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Face-painting

Sharada Filkow applies colours to masks to be used in Salt Spring Centre's production of *The Ramayana*, a 2,600-year-old tale of good versus evil to be staged July 22 by a cast of 40-plus youngsters. Rehearsals

by acting troupe and musicians are being stepped up this week in preparation for opening night. Story, page A18.

Review agency debated

The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) to Salt Spring's Islands Trust committee last week voted down a motion requesting that the Chamber of Commerce undertake a review of the island's official community plan.

APC chairman Ian Fraser later noted that the Islands Trust asked the Community Planning Association in June to undertake a community plan review, and that to suddenly ask another group to handle the same task would cause "a muddying of the waters."

Chamber of Commerce sponsorship of a community plan review was requested at last week's APC meeting by member Rick Rockcliffe. The motion was put forward after Chamber of Commerce president Jack Cherry said his group would not spearhead such a project if the request came from a private citizen — it would have to be made by a local government body like the APC, which functions as an advisory body to the Islands Trust.

Rockcliffe's motion had asked that the APC request the Chamber to undertake co-ordination of the community plan review, "attempt to identify the essence of living on Salt Spring and the perception people have of their

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Cycle championship set for Salt Spring

Salt Spring Island will play host later this month to bicycle races being held to determine the B.C. champion in six riding categories.

The Bicycling Association of B.C. (BABC) will hold the races July 24 on a 20-kilometre course at the north end of Salt Spring Island.

Among the competitors expected to arrive for the event are a handful of candidates for Canada's bicycle-racing teams to be entered in this year's Summer Olympics in South Korea.

BABC spokesman Hugh Jordan said the races will be held on a course covering Vesuvius Bay Road, Sunset Drive and North End Road.

"It's a championship course," he told *Driftwood*. "It's tough and it's challenging."

The championship meet will feature races in six categories — open, senior women, masters,

juniors, cadets and junior cadets. Range of the races will vary from eight laps of the 20-kilometre circuit in the open category, to one lap for junior cadet entrants.

In all, Jordan expects about 150 to 180 entries. The field should include Brian Walton, who finished second in the recent Tour of Texas road race and is a prime candidate for Canada's Olympic team, and Luca Segato, a Victoria resident who is on the Olympic Team short list. Also expected are potential Olympic Team members Sarah Neil and Alison Sydor.

The races will begin at 10:30 am on July 24. The start-finish line will be near the intersection of North End and Vesuvius Bay roads, with riders moving first along North Bay Road, then onto Sunset Drive and then onto Vesuvius Bay Road.

To enter the races, a rider must be a licensed cyclist and a member of the BABC.

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View of history

Weathered outbuildings in Ruckle Park attract interest during tour of area's historical landmarks. Story, Page B1.

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Area MLA elevated to position in cabinet

Gulf Islands connections were present in last week's provincial cabinet shuffle and the related reorganization of the premier's office.

In the cabinet shuffle, Terry Huberts, one of two Social Credit MLAs for Saanich-and-the-Islands, was named minister of state of one of B.C.'s eight new regional development zones and given ministerial responsibility for the parks portfolio.

Mel Couvelier, the riding's other Social Credit MLA, retained his post as minister of finance and corporate relations.

In the reorganization of the premier's office, meanwhile, Salt Spring resident Peter Bazowski was appointed a special advisor to Premier Bill Vander Zalm.

Bazowski — a former deputy minister of health, provincial ombudsman and deputy RCMP commissioner who retired to Salt Spring about two years ago, told *Driftwood* he will retain his home

on Salt Spring while working in the premier's office.

"We have always considered Salt Spring our principal home," Bazowski said, adding that the prospect of commuting to his office is nothing new.

Bazowski pointed out that his appointment is on a contract basis only. "It's not a permanent job — I'll be here as long as I can be of some use, and only that long."

Bazowski's tasks as special advisor to the premier are undefined. Although he expects to be given responsibility for certain special projects, the scope of his duties will not be limited in any way, Bazowski said.

Huberts, a veterinarian who was first elected to the provincial legislature in 1986, moves from the government backbenches to the cabinet. He was unavailable for comment when *Driftwood* went to press earlier this week.

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Tumbling down

Walls and interior of former Esso service station across from Mouat's Trading are being pulled down to prepare site for next stage in Grace Point development, which will see additional commercial space erected on spot. Service station has since relocated to Rainbow Road and Jackson Avenue intersection.

Renovations in store for former GVM site

The former Ganges Village Market (GVM) building is undergoing a face-lift.

The building, owned by Mouat's Trading Company, is expected to re-open in October as home to the Kanaka Place restaurant, the Salty Shop, the clothing section of Mouat's Trading Company, and several retail stores.

While the structure was previously operated as a one-storey building, it is large enough to accommodate a second level without raising the roof, says Tom Toynbee, president and managing director of the company. A low parapet along the rooftop will allow protection for items such as air conditioning.

The new Kanaka Place restaurant will spread over two floors on the water side of the building.

Toynbee says that by moving portions of Mouat's Trading Company into the renovated building, the present store can be opened up to allow for increased hard-

ware, sporting goods and house-ware items.

Toynbee says the former GVM building is gutted at present, and major renovations will be needed to give it a new look. A number of windows and canopies will change its appearance dramatically, he says.

Wiring for the building will be underground, and the exterior further enhanced by a seaside walkway joining the two buildings.

setting it straight

The Margaret Campbell identified in last week's court report is not Margaret W. Campbell of Elizabeth Drive. Driftwood regrets any misunderstanding which may have resulted from the similarity in names.

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Thieves carry off tobacco

Local RCMP received report of two breaking and entering infractions last week.

On Galiano Island, a quantity of cigarettes valued at about \$2,000 was taken from the Corner Store.

Ron Minette reported the incident July 7, indicating the theft occurred sometime during the previous night. Police say the culprits entered the building by kicking in the front door. They escaped with approximately 80 cartons of various brands of cigarettes.

The incident is under police investigation.

A Ganges man also reported a break, enter and theft. The offence, which occurred sometime between 4:45 pm and 12:30 am on July 7 and 8, resulted in the loss of musical equipment.

The total value of the three items taken — a guitar tuner, sonic distortion equipment and a digital relay — is in the area of \$1,250. Entry to the residence was through an unlocked back door.

Police are continuing their investigation into the incident.

In other police matters, local RCMP were called to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Long Harbour and Old Scott roads on July 8.

The incident, which occurred at 2 pm, caused \$2,500 in vehicle damage. There were no injuries.

The accident took place as Anna Mouat of Vancouver drove northbound on Long Harbour Road and Alma McQuiggan of Ganges drove westbound on Old Scott Road. The two cars collided at the intersection.

No charges were laid.

In other matters, a Ganges resident was incorrectly identified as having reported an incident to police.

A report two weeks ago identified Pat Beattie as the complainant in a vandalism incident regarding a car parked at the Harbour House Hotel.

A mix-up in names at the Nanaimo answering service caused the incorrect identification.

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Just tell me who you are

It's dark glass weather and don't start slanging the weather. We don't get enough these days to let fly at it.

Each summer it's the same story. You see a figure without a face. It could be someone you know or it could be a stranger. Worse, it could be somebody travelling incognito who doesn't want me to recognize him.

That makes two issues out of this disguise business. Do you say to a face *who are you?* or do you pretend you know perfectly well who you're talking to even when you don't?

When the figure in the shades has moved away I'm left with two burning questions:

Who was that vision of loveliness without eyes? Why didn't she want me to recognize her?

It'll all square itself away in the winter!

Just to wash your hair!

I went to Lillooet a week or so ago to listen to my companions and, perchance to talk. There was a brief convention and copious entertainment. I enjoyed the train journey through the mountains and I enjoyed the near-tropical heat. I enjoyed panning for gold and I enjoyed an adventure into golf and sheep-farming.

I did not enjoy washing my hair.

In my youth I used to wash my hair with any soap to hand. During the war it was usually the red-stained, heavily carbolic Lifebuoy soap, so much a part of serving in the RAF.

Then I wed. My bride was horrified at the idea of washing hair in common soap. I must use shampoo. I yet do, most of the time.

I was in a hotel and my hair was heavy with dirt. It is my custom to wash my hair while bathing. Not only does it simplify the whole operation of decontamination, but you can tell how dirty your hair was by the steady change in colour of the bath water.

This was the turning point. There am I, immersed in water, reasonably clean and spotless except for my hair.

Hotel shampoo comes in handy plastic packages. Open the package and enjoy the great volume of suds that builds up like a halo around the head. The thought is a delight. Opening that envelope of plastic armour is not.

The armour resisted my nails. It would slide away from my wet fingers. My teeth tried to leap from my mouth when I bit the thing. And all the time I was getting madder and madder with this inanimate object that enclosed the shampoo I sought.

I know that such bitter annoyance is utterly stupid, but I threw the offending package into the toilet and washed my hair with the diminutive piece of soap which the travel industry is convinced is the

appropriate amount for one night.

If you really want to use pre-packaged shampoo in the bath, take a pair of scissors to the bath. It's like using some preparation in the bathroom. You leave your glasses in the bedroom and either you guess the amount you want or you climb grumpily out of the bath and leave a slobbering trail of water through to the bedroom as you recover your glasses.

If these packaging systems keep up, there's only one answer: move the bathroom into the bedroom and have everything ready to hand!

She's back again!

Christine is back.

A year or so ago the telephone would constantly ring to invite Christine to respond. But unlike Annie, Christine doesn't live here any more. Unlike Annie, because she never did live here.

Last week a young caller expressed the desire to speak to Christine, once again.

I explained that the only Christine around here is my sister-in-law and she ain't around here most of the time. He rang off.

A few minutes later the phone called its imperious message and the same voice asked for the same young lady.

I explained that she still didn't live here, but he was skeptical. Only when I told him my phone number was he confident that I wasn't having him on.

But, honest, Christine doesn't live here!

I reckon one thing every telephone company has more of is wrong numbers.

Bird watching

I'm a bird watcher these days, for at least two days a week.

Two mornings each week a bevy of birds descends on my back-yard pool to keep fit. They come to keep fit and I'm around to keep an eye on them.

Not that I pay them very much attention. My only trouble is that I keep bumping my nose on the windowpane.

One thing's for sure!

There's been so much said and written about growing old that you might think some of it was written by people old enough to know.

Only one thing for sure about aging: the older you get, the more it shows.

Worst thing that's happened to me in this process was when I absent-mindedly went to the cupboard and started pouring mixer into my cup of tea. I still prefer milk. And it's not stupidity and it's not that I'm in my dotage: as yet. It's simply that I have so many things on my mind I just do everything automatically and my mind rides more smoothly in the liquor cabinet than it does in the tea pot.

Liquor seizures made

Police crack down on tire-squealers

Local RCMP are cracking down on drivers who squeal tires and cause excessive noise.

According to Const. Brian Brack, enforcement of regulations prohibiting the squealing of tires resulted in a number of charges being laid over last weekend.

Follow-ups to the driving infraction clampdown saw police make three liquor seizures Friday night, and four Saturday night. Two individuals were brought in for impaired driving, and four 24-hour suspensions were handed out, as well as a number of tickets.

The fine for squealing tires and causing excessive noise is \$75. For those drivers performing "donuts" as well, the fine is a minimum of \$100 and a court appearance. A dangerous driving charge could evolve should the

infraction take place with people in the vicinity.

Police Sgt. Jim Kirk said the local detachment has received a number of complaints regarding the squealing of tires. Many complaints have come from campers in Mouat's Park.

Sgt. Kirk is encouraging the public to become involved in the crackdown by obtaining licence plate numbers and reporting incidents. Without the aid of the public, Kirk said, police can get only a small portion of the offenders.

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Huberts elevated to cabinet

From Page A1

An outline of the premier's restructuring program says Huberts, as minister of state responsible for Vancouver Island-Coast and North Coast, will be expected to "complete regional economic and social development inventories in conjunction with the ministry of regional development," and to "develop long-range regional economic and social development plans for inclusion in the government's long-term plan."

As the provincial minister of parks, Huberts will be responsible for parks and outdoor recreation, parks programs, planning and ecological reserves, visitor services and park management services.

His priorities in the new post, according to the government's background paper, will include developing a plan for presentation to cabinet by this November 15 "to promote and market B.C. parks in conjunction with the ministries of tourism and provincial secretary, and municipal affairs, recreation and culture."

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Doubts cast on credibility of premier

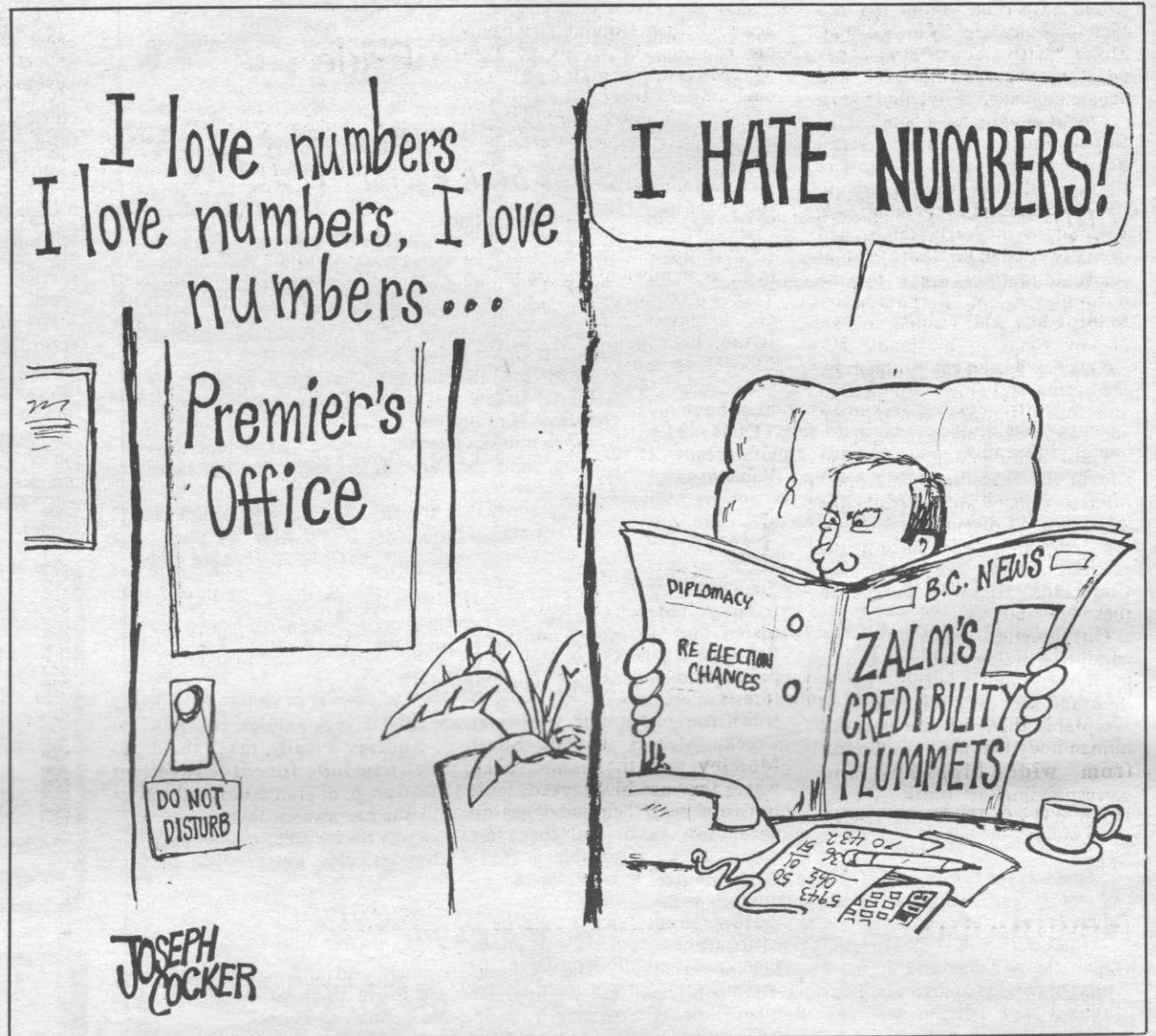
Concern for the continued independence of the provincial government post of attorney-general—a chief reason cited by Oak Bay MLA Brian Smith for his resignation from that role two weeks ago—has been heightened, instead of calmed, by Premier Bill Vander Zalm's subsequent move to divide the ministry and its responsibilities.

Last Wednesday, in announcing a restructuring of his cabinet personnel and of the responsibilities of certain ministries, the premier created a ministry of the solicitor-general and handed it control of some functions previously held by the attorney-general. Among those duties are administration of corrections and police services.

To most observers, the attorney-general's ministry's loss of jurisdiction over police and prisons may seem to be a trifling cosmetic change in the way our government exercises and allocates authority. It is significant, however, because a fear of the same splitting of jurisdictions was cited by Brian Smith as another prime factor in his decision to tender his resignation.

To understand the significance, we must remember that when Brian Smith resigned as attorney-general and explained his rationale for doing so, Premier Vander Zalm dismissed Smith's reasons as having "no basis in fact." Less than a week later, however, the splitting of the attorney-general's ministry was accomplished. What does that say about the premier's credibility?

That question forces our attention to the other—and most serious—charge levied by Smith when he resigned: that the independence of the attorney-general's office was threatened by the premier's intervention on behalf of his wealthy



friend, Peter Toigo, who was said to be the subject of a police investigation being handled by Smith's ministry.

The question of possible political interference in the criminal justice field, now and in future, is especially appropriate in the wake of the disquiet within the Social Credit caucus. MLAs with demonstrated loyalty to the premier were elevated last week to the cabinet; those who have questioned his policies and tactics are now on the

back benches. The possibility of the new attorney-general or the new solicitor-general opposing the wishes of the premier is, in that light, diminished.

This is not to cast aspersions on the integrity of either Stuart "Bud" Smith, the new attorney-general, or Angus Ree, B.C.'s new solicitor-general, or on their abilities to place the requirement for objectivity ahead of political considerations. The doubt lies with the premier's penchant for having his way.

Strong medicine prescribed to ward off deer

A researcher from Langley, a plot of land on Texada Island and the scent of a particular animal might soon combine to offer relief for Salt Spring Island gardeners beset by hungry herds of deer. Then again, they might not.

The man from Langley is Tom Sullivan, head of the Applied Mammal Research Institute, a 10-year-old firm specializing in control of pests through the use of natural deterrents. The property on Texada is actually three sites planted this spring with nursery-reared, two-year-old evergreen tree seedlings. The animal smell is contained in a smelly brown liquid Sullivan calls "essence of cougar feces."

With funding from the federal

and provincial governments, Sullivan will smear his 'perfume' among the seedlings and wait to see if the smell helps reduce the number of young trees eaten by deer on the island. Deer take more than 60 per cent of seedlings in some reforested areas.

Since cougars eat deer as part of their diet, Sullivan hopes the deer's natural fear of the big cats will be stronger than their desire to browse in the area. He says he's had considerable success using similar compounds against field mice in orchards in the Okanagan, and that experiments with the compound and four deer confined to a one-hectare pen saw the animals avoid 'perfumed' plants 80 per cent of the time.

my word

by duncan macdonnell

Gardeners on the Gulf Islands should hope the researcher is successful. To say they have troubles with deer is an understatement: just look at the intricate fencing systems found in most corners of the islands, or listen to an accounting of the many and varied home remedies tried by our two-legged plant lovers. It's a war out there.

But would Sullivan's cougar

essence work here? After all, a cougar is a rare visitor to these islands. Oh, once in a while one of the cats will swim over from Vancouver Island — but it's usually soon dropped in its tracks by someone with a flock of sheep to protect. Our locally-raised deer might not have sniffed enough samples of real cougar essence to know what it is, let alone know they should fear the smell.

But if genetic memory means the method does work, and work well, application of the essence to local gardens would be easy. Sullivan inserts the liquid into glass tubes which attach to plants with a simple plastic twist-tie. Capillary action keeps the liquid inside and releases the smell

slowly, over a year or so.

However, there's no word yet of whether the cougar essence will be marketed commercially if it does work. Despite the potential domestic applications, Sullivan's research is intended to first serve the professional foresters and forest companies whose seedlings are under attack.

We may be able to get around that little problem, though. The next time a cougar shows up on these shores, perhaps it could be prompted to wander — slowly — through as many local gardens as possible before being dispatched. Better yet, maybe there's an opportunity here for an entrepreneur who owns a trained cougar with weak kidneys...

Hats off

Sir,

Hats off to Island trustees Steve Wright and Jim Campbell for stonewalling Messrs. Jensen and Webb and giving them the bum's rush (at least verbally) at the June 3rd Trust Council meeting.

One almost shudders at the arrogance of these bureaucrats, who would impose their technical theories on the inhabitants of these islands while apparently ignoring the very factors which motivate people to reside here.

Half a century ago such men could have found their niche in the colonial service. Local chiefs would have been summoned into their presence and informed that, along with countless other benefits, the great white father had decided to widen their tribal roads.

Decades ago, as a student of British Empire history, I recall being impressed with the statesmanship of Lord Durham, who as Governor-General of New Zealand in the early 1800s, had been thwarted in his desire to build roads in certain areas by the intransigence of a paramount Maori Chief who wanted no part of any roads in his lands. His Excellency solved the problem by presenting said chief with a coach and four. Highway construction was commenced soon thereafter.

I am confident, however, that should the Hon. Stephen Rogers offer to donate Steve Wright the latest model Porsche, he will resist the temptation and inform the minister that we want no Coquihalla Highway fiascos in these fair islands.

Our rustic roads may be conducive to slow traffic and some fender-bending incidents, but a thousand bent car bodies are more acceptable than the one smashed human body that might well result from wide highways and corresponding fast traffic.

H. D. WILLIAMS-FREEMAN,
Vancouver.
Ganges.

Neighbours

Sir,

Shouldn't companies be good neighbours? Consider the manifold restrictions accepted by an average home-owner. Noise, nuisance and occupancy by-laws determine how many people may live in a house and the extent to which their activities may impinge on their neighbours. Municipal regulations govern residential burning, watering, fence height and location of perimeter shrubs. Orchardists in some areas are required to spray their trees to prevent spread of disease. The owner of an unkempt property may find the city cleaning it up — and billing him. And, of course, zoning of land determines the very location of private dwellings.

Why does a private residential landowner comply with these onerous restrictions? Because it is generally accepted that, in communities, there must be limits to individual behaviour to protect the community as a whole.

Yet, when the private landowner is a company, it is almost impossible to insist that the good of the community prevail. MacMillan-Bloedel has the legal right to cut 7,000 acres of Galiano Island. Have they the moral right? What about their neighbours?

The magnificent forests of Galiano Island constitute a major

part of its beauty and its attraction. The effects on the human residents of Galiano of cutting them are well-documented.

It is time for us to articulate a new level of ethics, to extend the boundaries of "community" to include the entire biotic community of the island. Deer, owls, eagles, must be considered when MacMillan-Bloedel makes its decision. Permanent destruction of a complex ecosystem cannot be justified by short-term economic gain.

As ancient trees fall in clear-cuts across British Columbia, citizens are echoing the words of Tom MacMillan, minister of the environment, that it is not possible to have a healthy economy without a healthy environment. Certainly it is impossible to have a sustainable economy under the present cut and run practises.

If Mr. Zimmerman truly believes the statements he agreed to as a member of the Canadian Task Force on the Environment and Economy, then, on Galiano Island, he will urge MacMillan-Bloedel to put ecology before economics and be a good neighbour.
TRUDY FRISK,
Green Party of B.C.,
Vancouver.

Heroes

Sir,

The young men and women and their older associates who are fighting to prevent logging and destruction of some of the glorious forests of British Columbia, are the true heroes of our time. Carmanah Creek, Meares Island, South Moresby and the Stein Valley, where they are bivouacked, build trails and pitch their bodies against the monstrous logging trucks, are names to be remembered. They should be emblazoned on monuments.

How wonderful it would be if entire armies of such people joined them and actually prevented the destruction of these magnificent areas and the wonderful trees, some of which are up to 2,000 years old, which will be felled one by one to make toilet paper, paper towels and an assortment of things we can do without or that we can find substitutes for.

It is written in the Golden Book that he who murders natural beauty must be punished when he reaches the Golden Gate. The politicians who hold the fate of these lands are usually insensitive to natural beauty; they care only for the power of their office, so they give away the people's heritage for a pittance.

Their monument is a string of graveyards, as described by Andrew Gibson in a recent column

letters

in *Driftwood*. They hand these wonderful woods to companies like MacDuff Forest Products, who send in chainsaws and trucks, or to local loggers who cut down the woods of our island and have the nerve to try to run their trucks over ecological reserves.

I have travelled over much of the globe and have never seen anything like the havoc and destruction of God's acreages one can see in Canada, not even in the United States.

ANTHONY NETBOY,
Ganges.

Pride

Sir,

At times I feel some frustration believing that our community doesn't have the chance to know of the excellent work being done in our high school. This is not one of those times.

First, through your paper as I did at the graduation ceremonies, I would like to convey the board's hearty congratulations to all of the graduating students.

Many in our community, not having a chance to see statistics from other schools, may not realize how well our high school compares to others.

The percentage of our students completing grade 12 is far above the provincial average, as is the number planning to go on to post-secondary education. And of course, worthy of particular note are those students like David Jacquest who among the many thousands in our province are at the very top.

We indeed, can be justly proud of our high school, its staff and students. Finally, many thanks to *Driftwood* for its excellent coverage of graduation and all our students' awards.

DAVID EYLES,
School District 64.

Revised

Sir,

Last week, the revised Official Languages Act received third reading in the House of Commons. The original Act of 1968 has become increasingly out-of-date through a combination of Supreme Court decisions, Charter of Rights applications, and common custom.

When introduced in June, 1987, the proposed new Act met with the disapproval of some 40 Tory MPs, including myself. Errors of printing and translation, imprecise definition and language, and the absence of an adequate appeal procedure caused us to seek amendments.

The result was the acceptance by government of 56 of our amendments, which included:

- reduction in the authority of the commissioner, whose decisions can now be appealed in courts;
- civil servants can no longer arbitrarily introduce new regulations — all proposed changes must now be tabled in Parliament and MPs must have a minimum of 30 sitting days to consider the changes;

(This amendment creates a precedent in that, for the first time, regulation changes must be submitted to Parliament for approval).

- the commissioner is no longer a salesman for French, but is specifically charged with the even-handed application of both official languages; and
- the designation of a federal position or geographical area as bilingual must now be justified on the basis of need. Designation of areas can be challenged and debated by Parliament and brought to a vote by a resolution

of 30 MPs.

Bill C-72 reaffirms our right, if we so choose, to be unilingual, and to deal with the federal government — i.e., Parliament, agencies, the courts — in either of our official languages. Promotion within the federal service (military, RCMP, civil service) remains based on merit. Language is a skill which increases in significance in the higher ranks. English remains the dominant Canadian language. Our proximity to the U.S. makes a continuance of this fact inevitable.

I am satisfied that Bill C-72 measures up to our national sense of fairness, tolerance and respect for the law. The revised Bill C-72 is a significant improvement over both the original legislation and last year's proposal, and I support it. Some of my colleagues decided otherwise. I lament the fact that both opposition parties chose to play partisan politics with Bill C-72, rather than offer constructive help. Canada deserves better.

PAT CROFTON, MP,
Victoria.

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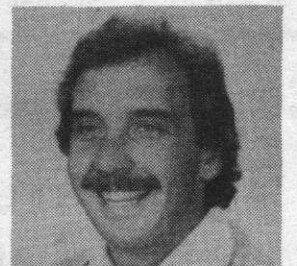


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Southern Saskatchewan, 60 years afterwards...

In early June, on the way back to B.C. from heat-wavy Manitoba, we stopped for awhile in southern Saskatchewan, 50 or 60 miles from the North Dakota and Manitoba borders. Our purpose was to exorcise a ghost.

The village of Forget (in a French Canadian area, and pronounced accordingly) occupies a special place in our family's mind. We children always spoke of it later in hushed tones, as of an earthly Hell to which we might be assigned if we weren't good. Indeed, I seem to remember that we used the expression, "Oh, go to Forget!"

It happened this way. Our Scots mother and father, after three or four years in Canada, went back to show the children to the grandparents. On the ship coming back, they became friendly with a young woman who was going out to marry her Canadian fiancé, a farmer in Saskatchewan. Over the next few years they sent Christmas cards with invitations to visit.

My father, who worked for the CPR, had a family railway pass — that is, we could go from one place to another, but once there wouldn't have much to spend. What better, then, than a farm holiday? The children could run around in the sunshine, mother could get a rest, and father could help with the chores. How pleasant.

It was a disaster from start to finish. Only my sister has a pleasant memory: on the train going out my mother and father danced a schottische up and down the aisles, to the delight of the other passengers.

I remember the heat that made us keep the windows open in spite of the clouds of ash that blew in from the coal-burning engine, and the telegraph wires that rose and fell inexplicably. When, watching a train on the next track move past, and feeling my tiny mind capsize at the realization that it was our train that was moving, I had my first and only physical appreciation of relativity.

At Forget a buggy was waiting for us, and we had a long, hot, bone-shaking ride to the farm. Once there, we were thirsty, and asked for some water. Not one of us, even the two-year-old, ever forgot that first drink. It tasted like Epsom salts and, as we soon found out, had a similar effect.

We quickly found out that our hostess, although (and perhaps because) she had no children of her own, had very strange ideas about how they were to be treated. During the day we were forbidden in the house, and there was far too much work to be done outside to allow her husband and his brother, even with the help of father, to do much more than make sure that we kept out of the way. The heat was relentless, the shade almost non-existent. Father thought that it would be good for our souls if we

worked, so we were put to picking the bugs that infested the acre or so of potatoes.

After a few days of quadruple diarrhea, bug-picking and a house so hot that at night we couldn't sleep, it was clear that the holiday should be aborted. Father then loosed his bombshell. Unknown to mother, he had suggested to the couple who had offered to look after the dog at home that it would be more convenient, and a change for them, if they stayed in our house. They accepted, so we couldn't even go back home until the whole three weeks was up.

Life became a blur of heat, potato bugs and catastrophes. Once we walked for miles to a well where, it was said, there was sweet cool water, but the bucket brought up a dripping long-dead gopher. The buggy overturned, hurling out the two-year-old and mother as a unit. Father's shoulder was



andrew gibson

damaged by the recoil when shotgunning a crow (it flapped off undamaged).

But these mishaps were as nothing compared to those of our hosts. Paul, the brother, liked to play with us in the evening, the only time he had a few minutes to spare. One night he sat quietly

rocking, and when we tried to climb on his knee, as usual, he moaned and gently put us down. Within an hour he was unconscious and being driven over the ruts to the distant hospital. His appendix had burst, but he survived, and we hoped that our prayers — "... and bless Grandma and Auntie Barbara and Paul in the hospital. Amen" — had something to do with the miracle.

At last, and very thankfully, we were on our way back home. It had been a landmark experience for us, and the more we talked about it in later years, the worse it seemed. Surely no place on earth could be as bad as that. From Manitoba it was just a small detour to go back to Forget and see what it is really like.

It isn't the Namibian desert I remembered. In fact, it is a pretty little village, and being in the eastern part of the province, the

countryside is green. The family that we visited then had long since gone, probably victims of the depression. Perhaps someday we'll go to find the farm itself, but it was enough to see, 20 miles from the village, the Moose Mountains, which had seemed to us to be at the very edge of the world.

Sometimes, when those magnificent clouds are marching across the sky, and the yellow and gold fields are being brushed by the wind, the prairies can be as lovely as anywhere on earth. But after a two-week, 38-degree heatwave we wanted to get back to the cool coast, so we left Forget. Through the Palliser Triangle the fields were brown, the only green being the struggling cottonwoods. Clouds of dust in the distance signalled a few farmers working their desiccated fields.

We were glad to get back to green, flowering British Columbia.

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Wondering

Sir,

While celebrating and enjoying Canada Day to the full, I was caused to pause and wonder if everyone else was, after hearing a rumour that not all Salt Spring businesses paid overtime on the holiday nor gave a paid day off at a later date.

Curious, I looked up the law, the Employment Standards Act. The only people exempt are professionals, real estate salesmen and paperboys (ours not to wonder why).

Everyone else who has worked 16 days in the last 30 is entitled to the holiday off with pay. (Part-timers a part holiday).

People required to work the holiday are to receive time and a half for hours worked and a day off with pay at a later date. Like the minimum wage, these are minimums. There is nothing saying an employer couldn't or shouldn't pay more.

PAUL ISSERLIS, Ganges.

No respect?

Sir,

Last week I made a trip up-island and in every community I went through, they were preparing for Canada Day (July 1). The parks were being cleaned up and

the grass was cut, green and watered, especially around the cenotaphs — everything was looking good.

On the morning of July 1 I was in Ganges. Not one flag was flying for Canada Day. The grass in the park and around the Cenotaph was brown and litter was scattered around everywhere. It was a disgrace.

The grass around the Cenotaph I consider a field of honour. Have we lost all respect for our history? Have we forgotten the people who built this country?

The park was dedicated in the memory of the pioneers, the cenotaph in memory of those who lost their lives so we would all live in freedom. We, of the Royal Canadian Legion, must do something to make sure that, not only at our country's birthday, but at all times, this condition must not be allowed to exist.

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Icebergs already struck?

Cabinet shuffle resembles readjustments on 'Titanic'

VICTORIA — I don't like raining on anyone's parade, but . . . 22 seamen, some able, others not quite so, let themselves be sworn in last week as officers of the Titanic — and at least some of them must have known that the ship had already struck an iceberg.

Just as I was getting ready to go to Government House to cover the swearing-in ceremony of the new cabinet, I had a call from an old Socred friend. Or perhaps I should say a free-enterprise-oriented friend whose political refuge has always been the Social Credit Party.

"How the hell do we get rid of Vander Zalm?" he wanted to know. I replied: "What do mean, we?"

I reminded him that while I was at the Whistler leadership convention, I certainly wasn't among those who cast ballots. And since I don't live in Richmond, I can't even be accused of having voted for the premier as an MLA in that riding. There are times when it feels good to be on the outside, looking in.

My friend — who, by the way, has wondered on previous occasions whether I wasn't just a wee bit too hard on the premier — said the resignation of Grace McCarthy had done it, as far as he was concerned. If McCarthy felt she couldn't be party to the direction in which Vander Zalm was dragging the party, the government and the province, he, for one was reviewing his allegiance to the leader. Those sentiments will be expressed by a lot of people in the weeks and months to come.

Grace is the last person anyone would want to have as an enemy. When she said she couldn't remain in cabinet without being a team player, she really said she couldn't possibly work against Vander Zalm while being a cabinet member.

With her resignation from cabinet, McCarthy is free to pursue her own interests, and it is safe to say that they are on a collision course with those of the premier. She can, and probably will, wreak havoc with Vander Zalm's political career.

Grace is also not the only cloud on the premier's horizon. Several powerful businessmen, including Herb Capozzi, Peter Brown, Edgar Kaiser and Herb Doman, have allegedly made it their business to unseat the premier. They are said to be advised in

capital comment



by *hubert beyer*

their endeavors by none other than Bill Bennett, former premier of British Columbia.

Bennet, by the way, imposed a two-year oath of silence on himself when he left the political stage. That two years is up in about a month. Stay tuned for some penetrating analysis of the current political scene by the former premier.

The showdown will probably come at the October Social Credit convention in Penticton. If the anti-Vander Zalm camp gets as far as forcing a leadership review, I wouldn't bet a plugged nickel on the premier's political future.

Several observations are to be made with regard to the new cabinet. To start with, the number of cabinet ministers now stands at 22, an increase of five over the previous cabinet. So much for downsizing cabinet and getting government off the backs of the people, one of Vander Zalm's few election promises.

The creation of a ministry of international business and immigration will, no doubt, amuse political observers in the rest of the country. One also doubts the wisdom of appointing Cliff Michael to the post of government

management services. You'll remember he was the guy who tried to unload his own land holdings by passing out business cards to people he had dealings with as minister of transportation and highways.

The new cabinet structure is a hybrid, consisting of both the old, traditional-line ministries and the new super-ministry concept.

Here's the list of cabinet appointments: Elwood Veitch, minister of regional development and minister of state for Mainland-Southwest; Terry Huberts, minister of state for Vancouver Island-Coast and North Coast, also responsible for parks; Howard Dirks, minister of state for Thompson-Okanagan and Kootenay, also responsible for Crown lands; Bruce Strachan, minister of state for Cariboo, also responsible for environment; Jack Weisgerber, minister of state for Nechako and Northeast, also responsible for native affairs; Stan Hagen, minister of advanced education and job training, also responsible for science and technology; John Savage, agriculture and fisheries; Bud Smith, attorney general; Tony Brummet, education; Jack Davis, energy, mines and petroleum resources; Mel Couvelier, finance; Dave Parker, forests; Cliff Michael, government management services; Peter Dueck, health, also responsible for seniors; John Jansen, international business and immigration; Lyall Hanson, labor and consumer services; Rita Johnston, municipal affairs, recreation and culture; Claude Richmond, social services and housing; Angus Ree, solicitor general; Bill Reid, provincial secretary and tourism; Neil Vant, transportation and highways.

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And, finally, a special thanks

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must go to Betty Drummond who, once again, made a donation to the Fulford Hall.

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Unsightly

Sir,
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continue to enjoy its natural beauty. Adding public facilities need not be a great expense as they only need to be maintained regularly for the summer months.

Surely cleaning the excrement and litter from the beach is more important at this point than worrying about banning dogs accompanying their owners to the beach!

When one walks to the beach and actually steps in the excrement it is time to do something.
ANN AND BILL EARL,
Ganges.

No purpose

Sir,
I could hardly believe my eyes when I beheld the new "topping" to the old village market. It clearly serves no useful purpose other than to further impress its

monstrous presence upon us. My inquiries confirmed that this could not have been endorsed by the design panel.

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HIKING



Governments have authority

Tighter chemical controls urged

By JIM WRIGHT

It looks as if the hot weather is coming and the logging of our island may get a breather. Now is a good time, perhaps, to consider what is happening to our island. Where will all the birds go? What is happening to our watershed areas?

As I sit by the roadside watching the dust clouds from the road, I wonder what chemicals from the pulp mill have settled to the earth over the years, and if high incidences of cancer are associated with pulp mill areas.

I was recently present at a meeting of several environmentalist groups. The meeting was called to try and focus an approach to pulp and paper industries. We decided on what we

guest column

considered to be a reasonable and feasible approach, one which would call for:

- elimination of chlorocarbon and halo-carbon compounds from the pulp and paper process;
- leadership by the federal and provincial governments in the use of paper products that have not been bleached by chlorine, and in the conversion of unbleached paper, where possible; and
- enforcement of existing fisheries and health regulations to force companies to stay within their permit limitations, and a tightening of permit levels.

It is the mandate of fisheries, health and welfare and Environment, Canada to protect the environment. We should demand that they take action.

I'd also like to mention another type of pollution — the four-wheeled kind that is particularly dangerous to the two-wheeled cyclist. It seems that many cyclists think they are on deserted country roads, while the island traffic at this time of year is quite busy, with many motorists arriving with the rush of the city in their blood. It's Salt Spring, and it's summer, so slow down a little bit.

Jim Wright is a member of the Salt Spring Island branch of the Sierra Club.

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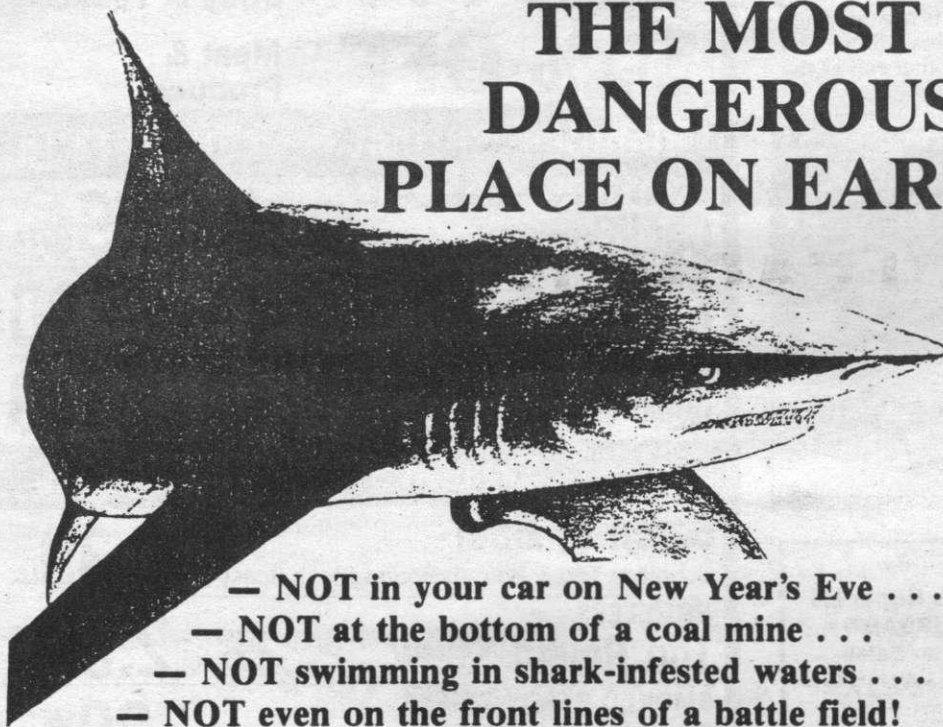
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surroundings," identify sensitive areas in need of protection, and project the growth of business and support services needed to maintain the "expected lifestyle" on Salt Spring "as the population grows."

Rockliffe first asked for Chamber of Commerce sponsorship of a review in late June after criticizing the recent formation of the Island Watch Society, which was created to support the Islands Trust mandate and serve as a vehicle to study local development options and issues. Indicating that he feared the new society would function in a negative sense only, Rockliffe said a review of the community plan was needed now to determine areas of Salt Spring deserving of protection, and that the Chamber of Commerce was best suited for the task because it represents a broader cross-section of island interests and could operate independently.

Fraser, meanwhile, pointed out last week that the handing of the review task to the Community Planning Association was discussed by the APC at its late-June meeting, and that if Rockliffe had attended the full meeting he would have known the status of that review.

Rockliffe had walked out of the meeting after requesting that four APC members — Fraser, Biz Whitby, Pat Massy and Lisa Lloyd — resign from the body over an alleged conflict of interest. The four had signed a letter endorsing formation of the Islands Watch Society. Rockliffe said their support for what he termed an anti-development group meant they could not be unbiased in dealing with development proposals put to the APC.

The Islands Trust has since told the APC to ignore Rockliffe's charges. Fraser has also since described the accusations as "Rick Rockliffe creating some dust clouds."

Fraser also noted that since the APC is made up of representatives of various island groups who support the aims and objectives of those groups when casting votes, its members cannot be in a conflict position. Fraser also wondered how members can be in conflict when their actions represent an endorsement of the Island Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate.

Rockliffe, meanwhile, is disappointed with the APC's decision against asking the Chamber of Commerce to undertake the community plan review. He argues that the Chamber has better

manpower and dollar resources than the Community Planning Association and, as such, is better suited to complete a comprehensive review.

He also said that handing the job to the Chamber would relieve the Islands Trust of a financial burden at a time when it has argued that it is hampered by being underfunded and understaffed.

"The Community Planning Association can hardly keep itself going, let alone do a study," Rockliffe said. Pointing to what he said is little apparent progress made to date on the review, he added that if the Chamber were co-ordinating the task, "it would already have a group formed and be well on its way."

The CPA's community plan review is being headed by Max Soder, who explained that since the CPA is currently in summer recess, it is using the break to gather appropriate documents and other research material. It



Rick Rockliffe

will assemble its material and manpower in August and work through the fall and winter to complete the work, he said.

The first decision to be made in August, Soder continued, is on the scope of the review — whether to isolate certain areas or to cover as much ground as possible.

"It (the review) is still in the formative stage," he said. "We have to be careful not to put the cart before the horse."

Claire Nutting, the Planning Association representative to the APC, said the CPA will approach the project from a task force point of view. As such, it would welcome any assistance it can gain from any and all interested islanders.

Fraser echoed that sentiment, saying a review of the community plan would best be handled with input from a diverse representation of island organizations. He said it would be preferable to see the Chamber of Commerce participate in the review under the CPA umbrella, rather than to strike out on its own.

"We want to see a unified concept come from the review," he said. "It wouldn't look good if it was just the Chamber of Commerce, or just the Islands Trust or any other single group, doing the work. There should be a number of groups involved, with a well-rounded representation of the island."

He added that the CPA could likely use some help with its task, and that the Chamber of Commerce would be "a valuable partner" in the work. When it debated Rockliffe's motion to hand the job over to the Chamber alone, Fraser continued, members felt that to do so would also be to meddle in the arrangements already made between the CPA and the Islands Trust.

"No one disputes that a review is important, and that the sooner it is done the better," he said. "But it should be done in as unbiased a way as possible, and without muddying the waters."

Fraser said the need for a review is underlined by the rapid pace of growth now facing the island. It is essential, he continued, that all islanders look at the situation now — rather than later — to identify and choose the alternatives.

"The biggest concern is the island is maybe growing faster than most of us would like to see, and people should take control of the situation before it's too late," he said. "We have to do that as an island, not as individuals."

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Holiday crunch forces additional sailing

In an unusual move, the B.C. Ferry Corporation added an additional ferry to its Swartz Bay-Fulford Harbour run prior to the holiday weekend.

Some 20 vehicles benefitted from the added sailing on June 30, which left Swartz Bay at 10:10 pm and arrived at Fulford Harbour at approximately 10:35 pm.

Betty Nicholson, a spokesman for the ferry corporation, said traffic on the sailings was heavy all day due to the Canada Day weekend. She noted that overload sailings were running from 3 pm onwards.

The 7 pm sailing from Tsawwassen — on which there may have been passengers bound for Salt Spring — did not leave

the Lower Mainland terminal until 7:40 pm. This would have made a connecting transfer to the Salt Spring ferry impossible.

While Nicholson noted it is unusual for the corporation to add an additional boat, she said the corporation will look at each situation individually.

"It doesn't have a policy set in stone," she said.

Passengers for the 9:10 pm ferry — the final run of the day — were being told by 8:45 that the *Bowen Queen* was in an overload situation. By 9 pm, officials decided to run the extra boat.

A worker at the ticket booth said only two vehicles, which were turned away, actually left before the decision to add another sailing was reached.

School board narrows list of architects for Fernwood

Two Victoria architectural firms have been shortlisted to develop plans for the Fernwood school addition, school board trustees learned last week.

The board was told at its regular monthly meeting on June 6 that an original list of 14 possible firms had been narrowed down to two.

The board is looking for a company that will be readily accessible for consultation with board members and Fernwood School staff.

The board said it also recognizes

the "urgency" of getting the construction underway.

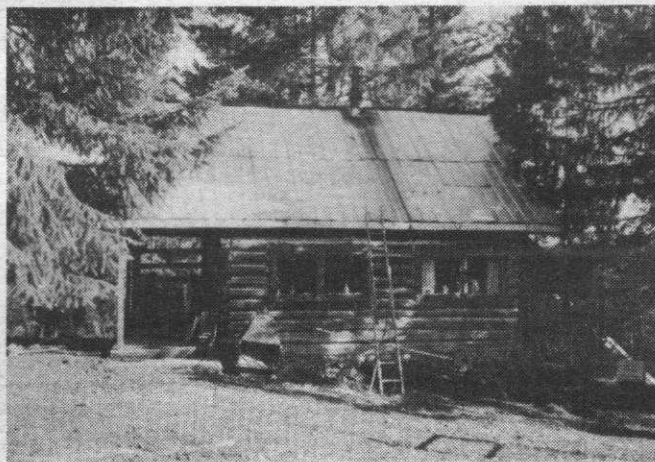
The third phase of the school district's McIntosh computer program is going into effect over the next few months.

Fulford Elementary School will have a full lab installed, while schools on the Outer Islands will be receiving smaller labs.

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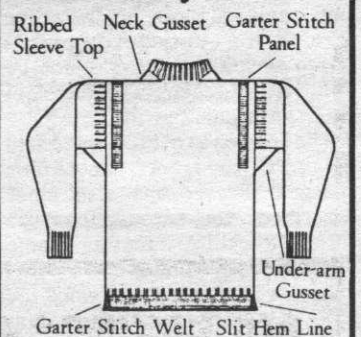
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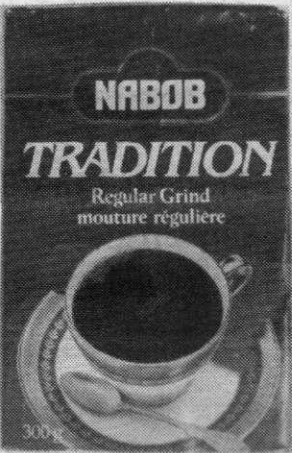
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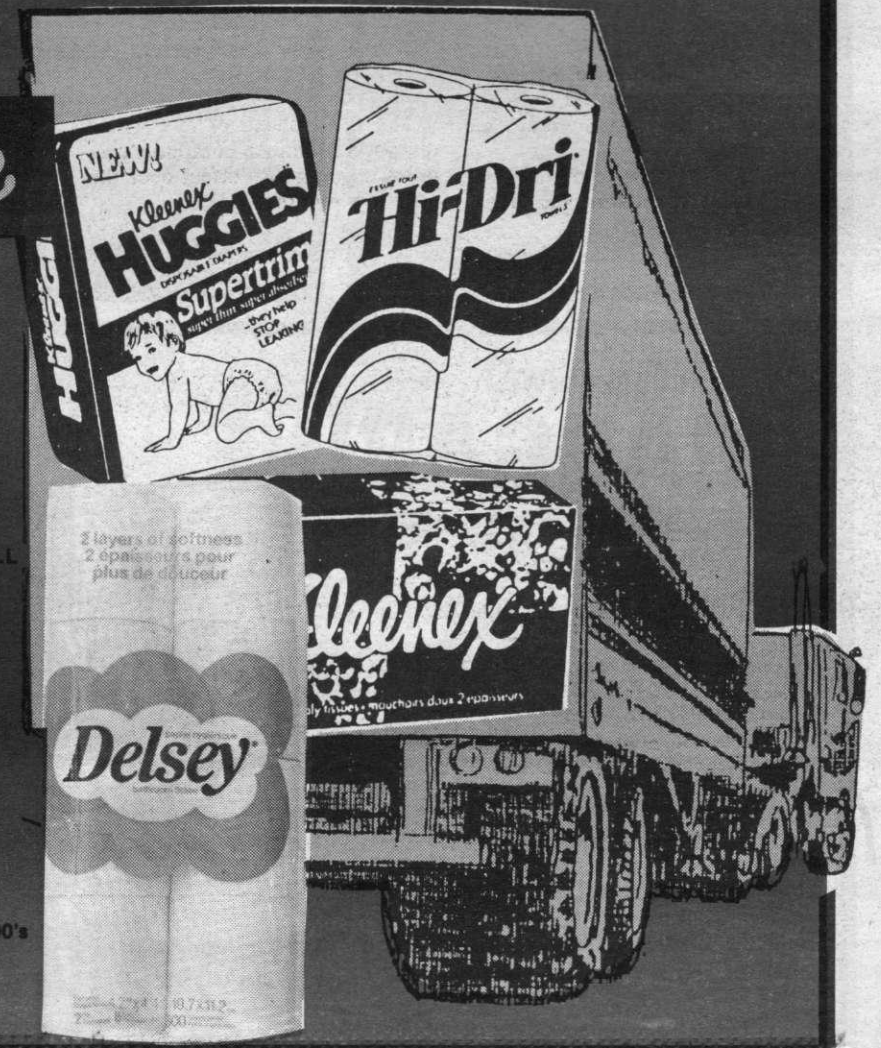
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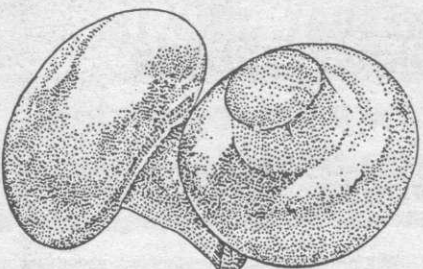
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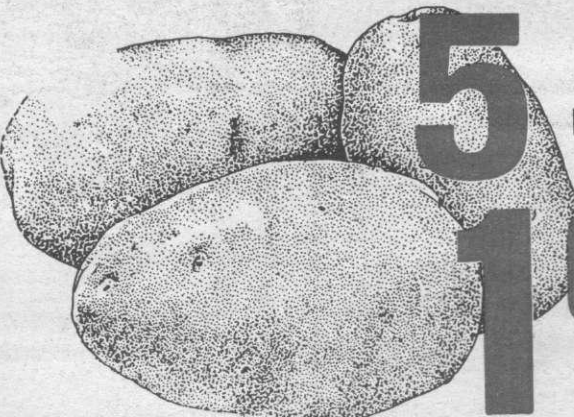
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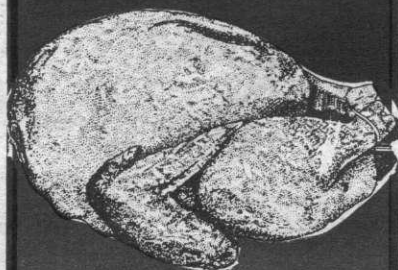
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Alternative school already looking towards new year

It may be summer, but thoughts of the coming school year are already on more than a few minds.

At the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road, for instance, registrations are already being solicited and taken for elementary-level classes beginning this September.

The Salt Spring Centre School, operated by the Ganges Educational Society, is a government-recognized alternative schooling program that receives Level II funding from Victoria and teaches the B.C. curriculum.

Sid Filkow of the Salt Spring

Centre believes the school is unique on a number of counts — including in comparison with other alternative schools.

"It's a small school but it's unique, even as far as other alternative schools go, because it's more like a home. It's not like being shipped off to some large, impersonal institution," says Filkow, whose daughter has studied at the school since its inception in 1983.

Last year, the school had 16 students in grades One through Six, and enrollment has been as high as 22 youngsters. Those numbers mean students develop

a personal relationship with teacher Usha Rautenbach, and strong interpersonal relationships with each other, Filkow said.

"Because of the atmosphere, we see a lot of lasting relationships develop."

Filkow called Rautenbach a gifted teacher and strong asset for the school, noting that she was trained in England to operate within the framework of alternative schools. Her skills, he continued, include strong groundings in music, art and languages.

The school hopes to add a second teacher this year if it can resurrect its kindergarten program.

Along with emphasizing small classes and individual attention, Filkow said, the school focuses on expanding individual creative abilities and developing interpersonal problem-solving skills.

"There is a lot of emphasis on the arts, on creative writing, on creative problem-solving and discussion, and on positive values," he said.

Students from the school have done well in artistic fields. For instance, a B.C.-wide competition for young artists in the schools has twice named Salt Spring Centre students as one of the 24 winners it selects each year.

A large part of the reason for the school's academic and creative successes, Filkow continued, is due to the strong involvement of parents. Along with having a place on the board of directors of the society which operates the school, the parents have an advisory group that is encouraged to play an active role in defining programs and operations, and are invited to pass on to students any particular talents — i.e., music or theatre skills — they might have.

"We also try to keep the fees low," Filkow said. "We charge far less than any other alternative school I've heard of."

Early-morning calls prompt board to eye school alarm system change

Fulford School principal Barbara Aust is one school administrator who can stop hearing alarms in her sleep.

Aust, who has been called on countless times to reset the alarm system at Fulford school in the middle of the night, can sleep more restfully thanks to a motion passed by school board trustees last Wednesday.

Based on a proposal by Superintendent of Works Frank Sutherland, and subject to a check with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), the RCMP will be signalled by a sounding alarm and, if necessary, contact maintenance personnel.

"It's been a pain in the neck," says Aust, who has been called to reset the alarms three or four times a month since their installation at the beginning of February.

More bothersome than the difficulty of responding to telephone calls at 3 am, she says, is the frightening experience of walking into an empty building with an alarm ringing.

The school has never had an intruder incident. Rather, the intruder alarm is being set off by motion, such as a poster falling off a wall.

Aust described an incident in June, when a bat was setting off the alarm. Aust requested the system be turned off until the bat was caught: she said the company handling the alarm system would be informed when the bat problem had been dispensed with. At 12:30 am one night, and then 3 pm another night, she received a call: *Your intruder alarm is going, do you still have a bat problem?*

Dust in the detector or an increase in the building's temperature will set off the fire alarm, Aust says.

The alarm system signals a Victoria company, which in turn alerts the RCMP. If the RCMP are not on duty, however, Aust receives calls.

"I can see why they (the RCMP) wouldn't respond," Aust says. "If we had a fool-proof system, it wouldn't be a problem."

A "bug" in the system has meant that all the incidents to date have been false alarms. If a police officer is off duty at 3 am, and called at 4:30 am to attend to an alarm which he knows is probably a false alarm, Aust says, it is understandable why he would not want to respond.

"The blame lies in the hands of the provincial government for installing alarms (in areas) where we don't have 24-hour surveillance," Aust says.

Installation of the mandatory alarm systems to Gulf Island schools has also been criticized by the school district.

Superintendent of schools Dr. Mike Marshall feels the alarm system is not cost-effective: "It was mandated for us and we felt we had other needs."

Marshall says vandalism to Gulf Island schools has been in the area of \$700 over a 10-year period. Although there has never been a fire episode, Marshall does believe the fire alarms are important. The intruder alarm, however, "is expensive and restricts use of the school by teachers and the community."

Teachers, who may previously

have undertaken evening work in a school building, are now reluctant to do so: the alarms are tricky to disarm.

"We have to at least get them working," Marshall says, describing one incident at the high school where a bird, flapping around in a cage in the biology lab, set off the alarm. "Then there are places such as the office areas and computer labs, where the machine should be working."

Marshall feels that by working with the alarm company, the bugs in the system should be eliminated.

In the meantime, the school board has agreed that Aust and other staff members "should not be put in the position of being a rent-a-cop." The board agreed that the RCMP should be contacted in the event an alarm goes off. Maintenance personnel should be called to clean up any mess, and school staff should be alerted only if the problem is such to affect the operation of school the following day.

Aust, for one, will appreciate the restful nights.

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When picked to season a sauce or roast, herbs respond by growing more luxuriantly. Left unattended for the winter, their rootstocks cheerfully divide and multiply. A harvest of dried leaves in October will last until the sun brings forth more next spring.

Even a small herb garden with a few varieties of basil or oregano opens culinary vistas that cannot be approached by the homogeneous bottled herbs carried by chain(ed) stores.

Herbs balance the spices in our cookery and without them dinners are disappointing ... like going to a dance where the band is addicted to playing only waltzes, or getting a chaste kiss when something more, really, was expected.

A disadvantage to buying all your herbs is that the food industry is conservative and you may never know what lies beyond the supermarket shelves. Margaret Visser in *'Much Depends On Dinner'* says it well:

Uniform crops are easy to sow, easy to harvest, easy to sell. Machines like, demand and produce uniformity. But nature loathes it; her strength lies in multiplicity and in differences.

Good cookery loathes it, too, and taking even a little control over what we grow and eat helps to preserve our originality, in the kitchen and out of it.

A most important herb in my garden is lovage. This plant grows to heights of five or six feet and bears lush indented leaves on opposite sides of the stem and seeds which can be collected and ground before the autumn rains. Unless the winter is exceptionally warm, lovage plants die down to ground level by Christmas, but in April the red-green spears of new shoots begin to push forth into the light.

Lovage (*ligusticum*) came from the Ligurian Alps and was the most versatile of herbs in classical

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by john edwards

cookery. Its taste is close to, but better than, celery, although in a pinch celery tops will do. Similarly, celery seed can be a substitute for lovage seed.

Lovage is delightful and improves the flavour of almost every kind of cooked food, from fish sauces, soups, stews, ragouts and *omelettes aux fines herbes*, to stuffings. Cream of lovage soup is a culinary ritual in our house, while a few lovage leaves in a dressing always make a salad of summertime greens piquant and special. Add them to a vinaigrette dressing with basil, rosemary and oregano and some chopped onion.

Cream of Lovage Soup

- 2 T butter
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 7 - 8 fresh lovage leaves, chopped finely
- 1 t oregano
- 1 T flour
- 2 C chicken stock
- 1/2 C cream
- pepper
- salt

Saute the onion in butter until transparent then transfer to a

saucepan with lovage leaves and oregano. Stir in the flour. Little by little add the chicken stock, stirring continuously. Add salt to taste. Bring to a boil then simmer for a few minutes. Stir in the cream, heat and serve with a sprinkle of pepper.

Rue, or Herb-of-Grace

Rue has unjustifiably fallen from grace in the modern kitchen, another casualty of "progress." The landscape gardener grows it for the beauty of its deep cleft yellow-green leaves and, if he or she once attended Sunday school, the ecclesiastical sculpture of its seed pods. Shakespeare, who was not a cook, used this herb as a metaphor for bitter disappointment:

Here did she fall a tear; here, in this place,

I'll set a bank of rue, sour herb of grace.

It's true that rue, like certain acquaintances everyone has, benefits from the presence of others. A solo appearance in a sauce or a spiced wine is too much. But a pinch of rue, like a little rain, revives the landscape. The ancient cookery masters, Athenaeus and Apicius, used this hardy plant in salads and in almost every kind of cooked dish. In the saucepan, rue's favourite companions are cumin, coriander, lovage and thyme, simmered with something sweet and a splash of reduced wine.

Rue is a herb of the sun, says old Culpeper the herbalist, and under Leo; but I pick the tiny tear-shaped leaves from spring to late autumn, and use the dried seeds when the earth sleeps.

Take a shellfish stew of oysters, mussels and scallops. Throw in some almonds, a chopped date or two, the stock, a tablespoon of olive oil and a suspicion of raisin wine. Now season with celery seed, pepper, coriander and cumin, then

add a few leaves of rue, chopped 'minutim,' in tiny pieces. Remarkable.

Some people like to eat for health. They love rue because authorities like Pliny claim it cures everything from headache to heartburn: "chief among our

medicinal plants." Perhaps you're a billionaire and hate to bathe. Have the servants plant rue along the hedgerows of your mansion gardens to disguise your presence.

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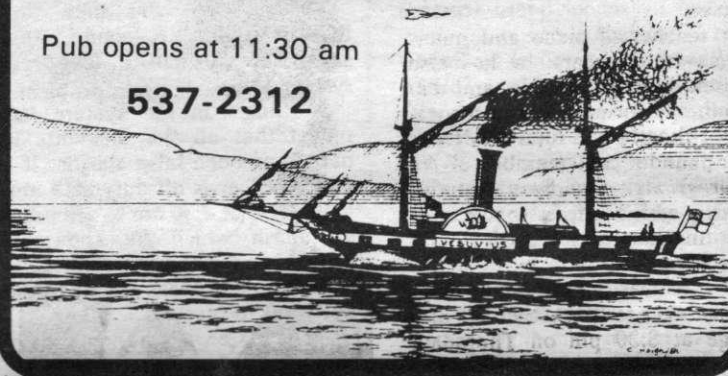
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Summer Festival to focus on music during third week

Music and comedy — and sometimes both — highlight the third week of Salt Spring Island's month-long *Summer Festival of the Arts*.

The festival, now in its third year of operation, will present six acts between this Wednesday, July 13, and next Wednesday, July 20.

• Classical and contemporary music are on the agenda tonight (July 13) at the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School, where Salt Spring musician Chris Kodaly will present a solo piano recital. Tickets are \$8, and show time is 8:30 pm.

Kodaly's program will include works by Schumann, Shostakovich, contemporary Canadian composers Marjan Mozetich, Alexina Louis and Ann Southam, and Polish-American composer Frederick Rzewski.

After graduating from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto with an associate degree in solo piano performance and teaching, Kodaly studied romantic and contemporary music in France.

A teacher of piano and music theory for 20 years, he has also presented regular solo and ensemble performances and recorded for theatre and film. Kodaly is a co-founder and member of *Nu Impressions*, a performance collective which offers concerts of contemporary and classical jazz cross-over works.

• Vancouver band *Bob's Your Uncle* takes to the Activity Centre stage at 8:30 pm on Thursday, July 14. Tickets are \$6.

The five-piece band includes Peter Lizotte on harmonica, Sook-Lin Lee on vocals, James Janger on guitar, bassist Bernie Radelfinger and Steve Lazin on drums.

Rhythmically, the group wanders from light, happy swing to heavy jungle beats, offering a collaboration of styles blending funk, jazz, blues, reggae and rock.

• Comedy Night, the year-round Salt Spring attraction, joins the *Festival of Arts* lineup for a Friday, July 15, performance at Off Centre Stage. Tickets for the 8:30 pm event are \$5.

Performers, in alphabetical order, will include Henry Baade, Arvid Chalmers, Reid Collins, Sid Filkow, Mike Hayes, Anne Lyon, Keith McHattie, Dave Phillips, Mary Williamson, James Wilkinson and Shilo Zylbergold.

• A musical double bill is set for Saturday, July 16, at 8:30 pm at the Activity Centre when bands *Brain Damage* and *Party Fever* perform. Tickets are \$7.

Brain Damage, one of Vancouver's "seminal bands of the early 1970s," is a six-member ensemble offering an eclectic mix of



Nancy White



Chris Kodaly

original rock and roll music. The musicians include guitarists Gary Cramner and Bing Jensen, bassist David Engleman, percussionist Joel Bewrt, Larry McGiliveray on drums and Fred Michael on sax.

Party Fever, meanwhile, is a vocals-only group with a varied repertoire that includes hits from the 1950s and 1960s, modern pop songs, gospel and show tunes, and original material. Its musical styles range from traditional choral works to contemporary rock.

Group members are Helen Davis, Jack Smith, Cecile Laroche and Bing Jensen — an ensemble with years of professional singing, acting and dancing experience used to great effect in its stage act.

• This week's special program for children — offered at 7 pm on Sunday, July 17 — is Kaleidoscope Theatre. Tickets for the Activity Centre performance are \$3.

Kaleidoscope will present a "street theatre spectacle" entitled *Visiting Dragons* and packed with masked characters, circus skills, music, puppetry, stilt figures and comedy visuals.

The first half of the two-part show is a 45-minute "action-packed dragon explosion" celebrating our natural environment. The company, which includes members of Canada's national circus school and the *Cirque du Soleil*, has also prepared a vaudevillian send-up featuring acrobatics, gymnastics, club work, juggling, unicycles and audience involvements — all accompanied by original music.

• Musician and satirist Nancy White appears at the Activity Centre next Wednesday (July 20) at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$8.

White, best known for her regular appearances on CBC-Radio's *Sunday Morning* program, is "a rare purveyor of music and comedy who gives a down-home quality performance," the festival notes.

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Long on talent

'Newman and Friends' chart jazz music history

By ANDREW GIBSON

Our Gulf Islands may be short on water but they're long on talent, and so are microcosms of much larger and more populous communities — educationally, politically, recreationally, and, above all, artistically.

Last week, for example, Salt Spring's Off Centre Stage and the Activity Centre were busy with the Joan Raeside commemorative production (beautifully done, and reported elsewhere), the Shari Ulrich show, the play *See Bob*

Run, and Ray Newman and Friends. There was even an awards-winning movie, *Moonstruck*. All this, plus Mahon Hall, and the Saturday market, too.

I would like to zero in on Ray Newman and Friends, presented to a delighted full-house audience at Off Centre Stage. Ray can wear quite a few hats — to prepare this, he used those of musical historian, raconteur, producer, and accomplished musician. I don't know how many instruments he plays; this time there were three

saxophones, including a huge baritone painted red (baritone sax, that is), a clarinet and vibes. And he has these remarkable friends — singer-pianist wife Virginia, singer-dancer daughter Sue Bowler, of Club Mongo fame, bass player Stu Salmond, from Toronto's CBC and jazz orchestras, Vancouver and Victoria drummer Bill Smith, and pianist Gary Lundy, once of Windsor, but now the owner of that magnificent spiral barber pole and the unique barbershop with

the piano in the window, next to *Driftwood*.

Ray and Virginia and Sue were once Californians, so we can only conclude that it is so pleasant on our islands that we can attract all of these gifted people from elsewhere.

Ray and friends took us, by means alternately of excerpts from his tape collection and their own music, through the whole development of jazz, from Scott Joplin's piano-roll *Maple Leaf Rag* of the 1890s, W. C. Handy's

St. Louis Blues, Bill Bailey (both by Virginia) and then through the big bands — Ellington, Goodman, the Dorseys, Miller and James. Then *The Lady is a Tramp* (Sue), and a marvellous piano duet by Virginia and Gary. Finally, the bands of the 1960s — Count Basie, Woody Herman and the durable Ellington.

By the clock the evening was long, but to the enthusiastic audience it seemed short. It was a great local lead-in to the Jazz Festival later in the summer.

'The Ramayana'

Centre prepares play for presentation

The Salt Spring Centre is putting a cast of 40-plus youngsters through final preparations for a late-July production of *The Ramayana*.

The play, a 2,600-year-old epic tale from India "couched in the ever-popular imagery of the fantastic," will be staged on Friday, July 22, at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, and available at *et cetera* or the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road.

A classic tale of good versus evil, *The Ramayana* counts among its characters a 10-headed demon king, a beautiful princess and a noble prince, an army of monkey warriors and a race of demons called Nightstalkers.

Couched in symbolism that explores "the myriad qualities of the human condition," the play features lavish costumes and masks, spectacular battle scenes, comic sketches, solo songs, an original music score and choreographed movements by a cast that includes about 40 children between the ages of four and 14 years.

Sid Filkow at the Salt Spring Centre said last week that preparations for the production had consumed about two months up to that date. During that time, seamstresses have been busy preparing costumes and masks, a band has been practising and the cast members have been rehearsing at least three times a week.

As production day nears, the number of three-hour rehearsals will climb to five a week, then be held daily during the final week.

The cast members have been drawn from the elementary-level school at the Salt Spring Centre, and from Salt Spring Elementary and Fulford Elementary schools.

"It's been quite an exercise in discipline for the kids," Filkow

said. "They've had to give up their holiday time, keep quiet, stay in character for three hours ..."

He added that "some good talent" is emerging from the cast, creating the possibility that the centre could begin producing two or three plays each year. At the very least, the centre hopes that its staging of *The Ramayana* will become an annual event that will draw island children together to

learn and perform skills like song, dance, acrobatics, martial arts and acting.

There is more to the production than the play itself, however. Filkow notes that the epic is being staged in conjunction with the centre's annual yoga retreat, set to begin July 15 and conclude on July 24. The play is but one element in "the big windup to the week" — others include an open volleyball tournament to be held

at the centre beginning at 12:30 pm on Friday, July 22, and a track and field sports day for children and adults to be held from 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm on the following day.

Schedules outlining activities planned for the yoga retreat are available at the centre. Both the volleyball tournament and the sports day are free of charge and open to anyone interested in participating.

Rec Commission sponsors Saturday dance for teens

A teen dance has been scheduled for Saturday, July 16. The event, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission, will feature "canned" music, spot dances and door prizes.

The dance is open to those aged 13 to 18 years and will run from 8 pm to 12 midnight at Central Hall.

Recreational program director Sandi Geiger is sending out an urgent request for an individual with a sound system to contact her at 537-4448.

The person originally booked to set up the dance's sound system has run into technical difficulties and is unable to provide music for the evening.

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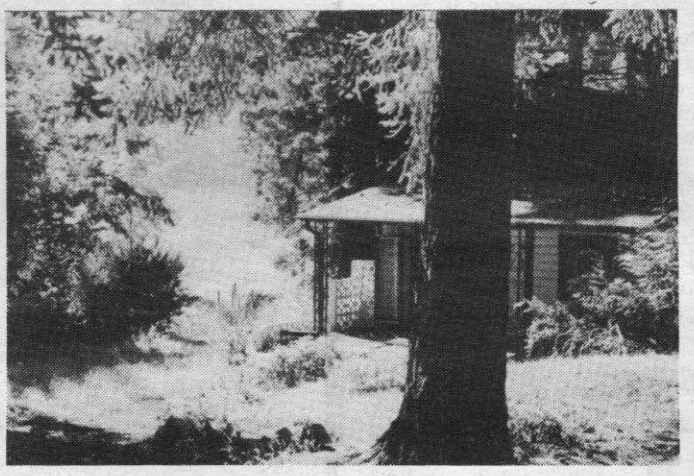
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Joan Raeside's talents showcased

By BEVIS WALTERS

Last week's production of *An Evening With The Magic Of Joan Raeside* was an unqualified success, playing July 5 to an appreciative audience at the Activity Centre in Ganges.

Produced by Mary Williamson and Lou Rumsey, the event was a showcase of the many talents of Joan Raeside, who died on Salt Spring in early June. A resident of Salt Spring since 1972, Joan Raeside had produced seven musicals on the island, published six books for children and written

three books of poetry.

The production was also a benefit event, held to collect money for the Joan Raeside Theatre Fund, which hopes to eventually erect a performance centre on the island.

An Evening With The Magic Of Joan Raeside, co-sponsored by the Community Arts Council and *Summer Festival of the Arts* officials, presented songs and music from productions written and produced by Joan Raeside. Those shows included *Once Upon A Tail*, *The Moon is Made of*

Green Cheese, *Caterer to the King*, *The Princess and the Button*, *The Wizard of Woozle*, *Red Rose and Snow White*, and *The Fourth Wise Man*.

The producers put the show together in three weeks, but had it taken three months it could not have been better. The cast exceeded 30, and all appeared to be dedicated to making the performance worthy of its objectives.

Their ages varied from very young to verging on middle age, but every one gave evidence of great sincerity of purpose, which

resulted in a highly entertaining performance. Unlike many amateur shows, this one was not marred by a single glitch. It went like clockwork.

The production is now over but it will long be remembered both for its content and for an objective so successfully achieved. Although each of the performers rose to the occasion with great sincerity and deserved the enthusiastic applause that marked the close, the real star of the evening was the lady the show was all about—Joan Raeside.

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Hitchhiker's tale makes mistake of searching for a 'scapegoat'

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See *Bob Run* is a play which describes the emotional turbulence and alienation experienced by a teenaged girl, a runaway, who has been sexually abused by her father.

Roberta is "Bob." Is she who she is or someone else? Is she some magical fantasy person who exists in the words and music of Timmy Prince — and she, the princess? Or is she the real person who has been violated by someone whom she trusts?

The most puzzling of our emotions are the sexual ones, the push-pull of desire and reason; moreover, the problem of where to draw the line when affection blurs into instinctive drive; the terrible guilt, compulsions and coping mechanisms generated when cultural taboos are violated; when caring falls prey to baser, selfish motives.

Bob is on the highway, hitching across the country to find her father, her first lover. The play gives us a synoptic view of the crucial events in Bob's young life, and revelations about the drivers who transport her along; a kind of random sample of the "world out there." Through monologue and single-sided conversation, the play leads us skillfully along Bob's path in life. Spontaneous remembrances are disgorged by an anxiety-ridden, disturbed individual.

What we think we are getting is a slice of reality. But in actuality, through this theatrical device we

artseen



by gary cherneff

are gaining an insight which could remain concealed except in an intense therapeutic setting.

Disturbed people look and act normal 95 per cent of the time. It is more likely that a well-balanced individual should be verbally expressive of confusion than an abused one. The tragedy is that most of us would not experience Bob's dilemma without inventions of this sort.

Caroline Gillis, as Bob, looks

and feels fragile and vulnerable. Her lean, breastless body reminds us of a twelve-year-old's precocious and naive seductiveness. She has a dancer's feel for gesture. Her scenes are at times erotic and her language, dirty.

Except for only a few brief instances where we are aware of her as an actress, Gillis stuck into our mind as the princess in a pile of dung who anguishes over her father, "the monster in the closet."

This piece of theatre certainly explores contemporary concerns, but as a work of social conscience it reinforces a stereotype — the sexually abusive male, the monster in the closet. The play jumps on this bandwagon without forcing us to admit that there are causes for his sickness as well. What good is theatre if it perpetuates generalities rather than exposing truths? One victim is aided at the expense of another. We don't need more scapegoats, just more honesty.

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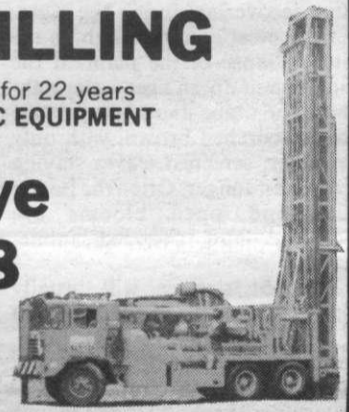
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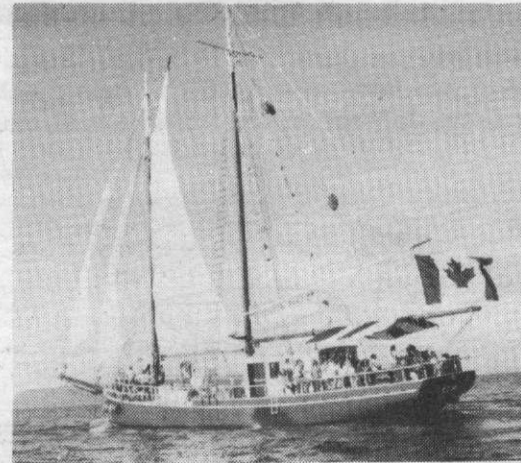
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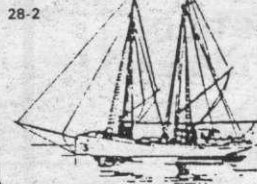
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Proper watering techniques help plants weather heat

That old familiar July weather is finally starting to show itself — but along with that glorious hot sun comes the distressing drought. The land is beginning to assume its scorched appearance, as verdant greens give way to burnt browns.

For the gardener, hose-end duties become more critical, since so many plants can only go two or three days without watering. Over the course of a week we are now dealing with a dozen or more problems related to improper watering.

When moisture stresses develop within a plant, there are two or more symptoms evident. For evergreens, the needles or leaves that are two or more years old will turn yellow and then brown before dropping off. The plant budgets its water supply to keep the youngest, most efficient needles alive, and sacrifices the rest. For rhododendrons the older, inner leaves turn spotted and yellow, then drop off.

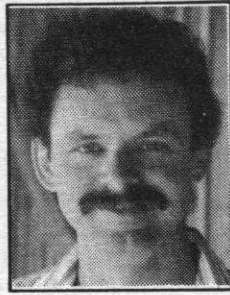
The other most prevalent symptom is the reduced development of the shoot extension. The leaders and lateral shoots only lengthen as long as adequate water is provided. To keep the plant bushy, full of foliage and growing well, proper watering is needed.

In deciduous plants, the shoots fail to develop fully and the succulent growth wilts during the hot, sunny part of the day, most often recovering during the night, but the most common sight is the total collapse of the plant. If the wilted plant doesn't get water right away, the tissue dies and turns the classic scorched brown, with only the inner, screened leaves staying green a bit longer. Often the flower buds and open blooms are sacrificed and dropped immediately.

Drought stresses will usually significantly shorten the duration of the blooming period, and, perhaps more importantly, drought stresses during July, August and September will reduce or even prevent the development and setting of flower buds for next year's show. This is especially true for rhododendrons, fruit trees and for some curious reason, for magnolias.

Now that we've covered the symptoms, let's get to the job of

your garden



by chris schmah

watering. First and foremost, any water given should be applied when it's needed and where it will do the most good. Under optimal conditions, watering should be timed to allow it to be taken up by the plant before the day's moisture stresses occur, but this would mean watering during the darkest hours of early morning, so unless you work the night shift or have a water controller timed for night time irrigation, you will have to choose between evening and morning waterings.

Because many of us use colder lake or well water, watering in the evening will tend to chill the soil and roots and leave the foliage wet during the night, when mildews and rusts can move about undetected. For these reasons I usually recommend early morning watering. Watering during the daytime can have some minor effects on the foliage when the sun is strong, but the real drawback is the amount of water which is lost due to evaporation during the heat of the day.

Water plants before wilting starts, as repeated shortfalls in water supply will damage the plant tissues. On the other hand don't water so frequently that all airspaces in the soil are constantly filled with water, as root rots can develop under these conditions. If you know your plants, water them the day before wilting stresses might occur, so that they get a chance to use up almost all of the available water supply before getting more.

Always apply the water to the

whole surface area of the rooting zone. For young and recently planted shrubs or trees, put the hose right on the crown at ground level so the expanding root system will get fully soaked. Take the spray or nozzle off and let the full flow of the hose run, roughly for five seconds for each cubic foot of leaf volume. This is a really coarse rule of thumb, but it ensures that you're giving enough water.

Watering to the full depth of the root zone will stimulate the plant to root deeper, and over time, it will hopefully become more drought-tolerant. For plants which require less water and are more drought-tolerant, water less frequently, but water deeply.

In some situations where your well water has a higher soluble salts content, often undetectable by tasting but determined by laboratory testing, constant, conservative watering will build up the mineral or salt content of the soil in the root zone. Salt damage

will show itself as browning leaf margins, cast-off older leaves, and bud drop, as the roots are killed by the salt, and some moisture stresses occur.

Some of the wells give water which is quite alkaline, and over the course of the summer, the pH of the soil will be changed from neutral or acidic right through to a basic or alkaline pH, with the resultant symptoms of chlorosis, nutrient deficiency, and general

anemia.

Periodic, over-generous waterings, flushings and soaking of the soil will dissolve the minerals and carry them down below the root zone and out of harm's way.

The winter's rain will flush them even deeper and correct the salt problem, but in order to lower the pH again, you will have to resort to some acidifying chemicals or apply an acidifying mulch, but that's a topic for another week.

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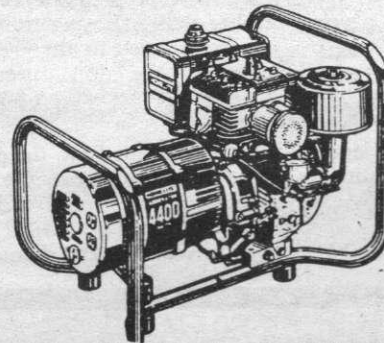


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Jack Pothecary honoured by local Legion members

A testimonial dinner for Jack Pothecary was hosted on Saturday, July 9, by members of the Ganges branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Pothecary, a long-time member of the branch, will soon be moving to the Lower Mainland.

An active Legion member since first joining the organization in Armstrong in 1936, Pothecary began his military service in 1933 when he enlisted in the Canadian Militia.

Three years later, he was eligible to join the Legion, which at that time was known as *The Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League*. It was a semi-united group of organizations for ex-soldiers, sailors and airmen which existed in various parts of the British Empire. In time, the Empire became the Commonwealth, and the Legion became the Royal Canadian Legion.

However, the ideal which caused the organization's formation never altered. To this day, it remains *Honour dead comrades and look after the living*.

Pothecary became a member of the Armstrong branch's executive in 1936 and remained so until 1939, when he enlisted in the Canadian Air Force — later called the *Royal Canadian Air Force* — and served overseas until 1945.

On his return to Armstrong after being discharged, Pothecary was immediately elevated to the executive of the local branch. He served as its president in 1950 and 1951, and was zone commander for the North Okanagan area from 1949 to 1955. From 1955 to 1957, Pothecary was second vice-president of the Legion's Pacific Command. He was first vice-president from 1957 to 1959, president from 1959 to 1963, and past-president from 1963 to 1965.

Following those tours of Legion duty, Pothecary rejoined the executive of the Armstrong branch and served from 1965 to 1968, when he was appointed secretary-manager and chairman of the low-rental housing committee.

In 1972, Pothecary transferred to Legion Branch 92 in Ganges, was elected to the branch executive in the same year and served in that capacity until 1976. He then became vice-president and, later, third vice-president.

Pothecary became chairman of the branch's bar committee in 1978, a position he held until this year. He also served as branch service officer and executive secretary.

During his 52 years of membership in the Legion, and his 18 years spent on Salt Spring Island, Pothecary's genial and sympathetic nature won him many friends. More than 100 of those people attended the dinner to express admiration and affection for their comrade, and to express regrets at his departure.

At the head table for the function were Jack and Dorothy Pothecary, first vice-president Ivan Mouat and Susan Mouat, immediate past-president Ron Seymour and Barb Seymour, and Ladies Auxiliary president Freda Maguire and Dave Maguire.

A smorgasbord supper, prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary, was served to the guests. Following dinner, acting president Ivan Mouat outlined Pothecary's record of service to the Legion and listed his contributions to the

Ganges branch. Mouat expressed the regrets of all branch members for Pothecary's pending departure.

Pothecary was then presented with a time and barometer plaque bearing a suitable inscription. This was followed by speeches made by eight members who each praised Pothecary for the many things he had done to help both

the branch and its individual members.

Then came the singing of *For He's A Jolly Good Fellow*, with an enthusiasm that made the rafters ring, followed by three hearty cheers given with such great sincerity that it left no doubt in the eyes of members that "Jack's the boy."

— Article contributed

Eleanor Deacon retires from health unit post

After 21 years as Salt Spring Island's health unit clerk, Eleanor Deacon retired from the position on July 4.

Deacon took over the post in 1967, when the health office was located on Rainbow Road: it has since moved to the nurses' residence behind Lady Minto Hospital.

Deacon's position should probably be titled "office manager." As she puts it, the job involves everything but nursing.

"On the vacancy notice, they had a terrible time trying to fit everything into one page."

Deacon, who was presented with a certificate from the Capital Regional District (CRD) honouring the duration of her employment, says the fact she is retiring has not yet "sunk in." She says sorting out papers after 21 years is no easy task: and this time she cannot leave it until she gets back from holiday.



Eleanor Deacon

Montana visitor welcomed by Eastern Star members

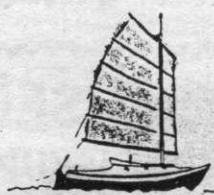
Members of Trincomali Chapter 93, Order of the Eastern Star, recently honoured Lorraine Marler, Grand Representative of the State of Montana.

An effective addendum, followed by a solo by Maria Slingsby, made up part of what has been described as a "most enjoyable evening."

Marler was presented with a gift, for which she thanked the chapter. She also presented an interesting resume, highlighting her activities during her term as Grand Representative.

Distinguished guests present included Ida McManus, Past Grand Matron; Iowan de Yaeger, Past Grand Matron; Carl de Yaeger, Grand Trustee; Elizabeth Turner, Grand Representative of the State of Illinois; and Roland Plant, Worthy Patron of Naomi Chapter 26.

Many visitors attended both from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. The evening closed with a refreshment hour, which was enjoyed by everyone present.



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Series of soccer clinics arranged during summer

Canadian Soccer Association (CSA) coach Brian Hughes will offer a free soccer clinic July 20 at Portlock Park.

Hughes, who has coached with CSA for nine years, has worked with youths under 16 years of age as well as with Olympic and World Cup soccer teams.

Hughes has also operated soccer schools in Victoria and other Vancouver Island areas for players between the ages of seven and 16. His experience includes conducting coaching clinics at Levels 1-2-3 C and B, through the B.C. Soccer Association.

The Salt Spring Island clinic will take place between 2 pm and 4 pm. It is offered to youths between the ages of 10 and 16 years, as well as to coaches or adults interested in coaching.

The clinic will focus on an introduction to soccer (all levels), and on an introduction to CSA coaching for soccer schools.

A second soccer opportunity on Salt Spring this summer will be offered in the form of a five-day soccer school, also set for Portlock Park.

The school will run from August 15 to 19, from 9 am to 1 pm. The co-ed school will cater to all levels of skills.

Those interested in obtaining further information on either soccer event should contact Matt Flanagan at 537-4148.

In other Salt Spring Island recreation matters, program director Sandi Geiger is still inviting

participants for a number of activities. (Geiger can be reached at 537-4448).

The Bronze Medallion aquatic course has nine candidates participating. Program components include first aid, strokes, rescue simulations, defences and releases, endurance swimming and a written exam. This course is a prerequisite to Bronze Cross class.

Bronze Cross will be offered this August: participants may register at any time. Cost for the course is \$55, plus \$19 for a manual. As well as having a Bronze Medallion award, participants must be at least 14-years-old.

The Tumble Time program for two- to five-year-olds has been described as a huge success. The program, which will be offered again in August, offers a class for four- and five-year-olds (currently 10 participants) and one for two- and three-year-olds (six participants).

The August classes will run on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Class format begins with a warm-up, followed by gymnastics, climbing skills, experiments with balls, hoops, bean bags, etc., and jumping horse. The class concludes with a circle time.

An additional Blue swimming class has been introduced to absorb the overflow of swimming candidates. The course runs from

August 15 to 26.

Recreational director Sandi Geiger is hoping for a better turnout to future adult recreational swims. Otherwise, she says, she may have to cancel the program.

The swims take place Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 at 251 Byron Road (off Epron Road). Only four adults turned out to last week's swim. The program, which costs \$1.50 for adults and \$1.25 for seniors, is scheduled to run throughout the summer.

In the area of tennis, there are currently four classes (adults, youth and children) running in July.

Those interested in starting lessons should contact Geiger — there is still room for more July classes. Tennis lessons will also be offered in August.

Cost for lessons (six one-hour classes) is \$28 for children and \$35 for adults.

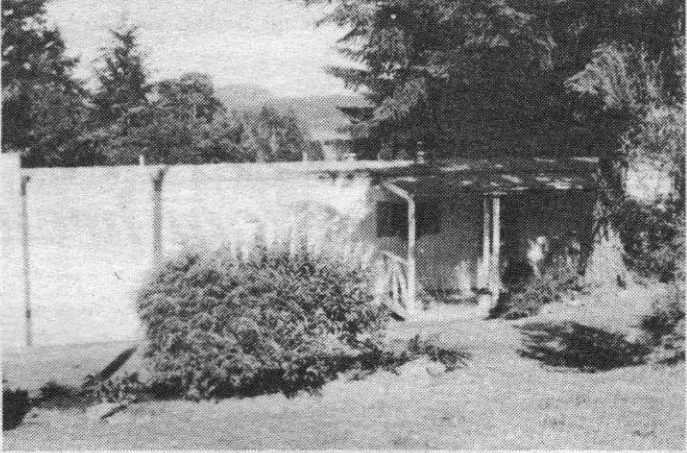
The Summer Funshine Day Camp for pre-schoolers also has room for more participants. Children aged three to five years are introduced to finger plays, drama, crafts, beachcombing, songs and snack time.

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For tie in Cup play

Hardy registers ace on club's second hole

By ANN LOUISE McALLISTER

Connie Hardy scored a hole-in-one at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club during recent play for the Marg Johnson Cup.

Hardy's ace, recorded at the second hole, came June 7 while she was playing with a field of Cup entrants from the ladies' 18-hole golf division.

With the hole-in-one, Hardy posted a 69 score to finish in a four-way tie for top spot in the chase for the Marg Johnson Cup. Others with 69s were Connie Broadbent, Julie Godwin and Anne Munro. The four will hold a playoff at a later date.

Putt pot for the day was shared by Marg Mills and Phyllis Henderson.

The spring eclectic was taken by Connie Hardy, who carded a low gross score of 74, and by Shirley Parsons, who posted a low net of 48.

The chip-in pot for the first half of the season was won by Lou Wolfe-Milner with four, while Connie Hardy took the birdie pot by scoring four.

On July 16 play in the nine-hole

division, Anne Vodden emerged from a field of 31 entrants to win the low net title. Becky Armstrong took the putt pot with 14.

The longest putt was made by Dorothy Graham on the ninth-hole, while Isabel Fitch recorded a chip-in on the fourth hole.

Members of the nine-hole division have changed their starting time to 8:30 am as of today (Wednesday, July 13).

On July 7, men in the seniors' division — over 70 years of age — played for the Jensen Cup. Winner in the field of 28 entrants was Aage Villadsen, who posted a score of net 32 for the nine-hole tournament. In second spot was Al McLean at 34.5, followed by Gordon Parsons and Henri Jefferies, who each carded scores of 35.

Also on July 7, the men played a two-ball, best-ball game. Jack Dosco and Gary Coulter took top spot at net 58, followed at net 61 by the team of Reg Winstone and John McMullen, and by the tandem of Glen Hewitson and Gordon Parsons. Next up, at 62, was the team of Boyd Siemens and Aage Villadsen.

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Tourney decided baseball champions

Salt Spring Island's Minor Baseball Association ended its first season of play last Saturday with a day-long tournament held to determine the champions of two age divisions.

In the finals for supremacy in the 11- to 13-year-old division, NRS dropped Ganges Village Market 25-11. NRS had been given a bye into the final, while GVM reached the title game by defeating Brown's Service.

Pitcher Jeff Neilson notched the win for NRS with late-inning help from relievers Eric Taylor and Patrick Hayes. Offensively, the champions were led by David Collette and Andrew MacGregor: Collette collected five hits in five trips to the plate, while MacGregor went four-for-four.

On the other side of the diamond, Cheryl Tyson shone for GVM. Along with posting a strong defensive game from her catcher position, Tyson pounded out three hits in three plate appearances.

In play for the title in the eight- to 10-year-old division, Driftwood edged Brown's Service 14-10 in a game that featured solid hitting by both clubs. Among the offensive highlights were back-to-back first inning run-scoring triples by Driftwood's Aaron Little, Jordy Koski and Norman Borland, and a fourth-inning bases-loaded triple by Justin Smith of Brown's.

On the defensive side of the ledger, smart relay throws by Brown's helped nail two Driftwood runners at the plate, while Driftwood twice picked off Brown's runners at third base.

Aaron Little was the winning pitcher for Driftwood, while relief ace Jordy Koski pitched the final three innings of the game to notch the save.

Driftwood reached the final by beating NRS 13-8, while Brown's advanced to the championship game with a 15-14 win over The Butcher Shoppe and Deli.

In the consolation final in the eight- to 10-year-old division, Butcher Shoppe defeated NRS.

No playoffs were held in either the coach-pitch or tee-ball divisions, two groupings for players below the ages of eight years. The island's other minor baseball team, the Palm Dairy entry in the southern Vancouver Island Babe Ruth circuit for 14- and 15-year-olds, completed its season in mid-June.

Following Saturday's playoff tournament, trophies were presented to the two winning teams. In addition, plaques listing the participating sponsors were presented to representatives of the



Members of the winning NRS team (above) were, front row, l-r, Sean Hill, Bejay Mills, Patrick Hayes, Justin Beaumont, Andrew MacGregor, Tim Hood and Rickey Tyson. Rear, l-r, are Tom Hood, Josh Clarke, Hugh MacGregor (coach), David Collette, Jeff Neilson, Eric Taylor and Bill Crandall (coach). The champion Driftwood team (left) included, front row, l-r, George Howard, Jayson Blomly, Greg Stringer, Graham Regan, and Aaron Little. Rear, l-r, are Wally Funk, Terry Stringer (coach), Jordy Koski, David Zamorano and Mike Turkki (coach). Photographs of all teams in the Little League are available for \$3 from Barb Kinnear (537-9216) or Sheila Collette (537-9841).

teams in each division: Terry Byron provided the plaque for the tee-ball division (five- and six-year-olds), Driftwood donated the plaque for coach-pitch teams (seven-year-olds), McColl's Shell Service gave out the plaque for the eight- to 10-year-old division, and GVM contributed the silverware for the 11- to 13-year-old division.

The Minor Baseball Association was formed earlier this year to resurrect local Little League play after it had been absent for almost two decades.

Novices test tennis courts

Gary Tuthill won the Salt Spring Island novice tennis tournament staged on Saturday, July 9.

Tuthill defeated Sascha Williams 6-3, 6-3 in the finals, displaying a great natural ability for the game and showing a strong sense of sportsmanship.

In the consolation round, Beth Starrup defeated Lynn Baker 9-8

in an evenly-played, hard-fought match.

Prizes for the tournament were contributed by the Fulford Inn.

The next tournament scheduled is for seniors — men over 55 years of age, and women above 45 years. It will be played July 30 and 31 and August 1. For information, contact Bill Elliot (537-5035).

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Fast-pitch player Gordon Lee of the Fulford team walked away from Sunday's tournament with three trophies.

Gordon Lee collects tournament trophies

Gordon Lee left last weekend's fastpitch tournament in Fulford with a "truck full" of trophies.

The member of the men's fastpitch league's Fulford team started Sunday's tournament play with a home run on the first pitch of the day. The trophies he received at the tournament's conclusion indicated his game maintained that lofty standard.

Lee was honoured as the top batter and best defensive player at the three-game tournament. He also shared most valuable player honours with Vesuvius Inn member Jim Taylor.

Other trophies were handed out to Vesuvius Inn pitcher Bryan Stanford (most valuable pitcher)

and to Gord Speed of Patterson's. Speed was honoured as most sportsmanlike player for the second year in a row.

A special presentation was made to Dave Maguire — a faithful fan of Salt Spring baseball. Maguire, who rarely misses a ballgame, was given a sweat-shirt as an acknowledgement of his consistent patronage.

A special tournament all-star team was also named: Fred Borland (catcher), Danny Akerman (pitcher), Stephane Caron (first base), Ron Sturm (second base), Gordon Lee (third base), Jay Bourdin (shortstop), Jim Taylor (left field), Steve Weatherby (centre field) and Don Brown (left field).

Committee position held

The daughter of a Salt Spring Island woman has been named to the American Quarter Horse Association's U.S. national amateur committee.

Laura Jean Kreissl, the daughter of Ruth Kreissl, is a California resident who previously served with various horse associations in Canada and earned substantial success as a rider.

The younger Kreissl was twice named the top all-around amateur exhibitor in Alberta, and was the reserve champion exhibitor in the open division in 1984. On two occasions, she was top out-of-province exhibitor in Saskatchewan, and has competed at the world championship quarter horse show in Oklahoma.

The youngest person to have been named a national director of the Canadian Horse Shows Association, Laura Jean Kreissl also served as a director of the Quarter Horse Association of Alberta, as a national director of the Canadian Reined Cow Horse Association, as secretary of the Alberta Hunter-Jumper Association, as a volunteer for local draft horse clubs and on the Canadian national committee for Arabian horses.

Vesuvius wins fastpitch title

Each of the three teams in the Salt Spring Island men's fastpitch league ended up the season with a trophy.

Patterson's was honoured as the most sportsmanlike team; Vesuvius Inn picked up the tournament trophy, and the Fulford Inn won the league title.

A close battle between Vesuvius and Fulford throughout the season saw Fulford win a close race for the league title, and Vesuvius edge Fulford in last

Sunday's tournament.

The Fulford team posted the best regular season record, with 11 wins and six losses. Vesuvius was close behind, winning 10 games and losing seven. Patterson's came in at five wins and 13 losses.

Sunday's tournament started off with Fulford beating Patterson's 10-0. In the second game, Vesuvius came from behind to beat Patterson's 10-9 in the

seventh inning. In the final game, Vesuvius overpowered Fulford for a 7-6 win.

Two home runs were hit in the tournament: Gordon Lee of Fulford knocked the ball over the fence in the game against Patterson's, and Stephane Caron of Vesuvius smacked a home run in the Fulford-Vesuvius game.

While the local fastpitch season is over, many players will be participating in upcoming tournaments, both on and off-island.

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