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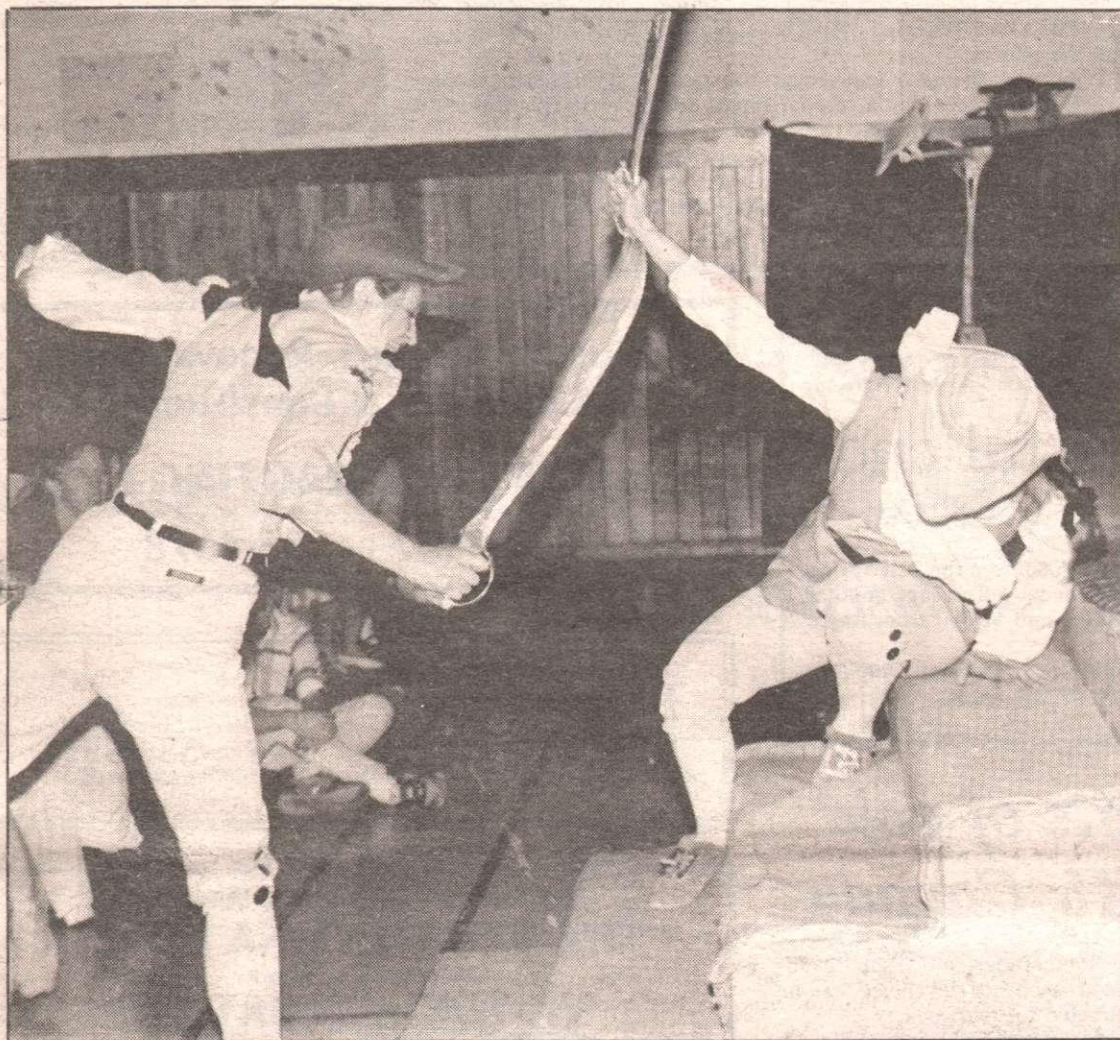
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Pender Island audience packed activity centre last weekend for production of *Treasure Island*. At left, Barb Pender (ARROW) & Michelle Marsden (DR. LIVESEY) fight it out in duel. On the right, Barb

Pender prepares make-up for role as Barmaid at Admiral Benbow Inn. More photos, stories, pages B4, B14.



Funding priorities questioned

While Gulf Islands school board trustees are pleased with many aspects of their recently-approved \$8 million school budget, they are questioning some of the government's funding priorities.

Of the total \$53.9 million budgeted by the government for capital projects across the province, the local school district will receive close to \$1 million.

The largest slice of this — \$553,691 — has been approved for renovations to Fernwood School. Construction at Fernwood, which topped the school board's list of priorities, will help solve a severe overcrowding problem.

The government did not, however, approve funding for expansion at Fulford Elementary, where substantial increases in enrollment have caused crowding problems similar to those at the

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Three views

Fulford resident Beth Straarup's views of midwifery flow from three vastly different childbirth experiences. Page B1.

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Proposed private landing strip draws protest from neighbours

A Salt Spring Island man's plan to install a private air-strip has caused concern among residents of the Fernwood and Maliview areas.

A petition opposing the air strip planned by Wescott Road property owner Toni Holmes collected 120 signatures when it was taken through the neighbourhood last Sunday.

The petition opposes "construction of an airplane landing strip in a high-density residential and agricultural area," citing excessive noise, safety concerns and legal questions as reasons for the neighbourhood stand.

Area resident Paul Sinclair said a main concern is the amount of noise created by landing, take-off and low level flights. He said that once the air strip is installed, any future property owners may bring in larger, noisier planes.

"We have to stop these things before they get snow-balling," he said.

Holmes bought the 26-acre

property last November and just recently moved in. He intends to use a levelled portion of the area as a landing facility. To create the strip, he will take one tree down. His small, private plane, he said, "makes less noise

than a truck." The plane will be used for only one or two leisure trips a week, he added.

The area Holmes has chosen for the strip borders the north

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Job-Trac fund-raising at end; verbal approval given books

Fund-raising for Salt Spring Island's Job-Trac program has apparently reached a successful conclusion.

Although it has yet to be confirmed in writing, the local Chamber of Commerce last week received verbal notice from the provincial government that its program ledgers are now balanced.

Job-Trac, which completed 14 island projects aimed at improving various local amenities, was launched last fall with \$226,000 in partial funding from Victoria. As part of the arrangement, the local sponsors agreed to raise enough local dollars to cover remaining project costs.

In the end, the total needed from the community was \$64,000. An intensive fund-raising campaign headed by Tom Hoover and conducted under the auspices of the Centennial Society procured

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Province allocates \$1 million for capital projects

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Fernwood school.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall said the provincial government has recognized the high student growth rate at Fulford and will most likely

provide funding for portables there next year.

One item questioned by the board is an allocation of \$70,000 for alarm systems for Salt Spring schools. Marshall felt the insurance adjusters who recommended the installation did so with large

urban centres in mind.

"We lose very little from our schools," Marshall said, estimating less than \$2,000 worth of items have been taken from island schools in the last decade. "To invest that amount of money . . . it's just not a high priority."

A total of \$150,000 will be spent on installing alarm systems into the schools. The new procedure may limit access for teachers and interest groups using the facilities outside of school hours, Marshall noted.

In other areas, the government

approved \$110,000 for payments on a piece of property purchased by the school board last year. The land is adjacent to the Ganges school complex and will be necessary for expansion.

The Ganges school site will also receive \$20,000 for a feasibility study to determine how expansion can best be achieved. A planner, architect and consultant will be hired to look at the entire area, focusing mainly on the high school.

At Galiano and Mayne elementary schools, a total of \$89,500 has been allocated for the installation of water storage tanks. Marshall said the additions are important fire safety features.

The final \$118,000 approved for the school district will lead to safer transportation for Salt Spring Island school children, as it will permit three older buses to be replaced with larger, newer models.

Property owners pick up more school costs

Gulf Islands property owners will pay over one-third of the school district's \$8.6 million budget, due to an altered government cost-sharing formula.

The changed formula sees communities with high per capita property assessments carrying the burden for less-wealthy communities.

The total school district budget, which includes debt servicing costs, is \$8.645 million. Of that, local taxpayers will pick up \$3.798 million. The official mill rate for school taxes has been set at 6.3495 — \$6.35 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The budget total has increased by 26.6 per cent over last year, but will not affect all homeowners. For example, those people over the age of 65 whose assessed property value is less than \$100,000 will not feel the effects.

While the increase may seem substantial, local school trustee Grace Byrne notes that a comparison of other districts indicates the Gulf Islands rate is among the lowest in the province.

Of the 92 school districts in B.C., only Armstrong (with a mill rate of 6.3437) and Vancouver (6.1747) pay a rate lower than that found on the Gulf Islands. Many communities are paying between \$10 and \$14 per \$1,000 of assessed property values.

Service practices to change

At least one Salt Spring company will be changing its policy to assure circumstances such as those surrounding the death of Harry Marsden are not repeated.

A spokesman for the North Salt Spring Waterworks District said the company will investigate the homes of elderly people before it cuts off their water. The recent death of Marsden, who died in his Fulford-Ganges Road home some five months prior to being discovered, prompted the move.

"I suppose we should have twigged," said Waterworks spokesman Ellen Bennett. "We will certainly check from now on."

Bennett said Marsden was billed for November and December, although his water consumption did not amount to usual quantities. In his January-February billing, the district noted he had used no water and assumed he was on holiday. A cut-off notice accompanied this bill, and Marsden's water supply was turned off on March 1.

Because water is turned off from the central office, no one attended the house. Bennett said meter-boys used to inform people at the door of a pending cut-off. This policy changed because workers were having to "take the abuse" of angry residents.

No one at the waterworks district knew Marsden or that he lived alone. The incident will, however, assure that from now on, the district will keep a closer watch on elderly customers.

"I think this has taught something to a lot of people," Bennett said.

Job-Trac fund-raising reaches successful end

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donations large and small — including \$6,000 from the Salt Spring Island Lions Club, about \$5,000 from Mouat's Trading, another \$3,000 from Les Ramsey at Pharmasave, and \$2,500 from David Questo at Grace Point Square.

A dance sponsored and organized by former Job-Trac employees contributed another \$2,200 for the fund.

Search for hearts of gold underway by Air Canada

Driftwood and Air Canada continue to search for hearts of gold.

The airline, in conjunction with newspapers like *Driftwood*, is sponsoring a nation-wide hunt for people "who have gone the extra mile . . . to make your community a better place to live."

Anyone is invited to nominate a community resident they think fits the bill. Nominees must be Canadian residents 19 years of age and over who have provided a large measure of service to their communities.


Nominations, which should outline reasons for the choice, can be directed to *Driftwood*.

All persons nominated for Air Canada Heart of Gold awards will receive certificates of recognition. A selected number of recipients will receive further recognition at regional award dinners held across Canada as a prelude to the choice of a Canadian winner.

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Kitchen skills

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I'm getting lots of time in the kitchen and I have a happy, healthy appetite.

I'm so good, I'm changing my name. Just call me Wyatt Burp!

Deadly earnest

Two worms were digging in dead earnest, wrote Mr. Wilde. (I think!) I have to put it that way because, although I have often so attributed it, I don't recall reading it.

It was, of course, poor Ernest!
Which sounds so irrelevant; almost irreverent!

But this season of island stage has brought both those worms back at the same time. The Mayne Island Ernest is Oscar Wilde disinterred at the same time as Ernest shows up on Salt Spring Island.

So old; so dated; so often resurrected! So popular and so Wilde!

I'm slipping!

It was in the days when a radio presented the world, and the living room, with a pair of black, heavy earphones and bread, milk, parcels and fuel came to my parents' house behind a horse. I never tried sliding on snow and neither did my family.

Yet I can remember when I was in elementary school a table debate as to which pronunciation would be universally adopted for the newly popular Scandinavian sport, "skee" or "shee".

Now, of course, I'm so smart I know the answer!

There's one

I've been driving for some 55 years and the funniest incident I recall was when my father was driving. I was about 12 and we were driving through the city in a 1924 Morris Oxford open tourer.

As we tooted along the road we all saw a wheel rolling along the road by itself.

It was funny and we all laughed; particularly my father.

"Look at that!" he chortled. "Someone's lost a wheel!"

As he said it, the car veered slightly and slowly settled to a new, sloping attitude, while the metalwork beneath shrieked on striking the road.

The wheel was our own.

Boning up on Bay St.

They had found a bone. I know it was true because I heard it on CBC radio.

In honesty, I was less excited than the people who found the bone. No dog had buried it on Bay St. in Toronto. The bone was that of a whale. Being long-tone, the whale had no further need of it and had left it decently buried on Bay St. There it remained, unmourned, unwanted and un-eaten for thousands of years.

If an unknown purchaser had not called for plans of an unknown architect and, in following those plans, had not called on the generally, unknown operator of a bulldozer to prepare the foundations, that whale bone might have lain in its quiet, soft grave beneath Bay St. forever.

It was a whalebone: a whale of a whale bone. It was, indeed, far bigger than the whale bones fancied for decades by women who wore corsets. So big was it that museums started to buzz and professors of antiquity shook the dust off their persons and hastened out to see this evidence of a by-gone age.

It was not the size of the bone. Not at all! It was not necessarily its age. The matter of interest was that a whale should never have been swimming down Bay St. Not one of the ancient antiquarians had dreamed of such an eventuality. Yonge St.? Perhaps! Bay St.? Never!

And then the telling phrase: "It shouldn't have been found so far west," the listener was told.

So far west, indeed? Bay St. sounds pretty far east from out here on the west coast: ancient whales notwithstanding!

Back where I came from

I'm back where I started.
Once I was so young that I couldn't tell the difference between a boy and a girl.

Dammit! I'm back with the same problem! Same clothes: same hair! It's second childhood!

Right date, wrong style

The letter was clearly marked with the date of its writing: 04-05-88.

Gee! I wish they wouldn't do that one me! I lose confidence in myself when I read that kind of information.

Was it written the fifth of this month or the fourth of next month?

The faster we go ahead, the further we drop behind!

Air strip proposal attracts objections

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side of his property. Maliview Drive and Fer-de-lance roads are to the south. The flight path would take the plane over a neighbouring field and across to the water.

"It doesn't cross any houses," Holmes said. "If I thought there was danger, I wouldn't do it."

Holmes and Sinclair both noted the flight path goes against prevailing winds: Sinclair cited this as dangerous, while Holmes said it prevents him from flying over houses.

Sinclair also questioned the legality of installing the strip, suggesting such a facility is not a permitted land use. He said he spoke with the Islands Trust,

however, and learned the Trust does not have the authority to stop the project.

Al Weekes, a spokesman for the federal ministry of transport, said Monday that his agency does not control use of private property for landing and take-off purposes unless it is for commercial use, or takes place in a built-up area of a town or city.

While Weekes could not specify what classified an area as "built-up," he said that if the plane can avoid flying over other residences, it is unlikely it would fall into that category.

He added that the operator of the plane and strip would be subject to air regulations against low flights or operating an aircraft in a dangerous manner.

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Alarm system expenditure not a top priority

Like district schools superintendent Mike Marshall, we feel compelled to shake our heads in wonderment at a provincial education ministry move to replace the alarm systems now in place in local schools with a much more sophisticated — and much more expensive — warning network.

We do not question the need for alarm systems per se. They are obviously necessary to protect a sizeable investment in public property, and their installation is doubtless required by the education ministry to keep insurance premiums to an acceptable level. The fact that the school district has lost some property to theft — an estimated \$2,000 worth of goods in a decade — points out the need for such protection.

But that same loss total is not significant

enough, we feel, to warrant replacing the existing system (which works well enough, we are told) at a final cost that starts at an estimated \$70,000 and might run upwards to about \$150,000. Amounts of money that large would best be spent locally on correcting deficiencies, not replacing something that is already in place.

For instance, the education ministry has recognized the crowded classroom conditions at Fernwood Elementary School by allocating \$500,000 for an expansion project to be undertaken there this year. At the same time, and for roughly the same amount of taxpayer dollars that will be spent installing a state-of-the-art alarm system, a call by local trustees to ease similar

crowding at Fulford Elementary School remains unanswered by the education ministry.

This is not a case of comparing apples to oranges — i.e., alarm systems to classrooms. It is a question of whether the funding allocation decision made by the provincial education ministry was a proper response to local priorities as outlined by district school board trustees. All indications are the answer is no.

If those same trustees agree with us that the ministry allocation is a misappropriation of funds badly needed elsewhere on the islands, we think they should suggest installation of new alarm bells in Victoria instead of in local schools — if only to wake someone up.

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Fund-raiser's success community testament

Congratulations must go out this week to everyone who worked towards the successful end to fund-raising for Salt Spring's Job-Trac program. The local target figure of \$64,000 has apparently been reached, meaning the community has shouldered its share of the near-\$300,000 full cost of the 14 improvement projects undertaken.

First in line for praise are the organizers of the collection campaign, who put in many long hours of uncertain effort aimed at twisting arms into pocketbooks. A still-loud round of applause is reserved for all islanders who came to the rescue with donations both large and small.

In the "large" category, special mention should be made of the local Lions Club, Mouat's Trading, Pharmasave, Grace Point Square and the Job-Trac employees themselves — all together, those contributors put up almost one-third of the amount needed.

But we should not forget the smaller donors, those who chipped in with the two, five and 10-dollar bills that meant so much in the end. Like the Job-Trac program itself, the fund-raiser was a total community effort and should be remembered as such.

Cleaning up odds and ends around the desk ...

Miscellaneous notes from here and there:

- A letter appearing in last week's *Driftwood*, over several signatures, expressed strong support for the province's ecological reserve program in general and the reserve at the south end of Salt Spring in particular. By the time the week drew to a close, about 40 more copies of the same letter had crossed my desk. Space prevents listing the additional signatories, but the show of support is noteworthy enough to merit a mention here — and a count.
- (Speaking of letters, it's time for a semi-annual reminder to writers to please limit their missives to a reasonable length. For the past few weeks, the oversight bank has held two or three long letters

yearing for space — a fate that awaits any submission exceeding 750 to 1,000 words.)

- Still with the ecological reserve, word has it the provincial ombudsman has been called in by Murray Cyprus, the principal partner of the company which was denied permission to haul logs across the reserve from its Mt. Tuam property.

Apparently, the company will be trying to convince the ombudsman that the road across the reserve is legal access to the Mt. Tuam parcel — an argument that is more complex than it sounds, thanks to questions being raised about the true status of the road. Developments will follow, we're sure.

- Turning to Ganges, we have to

my word

by

duncan macdonnell

note a nice addition to the downtown core: a crosswalk and adjacent stop line painted on the road at the entrance to Grace Point Square, which goes a long way towards easing traffic safety concerns at the juncture.

(The sight of all that recent crosswalk and road painting, by the way, must be a sure sign that the visitor season has arrived.

They're usually the only ones who notice, anyway.)

- A caller last week told us that the circumstances surrounding the death of Harry Marsden (which went undiscovered for five months) could easily be repeated on Salt Spring, given the number of infirm senior citizens living alone on the island. We've been promised details, and we'll pass them on when they arrive.

In the meantime, it's worth noting that the island's Medic Alert program provides some measure of protection for seniors. Funded by the Capital Regional District (CRD) and by various service groups on the island, the program provides an electronic link between seniors and medical authorities. Whether another, ex-

panded form of support might be needed — i.e., a volunteer watcher service — is a question we can ponder in the wake of Marsden's death.

- On a brighter note, the office was flooded last week by callers and visitors telling us *Driftwood* was famous. It seems we were given a mention in the latest issue of *Reader's Digest*, in a column listing strange and unusual names for newspapers. We'll take it.

Now that that's done, my desk is relatively clear of small scraps of paper bearing various scribbled notes. Which means my conscience is clear as I head out the office door for a short vacation. Be back soon.

letters

Steered

Sir,
The more I read and see of the activities of the Islands Trust, the more I wonder just what is being "preserved and protected". It's certainly not the way of life we used to enjoy on the Gulf Islands.

In days gone by, a man took his machinery home with him; now, Hal Wright is in court for doing just that.

Robert Atwell, of Mayne Island, is forced to relocate to White Rock where his business will be acceptable.

Nick Gilbert is quoted, in last week's *Driftwood*, as stating that Mayne Island faces city-type bylaw enforcement because newcomers expect it.

Change the bylaws to fit the country! We're not part of the city yet!

If the newcomers want city type bylaw enforcement, they shouldn't leave the BLEEP! BLEEP! city.

The Gulf Islands are supposed to still be country. I would like to see them stay that way.

I believe the Trust is being steered in the wrong direction in its bid to "preserve and protect".

J. BENNETT,
Ganges.

Hard at work

Sir,
We appreciate learning through last week's *Driftwood* that our tax dollars are now hard at work. We undertake to stand at attention, salute and sing *God Save the Queen* whenever we see the Fish and Wildlife helicopter patrol, which will apparently be monitoring the logging on Mt. Tuam. How extravagantly sophisticated.

We would like to suggest that the bizzy-bodies start a similar campaign of their own: The Mt. Tuam broom patrol, as we understand it they are substantially more economical to operate and considerably less offensive and harmful toward the environment than a helicopter. Remember though, that the take-off and landing pads may have to be rezoned to SA1 (spiteful aviation).

This endeavour, if approved, would probably turn out to be Salt Spring's number one tourist attraction. Instead of the "cow jumps over the moon," we can all say "the bugs are flying the broom." Once the operation is started, perhaps you can design

and build yourselves a jumbo broom, and our company will offer you a contract for log removal provided you change the zoning from SA1 to CDBA (commercial ding bat aviation).

Anyway we know you have some well-experienced pilots, and we want to wish you every possible opportunity to turn your cosmic, high-fallutin ideas into reality.

MURRAY CYPRUS,
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Testament

Sir,
I have hesitated to give credence by replying to the three recent letters in support of Murray Cyprus and Brian Dorman in their continuing efforts to circumvent the law as it relates to ecological reserves. But it is noteworthy that each of the letters is signed by people who are not in the island phone book, nor are they known to local enquirers. Could they perhaps be off-island employees of Dorman Logging?

And now onto a happier note. A field trip has been arranged to Wildwood Tree Farm near Cedar, which is owned by Merv Wilkinson, a logger who has been practising and sustained yield silviculture on his 137 acres since 1945. This beautiful and park-like property is a living testament to what forestry can and, to my mind, should be.

Anyone is welcome to come, especially loggers. We leave Vesuvius at 8 am on Sunday, May 22. Bring your own lunch.

Mark your calendars now. For further information, phone me at 537-5959.

BIS WHITBY,
Ganges.

P.S. The invitation extends to Clear Cut Alternatives on Galiano.

Own business

Sir,
Brian Dorman is absolutely right about the busy-bodies who can't seem to mind their own business. There are certainly more and more of such people taking to the streets in protest these days.

Why are they so worried about the destruction of our forests? After all, we're only changing the earth's climate through the greenhouse effect. (Burning fossil fuels puts carbon dioxide into the air, which used to be processed into oxygen by trees).

So what? We want money and jobs now!

And what about those two deadly poisons, dioxin and penta, which are now making their way up the food chain, products or by-products of many modern industries? Some businessmen think it isn't "good business" to prevent such pollution, or even to clean up the mess later. Just leave it to the taxpayer to pick up the tab ... if, in fact, the damage can be reversed.

And how about the "defence" industry? One Trident submarine carries more fire-power than all of World War II — including Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There are thousands of such new-and-improved nuclear devices ready to self-destruct the planet today.

What about mining? And the oil business? One reason they are economically feasible is that our elected representatives keep on giving them subsidies and forgiving them huge chunks of taxes in spite of their massive pollution of our environment.

Sure we need metals. Sure we need energy. But recycling the stuff already dug out of the ground could supply our real needs and create far more jobs than does mining. And renewable, non-polluting energy subsidies are only awaiting the subsidies and tax breaks that are now being wasted on old technologies.

But let's mind our own business. Let's go on trusting the experts: the militarists, the industrialists, the nuclear energy proponents whose operation is not only bad for our health but whose method of generating electricity is so wasteful and expensive that it's been described as "cutting butter with a chainsaw".

Sustainable-yield techniques have now become the only truly practical — read *economically feasible* — methods to use in the forestry, agriculture and fishing industries. Otherwise we will fail to preserve our most precious resources for coming generations — resources like soil and air, forests and oceans.

Heh, you busy-bodies! Stop sticking your noses into matters that don't concern you.
VIRGINIA NEWMAN,
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Beware the duckspeak, double-thinking menace

"Ultimately it was hoped to make articulate speech issue from the larynx without involving the higher brain centres at all. This aim was frankly admitted in the Newspeak word Duckspeak ... "Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously ... to tell deliberate lies while genuinely believing in them, to forget any fact that has become inconvenient, and then, when it becomes necessary again, to draw it back from oblivion for just so long as it is needed ..."

George Orwell, *Nineteen-Eighty-Four*.

In quoting the above I do not mean that Orwell's nightmare is upon us. But I do suggest that since governments are prone to use the principles of Duckspeak and Doublethink, and their ability to overwhelm us with hype is increasing exponentially, we must be vigilant. When, after reflection, an official fact still seems false, we should deride it, and not allow it to masquerade as the truth, **EVEN IF WE WOULD LIKE IT TO BE TRUE.**

Let us start with the word 'defence.' Time was when our ancestors, better at spade identification than we are, used the word 'war,' and even 'attack,' in connection with their preparations for assaulting someone.

No more. Although in the last few decades there have been hundreds of ... er ... disputes, with tens of millions of ... er ... liquidations, a poll of all the combatants would reveal that lo, there have been no attacks, only defenses.

andrew gibson

It is unfashionable to attack. Mind you, in order to defend, an anticipated attack must be countered by launching either a pre-emptive strike or a protective reaction. These regrettable but necessary protective measures can be large scale, as when Hitler was forced in 1939 to thwart an attack on the Reichswehr by the Polish cavalry; when America, by bombing Vietnam back to the Stone age, thwarted the latter's plans to invade California; or when the Soviets carried out a similar defensive action in

'When, after reflection, an official fact still seems false, we should deride it, and not allow it to masquerade as the truth.'

Afghanistan.

They can also be small scale, as in Mozambique, Lebanon and Nicaragua. In these cases they are usually referred to as support for freedom fighters, surgical strikes against suspected guerilla bases, or multiple terminations with extreme prejudice.

The doublethink has also spread to the weaponry. How else was it possible to christen a frightful

missile capable of incinerating cities, *The Peacemaker*? We are told, by men who apparently expect us to keep a straight face while listening, that our safety is now assured because nobody in the growing nuclear club, including Israel, India, Pakistan and South Africa, would ever dare to misuse such obviously benign armaments.

But enough of such big-power examples of duckspeak and doublethink — our own Canadian politicians are apt pupils for the techniques. Let's take two examples — Meech Lake and free trade. It seems that the same word-alchemist who, scoffing at the idea of a Mulroney nanny, explained that the person merely "interfaced with the children on a regular basis," is now clarifying these more important matters for us.

There may be overriding advantages for us in both of these policies, but to give the provinces a veto over constitutional change, the control of immigration and language rights, and the ability to opt out of country-wide social programs clearly weakens Canada as a nation, as does the dilution of our economic sovereignty in a trade deal. Perhaps such balkanization is the rational and bottom-line way for Canada to go, but it should be decided on its own merits, not on flag-draped hype.

The rot has even spread to our provincial governments. Saskatchewan, when abolishing the century-old language rights of Francophones, claims that it is protecting them, while Quebec, abandoning the same Francophones in order to be free to further harass its Anglophones, applauds the sell-out.

In B.C., there may be advantages to the government's creation of eight ministerial fiefdoms, thus ensuring that the reins of power all lead to the premier's office, but it is the opposite of decentralization.

Again, the recent asinine idea of taking \$50 a month from poor single mothers was touted as "encouragement". By such reasoning, to sleep half-starved

under a bridge is the pathway to prosperity.

I submit that most of us, whatever our politics, long to be represented by people who disdain image manipulation, who refuse to babble about being "taken out of context" when they make fools of themselves (by proposing, for instance, the abolition of the Pacific ocean fishery) and who, in short, don't insult our intelligence with duckspeak doublethink.

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But is it fair?

Premier's discomfort intensified by media

By HUBERT BEYER

VICTORIA — Welcome to Witch Hunt, the latest craze in British Columbia. Purpose of the game is to corner the premier and, if possible, bring him down.

The rules are simple. Anything goes, including low blows and shooting in the back. The game is to be played for its sheer excitement with no holes barred.

Organizers of the hunt are the media, in co-operation with the victim, who is possessed by a Freudian death wish. Sponsors include Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, its supporters, disgruntled former and current cabinet ministers and sundry folks with their own agendas.

There are few requirements to take part in the game. A capacity for *Schadenfreude* is one: that's a German word for which there is no English equivalent. Roughly translated it means taking a fiendish delight in someone else's misfortune. The ability to suppress urges of fair play is an asset.

That about describes what has been happening to Premier Vander Zalm these past few weeks. And if you think that's strange coming from a guy who has done his fair share of Sacred and Vander Zalm bashing, let me just say there's a difference between rational criticism, no matter how stinging, and persecution.

There is no way around the fact that Vander Zalm himself brought on much of the misfortune that has befallen him. His inability to compromise, his propensity for outspokenness, his political naivete and his conviction that the most complex problem has a simplistic solution somewhere, have made him lurch from one crisis to another.

In 18 months, the premier has given the opposition more fodder for its cannon than the two Bennetts did in their 30-year rule. He has systematically alienated just about every special interest group from trade unions to teachers, to doctors, to welfare mothers.

The opposition has exploited his weaknesses, as it should; the media have reported them, as they should; editorial writers and columnists have criticized and attacked the premier and his government, as they should ... until the Toigo affair came along.

With the revelation that the premier's principal secretary, David Poole, had intervened in the bidding process for the Expo land on behalf of Peter Toigo, a good personal friend of the Premier's, criticism of the premier began to turn into a witch hunt.

A dumb move was blown out of proportion. Editorial writers and columnists began to hint of conflicts of interest. Gloves-off politics and hard-hitting media coverage began to give way to hysteria. The media smelled blood and were beginning to believe they could bring down the government. Not just the opposition, which has

capital comment

hubert beyer

a legal right and, indeed, an obligation to defeat the government, but the media.

Columnists who, by and large, take a fair position on issues, had, in the words of a colleague, "new life breathed into them." One of them even had someone denying that Toigo "held the papers on Fantasy Gardens," which was supposed to have a cash-flow problem.

That's like having some unnamed source vehemently deny that Bill beats Lillian. Rumour and innuendo can work in the pursuit of someone's demise, I suppose. Others asked questions of Vander Zalm as if they were at an inquisition, not a press conference.

Vander Zalm's own benches have been no help to him. One day last week, when he was grilled in the legislature by the NDP's Bob Williams, the premier's responses failed to rouse his colleagues' support, which usually expunges itself in vigorous desk-thumping and loud "hear, hears". The Sacred MLAs sat silent, watching their leader's discomfort.

The opposition asked a number of carefully-crafted questions of Vander Zalm. Did he ever have a corporate link to Toigo? Does he have one now? The premier said no.

The following day, it was established that Zalm has shares in a company which operates a restaurant at Fantasy Gardens. The company belongs to Toigo. Is that a corporate link? Even if it isn't, Vander Zalm's earlier statement that he didn't have a corporate link to Toigo would seem to be plain dumb.

I suppose what bothers me most about all this is the exhilaration the premier's misfortunes, and speculation about the possibility of his fall, are causing among some media types.

I can understand the opposition's delight. I can even understand that some Sacred cabinet ministers and back-benchers would be happy to see their leader fall on his face. They're politicians, and not all of them have forgotten about their own ambitions.

To be contributed to Vander Zalm's political demise by means other than honest reporting and fair criticism, however, would not make me especially proud. And there's no doubt the media have been leading the chorus to discredit the premier, not just reporting it.

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NANCY LUNDY,
Ganges.

On record

Sir,
The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission would like to go on record as supporting the position of the ministry of forests and lands in denying entry to the ecological reserve on Mt. Tuam, Salt Spring Island, for the purpose of transporting logs.

PHIL HUME,
Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission.

Details

Sir,
It may interest your readers to know that the absolutely delicious clam chowder served by the friendly staff of B.C. Ferries comes in part from clams dug up from the beach in the immediate vicinity of the Crofton pulp mill.

This tidbit of information comes from our ongoing investigation into the state of pollution at Crofton. Crabs and shrimp are also badly polluted, by admission of the fishermen themselves, who, in spite of this, sell them on the Vancouver market. Waterfront property owners are upset over the extent of beach pollution, and up in arms about the planned sawmill for the waterfront — which, of course, will also increase the pentachlorophenol contamination of the surrounding land and sea, something that is already enhanced by the absence of tidal scour around the mill due to the causeway linking the mill site with part of the Shoal Islands, which has created pockets of relatively

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dead water in the area. This water has also accumulated a fair amount of wood waste from the log-sorting operation, some of which is sometimes simply pushed into the ocean.

The ad hoc Crofton group will meet again on Sunday, May 8, 1988, at 3 pm. at the Anglican Church in downtown Crofton, by which time more details will be forthcoming. Everyone is welcome.

DIETRICH LUTH,
Ganges.

Constructive

Sir,
Some of the members of the local Trail and Nature Club were recently hiking on Mt. Prevost near Duncan. We were saddened to see so many tracts of clear-cut logging with the usual resultant mess desecrating the beautiful mountainsides.

However, to counteract this action by their adult, a sign advised us that the reforestation of the near by area (which was plainly visible) had been done by the 1985 graduation class of a Cowichan District School.

Definitely a more difficult task than the usual spray-painting, and what a constructive and lasting memorial to their school days. Our congratulations went to them.
N. RAY,
Ganges.

Myths

Sir,
The use and appreciation of wines has always been overhung by myths, affectations and snobbery and this has inhibited the understanding of wine. Ordinary people have been assailed with so much misinformation that they accept what they are told rather than accept what their own taste buds tell them.

A "good" wine is any wine that you personally like. Just as there is an infinite variety of music, we each have our own preference, and choose accordingly. What is good for one ear may not be good for another, and it is the same with wine — what pleases one palate may not please another.

It is my considered opinion, after many years in association with the Canadian wine industry, that we have nothing to fear from free trade, and that increased sales of Canadian wine will result.

Not all wine buyers are bargain seekers, and most are discriminating enough to be influenced by their palates rather than their purses. As free trade will enable Canadian wines to circulate more

freely outside of our borders, wine buyers not now familiar with Canadian wines, and more particularly those produced in our own beautiful British Columbia, will discover them, and our industry will not weaken, but grow stronger.

BEVIS WALTERS,
Ganges.

Say what?

Sir,
It could be that I missed something somewhere along the line, but I seem to recall that the idea of a service station across the road from the school was nixed, amid great noise. Now I see one is being built by a different outfit. How is it that one is disallowed and another is allowed?

D. W. EVANISHEN,
Ganges.

Outpouring

Sir,
To all the families hosting the Auckland Youth Orchestra, thank you. Your outpouring of warmth has been wonderful.

There are still a few students out of the 78 who still need accommodation for their stay on Salt Spring on May 17 and 18, and transportation to the early morning Long Harbour ferry on May 19.

To the families with whom I have made arrangements, there is a change. I will have a meeting at 3:30 pm. on May 17, in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School, for hosts and billets. If you can accommodate the students for the evening meal and return for the concert, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please phone me at 537-2707 if you have any questions.
MARGIE KORRISON,
Vesuvius Bay.

Miffed

Sir,
Mr. Murray Cyprus is understandably miffed at being unable to drag his logs across the ecological reserve on Mt. Tuam, a natural area created by the provincial legislature for research and recreation, as the Act puts it. Any such disturbance as Cyprus would create is not allowed.

there is a rumour that the government is thinking of ignoring the Act and permitting invasions of the reserve by predatory interests, but apparently Mr. Cyprus did not use the right

approach or he offended the muckamucks in some way.

The thought of what might happen to the reserve worries me because while I own two-thirds of an acre of nice land on the sea, I do not own the mineral rights. It seems that the minerals rights on my property and my neighbours' were pre-empted before I bought the land. I'm not sure what this might mean, but presumably if the owner of the rights drills close to my property and finds oil he has the right to exploit it.

Does he have the right to come

on the property and drill for oil, or dig for gold if it is known there is any? I have visions that a digging machine or a drilling rig — miniature, of course — might show up on my bank and I could not stop it. It would be a nightmare.

Strange country, Canada. A park like Strathcona, the oldest in the province has its boundaries changed because some outfit wants to get the gold out of it, and the people who own the park — all of us — must fight to stop it, get arrested and perhaps go to jail. All because they fought to save what is the public's property, not the property of the politicians who play these games for favourites.
ANTHONY NETBOY,
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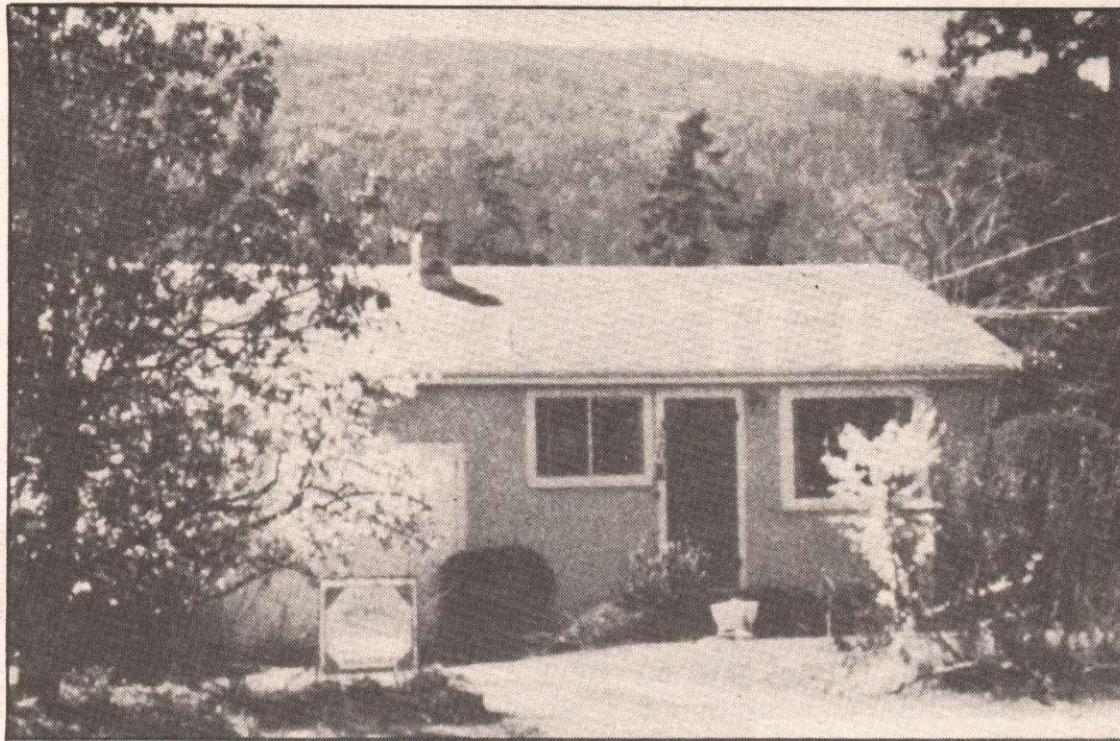
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Remain as is

Sir,

As an outcome of the leading article in a recent issue of *Driftwood*, dealing with the question whether Sea Capers would be better if it is bigger, a number of telephone calls have been received by Gary Greico, commodore of Sea Capers.

These calls indicate the general belief is that this annual celebration should remain as it is, and no special effort should be made to attract off-Island visitors.

Amongst letters received is one from Charles P. Sutcliffe of Trincomali Heights.

Mr. Sutcliffe was commodore of Sea Capers for four consecutive years, and expresses the following opinion:

"I note that the question of enlarging Sea Capers has been raised (again), of making the event one for a wider field. You will no doubt recollect that during the first three years we advertised off-island, and wrote to all sorts of organizations in an effort to attract

outsiders. We had bathtub races, etc., and went so far as to provide camping grounds, toilets, car parks, etc., for the expected hordes, which never materialized. The bathtubbers were more nuisance than they were worth, and caused us headaches.

"My recommendation is that you stick to providing a good time for islanders and their friends. We do not need the problems large numbers of visitors seem to produce in this enlightened age."

BEVIS WALTERS,
Ganges.

Explosive

Sir,

The most recent bulletin from the Nanoose Conversion Campaign brings news of the recent visit of the aircraft carrier *Nimitz* to the Nanoose test range. This U.S. ship carries aircraft equipped with nuclear Tomahawk missiles; the total explosive force of the ship being equal to 2,400 Hiroshimas. Just thought you'd like to know!

HENRY SCHUBART JR.,
Ganges.

First event

Sir,

The first concert of the newly formed Pacific Choral group, under the musical direction of Bruce Ruddell, will take place Friday, May 20 at 8 pm in Mahon Hall.

The evening will be shared with a performance by talented pianist, Chris Kodaly. The musical repertoire is varied enough for the whole family to enjoy.

The choral group consists of approximately 35 Salt Spring residents.

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The concert is sponsored by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

MARGIE KORRISON,
Vesuvius Bay.

Thank you

Sir,

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The predominant aspects of this problem had already emerged in the nineteenth century when Baha'u'llah first advanced his proposals for the establishment of world peace. The principle of collective security was propounded by him in statements addressed to the rulers of the world. Shoghi Effendi commented on his meaning: "What else could these weighty words signify," he wrote, "if they did not point to the inevitable curtailment of unfettered national sovereignty as an indispensable preliminary to the formation of the future Commonwealth of all the nations of the world? Some form of a world superstate must needs be evolved, in whose favour all the nations of the world will have willingly ceded every claim to make war, certain rights to impose taxation and all rights to maintain armaments, except for purposes of maintaining internal order within their respective dominions. Such a state will have to include within its orbit an International Executive adequate to enforce supreme and unchallengeable authority on every recalcitrant member of the commonwealth; a World Parliament whose members shall be elected by the people in their respective countries and whose election shall be confirmed by their respective governments; and a Supreme Tribunal whose judgment will have a binding effect even in such cases where the parties concerned did not voluntarily agree to submit their case to its consideration.

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Nomination

Sir,
The Saanich-Gulf Islands Progressive Conservative Association will soon hold a nominating meeting to elect a candidate to represent the new federal riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands in the next federal election. The meeting will be on Sunday, May 15, 1988 at 3:30 pm at Claremont School, 4980 Wesley Road in Saanich.

Pat Carney will be the guest speaker.

To date, only MP Pat Crofton has declared himself to be a candidate. Since Pat's record in Parliament has received wide acclaim from constituents in his present riding of Esquimalt-Saanich, and since he is a native Salt Spring Islander, it is hoped he will receive strong support at this meeting from those of us in the new riding.

Finally, I wish to bring to the attention of your readers that the Salt Spring Island Progressive Conservative Association will be holding its annual general meeting at the Harbour House Hotel on May 14, 1988, beginning at 9 am. A breakfast buffet will be served at a cost of \$7 per person. Reservations may be made by calling the Harbour House Hotel dining room at 537-5571.

Pat Crofton will be guest speaker.

The association's executive invites all interested persons to attend, whether they are PC members or not.

CLAIR NUTTING,
Secretary, SSI PC Association.

Tourism?

Sir,
In my 17 years on Salt Spring I always felt that if I needed the advantages of the city — such as more places to play music or more musicians to choose from — I should go there, either on a full or part time basis. Funny, it never dawned on me to bring the city here.

Was I equally short-sighted in treating May Day as a celebration of Island community rather than one of tourism? May Day silently gave way to the name Sea Capers,

and its committee now contemplates a new attitude of inviting strangers to our birthday party.

Very soon, if not already, we'll risk being stranded off-island if we travel before the festivities.

Then one day, we'll have the party but the guest of honour, the island-community spirit, will be missing.

Tourism means land buyers falling in love with the Island and what's left of its peacefulness. You've seen them on Saturdays — maps in hand, noses pressed against real estate office windows. Couldn't we take it slowly leaving time, like in a courtship, to adjust?

It seems to me the realtors on the Sea Capers committee still have a conscience or they wouldn't ask for our feedback.

Thursday, at 1 pm. I cruised through the credit union and Trading Company parking lots and found one space near McPhillips. I keep wondering if I missed hearing about a national holiday or festival that could account for the traffic. No such luck. The rush is on.

In the words of Al Stewart:
*In the Islands where I grew up
Nothing seems the same
Though you never see the change
From day to day
No one notices the customs slip away.*

T. GRAHAM,
Salt Spring.

Great day

Sir,
The kind of thing for which we moved to Salt Spring happened on a recent Sunday at a Fernwood playground work party. We spent a great day putting in a boat, painting some sidewalk games, gardening and building some benches.

Thanks to Gord McEwan at Windsor Plywood, who helped with materials; Russ Lazaruk, who donated the boat; Ross Walker, who moved it; and Ed Bettis, who dug the hole for it. Also, thanks to all the special people who joined in the spade work and camaraderie. It was a great day!

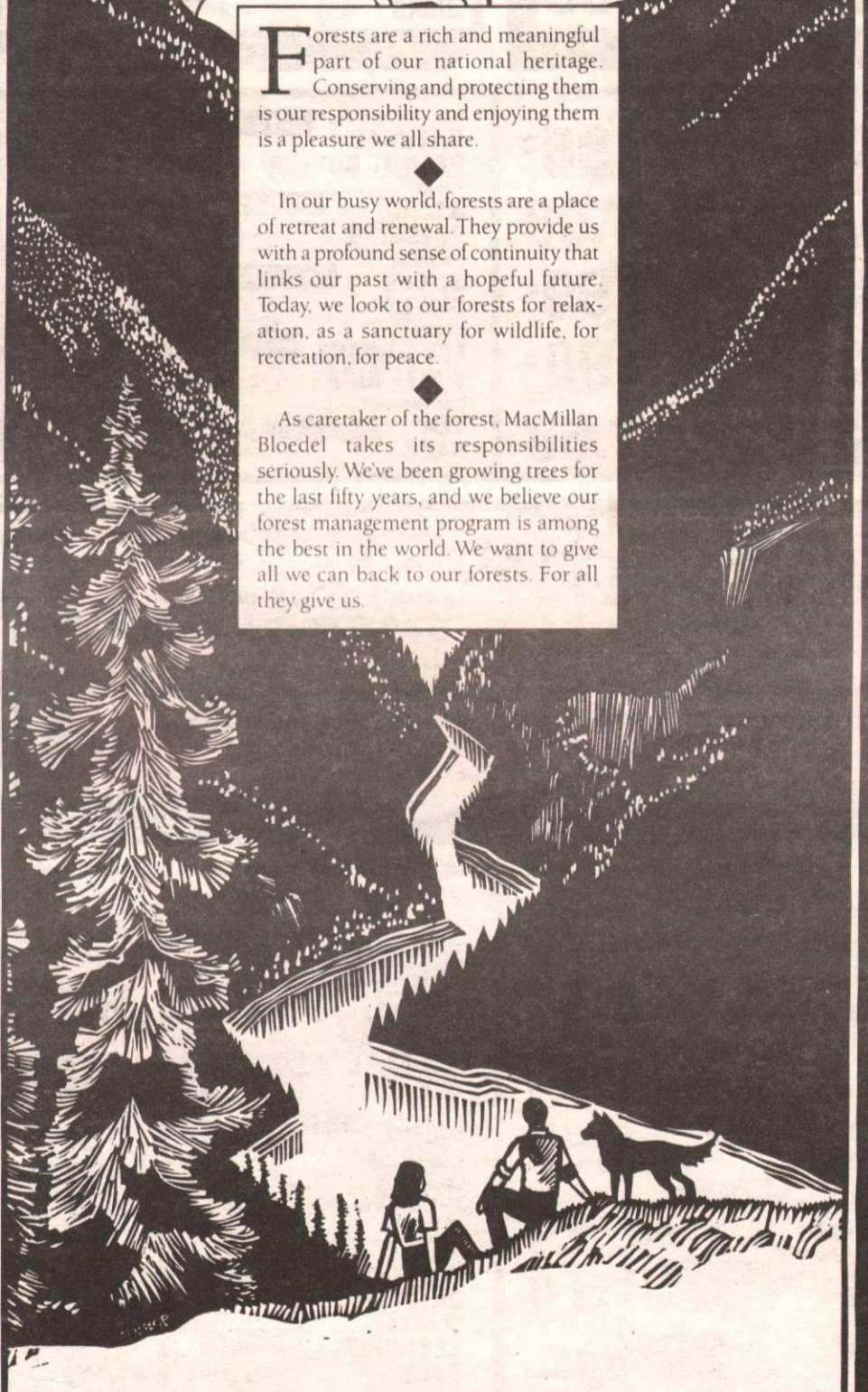
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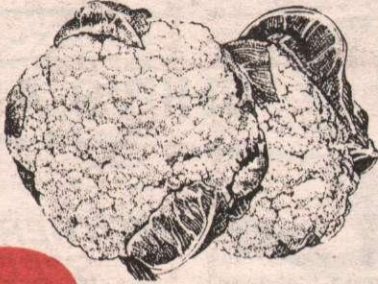
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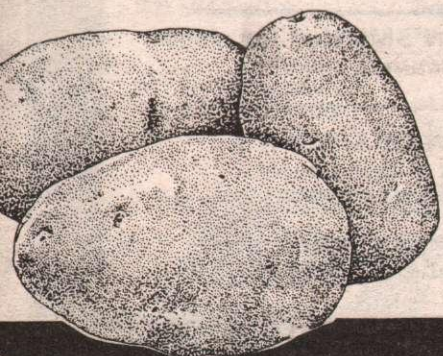
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By GARY CHERNEFF

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We got books for your mind, and movies for your vision and maybe exposition with a game show on the block and Mike and Arvid there to talk.

Well, you say, what's this all

artseen

about? I got to tell you friend, no doubt, that when all is said and done we just got to have some fun on the 14th of the month at the benefit auction, bring no lunch.

The admission, she is free, at Off-Centre at 7:30. Well this rap, once she's started is loath to be departed. I ain't got more time to spend so brother, sister, this is the end. Be there at Off Centre Stage, May 14 at 7:30 for a goods and services auction to benefit O.C.S.'s further contribution to our cultural lives.

A couple of weeks ago I received a letter about my recent column on whale watching. It was generally supportive. However, the author did take exception to my tone regarding land developers. They are, of course, chopping up the back lots of the picturesque fishing villages of Bamfield into bite-sized pieces. His claim was that developers merely respond to

existing demand; just passive players who supply what the "public" wants.

What he fails to see is that while some people will gladly pay for a chunk of land, Bamfield has become a less desirable place for me to go on holidays.

The developer has manipulated demand to his advantage. He has made arbitrary adjustments in priorities for the use of the land, without me having a word to say about it.

If there was ever an argument for strong local government, it lies right here. By attracting the landscape, he is attracting new people and repelling others who value the lifestyle and the way it was. Something is lost and something is gained. Things do change; they have to change. But change has to occur with a sensitive respect for the integrity of what has gone before.

One developer's view of progress is not necessarily shared by his neighbour. Still, in unorganized territory, property rights and the doctrine of free enterprise allow

these people to change our lives, occasionally with traumatic effects.

When Mac-Blo clearcuts a mountainside, I want them to be responsible for the effects. When a mine closes in Strathcona Park somebody must be responsible for the damage done by the next 30 to 50 years of pollutants leaching into the lake. Those costs will otherwise

be borne by future generations who have no say in the decision-making. That is not only contrary to the current user pay policy of the Zalm, but is also patently undemocratic. If change is to occur there must be criticism, dialogue and in some cases, a damned good fight. Let's hear no more about passive players; there is no such animal.

Workshop arranged

Exploratory workshops for the Greek tragedy *Oedipus Rex* will be held on Mayne and Pender islands in May.

The workshops are set for May 14 on Mayne Island, and from May 27 to 29 on Pender.

The purpose of the workshops is to explore the director's and producer's ideas about voice, movement, sound and music, and staging. The play will be performed later this summer at the Vancouver and Victoria fringe festivals.

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For information and registration, call Grace-Warrick at 629-6528, or Leigh Milne at 629-3422.

Staging of Wilde classic ready for opening night

Attending the recent dress rehearsal of *The Importance of Being Earnest* (to be staged in Mahon Hall, May 4 to 8) was a small audience made up mostly of the peripheral non-cast helpers and their spouses.

The benefit is mutual — they get to see the production, and by being bounced off them it can be fine-tuned.

The set, the lights, the costumes and the performances were as it will be tonight (Wednesday). Wilde's characters are as fresh as ever, and the cast knows how to extract the most out of the dialogue. The young people — Jack, Algernon, Cecily and Gwendolyn — are attractive and witty, and the older ones — Lady Bracknell, Miss Prism, Rev. Chasuble and the butler(s) — are imperious, pontifical, dignified and outrageously funny.

So much laughter coming from a preview audience suggests a very successful run.

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Sally Robinson shows some of her works in show at Orcas Gallery

Salt Spring Island painter's canvasses on display at gallery

A show of works by Salt Spring Island painter Sally Robinson opened last week at Orcas Gallery in Ganges and continues until May 14.

The show includes 24 paintings in oils and acrylics, mainly of island scenes. Robinson, a 10-year resident of Salt Spring, completed the canvases in 1988.

Born in Maple Ridge, B.C., Robinson later studied pottery and jewelry-making in Ottawa. In the 1970s, her interest in the arts led her to seek instruction in

etching, woodcuts and Japanese brush drawing.

Moving to Salt Spring in 1978, Robinson joined the Painters Guild and began working in watercolours. A few years later she expanded into oils, then to acrylics.

A member of the Federation of Canadian Artists since 1980, the Salt Spring painter has been involved with its seminars held each year on the island. The seminars have offered guidance

by the likes of Harry Hiene, Allan Wylie and Robert Genn.

From 1983 to 1986, Robinson attended the Salt Spring School of Art, under the direction of Allan Edwards.

The Salt Spring Island Painters Guild, meanwhile, has scheduled a show of works by its members for the May long weekend. The show, to be held in the Salt Spring Gallery above the post office in Ganges, will run from May 21 to May 23.

Works by children

Beaver Point art exhibition slated

Beaver Point will present its second annual exhibition of art by children in late May.

Sponsored by the Beaver Point Community Hall committee, the exhibition will be staged May 27, 28 and 29. Times are from 7 pm to 9 pm on May 27, and from noon to 5 pm on May 28 and 29. Refreshments will be served.

Organizers will accept submissions for the exhibition on Wednesday, May 25, between 6 pm and 9 pm.

Entrants are reminded that they are permitted to submit a maximum of three works each, and given a guarantee that at

least one of their submissions will be displayed in the show.

All submissions must carry the artist's name and age.

The show will accept all artwork done by persons between

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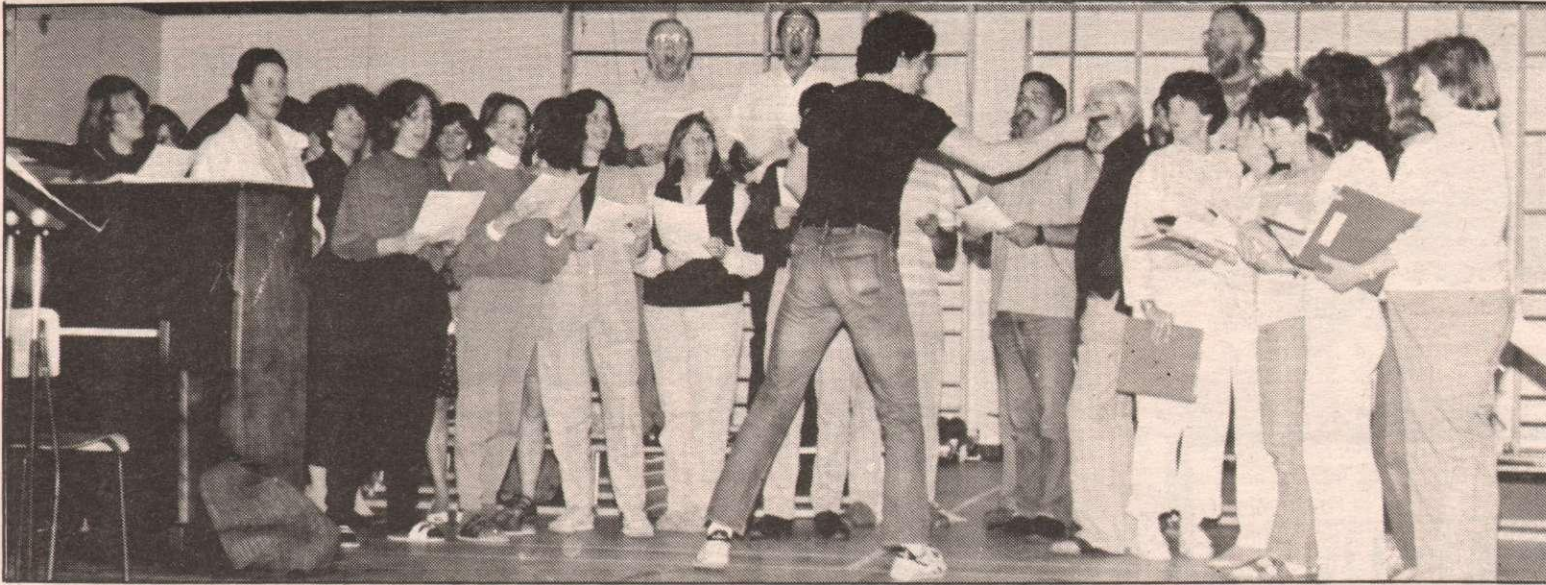
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Choir director Bruce Ruddell brings in the bass section as newly-formed Salt Spring choir *Tuned Air* holds a weekly practice at the Fernwood school gymnasium. The more than 35 members in the choir are preparing to share the stage with Chris Kodaly later this month.

Will appear with pianist

Newly-formed island choral group arranges to deliver first program

A newly-formed Salt Spring Island community choir will present a cross-section of musical numbers at a concert scheduled for May 20.

The concert, to be presented at Mahon Hall, will share the stage with well-known local pianist Chris Kodaly.

Pacific Choral originated last December when a group of Fernwood parents decided to participate, along with the students, in Fernwood School's Christmas concert.

"We had a great time," says local composer and choir director Bruce Ruddell. "Word spread, and I was asked to continue with it."

The group has since changed

its name to *Tuned Air*; however, tickets for the May 20 concert refer to the former name.

Today's choir has between 35 and 40 members, and is not limited to original singers or Fernwood-area residents. The group includes singers ranging in skill level from the novice to the experienced, and has a healthy balance between the number of men and women.

"It's a good sound," Ruddell says.

While *Tuned Air* is not looking to recruit new members at present, Ruddell says new singers will be welcome in September.

The choir's May concert will not focus around a particular theme, but include a variety of

different musical sounds. Included in the program will be selections ranging from a Newfoundland folk song to an excerpt from a mass written by Ruddell.

Selections from both *Tuned Air* and Kodaly will provide a good representation of contemporary Canadian composers. The music will be serious — Kodaly has chosen pieces from Brahms and Sciabin — and light (the choir will present songs by the Beatles, and a barber shop tune).

"Through the diversity (of music)," Kodaly says, "the contemporary pieces will have a connection."

Cost of the evening will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and students.

Evening of original music, poetry to benefit challenge by candidate

An evening of original poetry and music will be presented May 5 at Off Centre Stage in support of a Victoria poetess and her bid for parliament.

Elizabeth Woods, a professional writer with two novels and two books of poetry to her credit, is seeking the NDP nomination in the new federal riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands. Other hopefuls are Salt Spring teacher Irene Wright, Victoria-based OXFAM-Canada co-ordinator Lynn Hunter, and Salt Spring lawyer Jack Woodward.

Woods has based her campaign on her belief that the arts have a central role to play in transforming society and the economy.

"For the artist," she said, "the bottom line is not profit per se but

being able to earn one's livelihood doing work one loves. This attitude can help us find better ways of doing things — ways which are less destructive of (and more in tune with the natural world."

Organizers say the Off Centre Stage event is meant to support the Woods bid for the NDP nomination, and to showcase local

writing and musical talent.

Featured performers will include Woods, local recording artist Susan Cogan, Duncan poet and songwriter Bruce Ray, the Starfire New Music Ensemble, Terra and others. Admission is by donation.

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Science fiction compilation

Intensity of jargon a cheap writing stunt

Tesseract 2, Edited by Phyllis Gotlieb and Douglas Barbour, Porcepic Books, 304 pp., \$9.95 paper.

By PEGGY WHITTAKER

There are times in the life of a journalist when it would be highly imprudent not to admit the presence of a strong bias in one's work. This is such a time. Everybody ready? Here it goes.

Science fiction makes my cringe. It makes me sneer. It conjures images in my head of over-earnest, pasty-faced computer geeks wearing brown cords, white sweat socks and brown hush puppies.

Further, I unashamedly fell asleep in the one *Star Trek* (or was it *Star Wars*?) movie that I was dragged to.

Highly inflammatory words, to be sure. But this is a true confession dredged from the darkest realms of your reviewer's soul.

On a rational level, of course, I realize that my disdain is quite possibly an over-compensation for a scientific inferiority complex. My brain, somewhat limited in this regard, could never hope to understand the complex creative outlet called science fiction, which is enjoyed by computer geeks — not me. I meant people — and their ilk.

Suffice it to say that I approached *Tesseract 2* with some trepidation.

This release from Porcepic Books in Victoria is a compilation of 22 sci-fi short stories written by Canadian authors from east to west. Although parts of it confirmed my worst fears, I must say I did have some pleasant surprises.

Some stories sacrifice good characterization, plot and the other basic elements of a good read for what I felt was an overabundance of nouveau, convoluted technical terms and names that leave the reader completely in the dark as to their meaning until the bitter end of the story, when (usually) all is revealed, more or less satisfactorily.

I found myself plodding along through jargon-infested monologues, resentful that the author was using these strange terms knowing that I wouldn't understand them, but confident that I would be so curious as to their eventual meaning that I would follow the story through to the end. A cheap trick to use to hook a reader, I say. Consider my feelings, and imagine your own, upon being presented with the following passage:

book review

"Vargs, also, we record from his byblos, are an intervention he perhaps regrets. Ueful, perhaps, in Krath I, when the number of changs seemed under his control and he had dreams of speeding up their tinga. The vargs now appear out of control, ally themselves with the consolations and seem more destructive of tinga than supportive. Indeed, as the changs have discovered rudimentary chemo-force regulations while knowing nothing of Cathing let alone Kyndix, their ability (and desire) to close themselves down is quite surprising in creatures so tiny and primitive. In large vargs, millions of changs close one another down. The genetrack seems more or less frozen ..."

I mean to say, really. On the plus side, I did enjoy the majority of the stories. These were the ones that incorporated realistic

human emotions and situations into the other-world, other-time settings created by the authors. I found that when there was a good balance of characterization and scientific conjecture, I could appreciate the latter for what it was and enjoy its mind-stretching challenges.

Margaret Atwood fans will immediately turn to her contribution, *Freeforall*, which has definite shades of her best-selling *The Handmaid's Tale*. Society's collective fear of a nuclear holocaust is reflected in several of the stories, which are set just before, shortly after, or at the time the button is finally pushed. If you ever needed motivation to join the peace movement, you've just found it.

Specific recommendations include *Ashland, Kentucky*, a time-warped quest in which a man searches for a long-lost uncle, driven by 50-year-old letters delivered mysteriously by the post office; *A Little Thing*, one man's desperate attempt to share a meaningful memory with his emotionally estranged wife in an

automated restaurant on the eve of the apocalypse; and *Happy Birthday, Universe!*, in which you will be astonished to find yourself becoming attached to the spiteful Bird-Rat who eventually brings about the destruction of Miss Jane and the space colony.

On the whole, I thought the book was definitely worthwhile. And if you are the type who knows how television works or have otherwise ventured into the world of high technology (even if you don't wear brown hush puppies), I recommend it without reservation.

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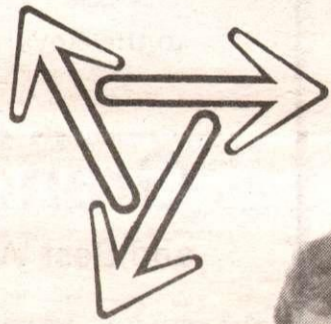
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Dugout project funded

Members of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission have decided 700 people cannot be ignored. That's the number of islanders intending to play baseball this year.

Commission members authorized the spending of a maximum of \$3,500 for dugouts in Portlock and Fulford Parks. Of that, \$1,000 will come via the Capital Regional District (CRD) in the form of a special grant. The remaining funds will come from "somewhere" in the commission's budget.

The commission has also agreed to provide the materials for the projects, while local ball players will provide the labour.

According to Rob Dunn, chairman of the commission's fields committee, dugouts for Portlock Park are a certainty. The facilities will have chain-link sidings to discourage vandalism.

Of the two ball parks at the Fulford field, one already has dug-outs. An addition to the second area would be similar to those in field one.

A new safety feature is in place at Centennial Park, and another will soon be installed.

Parks and Recreation Commission members felt the combined activity of children and cars in the shared Gasoline Alley-Centennial Park parking lot necessitated a new crosswalk.

The crosswalk will usher pedestrians between the park and stores, assuring greater awareness by drivers.

A further safety measure will prevent individuals from falling through railings on the boardwalk. The commission will install wiring to prevent any such accident from occurring.

A combined effort of the Salt Spring Island Soccer Association and Parks and Recreation Commission means Portlock Park should have greener fields for less money.

The Soccer Association footed the bill for the drilling of a well, and the commission must find funds to complete the well.

Drillers did not hit clear water until 300 feet: water pressure at that stage was three gallons per minute. At 350 feet, water pressure had not changed; however, a further 20 feet proved adequate. At that depth, one gallon of water can be obtained every nine seconds.

The commission budgets \$1,000 every year to pay for watering of Portlock Park.



Top of World

Salt Spring Elementary School students Esther Kempling (left) and Christina Walde take a break from classroom academics to take a turn on the school's playground equipment.

Commission to assume jurisdiction over park

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission agreed last week to obtain jurisdiction, through the Capital Regional District (CRD), over Peter Arnell Park.

The park, which the commission has maintained for a number of years, is under the legal authority of the provincial ministry of forests and lands.

The question of jurisdiction arose two months ago when a company logging an adjacent parcel owned by local developer Murray Cyprus encroached on park property. A subsequent search for the title to the land proved the CRD had never received jurisdiction over the park.

The ministry of forests and lands has offered the CRD — and the local Parks and Recreation Commission — a legal transfer of the title to the park.

The transfer would most likely be a formality and no costs would be involved, the commission learned.

A letter from the CRD also informed the commission that, in the interim, any application received by the ministry regarding use of the park for a logging access road will be sent to the commission for comment.

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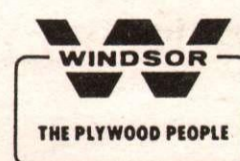
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Parent group formulates plans to acquire new playground set

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has given its blessing to a group lobbying for new playground equipment in Centennial Park — as long as the Parents for Playgrounds group takes on responsibility for fund-raising.

Speaking for the group, Debbie Magnusson and Sheila Sayer told last week's meeting of the commission that replacement of Centennial Park playground equipment could cost up to \$2,000.

They also said the approximately 10 members of Parents for Playgrounds have a number of fund-raising ideas in mind. The group has already received \$520 from the local NDP club, which made the presentation at last week's recreation commission meeting.

In an address to commission members, Magnusson said plans for revitalizing the playground have been underway for four years. The Lions Club, which originally donated the equipment about 30 years ago, has offered to relocate the present facilities, opening up the area for new equipment.

The 10 individuals who met at the Parents for Playgrounds meeting represented a cross-section of island residents, Magnusson said, but expressed similar concerns. The group described the present park facility as outdated, unsafe, and inaccessible to a variety of age groups.

A rule of thumb involving pre-schoolers, Magnusson said, suggests youngsters should be able to use the equipment on their own if it is suitable for them. There is nothing at Centennial Park, she noted, which one- and two-year-olds can use.

A new facility could be designed to accommodate pre-

schoolers, as well as provide challenges for older children, she added.

The group says its members include individuals qualified to design a facility specifically for Centennial Park. This, Magnusson said, would cut costs of depending on a catalogue variety. The use of local volunteers and donated materials might also lower costs.

Parents for Playgrounds intends to "tap new resources" for its fund-raising drive, by planning events geared towards chil-

dren. The group asked for the "philosophical support" of the Parks and Recreation Commission: a recognition that Centennial Park needs new play equipment.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring Island's director to the Capital Regional District (CRD), thanked the representatives for a "thoughtful" presentation.

The commission felt a new playground facility would cover roughly the same area as the present one.

Legion branch ready for official hall opening

The official opening of the newly-constructed hall for Branch 92 of the Royal Canadian Legion will be staged this Saturday, complete with a colour parade and ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Between 30 and 40 people are expected to march in the parade, accompanied by bands from Duncan and Ladysmith. The parade will form at the government building at 1:40 pm on Saturday and depart for the Legion's new Blain Road building at 1:45 pm.

A number of visiting dignitaries will attend the opening ceremonies, scheduled for 2 pm. The branch chaplain, Reverend McEachern, will perform a dedication of the building, and Royal Canadian Legion Pacific Command president Derek Eyles will cut the ribbon.

The opening day festivities will then move into the hall for a reception, followed by an evening of entertainment and dancing.

Organizers expect between 300 and 400 people to attend the day's events.

Construction to the \$400,000 building, which began late September, was completed about one month ago. The Legion moved out of its Hereford Road location over the April 1 weekend. Some interior work is still underway and development of a park located between the Legion building and the nearby bowling alley will begin later this year.

The two-level structure contains approximately 7,000 square feet. The downstairs hall can accommodate 200 people and is quickly being booked ahead for receptions and other functions.

Statistics show the local Legion branch, with some 650 members, is one of the fastest-growing in Canada.

New fiction, non-fiction now available at library

A fresh shipment of fiction and non-fiction books has arrived at the Salt Spring Island public library on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges. The list of new books includes:

- NON-FICTION — *Vita's Other World*, by Jane Brown; *Canada Year Book*; *Cruising Beyond Desolation Sound* (Revised Edition), by John Chappell; *In the Wake of the War Canoe*, by Wm. H. Collison; *The Nature Diary of a Quiet Pedestrian*, by Philip Croft; *Solve Your Child's Sleep Problems*, by Richard Ferber; *The Calcium Connection*, by Drs. C. and F. Garland; *A Time to Dance, No Time to Weep*, by Rumer Godden; *Woody: A Fighter Pilot's Album*, by Hugh Halliday;

Upcoast Summer, by Beth Hill; *Preparing Your Income Tax Return* (1988 Edition); *The Profligate Duke*, by Mary Soames; *The Story of English*; and *Acting is a Family Affair*, by Wendy Thompson.

- FICTION — *Treasure*, by Clive Cussler; *The Infant of Prague*, by Bill Granger; *The Icarus Agenda*, by Robert Ludlum; *Inheritance*, by Judith Michael; *Spirit of the Hills*, by Dan O'Brien; *Under the House*, by Leslie Pinder; *Ringtail*, by Patricia Sillers; *Yashimoto's Last Dive*, by Anthony Trew; *The Frightened Wife*, by Miles Tripp; *S*, by John Updike; *Feather on the Moon*, by Phyllis Whitney; and *In the Shadow of the Peacock*, by Yearwood.



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Tempermental Peruvian lily challenges gardener's skill

By CHRIS SCHMAH

For all of the palaver, last week's article was background preparation for the serious job of growing and caring for these fickle Peruvian lilies.

The first consideration is choosing the appropriate spot or site in your garden. For much of the year (eight to nine months) Alstroemerias are either invisible or unsightly, so you should avoid central, focal locations and favour marginal or background sites. They should get as much sun as you should be able to provide and the soil should be deep.

As was said last week, the tuberous roots of Alstroemerias like to settle and develop at depths of from 18 to 24 inches, so it's only reasonable that you should be able to provide 30 inches or more of soil depth.

While texture isn't too critical, a fairly rich sandy loam is best, and, most importantly, the soil should have good drainage. Soil that drains poorly or has standing water in winter will most likely lead to the development of root rots.

When you prepare the soil for planting, add in some rock phosphat or bonemeal, as you won't be digging for a decade or more. While the soil

your garden

should be deep, you don't need to prepare it to more than a foot or so down, as the roots will relocate themselves to the depth they choose.

If you are starting with young, potted plants, don't divide them, just plant them out at the same depth as they have been grown.

If you are fortunate enough to be at the dividing stage, wait for the dormant period before you dig them up. The rhizomes will have dried out somewhat, but the tubers which develop along with the roots at the nodes will still be fairly fleshy and brittle, so cut the root mass apart carefully, cutting between the nodes, and then planting them out immediately. You can incorporate some compost or well-rotted manure at this time, and don't forget the bonemeal. Water it in well once, just after planting, to settle the soil around the roots but don't water any more for the rest of the season.

During the dormant season, Alstroemeria like to dry off, so after blooming is under way, cease watering. This desire for a dry spell makes them ideal for growing in the Gulf Islands.

For feeding, Alstroemeria Ligtu prefers to get an annual fertilizing in late winter, just before growth starts to show. Use a granular, balanced fertilizer, and for added benefit topdress with some compost or rotted manure.

With regards to winter hardiness, our climate is marginal, so some winter protection is advisable. Mulching with straw, mulch or sawdust will ensure their survival.

If you feel lucky, or consider yourself to be a good gardener, you may want to try starting them from seed. For best results try to get fresh seed and soak it for a couple of days before sowing out directly into the spot it is to be grown.

Germination is sporadic and unpredictable, sometimes taking just a few weeks, and other times taking a year or more. By leaving them out over a cool, mild winter (or storing them in your fridge for a couple of months), you may trigger them into sprouting.

However you choose to get Alstroemeria into your garden, once you have them, the pleasure will be long-lasting and divine. As cut flowers they last for several weeks, and out in the garden they give a rich, vibrant show without much maintenance effort.

Building activity up on Salt Spring

Compared to 1987, construction activity is surging on Salt Spring Island through the first months of 1988, but is lagging on the Outer Islands. Those indications are found in statistics released recently by the Capital Regional District (CRD) building permits office.

The office notes that it issued 31 permits on Salt Spring in March, 1988, bringing the year-to-date total to 107 permits. The total value of work undertaken was \$587,380 in March, and \$3.634 million in the year to date.

By comparison, last March saw the office issue more permits on Salt Spring — up 10, to 41 — but at \$545,210 the value of the work was worth about \$40,000 less than this March's total.

Over the first three months of

1987, the office issued 93 permits (14 less than in 1988) for work worth \$1.33 million — or about 37 per cent of the value of work underway to date in 1988.

Meanwhile, the building trend is reversed on the Outer Islands, where current totals fall short of those recorded in 1987.

In March, 1988, the building permits office issued 30 permits for Outer Islands work worth \$341,988. A year earlier, the totals were 34 permits and work valued at \$607,176.

Year-to-date figures list 64 permits issued on the Outer Islands in 1988 for work worth \$762,554. In 1987, totals to the end of March included 85 permits and work valued at \$1.049 million.

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Local golfers post leading scores in competition against rival clubs

By ANN LOUISE McALLISTER

On April 26, ladies playing 18 holes held a half-and-half competition. Receiving top score of 50 was Tash Hewitt, with Mona Coulter the runner-up at 51.5. The putt pot was won by Ada Woodley with 30.

Salt Spring ladies played a best-ball match with Uplands Golf Club and came out ahead by 12 points. The return match will be on May 10 at Uplands.

The return match played April 28 at Mount Brenton was dominated by the Salt Spring Island ladies, who won by a score of 153 and 135.

The first button match of the season was played with Marg Cade and Marie Hopkins as partners. They went 21 holes at Metchosin Golf Club and, unfortunately, narrowly lost the match.

On April 27 the ladies playing nine holes recognized Jill Wheaton as winner of the hidden hole. Low net winner was Vi Austin. Most honest golfer was Shirley Vida and the putt pot was split three ways, with Flo McLeod, Dorothy

Crofton and Thelma Carrie coming out the winners.

On April 28 the men played the second round of the ringer and best ball. Low net at 69 were Keith Lavender, Jack Gold and Mac Mouat. Next at 70 was Walter Turnbull, followed by Henry Jefferies at 71 and Alex McCauley at 72. Registering 73s were Fred Broadbent, Bob McKay, Bob Marshall, M. K. Mouat and Glenn Hewitson.

Nineteen players travelled to Mount Brenton on April 27 to play their return match. Salt Spring Island lost by 51 points on the day but won the two-day event by 58 points. Nester Wilkie was our low man at 65, followed by Bill Kernahan and Keith Lavender at 66. Bob Marshall and Aldo Badesso had 67s, with Jack Dosco in at 68. Walter Turnbull and Herb Monro had 69s.

Dressage instruction set

Dressage instructor Lynda Howard will be returning to Salt Spring to continue giving two day instructional clinics throughout the summer months.

Howard, who was incorrectly identified as Lynda Hunter in last week's *Driftwood*, has had extensive training in her field. She spent several years alongside Ann Thyshorst in Georgia, and trained with Mr. Kinedorf in Germany.

Howard is presently a resident instructor at Southlands riding club in Vancouver, where she has been teaching for five years. Also involved in competition, Howard is preparing for mainland events in dressage, eventing and hunter classes.

Howard's next Salt Spring clinic will held May 14 and 15. Further information can be obtained from Jacqoi Knopp at 537-5979.

Limited-entry hunt deadlines set by provincial government

Hunters interested in participating in limited-entry hunts should submit their applications to the provincial government by June 15.

The provincial ministry of environment and parks, which administers the limited-entry hunt program, recently released details about regulations. It also said Government Agent offices would, by mid-April, have copies of application cards and synopsis booklets containing details of seasons, dates, types and numbers of limited-entry hunt licenses for 1988-89.

Limited-entry hunts control the taking of a particular species or class of animal. They are usually used in areas where general open harvest, to direct hunting pressure away from prime breeding stock, to assist in the collection of biological samples, or to prevent overcrowding that reduces the quality of a hunt.

Successful applicants for limited-entry licenses are selected by computer and notified by mail by July 6. Unsuccessful applicants are also notified by mail.

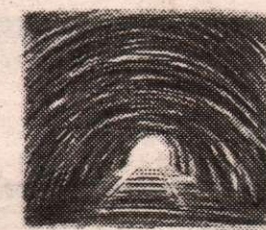
The year, the ministry expects the number of applications to be received will be three to four times the 31,005 limited-entry hunt authorizations to be made.

For the first time, this year's program is open to youngsters aged 10 to 14 years who hold a junior hunting licence. A junior hunter will have to be accompanied by a licensed adult who has a valid species licence and a limited-entry hunt authorization. Game taken by the junior will be included in the adult's bag limit.

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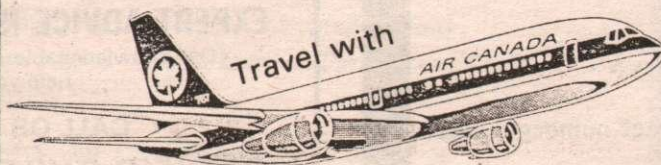


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Sustained yield benefits outlined by visit to Wildwood Tree Farm

Editor's note: On May 22, a group from Salt Spring will travel to Merv Wilkinson's tree farm south of Nanaimo to view firsthand his long-standing operation. [Anyone interested in joining the excursion should call 537-5959.] Following is a description of the tree farm originally published in a newsletter put out by Friends of Ecological Reserves.

By CAMERON YOUNG

Merv Wilkinson greeted us at his 137-acre Wildwood Tree Farm with a big smile, a fact-filled handout and a brief lecture on the value of selective logging over clearcut.

Square-shouldered Merv must be in his mid-70s. He has been managing this original, old-growth Douglas Fir forest on a sustained yield basis since 1945, although he first began taking timber off it in 1938. Since then, the land has been logged eight times, with a ninth coming up soon.

What does this active logging area look like? A forest parkland, plain and simple. Two horses frisk about, a dozen or so sheep wander about nibbling all the salal underneath, and Roosevelt elk will occasionally wander through, as will the odd black bear and cougar.

Woodpeckers nest in snags and provide all the pest control Wilkinson needs. He tolerates a beaver family on the lake that always has some ducks cavorting about.

Most of the trees on the farm have regenerated naturally, but Wilkinson has planted some seedlings as well.

Because he is a selective logger, Wilkinson does his logging tree by tree, not clearcut by clearcut. He seems to know each tree on his property, and figures out its best use. When he finally decides to fall a particular tree, he makes every effort to keep it from breaking when it falls — and to keep it from damaging the younger trees around it.

'If he had clearcut his land in the mid-1930's, Wilkinson says he still wouldn't have a second crop ready for harvest today.'

For Wilkinson, the best use for some of the biggest and oldest trees is to leave them standing, for aesthetic reasons and for the sense of continuity they provide with the past. He has a Douglas fir on the property he figures first felt the warmth of the sun around the same time Joseph and Mary trudged their way to Bethlehem.

Over the years, the output from

the tree farm has included saw timber, pulp wood, wood fuel, fence posts, patio blocks, bean poles and sheep's wool. It began with 1.5 million board feet in 1935; Wilkinson figures the forest grows by 750 board feet a year and gives him 68,000 board feet to harvest each year.

The present standing volume is about one million board feet, which Wilkinson figures to get back up to 1.5 million in nine years, as he follows through with his current management plan.

About one-third of Wilkinson's income is derived from the forest. He says he would need about 500 acres for a full-time job and a full-time income.

By comparison, if he had clearcut his land in the mid-1930s, Wilkinson says he still wouldn't have a second crop ready for harvest today. Back then, when he turned down an offer to sell his timber for \$1,500, he was told: "You'll never get more than that."

In the mid-1960s, a major timber company offered Wilkinson the going stumpage rate of \$25,000 for all his timber. He laughs now when he thinks about the commercial road not taken: "You've got to work with nature," he says.

There is much more to tell, but the essence is simply that Wildwood Tree Farm is a living, breathing, no-nonsense example of true sustained-yield forest management — a clear alternative to clearcut logging.

New forestry management model casts doubt on supply projections

Global demand for wood may exceed supply by the year 2020, according to a computerized forest management program developed at the University of B.C.

The program, which simulates future forest growth, has produced results which indicate current methods used to calculate timber yields in Canada and other countries may be erroneous, the university said last week.

"It adds to our concern that global demand for timber may surpass the global supply early in the next century," says UBC forestry professor Hamish Kimmins, who developed the computer program.

The difference between the new program and traditional methods of predicting timber yields is that the university system incorporates a number of ecologi-

cal factors. It makes note of factors such as changing soil conditions, changing climate, and changes that result from man's impact on the environment — i.e., acid rain.

"The record of growth on a forest site becomes a questionable basis on which to predict future growth if conditions on that site have been altered," Kimmins says. "Current predictions fail to take into account altered conditions that will affect forest growth in the future. One of these factors is the inevitable result of a growing world population."

Kimmins said his program can predict future growth of a particular forest more than 200 years into the future. It can integrate hundreds of pieces of information

to produce a variety of scenarios, he said.

One piece of data it can integrate is what will happen in 30 years when the global population is expected to have increased by 67 per cent. The increased population will mean more demand for wood but less land to draw it from, since more forestland is likely to have been cleared for agriculture and set aside for recreation.

"Population is the single most important factor," Kimmins said. "It affects every aspect of forestry."

Other factors Kimmins says will significantly alter future forest growth include the greenhouse effect — a gradual increase in the earth's temperature caused by air pollution — and changing soil conditions.



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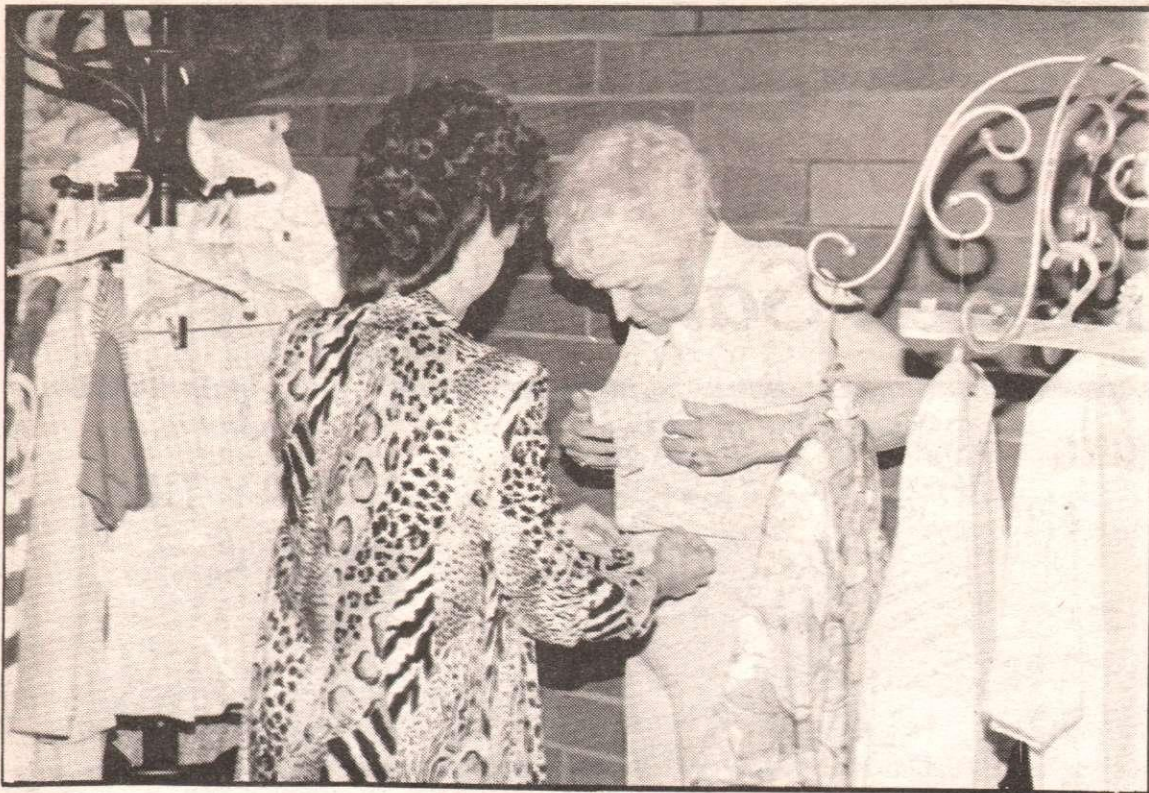
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Leslee Quesnel applies last minute touches to IODE model Ena Patrick. The IODE held a fashion show April 28 at the Harbour House Hotel. Models demonstrated latest fashions from Carolee's to IODE members, who crowded the hotel's dining room and lounge.

Arrangements being finalized for Sea Capers celebration

Arrangements for this year's version of Sea Capers — to be held June 17, 18 and 19 — were reviewed last week at a meeting of the celebrations committee organizing the annual event.

Commodore Gary Greico reported that all arrangements were on target, and indications are this year's Sea Capers would probably be better than any others held to date.

It was also reported that three naval vessels will arrive in Ganges on June 17 and remain until the afternoon of June 19. The ships will be what is referred to, in naval language, as YAGS — which is 75 feet long, with a draft of four and a half feet.

None of the vessels is a warship or is armed. The three ships are used to teach young sailors the art of navigation. Each carries two officers, two crew members and eight trainees.

Gloria Simpson, commander of the Salt Spring Island Power and Sail Squadron, attended the meeting with Ron Volc. She announced that the squadron would meet the YAGS at the outer limits of Ganges Harbour, escort them to the dock and stand by when they leave. Arrangements will be in the hands of Dick Young.

Trish Nobile, director of enter-

tainment for Sea Capers, reported that all details for a free concert in Centennial Park (both afternoon and evening) have been assembled. She reported that a recent appeal through *Driftwood* brought a great response, and some surprises. Some new and unexpected talent has come to light, Nobile said, and the only question left to be resolved is which acts to use.

Lynne Richardson, who is in charge of arrangements for the opening-night dance, reported that negotiations are underway to bring in a nationally-known band. As yet, however, the booking cannot be confirmed.

Richardson, who is also responsible for food concessions, added that there is still room at Sea Capers for any groups or individuals who may wish to sell food.

Parade Marshall Ron Holcroft said that owing to the length of this year's parade, a new and longer route is desirable. Time and distance studies will be made to ensure that the route is long enough — but not too tiring for those who will travel on foot. More than 50 vintage and classic cars are expected for the event, he added.


Ian Fraser, who is responsible for organizing the water events,

reported that this year's events have been scheduled to take place without conflicting with land events underway elsewhere. The new schedule should eliminate the need for spectators to choose which events they wish to watch, as has been the case in previous years.

Commodore Gary Greico later added that there is some problem finding someone to look after the tug-of-war events. While there are members of the Sea Capers Society capable of organizing the events, he said, everyone is already carrying a full load. Greico said he hopes someone with experience in organizing similar events would soon step forward and volunteer to help.

(Anyone interested should contact Greico at 537-2086 or write to Box 750, Ganges, B.C.)

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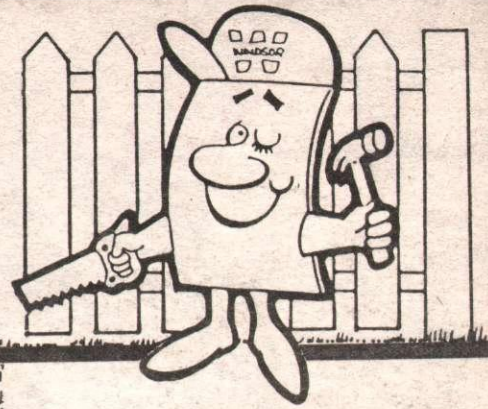
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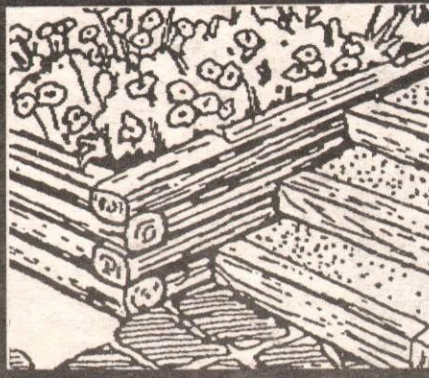
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