placed in the heart of Toronto. Although she's not suited for it, she feels

she must keep up with the latest trends: her overzealous efforts leave her looking like a cross between Bob or Doug McKenzie and a Valley Girl.

The fifth character, still in Toronto, is Jerome, who holds a 'Dear Abby' style line on his CB with the local retirement homes. Jerome is eccentric but he gets his point across — things that make you happy are the basics of life, and age is no excuse if you really want to do something.

For the final character, Cashman does a takeoff on herself, showing us a woman turning 30 who runs out of drive, purpose and sense of identity. She has a small psychological collapse which helps her learn about herself and her friends.

The six characters, though sometimes exaggerated, seem real enough; they could be found almost anywhere in today's world. And they are connected, even if the play's title seems to apply only to the last character.

Each character represents some part of the woman who is turning 30, from the embarrassingly honest adolescent to the nun wanting pleasure at the expense of firmly established mores, to the professor out to save the world from itself.

Cashman's point is that everyone has different personalities locked inside. They confront unrelated issues, battle different wars. They are sometimes so different, it's hard to believe they're a part of the whole person.

When she turns 30, the last character has to stop and meet the people who live inside her, get to know them better before she continues her adult life and pursues the goals she once set her hopes and energies on.

Cheryl Cashman is an energetic and innovative writer and actress. Her skits are well put together and the transition from one character to another is smooth and plausible.



Happy 18th Heather

| Salt Spring Festival of the Arts CALENDAR WEEK 2! | | | | | |
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| Wed., July 8 | The Original Balkan Jam Gypsy evening with ethnic food | Activity Centre | 8:30 | \$6 | |
| Thurs., Fri. & Sat., July 9, 10, 11 | Lautrec A play about the man | Off Centre Stage | 8:30 | \$6 | |
| Sat., July 11 | Norman Foote Children's matinee with puppets | Activity Centre | 1 pm | \$3 | |
| Sun., July 12 | Salt Spring Singers Our popular local choir | Activity Centre | 8:30 | \$5 | |
| Wed., July 15 | Connie Kaldor Multi-talented singer/songwriter | Activity Centre | 8:30 | \$8.50 | |

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