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Jacquest tops field of 'grads'

David Jacquest is starting his university education on the right foot.

With \$19,000 in scholarships, his first two semesters paid for and the possibility of having the tab picked up for his other semesters, Jacquest is doing all right.

The big winner in this year's high school graduating class, Jacquest will be attending Simon Fraser University in the fall. He received \$14,000 from SFU to continue his studies there. The university has also arranged funds for his first two semesters. Continued high grades will lead to continued paid semesters.

Simon Fraser was not the first university to approach the Gulf Islands Secondary School student council president. The University of Toronto flew Jacquest and 19 other Canadians to its campus to interview them as potential scholarship recipients. The Toronto university later offered Jacquest \$1,600 per year for four years.

The University of B.C. also extended Jacquest a scholarship promise of \$1,200.

Not only was the SFU offer the most appealing, but the terms of Jacquest's second scholarship — the \$5,000 Premier's award — obligated him to stay in the province. Only 16 British Columbia students were extended this

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Gulf Island Secondary School graduate David Jacquest walked away from last week's graduation ceremonies with \$19,000 in scholarships. Jacquest, who received \$14,000 from Simon Fraser University as well as the prestigious Premier's Award (\$5,000), had a number of offers from other universities.

Consultation set on mine proposal

A company considering development of a mine on Salt Spring Island plans to launch a "comprehensive information and consultation program" with residents before deciding if the venture is possible.

Stressing that a public process will take place before a decision is made on the value of proceeding with any mineral exploration work on its Mt. Bruce claim, Falconbridge Limited said last week it will outline its proposals at open house sessions set for this fall in Ganges and Fulford Harbour. The company also hopes to involve representatives from "key community organizations" in workshop discussion sessions.

In a letter to *Driftwood* (published in today's edition) and in a subsequent telephone interview, Falconbridge representative Richard Moore said the odds against a mine being developed on Salt Spring are about 1,000-to-one.

The company's claim on Mt. Bruce is believed to hold reserves of base metals — possibly copper, zinc, gold and silver — but exploratory work is needed before the scope and value of those reserves can be determined.

The area was the subject of initial surface investigations, conducted between 1985 and this year, which involved mapping of rock types and measurements of the electromagnetic properties of the rock.

Before it can determine the

extent of base metal reserves and decide if the amounts warrant consideration of a mine, the company would have to conduct an exploration program involving more detailed mapping and chemical analysis of rock samples, Moore explained.

Before opening a mine, Falconbridge would also have to satisfy the requirements of the provincial government's mine development review process, which calls for a complete description of the proposed mine and its possible environmental impacts, plus details of measures the company would take to negate those impacts.

An applicant must also demonstrate that it has studied the effect the mine would have on the local community, and describe the steps it would take to offset those effects.

Moore stressed that the next step in the process is the undertaking of surface exploratory work, which he said would not take place until this fall's public consultation program is completed.

The purpose of the program, he said, "is to ensure that everyone has ample opportunity to both learn about the company's plans and express their views and concerns in a constructive manner . . . (and) to provide guidance to the company so that all aspects of the exploration program are conducted in a manner which re-

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Newspaper switches to biodegradable ink

Driftwood has always been recyclable — now it's officially biodegradable.

Island Publishers, whose Victoria plant prints *Driftwood* each week, has begun using ink made from soybean oil.

As opposed to the petroleum-based inks normally used, the soybean ink is biodegradable. According to its manufacturer, the Sun Chemical Corporation, the made-in-Canada product is also odourless and completely non-hazardous.

Verne Percival, press division manager for Island Publishers, said his operations switched to the new soybean-based ink because he is looking for a product that will not smear as much as conventional inks.

While ink was never a question, the type of paper used to print *Driftwood* has been questioned in recent weeks. In a letter to the editor, Fulford's Bob Andrew suggested the newspaper

begin printing on non-bleached paper, pointing to studies which note dioxins are released into the environment during the bleaching process used in pulp mills.

Percival said availability and economics prevent Island Publishers from switching to non-bleached paper.

There is a world-wide shortage of newsprint, he explained, and all printing companies have been placed under an allotment system that sees them receive only so many tons each year.

Along with the problems caused by high demand for conventional types of newsprint, Percival said a problem exists with expense: local demand for completely unbleached paper would have to mushroom before printers (and newspapers) could afford to use the product.

However, Percival noted that the newsprint used for *Driftwood* "is about as unbleached as you can get."

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Commission advised to ignore conflict call

By SUSAN DICKER

Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert has passed on a message to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC), advising it not to concern itself with a recent call for resignations of four of its members.

"We don't want them (members) to waste their time," Gilbert said.

Gilbert was responding to charges made last week by APC member Rick Rockliffe, who accused four fellow members of being in conflict of interest positions. APC chairman Ian Fraser, members Lisa Lloyd and Pat Massy, and alternate Bis Whitby had signed a letter under the auspices of the "Island Watch Society," which Rockliffe said appeared to endorse a guarded position on island development.

The APC makes recommendations to the Trust regarding zoning applications and development proposals.

Gilbert said he is "not concerned

at all" that those members have been accused of being in a conflict position. The Island Watch Society, he said, "supports the mandate of the Trust."

Members are appointed to the APC as representatives of different island organizations. In this way, temporary Island Watch Society chairman David Williams indicated, each member brings his or her faction's interest to the table.

Rockliffe, who represents the Resort Owners' Association, said that while he approves of "considered and sensitive" development, he approaches each APC proposal individually.

"I don't go in with a hidden agenda," he said.

One APC member accused of being in conflict — Bis Whitby — has written a letter to the Resort Owners Association, indicating she is not happy with Rockliffe's

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Series of mishaps cuts Hydro links; splicing crew brought in for repairs

A series of mishaps last week combined to cut electrical service to portions of the Gulf Islands.

The outages for local customers of B.C. Hydro were caused by the failure of a submarine cable, an underground fire on Parker Island, a temporary circuit set-up and a tree felled across power lines on Mayne Island.

John Langston, manager of Hydro's district office in Ganges, said the problems began two weeks ago, shortly after crews finished upgrading circuitry and relocating power poles in front of the Harbour House Hotel. That evening, a submarine cable failed near the shore of Parker Island, cutting power to Mayne and Galiano Islands, and to the northern shore of Ganges Harbour on Salt Spring.

A crew was immediately dispatched to Parker Island, Langston said, and fixed the problem the same evening by installing a second submarine cable. In order to make repairs to the first cable the following day, the circuitry on Salt Spring was returned to the temporary set-up used when work was being done in front of the Harbour House Hotel — a set-up that can cause outages on several islands if service is interrupted on one.

Meanwhile, a fuse was installed on the newly-repaired sub-

marine cable on Parker Island to determine if it was seriously faulted. That fuse shorted, causing an underground fire that smouldered and burned through the cable, again cutting power.

When a cable-splicing crew was brought in from Victoria to effect repairs, power was routed through the newer cable and the temporary circuitry set-up installed again. At the same time, a

tree felled across power lines on Mayne Island interrupted service and, because of the circuitry configuration, the power outage extended to several islands.

It took between 45 minutes and one hour to restore service to all of the affected customers, Langston said.

"We really regret these unfortunate incidents that have been plaguing us," he added, "and we

hope this is the end of them. Our people are doing everything they possibly can to correct the problems."

The district manager noted that specialized crews were brought in from Victoria to locate and repair the faults, and that members of Salt Spring Island crews were attached to the project at the expense of regularly-scheduled work.

Chamber asked to take charge of island review

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"disruptive" presence in the APC.

Resort Owners Association president Rosemary Boehringer said, "at this stage we (the association) are not unhappy with Rick." She said the association is not going to ask him to step down from his position.

In the meantime, Rockliffe has challenged the Chamber of Commerce to form a sub-committee to "get to the very essence of the island and the amenities that need to be protected."



Sgt. Jim Kirk

Sergeant added to detachment

The Salt Spring and Galiano Island RCMP office has a new, temporary sergeant.

Police Sergeant Jim Kirk has replaced Sergeant Mitch Hanks, who has been on sick leave for over a year. Kirk will be on Salt Spring until September, at which time another sergeant is scheduled to arrive.

Kirk is commuting to Salt Spring from Chemainus, where he has been police sergeant for nine years. Prior to that, he worked in Ladysmith for two years.

The new sergeant's presence is welcomed by the local detachment, which has been short-handed for some time. Kirk took up his new posting last Monday.

Kirk, who has heard numerous comments regarding his *Star Trek* name, says he refers such matters to his friend Scottie.

Falconbridge ready to launch public process

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spects the integrity of Salt Spring Island's environment."

Local concern about the environment was a key topic identified earlier this year by a consultant employed by Falconbridge to gauge island reaction to a possible mine development. The consultant — who met with elected officials, interest group representatives and community leaders — also determined that water will be a key item to consider in mine development discussions, Moore added.

"Water is the big question on Salt Spring," he explained. "There's not a lot of it on the island, and mines use a lot of water." Lack of enough fresh water could inhibit proposals for a mine, or force the company to consider using sea water, Moore added.

"Right now, there are millions of questions to be answered, and it's going to take a lot of time to answer them."

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Another day

Master writer of thrillers on the early British scene, Edgar Wallace, once called the press "those favoured servants of democracy." He had been a newsman before settling down to fiction rather than fact.

How would he have expressed his recognition of the reporter's lofty state had he been able to visualize the Toronto gathering of last week?

But like many another observer, Wallace probably could have failed to envisage any news event so important as to require the service of thousands of journalists to properly and adequately describe it.

Come to think of it, neither can I!

Those islanders!

It was a specialty item and I sought it while in Victoria. And I found it. The proprietor of the store expressed surprise that I had been unaware of his enterprise in the location of a business I had dealt with some years ago and I explained that I didn't live in the city.

Why do islanders always come into a store at the last minute and explain that they are in a desperate hurry because they are catching a ferry, he asked me.

I told him I hadn't time to debate the issue because I had a ferry to catch!

Another city scene

She was probably around 40, but I did not delay to assess her years. That she was standing on the sidewalk smoking a cigarette was oddly significant because you couldn't see her without seeing her cigarette. She held it like a banner and puffed at the ragged end she had chewed away. The florid face could have been exposure to weather or it could have been the result of her loud railing at almost every passer-by.

"I know you, Corpse!" she told everyone hurrying past. "You're back from the dead!"

And I'm not!

Rattling good noises

If there's anything that rattles me it's a rattle in a car. A noise irritates me and I have to find it and cure it. All this may be because when I started driving, every car — old or new — represented an excellent assembly of different noises all striving to bring about the vehicle's collapse.

I investigated a rattle in my buggy and I found that a spring had fallen from the headlight framework. I tried packing it with a piece of foam, but it didn't work. Finally, I acquired a small spring and the rim was once more solid with the lamp.

It took a long time, but it was worth it. Next day I

heard the rattle again and traced it. It was a loose hub cap.

The King's English

It used to be easy to identify the perfect, the ultimate use of language as the King's English. But times, kings and English have all changed.

For example, a formation which would have flunked any English major a century ago is part of the everyday language over the air today: "... A person would have to do that, wouldn't they?"

Or, part of a news report, "a dedicated group is doing their best."

I reckon that's Queen's English, acceptable in a confused communicating society but yet failing to keep up to the standards of King's English.

Taxes and things

The Brits are tired of property taxes and they're out dancing to the same tax fiddler, but dancing to a new tune.

Out go the property taxes and in comes a poll tax. Instead of paying these taxes in proportion to the value of the property, they'll pay a tax on heads. So much a poll will take care of it all.

I can see its attractions. If the head tax is set at \$500 a head per year, then I can put up a garage and a storage shed and a new living room without paying out more property tax. On the other hand, if I grow two heads I'm out of luck; but if I feloniously do away with my mother-in-law, then my taxes go down \$500.

Odd thing I found about the British scene is the amount involved.

The London newspaper, *The Observer*, recently listed the holdings or a group of peers who voted in favour of the new tax system. One noble lord will save himself some 4,000 pounds a year under the new system, it was noted. He was listed as the third richest Brit in Britland. On a mansion standing in its own grounds of 4,500 acres his domestic rates, or property tax, amounts to some \$11,000 a year.

Another unfortunate Brit, and another peer, owns another mansion standing in more than 10,000 acres and pays approximately \$2,800 a year. There are islanders with one acre of waterfront land and a three-bedroom house paying almost that, here in British Columbia.

Those peers over there just don't know how well off they are!

Confusion of names

Names were only invented to confuse people in my line of business. And they do it all the time and every time!

Like, after Toronto, it's tough to remember whether you're referring to Maggie de Gaulle or Charles Thatcher!

Top awards taken by David Jacquest

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prestigious award.

Jacquest, who has been a straight-A student for many years (although involvement in numerous activities caused those grades to slip slightly in his final term), has not made any definite career plans. In his first year at SFU, he will be taking a general selection of courses.

Jacquest's academic interests have swayed in the past year away from a concentration on sciences towards a focus on the arts. He was especially interested in his literature course last year.

While Jacquest's high grade average certainly carried weight with his scholarship applications, his involvement in a number of school activities added to his chances. Not only was Jacquest student council president, he was a member of the band, the

volleyball team and the annual staff.

Jacquest said he "wanted to do everything (he) could" during his final year of school.

Although Jacquest will be living in residence at SFU next year, he says he plans to come back to Salt Spring on the occasional weekend. He says he has friends here that he will never be able to replace: "I don't want to lose those connections."

More on graduation,

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Water wins

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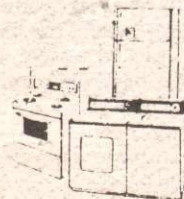
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setting it straight

The term of office of Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's representative to the Capital Regional District (CRD), does not expire this fall, as indicated in last week's *Driftwood*. Dr. Borsman was acclaimed to the post last November, meaning his term does not expire until the fall of 1990.

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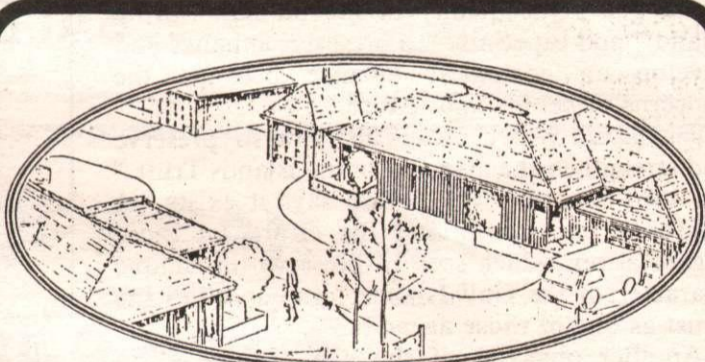
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Is offer a duplication of efforts?

The newly-born Island Watch Society is aiming to provide Salt Spring residents with a forum and vehicle for protection of the way of life as we know it on this island. This essential function would be more welcome, however, if it did not so closely appear to duplicate the aims and objectives of an existing body.

We speak of the Salt Spring Island Planning Association (IPA), a local organization which pre-dates the Islands Trust and invites representation from a cross-section of local organizations. Its platform so closely mirrors that of the Island Watch Society to make one of the two redundant.

In its statement of objectives, the Island Watch Society dedicates itself to "preserve, protect and enhance the quality of the human and natural environment of Salt Spring Island." The IPA's statement, meanwhile, says its broad objective is "to improve the quality of life on Salt Spring Island," and especially "to preserve, enhance and develop an ecological balance between the concerns of people and nature."

The Island Watch Society also aims to "preserve and strengthen the mandate of the Islands Trust." So, too, does the IPA, which says it exists "to reinforce, as appropriate, the efforts of those organizations which seek to preserve the unique character of the Gulf Islands," and specifies the Trust as one of those agencies.

Another objective of the new society is "to facilitate public education and participation in all public issues affecting the quality of the human and natural environment of Salt Spring Island and thus enhance the ability of citizens to have a voice in our democratic process." The IPA covers the same ground, noting that it wants "to assist in the formation, discussion and dissemination of creative ideas to enhance the quality of life on Salt Spring," and to provide "a public forum in which



alternative points of view can be given a fair hearing."

Finally, the Island Watch Society dedicates itself "to conduct research programs with local citizens and qualified persons on important issues affecting the quality of island life and to monitor public and private programs and performance." Ditto for the IPA, which wants to "ensure that there is adequate research on development

projects before decisions are made," and to "monitor development projects to ensure that they conform to existing guidelines."

If there is a substantial difference between the aims and objectives of the two groups, it escapes our notice. Perhaps islanders would be best served if the two organizations considered a consolidation, rather than a duplication, of their efforts.

Hustle and bustle made home welcome sight

I knew we were in for a long day when the truck missed the turnoff to Hope and our connecting road through the Fraser Canyon, and instead sent us unwillingly up the Coquihalla Valley.

By the time the error was noted, concrete abutments several feet high lined the centre of the new highway, making it impossible to turn around. Thoughts of travelling back 15 miles in reverse gear, coupled with uncomplimentary comments about modern road engineering, turned the air blue.

Suffice to say we righted our-

selves without having to travel as far as the toll booth (as much as I would have liked to explain myself there), and eventually returned to our proper route.

But as the temperature soared, the cheer of escaping capture by a highway not of your choosing soon gave way to the exhaustion and grumpiness that accompanies road travel. In Boston Bar, our destination, moods disintegrated even further after a few hours spent on asphalt, sweating under a hot sun with an unco-operative tow bar system.

When it came time to hoist our

my word

by duncan macdonnell

baggage and go, it was with reluctance and trepidation: after all, a blistering hot summer day, the Fraser Canyon and a vehicle in slow tow are perfect ingredients for a nightmare.

It wasn't so bad, however. The Coquihalla Highway we had been cursing that very morning has siphoned off enough regular traf-

fic through the Canyon to make trip like ours, if not pleasurable, at least manageable. It was not until we attempted to pilot across the secondary roads of Surrey on a too-busy Saturday afternoon, en route to the Tsawwassen ferry terminal, that tempers and nerves again approached the breaking point.

Expecting to find a few moments of calm at the terminal itself, we were instead treated to a reading of *Islands Engulfed* in the Saturday newspaper. It warned us that, among other things, our destination point was

under attack by too many bodies crowding into too little space. Just what was needed after fighting most of the day through swarms of other people and other traffic flows in other places.

Thankfully, we arrived home late at night, when the crowds here were tucked safely away. And the next day, when this and that took me on a day-long circuit of Salt Spring, I couldn't help but notice the absolute calm on local roads and beaches.

Which just goes to show: if this is engulfed, it's still a lot better than what lies on the other side of the trench. For now, at least.

Information

Sir,
I write to allay any concerns which might arise about Falconbridge Ltd.'s planned exploration of its mineral claims in the Mt. Bruce area.

After carrying out surface investigations, we believe there is a possibility of an underground ore-body, containing metals such as copper, zinc, gold and silver.

At this point, the chance that a mine could be developed is about one to one thousand. We expect our exploration program would take up to five years, including several years of diamond drilling to identify the ore-body and outline the extent of the reserves. The exploration program would be terminated if results were discouraging.

In the event that further exploration yields positive results, the development of a mine could only occur following a stringent government mine development review process. This would take at least a further two years.

Following recent discussions with a number of elected island officials, interest group representatives and community leaders, we have gained a keen appreciation of the environmental and other concerns which are likely to arise about our exploration program.

We therefore plan to carry out a comprehensive information and consultation program later this fall, well before any mineral exploration occurs. Our program will include a full page description of the situation in this newspaper, followed by open houses in Ganges and Fulford, and a workshop with representatives from key community organizations.

One purpose of the program is to ensure that everyone has ample opportunity to both learn about the company's plans and express their views and concerns in a constructive manner. Another purpose is to provide guidance to the company so that all aspects of the exploration program are conducted in a manner which respects the integrity of Salt Spring Island's environment.

Again, we recognize the social and environmental concerns of many Salt Spring Island residents, and we look forward to providing a comprehensive public program about our exploration work later this fall.

RICHARD L. MOORE,
Regional Exploration Manager,
Falconbridge Limited,
Vancouver.

Frankly

Sir,
I have been a longer-serving member of the APC than Rick Rockliffe and frankly I am fed-up with his disruptive and obstructive behaviour. This latest caper, to which the *Driftwood* chooses to give front page coverage, is the last straw.

Mr. Rockliffe claims that I, and three other signers of the Island Watch Society letter, are in a "conflict of interest" position, and calls for our resignation. In that letter, one of the stated purposes of

letters

the new society is "to preserve and strengthen the mandate of the Islands Trust." How can there be a conflict of interest?

The Islands Trust strongly supports tourism on the island as a clean, non-polluting and profitable industry which benefits the entire community. I have therefore written to members of the Resort Owners Association advising them of the way Mr. Rockliffe represents them at APC meetings. These, by the way, are usually held the first and third Monday of most months at 2:30 p.m. at the Harbour House Hotel, and are open to the public.

BIS WHITBY,
Ganges.

Fight

Sir,
It is understandable that Rick Rockliffe chastises the members of the Planning Commission for alerting the people of Salt Spring to the dangers that beset our island from developers and their associates. He is in business and wants more customers.

The fact that the island plan, by some quirk of poor reasoning, says Salt Spring can accommodate 15,000 people should not mislead us. This is a dream figure. With 6,000 permanent population we are already overcrowded. Every day things get worse.

Ganges becomes more crowded with traffic. New homes are going up, new business structures are rising, the core of Ganges is a mess. Soon the outlying districts will begin to be developed, slowly to be sure, but inevitably. We must be on our guard.

We must not listen to Mr. Rockliffe and his cohorts. We must support the Islands Trust and fight to restrain unpleasant development.

ANTHONY NETBOY,
Ganges.

Unique

Sir,
Salt Spring Island is unique in the Gulf Islands and Ganges is an integral part of Salt Spring Island. If Ganges formed a municipality it would still be an integral part of the island. The danger that faces us now is the destructive anti-development influence that abounds on the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and Islands Trust and is so visible and vociferous when anyone wishes to do more than just exist.

People, property owners and Island residents have been treated like criminals; interrogated, put down, frowned upon and scoffed at just because they had the temerity to apply to the Islands Trust for the rezoning of property, permission to subdivide a small

parcel of land, or just to carry on their own business.

APC members have presented opinions that directly contradict the considered opinions of geologists, agronomists, bona fide farmers, government departments and various other trained people while they themselves might have spent a protected life in the heights of West Vancouver and have moved to Salt Spring Island to get away from it all.

This island, contrary to some opinions, is growing at an unprecedented rate, and no amount of putting your head in the sand is going to change that. Islands Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate is being challenged on a daily basis, because the Trust chooses a position of stasis.

When the Islands Trust and the APC are weighted with people who choose no development over considered and sensitive development, we produce the situation we are now in. The small or growing businesses are chased away and the whole infrastructure that makes Salt Spring Island a viable, vital, growing community is threatened.

The questionnaire produced by the APC three years ago and quoted as "identifying public opinion," was an unusable, useless document. The questions in it were loaded, and of the few questionnaires that were returned, analysis of the answers couldn't be made because of the wording.

I would like to urge the Chamber of Commerce to strike a committee to identify what makes Salt Spring Island tick — get to the very essence of the island and the things that need to be protected. By identifying, in a very concrete way, the country roads, sensitive areas, views (the view down Fulford Valley from Mt. Maxwell) etc., we can move as a whole to protect what we hold precious. To be nebulous, airy-fairy, or all-encompassing in this case is to be willing to sacrifice exactly what needs to be protected. More development is going to happen and the choice that faces us now is moving forward in a spirit of co-operation with a clarity of vision, or moving backward toward more destructive protectionism and isolation.

The reason I suggested the Chamber of Commerce for a study of this nature is that historically the chamber, being made up of a broad cross-section of islanders, struck the committee that wrote what became the official community plan (still in use today). The chamber is beyond reproach.

Last week I demanded the resignation of four APC members because, as a group, they signed a letter soliciting members for a new watchdog group. Those four members make up 40 per cent of

the votes of the APC and to have that percentage of an official advisory body of the same dogma, even though they purportedly represent real island groups, is putting the whole island at a disadvantage.

The last thing Salt Spring needs is another self-appointed group going around righteously protecting us and saying no to anything they don't want. What we do need are people working positively together towards a common goal, and that goal must be to preserve and protect what needs to be protected and to encourage the development of a healthy, prosperous business community to provide the houses, jobs and services that we and future residents of the island need and expect.

RICK ROCKLIFFE,
Ganges.

Progress

Sir,
This is a short progress note regarding the meat inspection bylaw. As predicted last week, the bylaw was returned from the minister and the third reading withdrawn. The amendment concerning inspection by veterinarians was then made and given third reading. When it returns from the minister, fourth and final reading will be withheld until we have had a chance to make satisfactory local arrangements.

I will be away for a few weeks and the Salt Spring alternate director, Ron McQuiggan, will be looking after CRD business. He will arrange a meeting between anyone interested on Salt Spring Island, and the Outer Islands if they wish, and the chief medical officer of the CRD and the chief health inspector. In the meantime there will of course be no enforcement possible, but for the sake of the lamb-raising industry it is essential that we can assure the public that Salt Spring lamb is, in fact, inspected.

HUGH BORSMAN,
CRD Director,
Ganges.

Support

Sir,
On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission, I would like to extend a warm thankyou to the Rev. Allister Skinner. Rev. Skinner kindly allowed the Recreation Program Director to rent space in Ganges United Church in May for a nominal fee.

Thank you again, Allister, for your support and co-operation. As well, thank you Ruth for sharing your office and telephone.

Once again, the Community Arts Council generously presented a \$300 cheque to the recreation program. This money was designated to purchase arts and crafts supplies for the Summer Discovery Youth Day Camp. Consequently, I have been on a craft shopping spree on Salt Spring.

Thank you very much for your continued support and financial contribution.
SANDI GEIGER,
Ganges.

Dismay

Sir,
It was with the great sadness and dismay that I read (*Driftwood*, June 15) of the willful injury and the ultimate death of that beautiful loon, a resident of "my" bay for some time.

Most mornings, for many months now, I would awaken to that glorious, haunting call, and I would look out and admire his beauty and grace and marvel at God's creativity.

I guess we should feel compassion for the person who has an obvious warped mentality, who finds satisfaction in killing this wonder of creation, but I find it very difficult to understand or forgive.

How sad it is that humans such as these will never appreciate the beautiful things that are all around us, and just want to destroy all that is good.

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We had family visitors who, coming from Manitoba's cottonwood country, were enchanted by our woods, which are bursting with life while theirs are still in hibernation. *Bravo!* they enthused at Ruckle Park; *magnifico!* at Mount Maxwell. I didn't quite catch their exclamations while driving along Stewart Road.

Then we went off-island to Victoria and, by way of the Old Island Highway, up the west coast to Botanical Beach, near Port Renfrew. This is a world-class intertidal life display featuring miles of wide layered-rock shoreline honeycombed by pools, minuscule or cavernous, which, washed and repositioned by the tides, are the jewel-box homes of an astonishing variety of sea life.

Salt water, rock, sea anemones, starfish and the other life forms being of little industrial importance, the foreshore is safe, and the approaches being already logged and ready to be made into a provincial park, Botanical Beach

will be safe, at least until an oil spill.

Alas, getting there is not half the fun. Part of what could have been a route comparable to California's Big Sur coast highway has been made into a wilderness of stumps, slash and fractured trunks.

So thorough is the devastation that the eye can search miles of hills and plains without finding any relief at all — there isn't even the Potemkin Village ruse of screening the ruin with a fringe of forlorn trees. To be sure, some roadside areas have been replanted, and our descendants may for a brief period be able to pass through them without wincing.

Although we consider ourselves to be an advanced nation, we seem to be practicing the forest equivalent of the burn, plant, exhaust and move-on agricultural methods of semi-nomadic peoples, with the same short-term gain and long-term pain. The ruined road to Botanical Beach may be useful as an "awful example."

andrew gibson

Our rulers seem to have a somewhat schizoid view of property rights. On the one hand you and I are hemmed in by restrictions on what we can do: the size and construction of our house, the type, visibility and noise level of the activities we can engage in, even, by virtue of the Expropriation Act, whether we can even keep the land at all. We common people accept that land tenure has always had its obligations, in feudal days to a king, and today to society. But when quick-buck resources are affected, this idea is given a hard time, and practices which are not only aesthetically but economically disastrous are allowed to continue. Even such treasures as our Gulf Islands can be clear-cut.

As we drove along Botanical Beach, Via Dolorosa my sister, normally restrained, covered her

eyes and said: "Good God! Who allowed this?" Then, not wishing to sound unduly critical, she explained that she had been reading all those full-page ads from the forest companies, and what she now saw was a shock.

As a B.C. person I was discreetly silent, remembering Pogo's bulletin that "I have seen the enemy, and he is us." Then, as I listened to her further fulminations, I wondered if there might not be an opportunity here for a PR entrepreneur. After all, those full-page question-and-answer ads are dull dull dull. They're so earnest, so sincere, so soporific. Maybe there would be big money for something like this.

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Thank you

Sir,
I wish to express my thanks to Gordon from Windsor Plywood and Jennifer from Island Savings for their help with the Sea Capers tug-of-war; without them we couldn't have "pulled it off."

Also, a correction must be made to last week's winners announcement — the winners of the girls' tug-of-war was the team 100%

Yes, there are trophies for the men's, ladies' and mixed categories. You can view them for the next few weeks at Island Savings Credit Union. And certificates are being mailed to all the winners in the kids' categories.

Thanks to all for your enthusiasm.
DORISE JOLICOEUR,
Ganges.

Water woes

Sir,
In this part of the world we may have just recorded our wettest May in 40 years, but this is no time to become smug or complacent. The near drought conditions of recent years in the B.C. Interior, the devastating drought that has hit prairie points and in even greater measure continues to plague much of the U.S., must alert us to the following irrefutable facts.

Water, as W.A.C. Bennett was fond of pointing out, is our greatest natural resource. Some 560 billion gallons of precipitation falls on British Columbia on average each day. That is, almost to the gallon, precisely the amount of fresh water consumed by the whole of the USA each day in normal times.

It is therefore time to act to start storing much more of our fresh water for our future as well as against the day, not far away, when we must seriously consider exporting water to our prairie provinces, and preparing seriously to export water, on our terms, to the Americans.

Far too much of our fresh water is allowed to flow into the ocean each passing year. Water and water power are necessary for agriculture and horticulture. It takes 50,000 gallons to make one ton of paper; 250 gallons per day to nurture one Douglas fir; 25 gallons to ripen one ear of corn; 30,000 gallons to supply a life time of bread for one person; 100,000 gallons to refine one ton of copper.

Or, to bring the point to more individually-understood levels, the average B.C. household uses about 65 gallons per person per day. History tells us whole civilizations died out because man did not consider what is, next to the air we breathe, mankind's most precious and vital necessary resource, fresh water.

It may well be therefore British Columbia right now is in a unique position to save much, if not all of still another civilization, the North American way of life as we now know it.

WILLIAM CLANCEY,
Vancouver

Apologize


Sir,
A big apology is due the preschoolers for the mix-up in the tug-of-war scheduling. To thank you for your enthusiasm, Glad's has donated a kids' cone to each member of the two teams who registered. They are the Junior Smurfs (Leela and Ananda Goodwill, Jeremy Weber and Auren Holt), and the Jelly-Beans (Joel Morrison, Alex and Sunie Gay, Sarah Ducette, and Joah and Jules Pawlowski).

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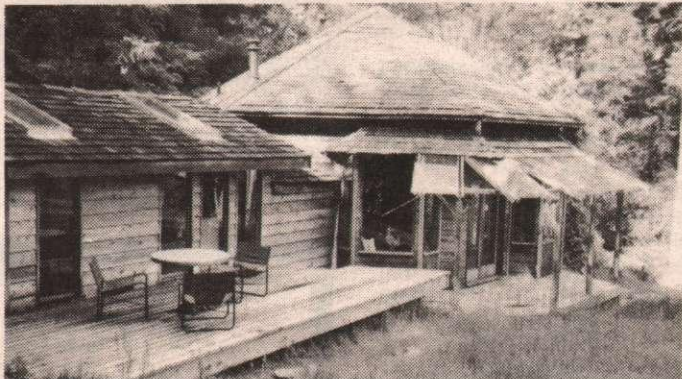
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Impending cabinet shuffle to see structural change?

VICTORIA — Rumors are great fun, but writing about them can be risky business, unless one enjoys eating crow and wiping large amounts of egg from one's face.

Still, there are rumors one cannot resist speculating about. A rumor of that genre has come to me in a number of versions during the past few weeks. It concerns the impending cabinet shuffle.

Speculation about cabinet shuffles is nothing new. For as long as governments have been doing the people's business through cabinets, reporters have tried to guess what the next shuffle may bring.

The rumor in question is not just speculation about who will be dumped from cabinet and who will be elevated to the rank of cabinet minister. This rumor is about a dramatic change in the entire cabinet structure.

At the risk of insulting your intelligence by insinuating that your political quotient may leave something to be desired, let me first explain the existing cabinet structure which is, more or less, the same in every province and also at the federal level.

Cabinet members are appointed by the premier. Each cabinet minister is responsible for a particular area of government. In British Columbia at present, there are 15 cabinet ministers. Each of those 15 has a specific portfolio. Claude Richmond, for instance, is the minister for social services and housing; Stephen Rogers is responsible for transportation and highways; Brian Smith, as attorney general, looks after judicial and law enforcement matters; Bill Reid's responsibilities are tourism and culture. And on it goes. Each one of the 15 looks after a specific government function.

Some time back, Premier Vander Zalm began fiddling with that system by appointing eight so-called ministers of state. These ministers of state — all eight are also cabinet ministers — are the head honchos of the eight so-called economic development regions.

Under the watchful eyes of the ministers of state, advisory councils, task forces and committees have been established in each of the regions. The mandate of the ministers of state is to encourage economic development in their specific regions and, down the road, to streamline other government services.

The whole thing has made little sense until this new rumor surfaced. According to the scuttlebutt, the premier is about to scrap the existing cabinet system and replace it with a structure similar to that under which the ministers of state operate.

Under this new system, there would be two "super ministers," one in charge of economic matters, the other responsible for social services. The mandate of these two would be province-wide.

There would also be eight "field ministers," one for each of the eight development regions. Contrary to the present system, under which a minister has a specific portfolio, each of the eight field ministers would assume responsibility for any and all government functions in his or her region.

The only existing portfolio that couldn't possibly be assumed by

capital comment



by hubert beyer

the field ministers is that of the attorney general. None of my sources could provide any satisfactory answer to that question. I can only assume that if the wild scheme comes to pass, there will continue to be an attorney general for all of the province. At least, I would hope so.

What are the chances that the rumor is true? Heaven only knows. With anyone else as premier, I would have laughed at such speculation. With Vander Zalm, I'm not so sure.

The premier has a penchant for doing the unexpected and the unorthodox. He is rarely guided by tradition and convention, because he just isn't that familiar with either.

Any other premier would have thrown in the hat when the Supreme Court of Canada scuttled his plan to charge for abortions. Not Vander Zalm. He tried any which way to implement the scheme and gave up only when his cabinet threatened to revolt.

No other premier would have dreamed up the minister-of-state idea either, because it goes against many principles on which our parliamentary system is based, including that which leaves the role of representative and champion for the various areas of the province to the elected MLAs.

And I'm pretty sure that no other premier would dismantle the existing cabinet system in favor of a scheme the rumor would have us believe is the shape of things to come. Again, with Vander Zalm, I prefer to hedge my bets.

If the supposition is true and the premier actually goes through with this plan, fierce opposition will come not only from the NDP but from his own caucus, which may be fearful of the ramifications.

The government is in enough trouble as it is, and it doesn't have all that much time to rebuild some of the bridges the premier has burned. I don't think that the premier's colleagues or his party will be too thrilled by any new ventures in socio-political engineering.

more letters

Grist

Sir:
Regarding Mr. Rogers' problem with our "rumour mill" — in light of the problems we've encountered with the noise from the Crofton Mill, it's nice to know that one of our mills is keeping some of them awake at night.
DAN EVANISHEN
Ganges.

Congratulations

Sir,
On behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 788, School District 64 (Gulf Islands) we wish to congratulate the recipient of the \$500 CUPE bursary from this year's graduating class, Shannon Taylor.
We take this opportunity of congratulating Shannon, and extend our very best wishes for her future success.
DOROTHY KYLE,
President,
CUPE President,
Ganges.

Foundation

Sir,
With the help of the Salt Spring Island Farmers' Institute, the annual family outing of the Canadian Institute of Forestry and the American Society of Foresters on June 18 was a far-reaching success.

Johnny Stepaniuk's donated lamb and participation in the Forest Lands Spotlight Tour was a major contribution. Texada provided us with an overview of their sustained yield forestry and custom log-sort operations on Salt

Spring, which we viewed from the Mount Maxwell lookout. Mickey McLeod's representation of small-scale selective forestry and sawmilling played a large part in the success of the tour's emphasis on a variety of current woodland practices and economics on the island.

Many individuals, and representatives from both associations, stopped and gave us their personal thanks for an enjoyable and informative day. I was asked to pass on their thanks to everyone who helped to make their Salt Spring Island visit a memorable event. Sea Capers, too, deserves a hand.

The Canadian Institute of Forestry have offered their advisory support to our fledgling association. Texada also has expressed an interest in the association. There may be a chance that the Stepaniuk's also sparked Weldwood's forest manager's interest while they had him corralled at the barbecue.

Additionally, we received an expression of support and encouragement to start up an organization of Junior Forest Wardens on the island.

With the Canadian Institute of Forestry advisory support, we can build a strong professional foundation of sustained forestry expertise for our association. With supporting expertise, the association could co-ordinate management and support services for smaller woodlands.

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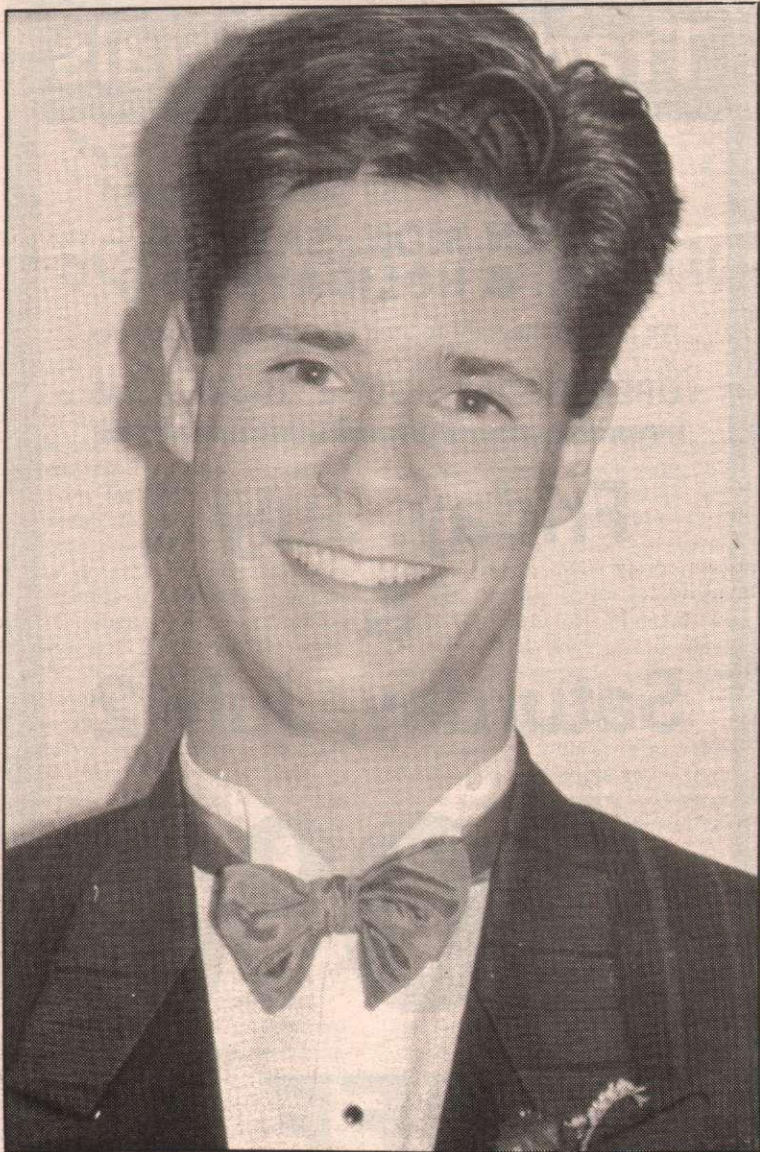
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Secondary school salutes achievements by students

Graduates of Gulf Islands Secondary School were not the only local students honoured last week. At a special ceremony staged at the high school, students from Grades Eight through Twelve were cited for academic, citizenship and athletic achievements over the past school term.

Award winners were as follows:

- Top Citizens: Seth Shugar (Grade Eight); Grace Graham (Grade Nine); Lisa Koski (Grade Ten); Marnie Shaw (Grade Eleven); and Paula Marcotte (Grade Twelve).
- Principal's Honour Roll: Seth Shugar, Caitlin Hayes, Jessica Maron, Irene Lam, Shandra Platts, Jason Cherney, David Jacquest.
- Consistent Honour Roll Standing:
 - GRADE EIGHT: David Bacic, Robin Clarke, Tracy Cunningham, Caitlin Hayes, Dana Hohmann, Irene Lam, Xuong Lam, Jessica Maron, Stacey Proctor, Isabel Prystawick, Lise Rondeau, Seth Shugar, Tanya Slingsby, Sheila Thompson, Candice Walde, Lianne Weisner.
 - GRADE NINE: Meggie Coombes, Amrit Crowther, Kate Gilbert, Jennifer Lloyd, Alison Proctor, Kirsty Walde.
 - GRADE TEN: Julie Cuning-

ham, Rosabel Graham, Suzanne Jacquest, Amber Jensen, Tara Martin, Shandra Platts, Heather Thompson, Penny Vanderwekken.

• GRADE ELEVEN: Jenny Barnes, Joe Cocker, Tamara Holmes, Peter Hoebel, Melissa Hunt, Eva Lam, Tony Marshall, Caitlin Roach, Kurt Sadler, Teresa Sutherland, David Wellingham.

• GRADE TWELVE: Jennifer Anderson, Kathleen Caldwell, Jason Cherney, Angela Donnelly, David Jacquest, Gabrielle Jensen, Pat Melancon, Ryan Steuart, Lynn Vanderwekken, Doug Walde.

HIGHEST GRADE AVERAGE
 • GRADE EIGHT: Caitlin Hayes.
 • GRADE NINE: Meggie Coombes.
 • GRADE TEN: Shandra Platts.
 • GRADE ELEVEN: Joe Cocker.
 • GRADE TWELVE: Jason Cherney.

TOP ACADEMIC AWARD
 • GRADE EIGHT: Lianne Weisner.

• GRADE NINE: Meggie Coombes.
 • GRADE TEN: Shandra Platts.
 • GRADE ELEVEN: Eva Lam.
 • GRADE TWELVE: Ryan Steuart.

TOP ATHLETES
 • Midget Girl: Jessica Maron.

- Midget Boy: Seth Shugar.
- Junior Girl: Rose Graham.
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Valedictory address applauds help given by parents, teachers

Editor's Note: Following is the valedictorian's address delivered to Gulf Islands Secondary School's Class of 1988 by Douglas Walde.

Parents, teachers, members of the school board, friends and invited guests. Welcome to the graduation ceremonies for the GISS graduates of 1988.

First I would like to thank all the parents and staff who helped organize and put together last night's dinner and dance. It was a great success and enjoyed by all.

As we gather here this evening to wish the grads of '88 farewell and good luck, we realize that tonight is probably the biggest milestone reached so far by any one of us in our young years. And we know that after tonight we will begin a totally new life full of new challenges and new victories. We are about to go out into a world that is completely different from anything we've experienced in our lives before.

Not so long ago, actually only five short years ago, a group of young, timid, nervous students entered the halls of GISS. That first year the high school seemed full of mean seniors and teachers that piled on the homework.

Over the next five years, though, the biggest group of students GISS had ever seen began to mature. They became bigger and stronger and they grew closer to their teachers. They soon were able to communicate with their teachers as mentors. It has been these same teachers that have hopefully provided us with the necessary tools for our venture out into the real world. It will be their experience and guidance that will enable us

to survive outside GISS.

Although we may be one of the largest grad classes, I can honestly look at this group of beautiful people and tell you each and everyone's name. Some of these people, I've spent 12 years with going through school. So many good friendships have been made during these years in school, its hard to believe that I may never see some of them again. We've had many good times and a few bad times, but I know we'll never forget each other. And who knows, maybe in 10 years we can all get together and reminisce about the past years of our lives.

Friends and teachers all have made it easier to get through school, and get us ready for our new lives. But no one deserves as much recognition as do our parents. You deserve as much recognition as we do, for you've just spent 12 years of your lives driving us, encouraging us, and pushing us through. Without your

guidance and support, we would have never made it here tonight. And I know each and every grad up here is thinking about you and appreciating all you have done for us: you've made this all possible.

As we get ready to venture out on our own, we all have different plans. Many of us plan to continue our education and pursue careers that require further training. Some of us plan to get jobs right away and start building up something for the future. A few of us even plan to take a couple of years off to travel and see some of the grand new world that will soon be ours to explore.

Whatever it is that we plan to do after this evening, we know we go forward with love and best wishes from all of you here tonight. We couldn't have achieved this goal without your love and support. On behalf of the GISS graduates of 1988, thank you.

Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors of the GULF ISLANDS INTERMEDIATE AND PERSONAL CARE SOCIETY hereby gives notice that a Special General Meeting of the Society will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 6th day of July, 1988, at the Gymnasium, Gulf Islands Senior Secondary School, 120 Rainbow Road, Ganges, British Columbia, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing a special resolution to amend the by-laws of the Society including an amendment to Part 6, clause 45, regarding scheduling of Annual General Meetings. Draft copies of the amended by-laws are available at Greenwoods.

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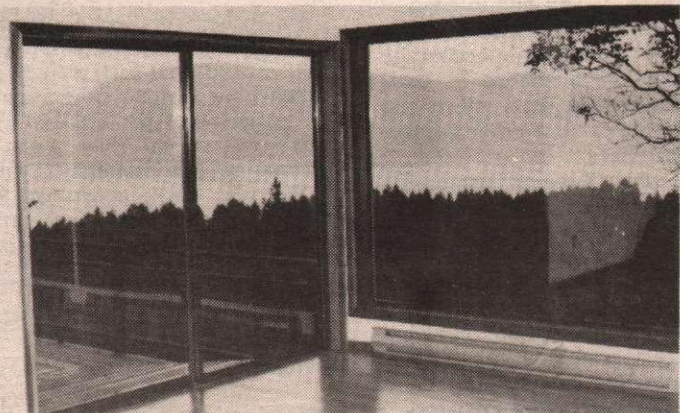
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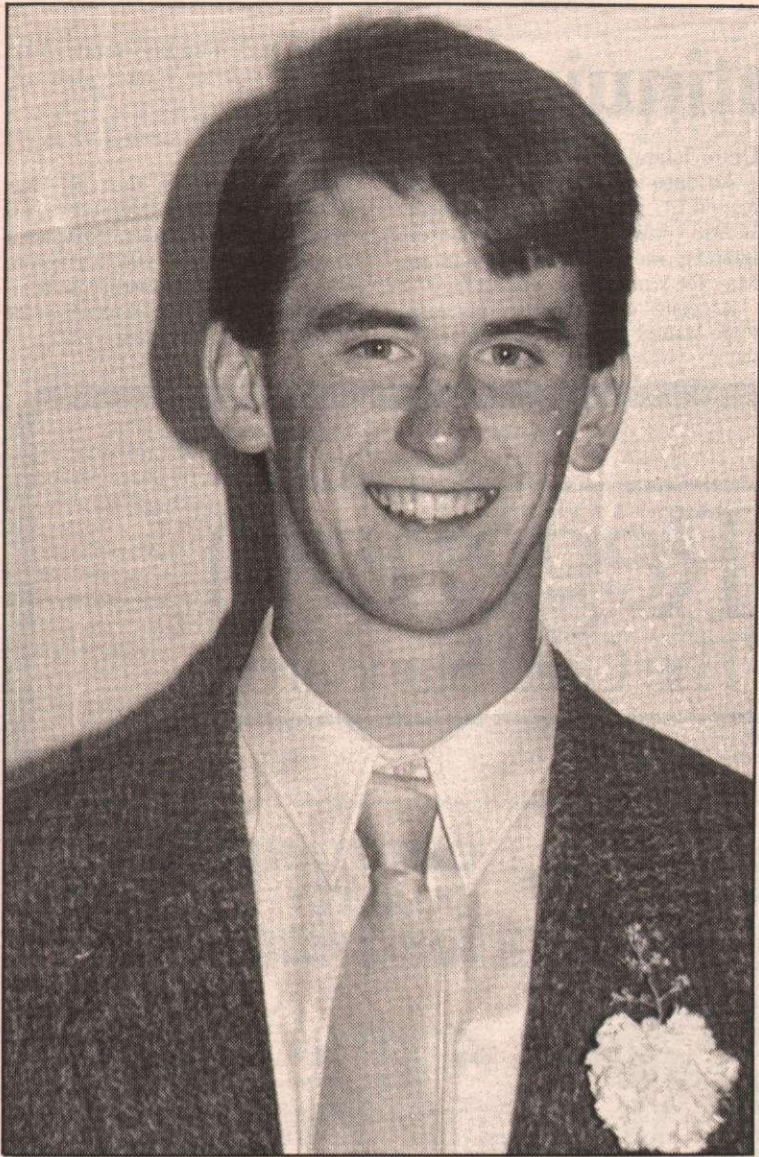
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Jason Cherney

Students collect \$40,000 in bursaries, scholarships

Over \$41,000 worth of scholarships and bursaries were handed out to members of the Gulf Islands Secondary School's Class of '88 at graduation ceremonies held last Saturday night.

Of the 65 graduating students, 27 received one or more of the 31 scholarships presented. Twenty-three students were given the \$275 *Passport to Education* bonus for being in the top 30 per cent of the class.

The combined value of all cheques handed out Saturday evening amounted to \$41,422.

The big winner of the evening was student council president David Jacquest, who earned a total of \$19,000 from two prestigious scholarships. Dr. V.C. Loewen travelled from Vancouver to present Jacquest with the \$14,000 Simon Fraser University Award. High school principal John Wellingham then awarded Jacquest the \$5,000 Premier's Award. Only 16 students in the province received the latter award.

Recipients of other scholarships were as follows:

- Agriculture bursaries, \$200 each, (presented by M. Byron): Tony Head and Allison Stafford.
- Bob Borsos Memorial Bursary, \$500 (presented by S. Locke): Wilerine Dolan.
- Camosun College Award, \$447

(presented by J. Albhouse): Suzanne Burch.

- Canadian Union of Public Employees Bursary, \$500 (presented by D. Henshall): Shannon Taylor.

- Community Arts Council Scholarships, \$400 each (presented by I. Perkins): Mike Howell and Gabrielle Jensen.

- Doris Tothill Memorial Bursary, \$100 (presented by I. Wright): Gabrielle Jensen.

- Fred Greenslade Bursary, \$600 (presented by R.D. Morriselle): David Reid.

- Gilbert Mouat Scholarship, \$500 (presented by G. Mouat): Paula Marcotte.

- Gulf Islands Teachers Association, \$750 (presented by E. Jacobson): Malcolm Johnstone.

- Gulf Islands District Scholarship, \$1,000 (presented by L. Campbell): Tina Pringle.

- Hospital Employees Union, Greenwoods and Lady Minto, \$600 (presented by T. Wagg): Leanna Wagg.

- Island Savings Credit Union, \$500 (presented by C. Gay): Shanti Ford.

- Island Farmers' Institute Scholarship, \$1000 (presented by I. Clement): Douglas Walde.

- Jane Mouat Scholarship, \$500 (presented by N. Mouat): Andrea Skinner.

- Lady Mino Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Scholarships, \$1000 each (presented by B. Galt): Lynn Vanderwekken and Jennifer Anderson.

- Laurie Mouat Memorial Award, \$100 (presented by C. Bryant): Patricia Melancon.

- Marilyn Ryles Memorial Bursary — Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary, \$500 (presented by M. Clarkson): Kathy Caldwell.

- Mike Wells Bursary, \$200 (presented by M. Sitton): Gregg Dow.

- Principal's Award, \$100 (presented by J. Wellingham): Kathryn Mouat.

- Richard Toynbee Award, \$500 (presented by T. Toynbee): Anthony Archer.

- Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 92) Bursary, \$500 (presented by R. Seymour): Angela Donnelly.

- Salt Spring Island Cablevision, \$1,000 (presented by H. Archer): Ryan Steuart.

- Salt Spring Island Lions Club Scholarship, \$500 (presented by J. Clark): Jason Cherney.

- Salt Spring Island Rotary Club Scholarship, \$1,000 (presented by T. Stafford): Jason Cherney.

- Salt Spring Island Women's Institute, \$200 (presented by G. Slingsby): Genevieve Laplante.



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Statistics released recently by the Capital Regional District (CRD) building permits office show over \$7 million worth of projects underway on the islands to date in 1988, up from the \$4.86

Building boom continuing

million spent in the same period of 1987.

On Salt Spring, 196 building permits have been issued in 1988 for projects valued at \$5.318 million. That total includes May figures of 53 permits issued for work worth \$1.015 million.

In the same span of 1987, the CRD issued 192 permits for work valued at \$2.86 million — including the May, 1987, totals of 56 permits for work worth \$688,907 million.

While Salt Spring's construction activity surges ahead, the

Outer Islands keep pace.

To date in 1988, the CRD has issued 147 permits for work worth \$1.948 million on the Outer Islands, including 39 permits in May for work worth \$627,171.

A year earlier, 151 permits were issued for work valued at \$2

million, including May totals of 41 permits and a work value of \$523,302.

To date in 1988, the CRD has also issued four permits for two-family residences, compared to none issued in 1987. Permits for single-family dwellings total 22 to date in 1988, compared to 29 in the same period last year.

Free trade opponent finds treatment mixed

John Wilcox is finding that where he is has a lot to do with how he's perceived.

The Salt Spring Island man, who is on a cross-Canada crusade to protest free trade negotiations with the U.S., says he is taken more seriously in small towns than in larger cities.

The main reason, he said last week in a telephone interview from southern Ontario, is that media outlets in larger centres "focus on me taking a funky trip in an old truck," while those in the smaller centres tend to concentrate on his message that the free trade deal is an assault on Canadian sovereignty.

"The more I see, the more I'm convinced that community newspapers are the only ones practising responsible journalism today," Wilcox said. "None of the larger papers want to touch what I'm saying with a barge pole. I've had the editors of two dailies tell me they are editorially in favour of free trade, and they don't want to touch on the negative aspects."

Community newspapers, meanwhile, ignore the "anti-free trade stunt man" angle to the Wilcox trip, he said, and concentrate on what he has to say about the free trade issue.

"They (community newspapers) realize that what I have to say is news, that this is a serious issue."

As an example, Wilcox noted that he recently commissioned a legal opinion on certain sections of the legislation Parliament must pass to implement the free trade agreement. Constitutional lawyers agreed with Wilcox that one section hands over control of domestic policy to a foreign nation because it says the free trade legislation will supersede all other federal or provincial laws, and that the second section strips away democratic rights by making it an offence for any person to act against the interests of free trade laws.

Newspapers in smaller centres have picked up those arguments, Wilcox said, but larger media outlets are ignoring the points.

"It's a critical situation — the Canadian people are being kept in the dark on a crucial issue," he said. "I have to keep pushing, because if this goes through, it's the end of Canada as a country,

and that's a fact."

Wilcox said his experience with major media outlets has prompted him to focus on making personal contact with Canadians. "It seems like the only way I can get through to people is face-to-face, the way I have been doing it."

Wilcox left the west coast of Canada on April 1 for what will be a five-month, 10,000-mile trip by the time he returns to Salt Spring. Travelling in a vintage pickup truck emblazoned with a maple leaf colour scheme painted on the hood, he has already visited each Canadian province.

Wilcox just recently doubled back to Ontario from the Maritime provinces, and is spending time in the southern portion of the province before visiting Ottawa for Canada Day celebrations. Last weekend, he and several MPs spoke at the Freedom Festival in a small town near Windsor, site of the busiest crossing point between Canada and the U.S.

"The festival is a celebration of our links with the U.S.," he said, "but this is the same place where they shut down the Ambassador Bridge (crossing) on the day the free trade agreement was signed."

PART 26 OF 26

To the Peoples of the World A BAHÁ'Í STATEMENT ON Peace

(CONCLUSION)

AT THIS WRITING, the expectant voices of Baha'is can be heard despite the persecution they still endure in the land in which their Faith was born. By their example of steadfast hope, they bear witness to the belief that the imminent realization of this age-old dream of peace is now, by virtue of the transforming effects of Baha'u'llah's revelation, invested with the force of divine authority. Thus we convey to you not only a vision in words: we summon the power of deeds of faith and sacrifice; we convey the anxious plea of our co-religionists everywhere for peace and unity. We join with all who are the victims of aggression, all who yearn for an end to conflict and contention, all whose devotion to principles of peace and world order promotes the ennobling purposes for which humanity was called into being by an all-loving Creator.

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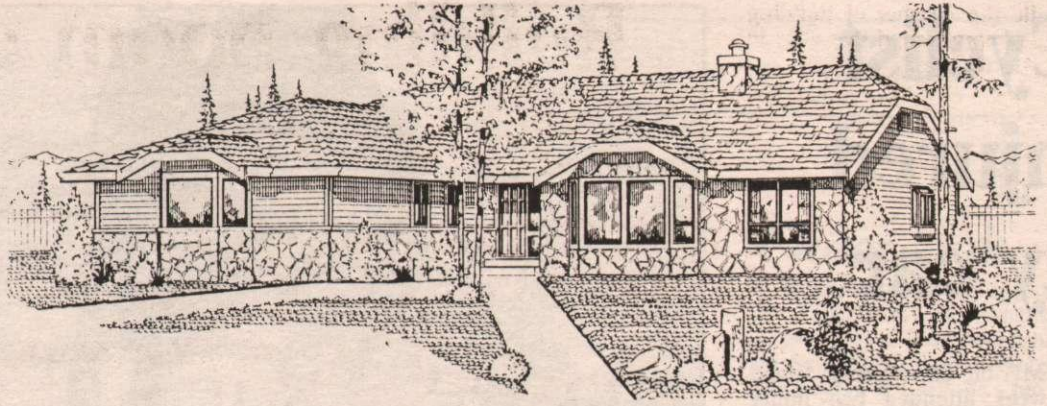
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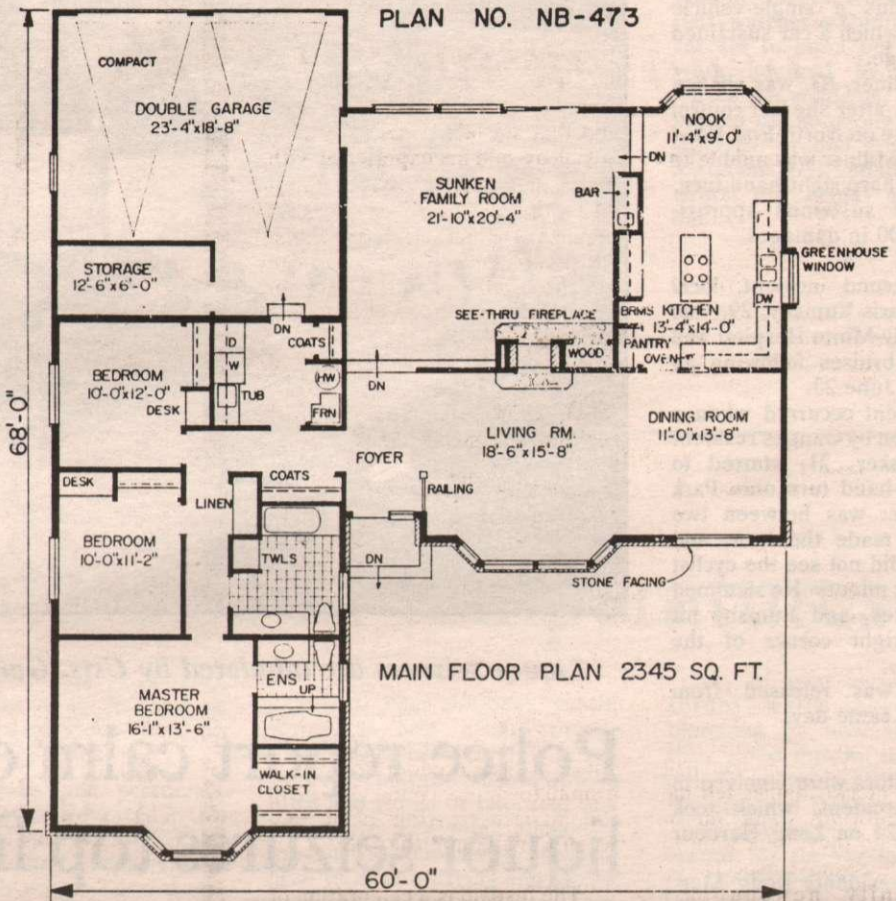
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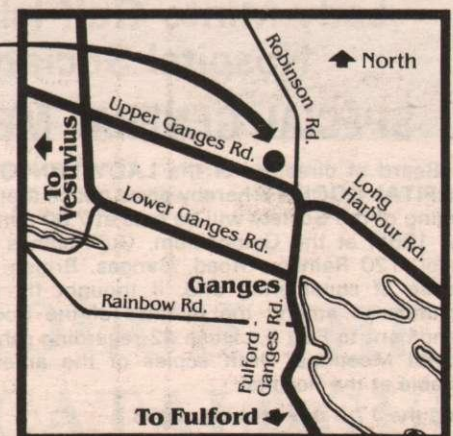
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Cyclist injured by car

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Joane Millner, 83, was shaken but not hurt, after she lost control of her vehicle on North End Road on June 21. Millner was unable to complete a sharp right-hand turn. The vehicle sustained approximately \$1,000 in damages.

In the second incident, local cyclist Damaris Rumsby, 29, was taken to Lady Minto Hospital and treated for bruises following an accident on June 23.

The incident occurred when a vehicle driven by Ganges resident Michael Fisker, 21, started to make a left-hand turn onto Park Drive. Fisker was between two cars as he made the turn, and apparently did not see the cyclist until the last minute. He slammed on the brakes, and Rumsby hit the front right corner of the bumper.

Rumsby was released from hospital the same day.

Three visitors were involved in the third accident, which took place June 24 on Long Harbour Road.

Burnaby residents Doug Murphy, 22, and passenger Laurie Murdoch, 21, were treated for leg injuries at Lady Minto Hospital after the motorcycle they were riding struck the rear of a second vehicle.

The accident took place when the driver of the second vehicle, Robert Jones, 56, of North Vancouver, stopped to make a left-hand turn.

Murphy and Murdoch were released from hospital later the same day. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000, and damage to the motorcycle was set at \$300.

Two accounts of vandalism were reported to police this week.

In the first incident, a bed and breakfast advertising sign belonging to Harry Leader was demolished. The sign, which was worth approximately \$250 and located at the corner of Isabella Point and Fulford-Ganges Roads, was destroyed sometime during the night of June 24.

The second incident was reported to police June 26. Pat Beattie reported that an axe had been used to strike a car parked near the Harbour House Hotel.



Liquor seizures are tabulated by Csts. Gary Styles (left) and Stephane Caron

Police report calm on grad night; liquor seizures top list of activities

Aside from a small number of liquor seizures, Ganges RCMP had a quiet grad night.

Roadblocks set up at both party-site entrances led to the seizing of some four dozen beer, several bottles of cider and three bottles of champagne. The alcohol was seized only from vehicles in which occupants were drinking from opened bottles or cans.

Following the roadblocks, police did not receive any calls or complaints relating to the after-grad party or otherwise.

Adults at the entrance to the after-grad celebration said there were no confrontations at the gate. Some individuals were turned away; however, the party was opened up to include more than just graduates and immediate friends.

"It was unfortunate," one adult said, "that some grads gave out blanket invitations."

The party had approximately the same number of people attending as in previous years. However, some grads described this year's celebration as "more mellow" than in the past.

Only vehicles carrying barbecue supplies were allowed onto the site, leaving the area accessible to any emergency vehicle. This made quite a difference, one grad said: there were not the usual number of vehicles "tearing around" the site.

The major problem, according to one observer, came at the

traditional breakfast, where a food-fight marred volunteer efforts. The throwing of food was not initiated by grads, the observer remarked, but by some of the older "guests."

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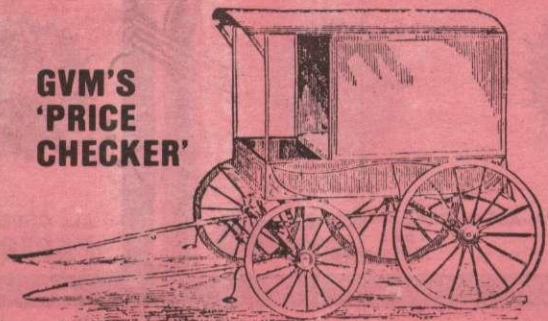
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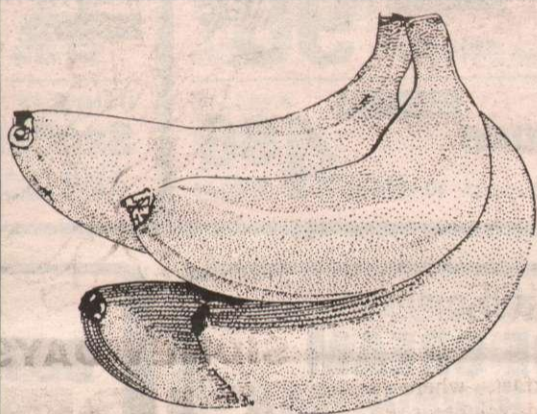
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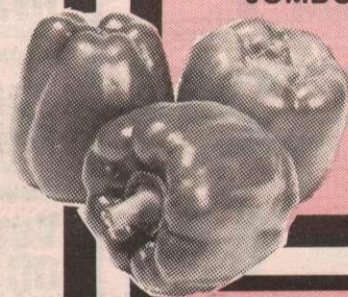
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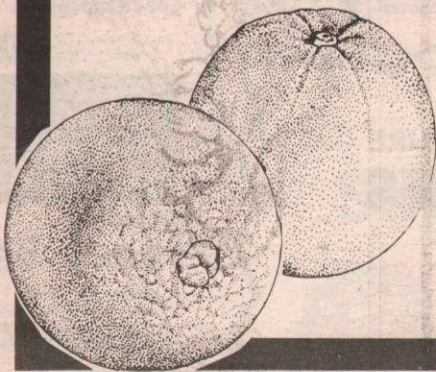
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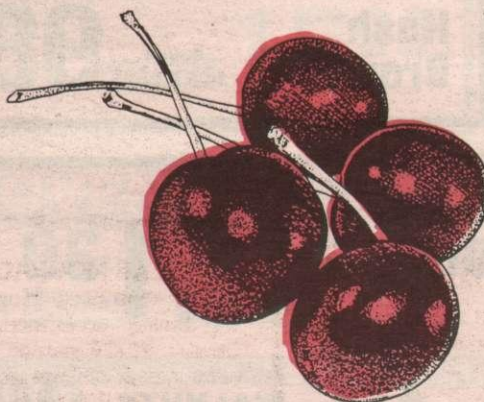
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Closer look

Works by students enrolled in Federation of Canadian Artists' week-long workshop on Salt Spring were displayed last Friday at Catholic Church Hall in Ganges. Ruth Douglas (left) watches as Gudrun Dewar reaches to point out detail in work admired by the two Vancouver residents, who were part of the 80-strong group of students. Second group is on island this week and will display efforts this Friday at church hall.

Watering tops list

Garden tasks grow with rise in temperatures

The past weekend has given us our first real taste of summer, and if luck is with us, the good weather will stay for a while.

It only seems to take a few hot, dry days before the ground starts to look parched and in need of some rain. Those plants in the garden which are heavy water-users start to flag after two or three days, and are already calling out for a drink.

If you have a good well, reservoir or water system hookup (and lots of cash in reserve to pay for it), you will be happy to oblige, and will find watering to be a soothing summer pastime.

If, on the other hand, the well is shallow, and water or cash reserves are low, then the summer brings you up against the crunch of doling out the wash water to the neediest and most-valued plants.

Along with watering, there are several timely and important things to do in the weeks ahead, so we'd better get right to listing the jobs at hand.

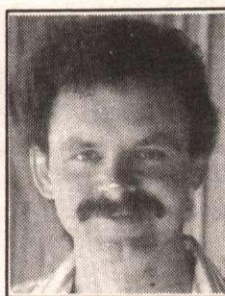
In the border beds, baskets, tubs, and deck pots, the floral show is really getting into full swing. While it's getting on in the season, you can still fill in open areas or blanks with colour accents, generally in four-inch or larger pots, or young plants of those varieties which have been started from seed a little later than the main crop.

For colour accent plants this month, good bets are zinnias, gazanias, ice-plant, dianthus, marigolds, dahlias, asters, petunias, impatiens, fibrous and tuberous begonias, browallia, sweet williams, and of course, the gorgeous geraniums.

When planting them out, only loosen the roots if they are in a solid mat, and pot-bound. Later sowings of dahlias, lobelias, marigolds, tagetes (French marigolds), nemesia, portulaca, mesembryanthemum, snapdragons and alyssums will still be in prime shape for planting out this month, and you can also direct-sow additional white alyssum, mignonette, and evening-scented stocks.

Fertilize all of your annuals, biennials and actively growing perennials twice this month with a soluble, balanced fertilizer such as 20-20-20, and if vegetative growth is excessive at the expense of

your garden



by chris schmah

spent blooms, and developing seedheads such as on fuchsias, as going to seed generally slows or stops continued flowering.

The biennials and perennials which you started from seed in the spring should now be thinned or pricked out and kept amply supplied with water. Toward the end of the month, sow your pansy seed for late winter/early spring showings. Disbud those dahlias, carnations, and chrysanthemums as the bud structure starts to show. Tie up tall perennials as they grow, to prevent crooked or broken stems (and hearts), should the wind blow.

Available seeds of hardy perennials should be sown out early this month, and cuttings of perennials such as lavender, rosemary, santolina, Aubrieta, Helianthemum, pinks, and Iberis should be taken during July for good rooting success. Cuttings of Hydrangeas, Fuchsias, Berberis, and *Senecio greyii* will also take well if you use a rooting hormone and keep the cuttings out of direct sunlight.

While you are out in the garden with the pruners, you should take the time to cut your fall-blooming Michaelmas daisies back to six inches in height, and cut out the finished blooming stems of your Delphiniums and Achilleas. If you only remove the flowered stem portion, the delphiniums will most often re-bloom before season's

end. Any of your daffodils, tulips, Narcissus and other spring-blooming bulbs whose foliage has yellowed and withered may now be lifted and stored or relocated to a bed where they won't encounter too much summer water. They will need to have a drying and curing period before they start to root out in the fall.

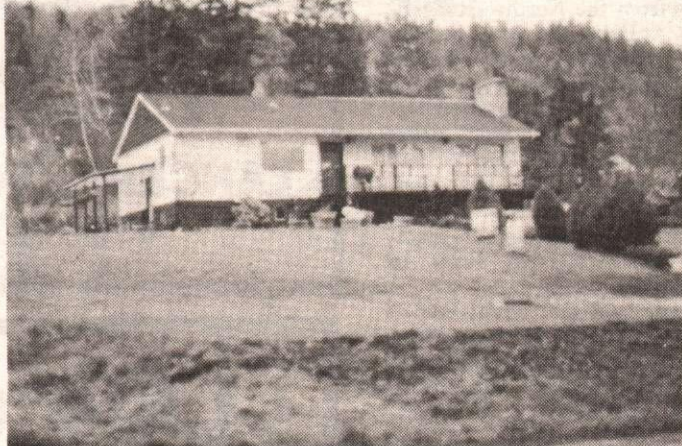
Any of your spring-blooming shrubs which have finished blooming by now should have their oldest third of the wood cut out. These would include Deutzia, Weigela, and Buddieia globosa.

We still have a few things to discuss for the vegetable garden, the shrubs and the fruit trees, but this will have to do for the time being.

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bloom, then convert to a low- or no-nitrogen fertilizer such as Mor-Bloom (0-10-10) to stimulate a better floral show.

If some of your annuals have gone through a good blooming period and are starting to fall open, look a bit straggly and are flowering less, cut them back fairly hard to promote new growth and blooming. This will be needed for your pansies in the next few weeks.

If you are a strong advocate of fish fertilizer, a single dose just after cutting back is helpful, but otherwise it usually tends to stimulate leafy growth at the expense of flowers, so beware of the smell of fish. Keep picking off

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In a modern context

Like archaeologist, Christo defines our history

I recently visited the archaeological dig at the head of Long Harbour and was a witness to the meticulous excavation and cataloging of human remains dating back about 1,000 years. The skeleton, bit by bit, was separated and filed into ordinary small brown paper bags labelled, "cervicals" or "thoracic verts" or "ribs and sternum."

This study of ancient cultures is careful detective work, where pieces of evidence are painstakingly collected and collated with other information to gradually produce a sketch or scenario of human life in past times.

Christo Javacheff is a Bulgarian-born artist who since 1964 has lived in New York City. Christo is an artist who makes an appeal, but in a modern context, to the same sense of intrigue and wonder we experience with archaeological discoveries. He does this by isolating artifacts of our contemporary culture so as to

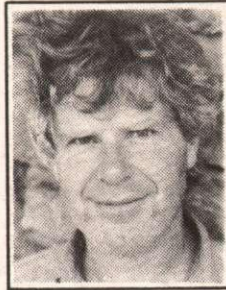
make them visible in our cluttered and visually over-stimulated world.

He holds up what we consider commonplace as evidence which indicates the kind of world we live in. He is in a sense an archaeologist not of the past but of the present.

So what is it that this man does? To put it simply, he packages or wraps things. Some are small, such as books, flowers or magazines, wrapped in brown paper or transparent poly with twine. The most notable of Christo's works, however, are those projects in which he has completely wrapped buildings, monuments and landforms in transparent and opaque coverings.

A bizarre occupation, you may think, but don't hang up yet. It is an activity which calls attention to the meanings we allocate to these things. Once something is wrapped, it, in a way, becomes a gift — something special, created for and offered to another.

artseen



by gary cherneff

There is deeper involvement. These acts are projects which require planning. Precise preparatory drawings are made with dimensions and maps which delineate the artist's ideas. Prints, collages and models are undertaken to finance the projects.

Presentations must be made to private and political bodies in order to have proposals accepted. After all, you could not wrap up Mouat's Store without consulting somebody important.

Finally, the project needs to be documented photographically to aid in our recollection of a transient event. When he wraps up Mouat's Store he makes us aware of historical process. He reveals the steps by which ideas are translated into concrete projects that are eventually dismantled or destroyed but not without leaving some residue or evidence of their existence.

Let's think back to the sandcastle contest at Vesuvius Beach. Here is an historical event in the making, an officially sanctioned demonstration of sculptural projects of a temporary nature requiring planning, building and documentation with camera.

Christo does not just make an artwork out of the object, but an artwork out of the whole process. Each step is exquisitely worked out in detail. When Mouat's Store is unwrapped we have left the memory or history with bits of evidence. The tide washes in at Vesuvius, just as time washes in on our lives, leaving recollections and vague artifacts for archaeologists to discover.

Christo can be seen as a mimic of architect and archaeologist, at once a builder and discoverer, one who constructs beautiful things and preserves historical intrigue.

Often as ordinary citizens we purposely and unnecessarily limit our definition of art. The making of art is not a lot different than building a boat or wrapping a building but, of course, it can be done well or it can be done badly, depending on the skill and conviction of the practitioner.

Islander to distribute collection of Native art left over from Expo 86

A Salt Spring Island company is handling disposition of a \$1 million collection of Native Indian art pieces left over from Expo 86.

The Ritchie Marketing Group, headed by Murray Ritchie and based in Ganges, has signed a contract to sell the collection of works on a consignment basis.

The pieces involved are part of a much larger grouping that was purchased for sale at Expo 86 by a private collector, Ritchie explained. He will be marketing the pieces that were not sold when the international fair closed its doors in late 1986 in Vancouver.

The collector "didn't want to see the art sitting in a warehouse, gathering dust," he said, and subsequently agreed to let Ritchie's company handle the marketing.

The makeup of the collection now up for sale is primarily Northwest Coast Native Indian art, with some pieces by Inuit artists from the Northwest Territories. At Expo, the works were at the B.C., Canadian and Northwest Territories pavilions.

Works by highly-regarded Native artists like Bill Reid, Chief Amos Dawson and Roy Vickers are present in the collection, which includes prints, jewelry, sculptures and carvings in mediums from wood to silver to soapstone.

Ritchie said that about half of the works would appeal to the tourism market, while the other half would be of interest to serious collectors.

"I'm still deciding where and when to move the stuff," he said. "A lot of it is smaller-priced items that are good for the tourist market, and the other half is for the collectors' market. A lot of tourists don't have \$6,000 to spend on a soapstone sculpture, for instance."

Of special interest in the collectors' category are prints from a "seafood" series created by Vickers. Ritchie said the editions, which have been sold out for

some years, were issued in different numberings. Because 200 prints were issued in one set and 100 in another, he continued, only one-half of all serious collectors can acquire a full set.

Most of the works to be sold will be exported to other markets. Ritchie said he had considered staging a week-long display of the items on Salt Spring but decided against the move because it would likely pose unfair competition to local galleries dealing in the same merchandise.

"The closest any (of the works) will be to here is Seattle," he said, adding that other markets will include Eastern Canada, California, New York State and Europe.

The inventory of the collection covers 17 pages of single-spaced lists of groupings. All of the works remain stored in a bonded warehouse in Vancouver.



Silver bracelets, above, are part of the extensive collection of Native artworks left over from Expo 86 that will be distributed for sale by Salt Spring Island resident's company. Value of collection is estimated to be \$1 million.

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Raeside production ready for stage

Planning for the production of *An Evening with the Magic of Joan Raeside* is gearing up for its July 5 presentation date.

The program, to take place at 8 pm in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School, is a combination fund-raiser for a theatre facility and a marking of the contributions the late Joan Raeside made to the cultural life of Salt Spring Island.

Raeside, who died on June 3, 1988, wrote and produced plays, storybooks for children and books of poetry and limericks, and taught music.

Sponsored by the Community Arts Council with the help of the Salt Spring Island Summer Festi-

Fund-raiser will showcase talents

val of the Arts, the program is being co-produced by Lou Rumsey and Mary Williamson. Already cast in the production are Willo Stevenson, Maggie Schubar, Gordon Wales, Dominic Wales and Martin Wales.

Also included are a number of children who were members of the cast of *Rose Red and Snow White*, plus others who were associated with or performed in the many productions written and staged locally by Joan Raeside.

Choreography for the evening will be provided by B. Salmon,

who undertook the same task for *Rose Red and Snow White*. Assisting will be Ann Cooper, who recently appeared in *The Importance of Being Ernest*. Ann Isbister, who did the backdrop for the same play, will design a new one for this production.

Also helping out is Adrian Raeside, son of Joan Raeside. The nationally-known, syndicated political cartoonist will design the cover for the printed souvenir program, and contribute an original colour poster to be auctioned.

Tickets for the Tuesday, July 5, event are \$6 each and will be on sale at the Farmers' Market and at *et cetera*.



Joan Raeside

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Classical guitarist slates Ganges date

Concert guitarist Stephen Boswell will appear in Ganges in early July.

Boswell, a classical guitarist, is set to perform on Friday, July 8, at 7:30 pm in Ganges United Church. His program will include music by Mozart, Bach, Satie, Debussy and music of ethnic origin from South America and Greece, "the greats of the Spanish masters," and his own compositions.

Highlight of the program is to be *The Prince's Toys*, a Russian fairy tale told entirely on the classical guitar.

Born in England in 1951, Boswell turned to the guitar in his eighth year. After studying popular and jazz styles, he heard his first classical guitar recital at the age of 13 years and decided to follow that route.

While at grammar school in Britain, Boswell obtained honours passes in all of his Royal College of Music examinations. After

graduating and spending one and a half years in the British Merchant Navy, he resumed his formal music studies at the Royal College of Music in London, then established classical guitar programs in schools before coming to Canada in 1975.

Since then, Boswell has undertaken nine extensive concert tours in the Pacific Northwest, to critical acclaim. He is currently of the faculties of Vancouver Community College and Capilano College, and has released three recordings of classical guitar music.

Boswell also teaches a summer school program at the Courtenay Youth Music Centre.

In 1984 and 1987, Boswell was invited to perform as a part of *Canadian Showcase* at the prestigious Toronto Guitar Festivals, and in 1983 was invited by the Orozco String Company to participate in the 10th *Concurso Internacional de la Guitarra* in Chile.

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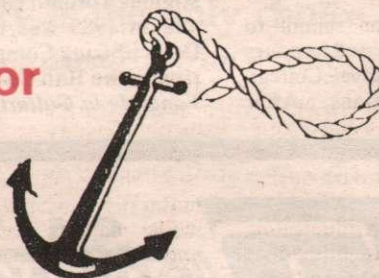
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Music highlights first week of arts festival schedule

Music dominates the first week of activities scheduled for Salt Spring Island's *Summer Festival of the Arts*, which kicks off this weekend for a one-month run.

The unofficial opening of the festival is this Friday night, July 1, when Julio Cabrera and Brazil entertain at a preview party at the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Island Elementary School, beginning at 8:30 pm.

The rest of the lineup for the festival's first week includes: Al Stewart, Saturday, July 2; Graham Walker and the Moon Cats, Sunday, July 3; Ray Newman and Friends, Wednesday, July 6; Shari Ulrich and Bill Sample, Thursday, July 7; and *See Bob Run*, Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9.

Tickets for all performances range from \$3 for Graham Walker and the Moon Cats to \$10 for Al Stewart. They are available at *et cetera* in Ganges.

• Julio Cabrera and Brazil (tickets: \$6) specialize in Brazilian bossa nova and samba, Cuban rumbas, and classical Flamenco guitar. The six-piece band with Cabrera features congas, flute, saxophone, guitar, keyboards and drums.

Cabrera is a resident of Victoria whose music is rooted in the traditions of Mexican Indians. Blinded by an accident while in his youth, Cabrera developed composing, singing and guitar-playing talents. His musical strengths include a soulful voice, a sense of rhythm and technique, and his Latin American heritage.

• Al Stewart (tickets: \$10) will appear at 8:30 pm at the Activity Centre, accompanied by guitarist Peter White. Born in Scotland, Stewart is best known for his best-selling albums *Year of the Cat* and *Time Passages*.

Blessed with a distinctive voice and the ability to weave historical and cultural themes into his music, Stewart will perform mainly acoustic music.

• Graham Walker and the Moon Cat (tickets: \$3) will take to the stage at the Activity Centre at 7 pm this Sunday for the first of the festival's scheduled programs for children.

Walker is an author, illustrator and musician who has published four books for children and recorded an album of original songs, *Car's Night Out*. His songs for children blend humour, imagination and story-telling with styles that range from jazz to jigs to country to calypso.

The Moon Cats are Persephone Dimson and Barry Walker, who back up Graham Walker's vocals and guitar. The duo provides keyboards, saxophone, harmonica, percussion, bass guitar and vocals.

• Ray Newman and Friends (tickets: \$6) will present a history of jazz music from ragtime to be-bop at 8:30 pm next Wednesday at Off Centre Stage.

Local musicians Ray Newman (clarinet, tenor sax and vibraphone), Virginia Newman (piano and vocals), Gary Lundy (piano), Stu Salmond (bass) and Bill Smith (drums) will combine to feature the music of Scott Joplin, Kid Ory, Duke Ellington, George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, Benny Goodman, the Dorsey brothers, Lionel Hampton, Dizzy Gillespie, Charlie Parker and Thelonius Monk.

Illustrations of the develop-



Shari Ulrich

ment of musical style and substance will be introduced by recorded passages leading to live performances.

• Shari Ulrich and Bill Sample (tickets: \$7) appear next Thursday at 8:30 pm in the Activity Centre.

Starting in the early 1970s with Pied Pumpkin and later the Hometown Band, Shari Ulrich is a Juno award-winner well-established as a songwriter, instrumentalist and performing artists. She is currently preparing material for her fourth solo album while making frequent concert and TV appearances across Canada.

Sample, on keyboards, will back up Ulrich's vocals, violin and instrumental work.

• *See Bob Run* (tickets: \$6) is a one-woman play to be staged July 8 and 9 at 8:30 pm Off Centre Stage.

Written by Daniel MacIvor and

originally produced in Toronto in mid-1987, *See Bob Run* details the journey of Bob, a young runaway hitchhiking east on the Trans-Canada Highway. It is a portrayal and examination of a young woman and her past as an abused child.

The play, starring Caroline Gillis, has also been featured at the Edmonton Fringe Festival, was named best new Canadian play at the Vancouver Fringe Festival, and later played in Montreal and Halifax.

A Toronto newspaper later named the play one of the top 10 productions in Canada in 1987, and named Gillis as one of the top 10 actresses. Author McIvor was also nominated for an award for his script.

The *Summer Festival of the Arts* closes July 31. All events are scheduled on a Wednesday-to-Sunday format.

THIS WEEK IN RECREATION

- LITTLE LEAGUE—All games 6 pm; home team is first named.
- LITTLE LEAGUE (11-13): Thursday, June 30: Brown's vs NRS.
- LITTLE LEAGUE (8-10): Wed., June 29: NRS vs Brown's; Butcher Shoppe vs Driftwood.
- COACH PITCH: Wed., June 29: Brown's vs G.I. Trucking.
- T-BALL: Wed., June 29: Brown's vs Windsor.
- LADIES' LEAGUE: Monday, July 4: Driftwood vs Inn, Fulford; Ladies vs Leisure Lanes, Portlock. Wed., July 6: Byrons vs Ladies, Portlock; Inn vs Leisure Lanes, Fulford.
- MEN'S FASTPITCH LEAGUE: Thurs., June 30, 6:30: Patterson's vs Fulford, Portlock; ump Vesuvius. Tues., July 5, 6:30: Patterson's vs Vesuvius, Fulford; ump Fulford.
- MEN'S COMPETITIVE SLOWPITCH: Thurs., June 30, 6:45: Mobile vs Scorpions, Fulford #1. Sun., July 3, 5:30: Scorpions vs Mobile, Fulford #1; Islanders vs Barflies, Fulford #2. 7:00: Mobile vs Barflies, Fulford #1; Scorpions vs Islanders, Fulford #2. Tues., July 5, 6:45: Mobile vs Barflies, Portlock.

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Summer-long program

Series of nature activities scheduled for Ruckle Park

Even as a child, Diana Thompson was a naturalist: she was the type of child with frogs in her pocket and eggs hatching in the basement.

This year Thompson will bring her many-faceted experience as a naturalist to the Ruckle Park outdoors program.

The program, which will feature events for children, adults and families, will be running Fridays and Saturdays throughout the summer months.

Known on Salt Spring primarily as an artist, Thompson has an extensive background in biology. Aside from several years of university education, she has guided naturalist boat tours in Alaska and the Queen Charlotte Islands; studied the giraffe in Africa; and travelled through Costa Rica. She also spent three years working as a park naturalist at Miracle Beach in Courtenay, and one year at a Sechelt park.

The park program, sponsored by the ministry of environment and parks, will offer a variety of events. Thompson says she is particularly looking forward to the children's programs, which she plans to hold once or twice each week. Possible activities will include observation games (stomping through the woodland); games where children will pretend to be camouflaged animals; nature walks; plus the *Jerry Ranger* participation package. Thompson has also planned charade games, blind walks, and craft activities such as making plaster casts of animal prints.

The children's activities will each run for one to one-and-one-half hours. They are offered free of charge and are open to any children on the island.

The program is not just for Ruckle Park campers, Thompson

stresses. While the program is defined as open to five- to 10-year-olds, the group will be flexible.

Adult and family activities will include low-tide beach walks, bird walks and history walks with long-time park resident Gwen Ruckle. There will be an evening program each night, whether it be a walk, slide show or another activity. A schedule of events will be posted at both island tourist bureaus, at the park, and at other undetermined locations. It will also be printed in *Driftwood*.

Thompson feels it is her mandate to "have people enjoy themselves, and have them understand the park is there to have and take care of."

While the program may not be able to compete with video and TV, she says, it provides a "hands-on" experience: "Suddenly there is a grouse in front of you with her whole family."

All programs begin at the "Meeting Place" (the amphitheatre) in the Ruckle Park campground.

The events scheduled for the next two weeks are as follows:

- FRIDAY, JULY 1**
- 4:30 pm, children's program, featuring nature-oriented games and activities.
 - 8:30 pm, evening talk and slide show, *Life at the Edge*, focusing on intertidal life.

- SATURDAY, JULY 2**
- 12:30 pm, *Exposed!*, a low-tide beach exploration for the whole family. Wear sturdy footwear, such as gumboots.
 - 7 pm, *Woolly Flowers and Gummy Weeds*, a walk around Ruckle Park, showing how plants manage to survive drought. Also wildflower identification.

- FRIDAY, JULY 8**
- 4 pm, children's program, featuring games and nature-oriented activities. Please bring a pencil and paper if possible.
 - 7 pm, evening talk, *A Charm of Finches and a Party of Jays*, followed by a bird walk.

- SATURDAY, JULY 9**
- 4 pm, children's program.
 - 7 pm, evening talk on *The Oldest Family Farm in B.C.*, followed by a walk at 7:30 around Ruckle Park.

Dogs banned

Dogs have been banned from two Salt Spring Island beaches for the duration of the summer.

Effective June 15 to September 15, no dogs are allowed at Vesuvius Bay beach or Bader's beach.

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By STANLEY LAING

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Time approaching to pick RRSP, income tax options

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Stanley Laing operates The Laing Financial Group in Ganges.



Good news accumulating for stock market players

By RICK SALES and PETER ROBSON

While May wasn't particularly kind to stocks, June has witnessed a sharp burst in prices. Both the Dow Industrials and the TSE 300 Composite Index are up approximately 7.5 per cent in the past few weeks. It appears the summer rally has begun early. And while there will be some pauses for digestion, the summer season could be interesting for traders.

Certainly, good news has been accumulating. For the second consecutive month the U.S. trade gap evidenced a marked improvement. The shortfall in April, the latest reported month, narrowed by more than 15 per cent. On a seasonally adjusted basis, the trade figure was \$9.89 billion versus \$11.7 billion in March. That is the smallest monthly deficit since December, 1984.

Of major significance was the drop in imports. They fell 6.4 per cent; one of the few declines in recent months providing some proof that the long-awaited turnaround in the trade figure has arrived.

All seems quiet on the inflation front. While producer prices in the U.S. in May did rise .5 per cent, they included a .9 per cent jump in food costs. In the absence of this component, producer prices rose a more modest 0.3 per cent, hardly evidence of panic. Consumer prices were up 0.3 per cent in the same month, a better-than-expected performance. Food prices will, however, affect this number in coming months. Drought conditions in certain sectors of North America do certainly cloud the near-term inflationary outlook but are

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Government bonds recognized as 'safest form of investment'

By BRUCE FOERSTER

Government bonds have long been recognized as the safest form of investment, since they are backed by their respective governments and their powers of taxation. Indeed, government bonds are the standard of security by which all other investments are judged. Bonds are easy to buy, easy to sell and offer competitive interest rates. Perhaps the only shortcomings of bonds are the interest they earn is fully taxable, and they provide little in the way of inflation protection.

Purchasing individual bonds can be a frustrating experience as one must select the term of the

bond, which depends on their own view of interest rates. Bonds are available with maturities ranging from five to 25 years. Since longer-term bonds generally provide somewhat better interest rates, there is an obvious desire to select the longer term bond. For example, if one were to select a 20-year, 10 per cent government bond and interest rates then increased to 12 per cent, the relative value of their bond would have declined as new bond buyers would seek the new, higher interest bond issues.

Many investors have decided to leave the ongoing maturity date decisions to the professionals and have chosen bond funds instead. Bond funds have many advantages

over individual bonds. First of all, a bond fund diversifies its bonds over various terms to maturity, thereby lowering the risk of interest rate change. By utilizing sophisticated computer programs, bond fund managers can determine to a large degree the trends of interest rates and adjust the terms to maturity of the bonds in the fund accordingly.

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Bruce Foerster is an investment executive with England Securities Ltd.

Mutual funds assuming important portfolio role

By BILL CALLIN

Money-market mutual funds are relatively new to Canada and have often been overlooked by investors, but are now beginning to assume an important role in many investors' portfolios.

Money-market funds benefit investors most during inflationary times. They were created in the U.S. in the mid-1970s, when oil prices, inflation and interest rates were soaring. Before they became available, institutional investors and wealthy individuals could ride rising interest rates by buying CDs, which were then offered only in large denominations, while the average investor was limited to the far lower rates paid on savings accounts. Money-market funds were a true innovation that enabled almost anyone to earn short-term rates close to what large investors were getting.

Many people began using money-market funds as savings

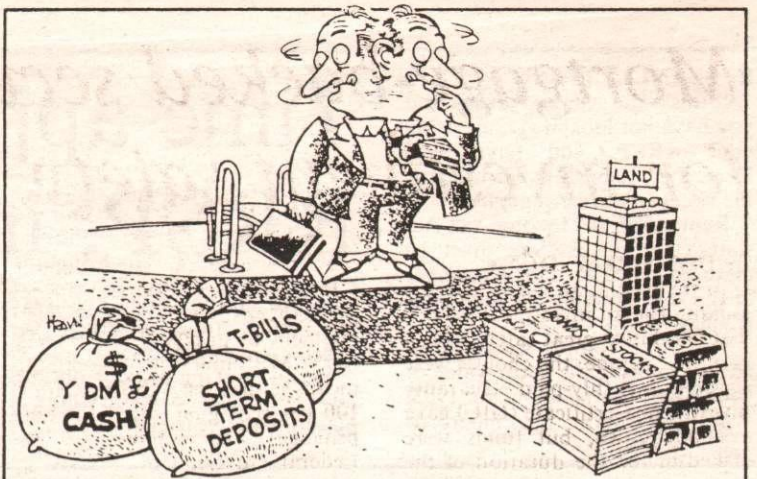
accounts. And as long as interest rates were rising, this was a sensible approach because the securities in money-market funds were steadily rolled over into new securities paying higher rates.

But during a period of falling rates, money-market funds work the opposite way. They follow the downward trend of rates closely, yielding investors less and less each month.

For this reason, it no longer makes sense to keep large amounts of cash in money-market funds. It's particularly unwise to invest your RSP funds in a money-market fund. There are many higher-yielding instruments (including corporate and government bond funds, and income-oriented equity mutual funds) that are often better vehicles for long-term plans like RSPs.

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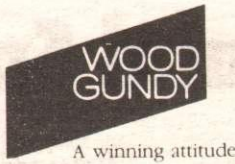
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Forest warden program offered

A Junior Forest Warden program for Salt Spring Island would help the community retain its forest resources for future generations, says a B.C. Forestry Association member who recently visited the island.

Jean Weighill, a field supervisor in the association's Duncan office, attended the July 18-19 conference of B.C. and Washington State professional foresters hosted on Salt Spring by the Gulf Islands Woodlot Association and the Farmers' Institute.

"From what I saw on Salt Spring — the Woodland Association, rangeland, trail-building, etc. — this type of youth club would be a tremendous asset in guaranteeing the continuing beauty and bounty of the island," Weighill noted.

Junior Forest Warden programs emphasize study of the natural environment and conservation of resources. Launched in B.C. in 1930, the program is open to boys and girls between the ages of six and 18 years. Four classifications are used: Pathfinders (six to nine years), Trailblazers (nine to 12 years), Adventurers (12 to 15 years), and Challengers (15 to 18 years).

Although each group usually has tailored activities and programs designed to suit their age bracket, all work together as one club.

Weighill noted that instructors involved in the Junior Forest Warden program do not need to be foresters. "Leaders tend to learn as they instruct and do hands-on activities with the younger members," she said, adding that the program often evolves into a family affair, with parents learning with their children.

Clubs are tailor-made to suit their locale, Weighill continued: "Through a Junior Forest Warden club, the residents of Salt Spring and the other islands could instruct their youths in sensible resource management, thus ensuring that the informed decisions of today are carried out and improved upon by the following generation," she said. "The main emphasis of the program is on the wise use of our natural heritage — woods, water, wildlife and soils — (and is) a duplication of the Woodlands Association's concerns."

Weighill noted that her association has programs in place to instruct leaders, and said she is prepared to meet with any islanders interested in discussing the possible launching of a Junior Forest Warden branch on Salt Spring. She can be reached at 748-5800.

Weighill added that her tour of Salt Spring was "a pleasure," and that it was "refreshing, in this age of controversy, to see a group interested in managing their resources in a soundly-planned manner."



Terry McKinnon poses in front of archway sign

Log arch carved by chainsaw

Salt Spring Island chainsaw carver Terry McKinnon is branching out.

McKinnon, best known for his life-sized carvings of bears, last week erected a large log archway and sign at Cusheon Lake Resort.

The archway, believed by McKinnon to be one of the largest of its kind anywhere, incorporates four logs — two vertical pieces, one horizontal and a fourth which was carved to depict an eagle.

McKinnon took two months to finish the arch and sign. He notes it was done entirely with chainsaw, except for some finishing-touch sanding around the up-raised letters of the sign itself.

Although he is booked through to the end of 1989 for carvings of bears and other wildlife, McKinnon said he hopes to be able to complete more of the archway signs.

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down the years

Twenty-five years ago

The referendum for a new auditorium, gymnasium and science room on Salt Spring Island, plus a teacherage on Galiano Island, failed for a second time to gain the support of voters.

Of the 906 votes cast, 24 were rejected, 472 were in favour and 410 against. The vote on the new school facility the previous fall gained 476 *yes* votes and 418 *no* votes. The required 60 per cent majority missed by 6.4 per cent.

A Vancouver company was awarded a contract to construct a small boat basin in Ganges Harbour.

The project would include dredging behind Salt Spring Motors, construction of a breakwater, dyking operations, and construction of floats.

Graduates of the Class of '63 included: Marjorie Ginn, Heather Anderson, Faye Riddell, Tracy Wilks, Jill Cunliffe, Sheila De-Burgh, Joan Stevens, Sally Barker, Nancy Koyama, Thomas Williams, Ron Coutts, Cam Cartwright, Wayne Sober, Jim McClean, Dave Christney, George Quesnel, Norman Twa, Fred Hanke, Lois Hedger.

Seven of the 19 students had attended school together since Grade One.

Twenty years ago

The islands had taken their place on the air map.

Victoria Flying Services Ltd. received approval of its plans to establish a scheduled air service between Victoria and Vancouver, via the Gulf Islands. The scheduled flight was to leave Ganges Harbour four times daily.

A small group of Saturna Islanders would be catering to a large group of hungry visitors when the annual lamb barbecue got underway.

Artists and hobbyists were being invited to exhibit, demonstrate and enjoy their arts and crafts throughout the summer months, with others at Mahon Hall. The Gulf Islands Community Arts Council was seeking to encourage all local artists to participate.

No immediate action had been taken by the Mayne Island Ratepayers Association when it was suggested that island fares are out of keeping with the fares charged in other parts of the province by the B.C. Ferry Authority.

Fifteen years ago

The Board of Trustees of the Gulf Islands School District gave approval to a number of minor changes in the school building

contract for Ganges.

The main contract price was established at the time of the original school building votes, in the amount of \$752,000. An additional sum of \$281,000 was approved by property owners. Certain sub-contractors increased their price during the interim. Current discussions were aimed at bringing prices and projects into line.

K&R food store prices looked like this: local strawberries, four pound for \$1; green grapes, 59 cents per pound; watermelon, 10 cents — whole, 12 cents — sliced per pound; prime rib \$1.39 per pound; smoked picnics, 59 cents per pound; chicken segments (breasts and thighs), 89 cents per pound.

At Harbour Low Cost, grocery prices were as follows: two pounds of margarine, 69 cents; two pounds of cookies, 99 cents; 16 ounce jar of Miracle Whip, 47 cents; three pounds of peanut butter, \$1.39; Kraft Macaroni and Cheese dinners, four for 69 cents; turkey, 69 cents per pound.

Ten years ago

Gulf Islands Secondary School graduation ceremonies involved 57 students. Guest speaker for the occasion was Tommy Douglas, popular MP for Nanaimo-Malahat-The Islands.

A CBC recording crew came to Salt Spring Island to catch the music. Sylvia Tyson brought the recording crew and equipment to tape Valdy. Kathy Stack and Marianne Grittani were also part of part of the taping session for a radio program to be broadcast in the fall.

A meeting for the South Vancouver Island zone of the Royal Canadian Legion was held on Pender Island and drew more than 100 Vancouver Island visitors.

The public was being encouraged to participate in school board issues.

The Gulf Islands school board passed a policy motion to encourage community members to attend board meetings. A question period would allow the public to express opinions and ask questions on school matters.

Five years ago

At the annual meeting of the Gulf Islands Intermediate and Personal Care Society, auditor Edith Sacker announced that the estimated loss in accounts receivable, due to suspected embezzlement, was \$39,000.

RCMP officers from the commercial crime section in Victoria

with driftwood

began an investigation one month prior to the announcement. Such investigations often take several months to complete.

The Salt Spring Players were seeking a place "to call home." Productions of the theatre group were being staged at Mahon Hall, with major productions in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

Overcrowding at Salt Spring Elementary could turn Mahon Hall into a gymnasium, according to speculation.

The Gulf Islands school district had asked the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission for time in Mahon Hall. The district wanted two hours per day to conduct physical education classes in the building.

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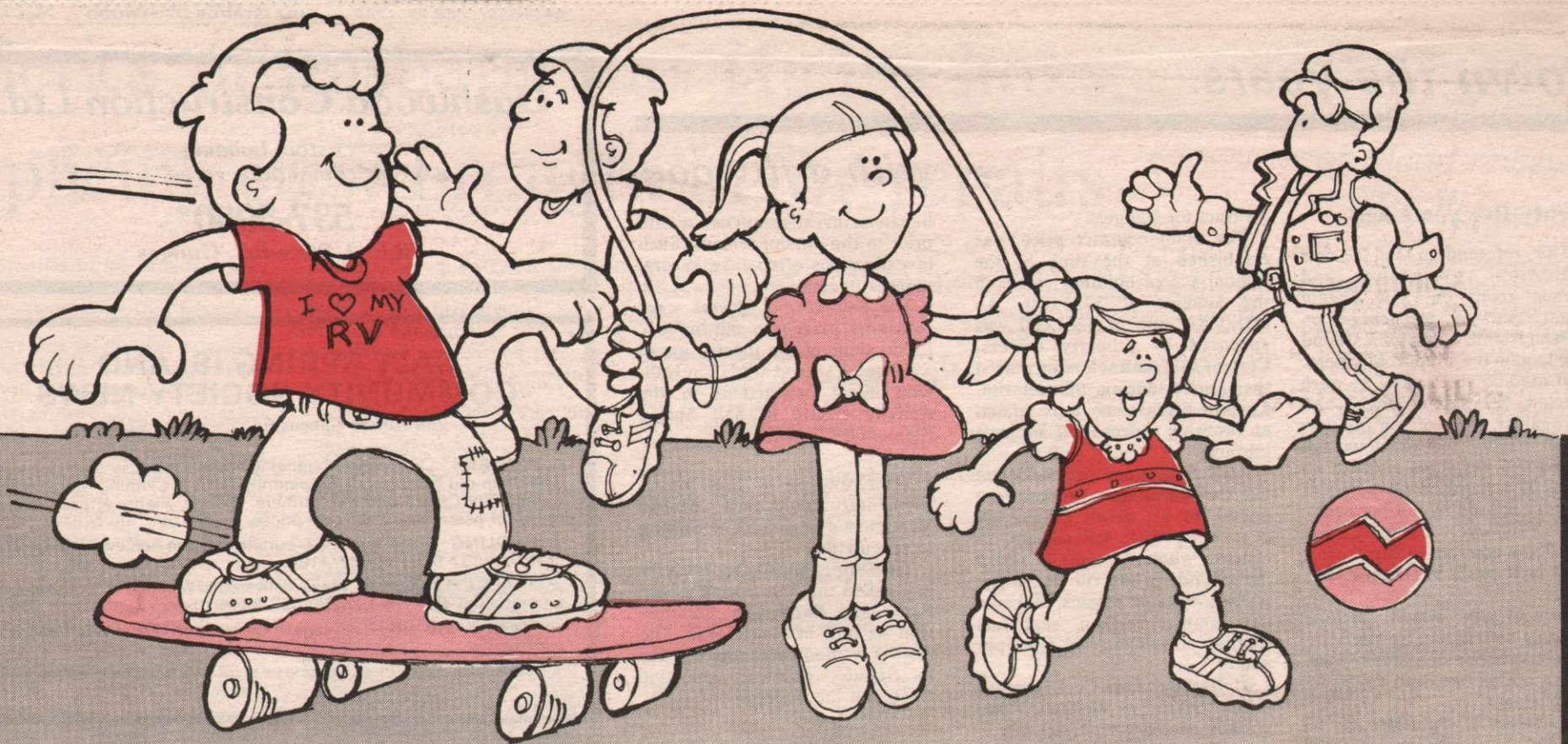
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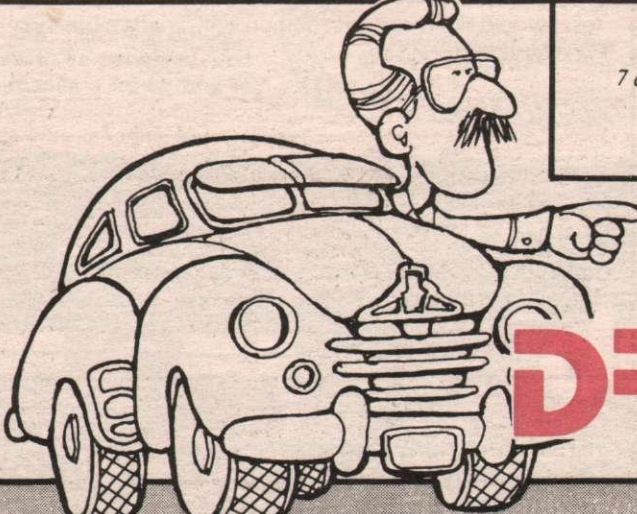
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