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Proposed land swap withdrawn

Salt Spring landowner Gordon Cudmore has withdrawn his offer to swap a 72-acre parcel of former MacMillan-Bloedel property to the community in return for a transfer of development densities to Mt. Belcher.

Local realtor Russ Crouse, who is acting for Cudmore, said his client rescinded the offer because the Islands Trust declined to satisfy his questions about how the proposed deal could be effective.

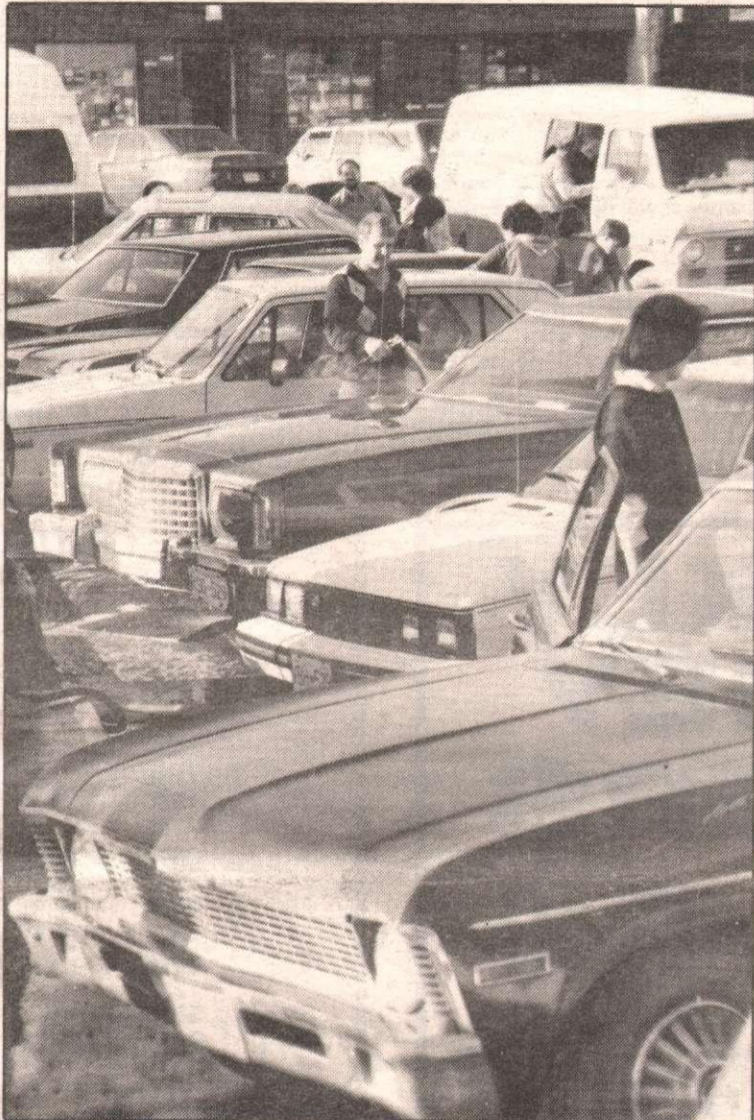
"The offer to trade is off because he couldn't get any kind of assurances from the Trust. He waited two weeks for answers from the Trust but never heard anything," Crouse said, adding that the delay cost money because while Cudmore waited, he had to pay for extensions on his option to purchase the 72-acre block.

"Time is money, and the Trust was waffling," Crouse said. "The Trust said that, in principle, it looked good but that they'd have to hold a public meeting first — and then a public hearing. They couldn't even tell us what the mechanics would be."

Crouse said he had pressed the Trust to take the offer straight to public hearing as soon as possible.

Despite withdrawing the land swap offer, Cudmore is still looking to increase the allowable development densities on his Mt. Belcher properties. Crouse said

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Trip tactics

Salt Spring Elementary School principal Glenn Woodley hoses down vehicle at car wash staged last Saturday in Ganges by students and teachers to raise money for trip to Strathcona Park. All three elementary schools on the island will send students on the trip and are holding fund-raising ventures. Story, page A17.

'Copter service crews grounded

Emergency night airlifts came to a halt on Salt Spring last week when Okanagan Helicopters grounded its aircraft.

The grounding, which the helicopter company says came about because of cost considerations, is still in effect.

"The implications are serious," said Lady Minto Hospital administrator Diane Horovatin. "We'll have to transfer seriously ill patients by water taxi or ferry."

Okanagan Helicopter spokesman Fred Moore said the company no longer has the funds to pay the helicopter crew. Crew members have been transferred to other positions.

The problem is one of utilization, Moore said. The government is not using the service as often as it has in the past.

"The government has other ambulance options which are cheaper," he said. "It's restrained to a point. But the crew and the gas people want to get paid."

Okanagan Helicopters is not asking the government for funding — just for increased use.

The stoppage will have a serious impact on the Gulf Islands, Capital Regional District (CRD) representative Dr. Hugh Borsman said.

"We've become dependent on it (helicopter service), especially now that we've gotten used to having it," Borsman said.

The Okanagan service, which uses twin-engine helicopters, was put in place locally after changes in Canadian air regulations pro-

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Timber dollar total disputed by developer

Although the rights to timber on his lands are listed on titles as having been sold for \$2 million, Salt Spring developer Murray Cyprus says the amount of money that has actually changed hands is substantially less than the total noted.

Cyprus recently purchased a total of 1,048 acres of island property formerly owned by MacMillan-Bloedel. The properties include 446 acres in two blocks on Stewart Road, and a 602-acre parcel on Mt. Tuam.

Titles to the properties show Coastland Wood Industries Ltd., a Nanaimo mill specializing in second-growth timber, has purchased the timber rights on the three parcels for \$2 million. The total includes \$500,000 for each of the two Stewart Road blocks, plus \$1 million for the Mt. Tuam piece.

However, Cyprus said last week the grants represent security against performance of logging

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Fulford Harbour resident Marg Simons will travel to Geneva to take part in an international symposium. Page A16.

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Broad-based public appeal launched to raise funds for Job-Trac program

A drive is being launched to raise approximately \$35,000 to help finance Salt Spring's Job-Trac program.

The \$35,000 represents a little more than half of the total the island must contribute towards the community beautification program, which was launched late last year with the help of \$226,000

in funding from the provincial government.

In all, the community is required to provide \$64,000 in local funds to help pay for the 14 projects now nearing completion. Already, \$29,000 has been raised or committed from community groups — including \$9,500 from the Sea Capers Society — but

another \$35,000 is needed by March 21 to reach the target total.

"To get the quarter of a million dollars," says Tom Hoover, a member of the group spearheading the fund-raising drive, "the community had to raise \$64,000. The good news is we have about \$30,000 in hand; the bad news is

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Students unveil futuristic visions of Booth Bay

By FRANK RICHARDS

By the year 2020, Booth Bay will be the centre of a small, self-contained hi-tech industrial village, or the scene of a thriving tourist industry.

Those were the scenarios offered last week by a selected number of high school students visiting Salt Spring from Surrey.

Split into three groups, the students shared the same vision of

futuristic transportation systems, which was to be expected of youths looking to an inviting and mysterious future. They also recognized few economic curbs, which was also readily attributable to the youth of the planners.

The sixty-three students arrived here from Surrey to spend last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday morning examining the island, attending a series of lectures on the

environment and being briefed on the history of local planning. Each of the three groups of youthful planners was required to make a presentation on Tuesday to outline their proposals.

The program was not an experiment in community planning: it was offered, instead, as an exercise in rational, imaginative thinking.

The students, chosen for their

creative skills, were asked to present a futuristic scenario of a productive community accommodating a balance between labour and management, technology, environment-ecology and the use of leisure time.

The subject area was Booth Bay and the year, 2020, was sufficiently distant to permit some free use of the imagination.

The proposals ranged from a

long factory building beneath the ridge, with accommodation above the work area, to floating homes and communal structures provided with submarine-style diving systems whereby the structure sank into the sea during storm and rose above the water when the weather was clear.

Tourism, asserted one group, would yield revenues of some \$2

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A Vancouver woman is being held in custody after an attempted armed robbery failed at the Ganges Pharmasave last Saturday.

Rosemary Joan Brown, 39 and of no fixed address, was remanded in custody after appearing before the Justice of Peace in Victoria on Sunday. She is charged with attempted robbery.

The alleged attempt took place at 1:45 pm on February 27, when

Robbery attempt thwarted

pharmacist Les Ramsey was approached by a woman who demanded 100 Seconal.

Ramsey said that when he informed the woman she needed a prescription for the drugs, she told him she was carrying a gun. "I said You've got a gun? Let

me see it," Ramsey told *Driftwood*. "She just stared at me and said if I have to show you the gun, someone is going to get hurt."

Ramsey said he doubted the woman possessed a gun, but felt it was not worth risking an injury. He packed the Seconal while

suggesting the chances of escaping from the island were remote.

A demand was then made for \$100, he said. The woman followed Ramsey to the till, where he counted out five \$20 bills. She took the money in her right hand, then demanded a further \$100.

He was able to step around the counter before handing over the \$100. She took the money in her left hand, leaving herself unable to reach for the gun. Ramsey grabbed her wrists and the police were called. B.C. Ferry worker Ted Parry helped Ramsey hold the woman until RCMP arrived.

A subsequent search of the accused indicated she was not in possession of a gun.

Land trade offer rescinded

Density purchase, transfer plan pursued

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his client is negotiating to purchase the desired densities from Gary Carter, who holds two blocks of former MB properties — covering 336 acres — bounded by Sansum Narrows to the west and Mt. Erskine to the north.

Carter and Cudmore, Crouse continued, have hired Ken Renaud to draft a formula to determine the scope of the densities they will ask to be transferred.

Renaud, an architect and presi-

dent of the local Woodlands Association, last year headed up a planning group that compiled a list of suggested uses for each of the former MB parcels.

The Mt. Belcher properties owned by Cudmore currently carry a zoning designation which allows lots averaging about 6.5 acres. He hopes to transfer enough development densities to create lots averaging about 3.5 acres in size.

Crouse said there is "quite a bit of density" that can be

transferred from Carter's properties, that both parties are hoping Renaud can come up with a formula that will prove acceptable to the Trust, and that a decision can be made quickly.

"The intent is there," he said. "They're both sitting there and they both want to do it, but they don't want this thing to take forever."

On the plus side, Crouse noted that the formula to be drafted by Renaud will likely prove useful to other owners seeking density

transfers, but wondered why the Trust has not put together its own system to guide transfers.

"I'm upset that (Cudmore and Carter) have to pay out of their pockets for someone to put a formula together."

setting it straight

Oops. The parcel of Mt. Tuam land former owned by MacMillan-Bloedel and purchased recently by Murray Cyprus does not house a Buddhist retreat, as reported in last week's *Driftwood*. The Buddhist retreat is located in the southwest corner of Block 44, which is kitty-corner to Block 38, bought two weeks ago by Peppercrook Retreat Ltd., a company with which Cyprus is involved.

Grants worth less than total noted on title

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contracts, and that the amounts listed represent a valuation placed on the wood for the purpose of collateral — not the dollar value of the timber the company is to receive.

A set amount of timber worth far less than the \$2 million noted on the grants will go to Coastland, Cyprus said, after which time the grants will be lifted from the land titles.

The agreements in question, Cyprus reiterated, called for Coastland to put up a deposit against timber the company will receive. In the meantime, the grants are security for due performance of those contracts.

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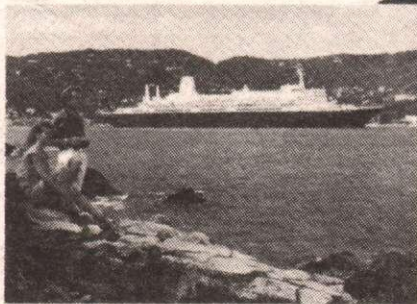
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Grace Comba

Lottery winner splits prize between kin

For Grace Comba of Salt Spring Island, winning \$10,000 in a lottery was no big deal — but to her grandchildren, it's something special.

Grace earned the \$10,000 last Wednesday on a scratch-and-win ticket purchased at Mouat's Trading. She said that while the figure represented her largest-ever return from a lottery ticket, she was "not excited" about her good fortune.

"I guess it's because I'm a lottery player" who has won in the past, she said.

The excitement about the win

Two grandsons will share \$10,000

rests with other family members. Grace has already directed that her \$10,000 in winnings be split into two \$5,000 shares — one for each of two grandsons, who will use the money to help pay off their student loans.

"One of them owes \$7,000 in student loans — that's a heck of a load to start life with," she said.

One grandson is working in

Vancouver, while the other is completing a course in forestry in Thunder Bay.

Grace has six grandchildren in all, and decided to split the \$10,000 between two of them because each of the other four has already received a like amount from her.

"The four others have \$5,000 bonds maturing, and these two

were not included, so this makes it even."

Grace does not buy lottery tickets on a regular basis but indicated she does purchase a good number over longer periods.

"If I have an extra dollar, I'll buy a ticket. I might go four weeks without buying any, then buy five or six," she said. "I've been playing since the lotteries started, and they don't owe me anything."

Grace's past successes in lotteries have included one \$1,000 prize, "some \$50s, some \$100s, and lots of \$2s."

to be frank

Get lost!

I was stranded in Victoria the other day, so I rented a U-drive. I threw my bag in the trunk and made a number of calls in the city.

When I handed in the rented buggy I carefully took everything with me, except for the bag in the back.

The two things I regularly lose are my cheque book and my glasses. Without my glasses I can't read my cheque book and without my cheque book I can't buy glasses. But they're small and get lost easy. A travelling bag is big and bulky and hard to miss. I missed it.

I know where it is and I'm confident it will come back to me in its pristine condition, but for several days I have been shaving with an old razor I inherited from my late twin brother. I wouldn't want to knock Bill, but his taste in electric razors was not the tops. I cleaned my teeth with an ancient brush and I haven't seen a clean shirt for the best part of a week.

It all boils down to useful advice. If you're tossing up whether to lose your glasses, your cheque book or your bag, settle for the cheque book.

Ugly sound of running water!

There was, I think, a proverb attributed to China which suggested that the three most delectable sounds on earth are the song of birds, the voice of the beloved and the sound of running water.

The Chinese philosopher was very fortunate that he didn't take a bath in a Canadian setting.

I'm not a radio addict but I have a radio in the bathroom and I usually get there in time to listen to Peter Gzowski. The running of the bath interferes with the purity of the sound, but I'm always busy while I'm running the bath and I don't notice it.

When I'm out I get rid of the muddy waters that accumulate from washing. At the same moment there is an interesting commentator on the radio program. I don't hear a word.

That bath outlet sounds like the Niagara Falls have moved west and the whole volume of crystal-clear (I trust) water is trying to escape through the

little outlet in the bath.

Doesn't anybody make quiet baths with silent drains? But it's too late. I couldn't afford it!

How many lights?

Some time ago I counted headlights and averaged them out. Alas! I was wrong!

Johnny Bennett expressed some curiosity over the car I drive when I suggested that four headlights would dim. With bright headlights the car shows the world four individual lights but when they are dimmed two drop their gaze and two go out altogether.

Headlights are four-by-twos, four by bright and two by dim.

Never tried it yet!

I was in Victoria last week awaiting the arrival of my kid brother: another aging citizen. I walked and I walked and I walked.

Why didn't I take a bus, asked a nosy daughter.

I don't know how! I don't know the charge. Or, rather, I didn't know it until she told me. I know that the rider is expected to tender the right money on pain of falling foul of the driver.

I once went to Vancouver and rejoiced that I would have to take a bus to get to Habitat some years ago. I boarded the bus and produced several dollars in small change. The driver shrugged me off. The bus to Habitat was free. So I still didn't learn how.

Mind you, there is a reason. I've never lived in the city and I've never been in the city without a car except on very rare occasions.

In fact, I have used the city transport, but not since they had BC Electric street cars. The last time I was on one was on the Willows run. I can't remember why I was heading out to the Willows, but I do recall that when I noticed a young woman standing I offered her my seat. She accepted graciously with the muttered comment, "About time!"

And that dates that trip, for sure! And the fact that I was in uniform.

Helicopters 'grounded'

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hibited single-engine craft from making night airlifts.

Horovatin estimates the Salt Spring hospital orders about six night airlifts each month. "We don't ask for it (the service) unless it's critical," she said.

According to Moore, the helicopter service was used an adequate amount last summer. He said it should be used even more during winter months.

"It's an expensive service," he said. "Therefore it attracts the attention of people worried about the emergency health care budget. If the budget is not there, I don't think Okanagan Helicopters is in the place to provide it as a freebie."



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System needed for negotiations

A fast-track approach is needed to answer density transfer and land-use proposals for the former MacMillan-Bloedel lands on Salt Spring.

The current approach, as used by the Islands Trust, is to invite the landowners to confer and, where possible, to discuss the trade-offs they might make in return for density transfers or development bonuses.

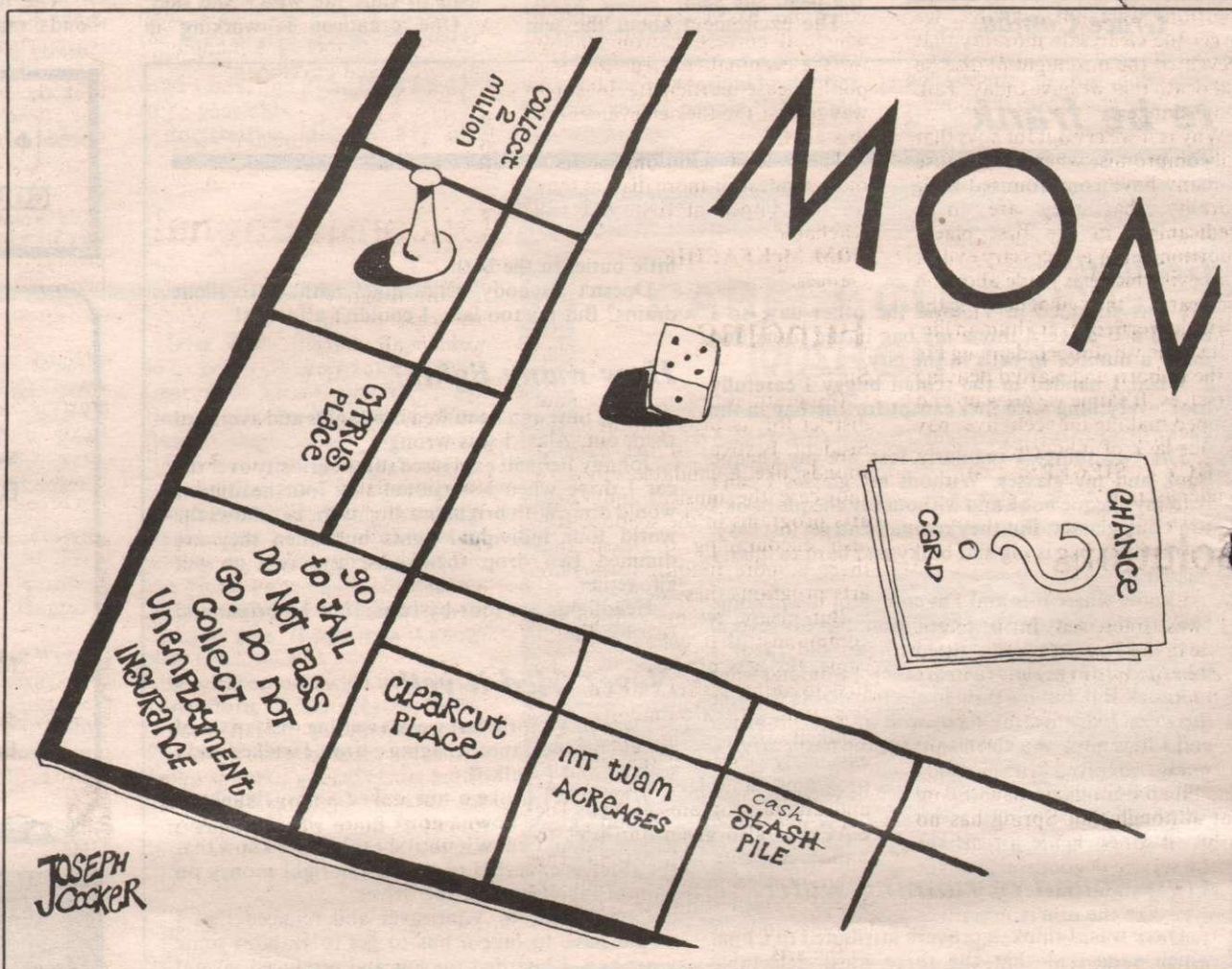
However, the Trust has been reluctant to do anything more than discuss. Its stand is that it is unable to commit itself or the community to quick acceptance of any of the offers being put forward; instead, public meetings and public hearings must be held before an answer can be given.

As much as that argument shows respect for a process of referrals, however, it has already proven costly. Reluctance by the Trust has prompted Gordon Cudmore to drop his option to purchase a 72-acre block of former MB land and trade the property to the community in return for a density transfer. That's 72 acres that might now be developed instead of being turned into park.

The point is not whether the density transfer proposed by Cudmore was acceptable or even worthy of consideration, but that the Trust was unable to say *yes* or *no* to his offer. At this stage of the MB land-sale game, with new owners weighing their options and under financial pressure to make decisions, that's unacceptable.

The longer the Trust holds off being able to give the new owners definite answers to their offers or questions, the more likely those owners are to chart courses independent of the wishes of the Trust. And it's likely one of the options to be considered will be the intensive tree-cutting the Trust is trying to discourage.

The most remarkable aspect of this apparent lack of direction is that it doesn't have to be



present. At the time the MB sale went through, the Trust must have realized it would soon face unprecedented development pressures. That's the time it should have chosen to launch public meetings to discuss what could be traded for what — not now, when we're in the midst of the muddle.

Another point to consider is that the mechanism to effect trades is already in place. The bylaw creating the uplands and forest zone — which applies to the MB lands — was adopted a year ago, after public hearing. The bylaw clearly gives the Trust the mandate to offer density transfers and bonuses in return for comprehensive development

plans which respect sensitive lands, limit tree-cutting and provide trail networks.

So what's left to discuss? As we see it, only the *where* of a transfer, and the scope of a density bonus, if applicable. True, those points would vary from offer to offer, but at the very least a broad formula should have been put in place by now to give landowners some indication of the reception their offers might receive.

As it is, the clock is ticking. The challenge now facing the Trust is to swiftly produce the needed guidelines and demonstrate a commitment to the process, before offers stop coming to the table.

Land-use fallout, not offer, is what counts most

Two schools of thought have emerged in the wake of last week's disclosure of the offer MacMillan-Bloedel made to the Islands Trust in hopes of acquiring higher-than-normal development densities for a portion of its former forest lands on Salt Spring.

Briefly, for those who missed it, MB told the Trust in December that it would trade 3,500 acres of land to the community in exchange for the right to create 1,002 lots (over a 20-year span) on the remaining 1,300 acres. The Trust, noting the swap would mean development densities measuring four times the current allowable limit, declined. And the rest, as they say, is history.

In a multitude of face-to-face and telephone conversations over the past seven days, I've found

public reaction to the terms of the deal — and to the subsequent refusal — falling into one of two camps. There is no middle ground, probably because the offer seems so cut and dried.

The first view agrees with the Trust that 1,002 units over 1,300 or so acres constitutes an unacceptably high level of development on these shores — regardless of the amount of land offered in trade, or the way gradual creation of the units might have been used as a lever to limit residential growth in other corners of the island.

The second school of thought argues that the chance to acquire 3,500 acres of free land for the community is nothing to sniff at, especially since accepting the offer would have nullified the land-use fuss that has flared up

my word

by
duncan macdonnell

since the MB properties fell into private hands.

If only it really was so black and white . . .

Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, for instance, has argued that the MB offer was not accompanied by a firm promise to transfer the 3,500 acres to the community, was delivered as an 11th hour deal that offered no room for negotiation, came at a time when MB was already

poised to cut the deal it eventually made with Salt Spring Lands, and asked for a density the Trust had already said would be completely unacceptable. In other words, was the offer genuine?

The counter-point being raised to that argument, meanwhile, is that the Trust lacked the political courage and desire to keep the upside of the offer in focus. The voices speaking into my ear also complain that the Trust had two-plus years to prepare for its showdown at the bargaining table, that it should have made a counter-offer, and that the proposal should have been taken to the public before being rejected out-of-hand.

Well . . . after having listened to all of the above for most of the past week, I can only conclude that while most of the points

raised are at least worth repeating, they are also virtually meaningless at this late date. What's done is done, and no amount of speculation is going to put that offer back on the table.

I'm not saying the non-deal isn't important, just that it must fade into the background while we watch how the Trust handles the fallout from the MB sale. If the current muddle is satisfactorily cleared up by this fall, when elections are held, the finger-pointing and breast-beating will cease. But if the problems continue to mount and remain unresolved, and we are forced to think *what if* . . . the rejected MB offer will come back to haunt the Trust and the electorate.

We elect trustees to make independent decisions. In nine months, we tally our scorecards.

Duplicity

Sir,
The three letters concerning the issue of abortion in the February 17 issue of *Driftwood* seemed to echo the duplicity of standards so prevalent today. While outraged over racism or tsk-tsk-ing emotionalism, there is a total disregard for the killing of the unborn. Somebody is fighting for the wrong "rights". When they tell you that abortion should just be a woman's choice, they are forgetting someone — the baby.

While pointing out the dangers of back alley abortions in the bad old days when "clean, safe" abortions were not available, we forget the clean safe morality that prevented the onslaught of disease and death that we have today. Talk about danger.

Why is it we cry out for laws that will compromise when it is because so many have compromised their morality that they are in a predicament in the first place? Abortion is not a necessary evil. It is an evil which has made abortion necessary — the evil of denying the intrinsic worth of every human life.

It's time we stopped denying life to the unborn and started denying ourselves. It's time we grew up and stopped making innocent lives pay for our lack of innocence.

NANCY L. SIEGERS,
Pender Island.

Solutions

Sir,
I was interested in a recent article in the *Times-Colonist*, titled *Victoria aldermen favour recycling*.

Apparently, other core municipalities and the CRD are becoming involved in curbside recycling programs. I was thinking that although Salt Spring has no curbs, it does have a garbage pickup service (a good one, I might add). How about our CRD getting involved like the others in putting out tenders for a pickup system? Initially newspaper recycling would be mandatory.

"Enforcement would be simple" the article says. "Persistent offenders would find a notice stuck to their unemptied garbage cans." Space for dumps is limited, said Ald. Jan Greenwood.

"Recycling is an educational process and most people, when they understand, will be willing to get involved."

As I have indicated earlier in a letter, Salt Spring Island is full of leaders from every walk of life. We should be showing the way of how to solve basic problems as a community, however, seemingly all we can come up with is a plan to ship our garbage off to other people's domain and pay through the nose in doing so.

I know we can come up with a more responsible solution than that. I look forward to hearing from others on this issue.

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges.

In reach

Sir,
The results of our recent pool referendum were very clear. The voting community does not want a swimming pool either in the proposed location, or of the particular design suggested, or with the financial obligations implied. Disagreement on any one of these points or others not mentioned lead to a *no* statement from the majority.

There is a possibility that beneath this collection of negative votes there may lie some combination of location, cost and complexity that is reasonable and affordable.

It was on this premise that

letters

interested people met recently to discuss alternatives to the rejected plan. The Pool Society has formed a study group to examine a variety of suggestions.

Having previously done nothing more than purchase membership in this society, which promoted what I saw to be a desirable facility, I ask that other people like me with constructive ideas either send a note to P.O. Box 531, Ganges, B.C., or come to a meeting next Monday at 7:30 pm in Salt Spring Elementary School. If you voted *no* based on a condition which, if corrected, would allow for the eventual construction of a pool, please participate in some way to assist in the achievement of this goal.

There is a solution, perhaps more modest or more distant than we had hoped at first, but still reachable.

TOM McKEACHIE,
Ganges.

Funding

Sir,
Congratulations to the school district for its presentation of the Student Festival of the Arts. It sounds like a laudable effort to showcase the musical and visual arts programs in the schools. It is also encouraging to learn that there is more funding for school arts programs these days.

But please, let me remind the community that when restraint came, the arts programs were the first to suffer severe cutbacks. At this time, the Community Arts Council stepped in to set up extremely successful summer arts programs, and later school arts and drama programs as well. The CAC has also given bursaries to band students to attend the Courtenay Summer School of Music, as well as bursaries to Gulf Islands students pursuing careers in the arts.

The Community Arts Council continues to fund the *Artists in the Schools* program. Local artists and craftspeople share their expertise in the classroom, and share their enthusiasm as well. Thanks to the CAC for their continuing efforts on behalf of island children.

MERLE BOX,
Ganges.

Violence

Sir,
I have recently learned that there has been a considerable amount of fighting going on amongst the teenagers in Ganges. I hope it stops.

Is it because of too much violence on TV? No enough positive entertainment, like maybe dancing together to their favourite music in the park or at

school? Not enough involvement in any of the many worthwhile community projects (like working for the world peace movement, or against world hunger, or for the environment, or helping family, friends and themselves)?

I suggest it may be helpful for parents to ask kids for their views on violence, and encourage them to settle their disputes positively — by talking them out, rather than by fighting them out, and to not just watch fights happen.

Comments and questions are welcome. Please send me your telephone number or a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

I love you all.
NANCY BEACH,
R. R. 1, Fulford Harbour,
B.C. V0S 1C0.

Unconstitutional

Sir,
Unfortunately rape and incest are part of our society. Many women are forced to live where attempts to raise families are against overwhelming odds. No highly-protected Fantasy Land or castles.

The Supreme Court ruled abortion laws unconstitutional. Women are now free to choose. Vander Zalm flies in the face of this, and Medical Plan payments are a sacred trust belonging to the people; not for any personal whim or belief of anybody.

Vander Zalm has ruled women of B.C. will not be funded through the Medical Plan for an abortion even in cases of rape, incest or deformity of the fetus. This is terribly wrong. Those funds belong to the people, not to him. Opinions should be sought of those whose bodies are personally involved. More bad laws yet need changing ... after 100 years.

There are countries which consider health, decent housing, education and occupation a highest priority: we'd better catch up.

CHARLES CROSBY,
Ganges.

Needs

Sir,
One only has to talk to the young people on Salt Spring Island to realize how little the adult community, as a whole, contributes to their quality of life. When I say little, I do not mean to denigrate the time, effort and money that many parents and small groups spend on athletics, soccer, tennis and so on. But, if you examine the broad needs of today's young people, I think you will discover that Salt Spring Island

More letters,
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offers very little when compared with like centres elsewhere. Many young people cannot wait to leave the island; there has been precious little for them, outside of home and school, up to now — and, and from a career point of view, virtually nothing lies ahead.

Part of the tragedy, I suppose, is because for many seniors on Salt Spring Island, the money needed for adequate facilities and staff to provide a better quality of life is not available. The recent referendum on the swimming pool showed clearly that the main reason such a facility could not be provided was that a large majority took the position that they could not afford the new expense. The tax burden could not be borne.

Given that the island has, perhaps, more than its share of seniors living on barely marginal incomes, one could assume that prospects for the young people here are not good.

It seems apparent that anything major needing support on an island-wide per-capita basis — e.g., taxes — is doomed before it starts. The hoped-for public financial support is not there. We are given to understand that there is substantial moral support, but not broad-based financial support,

for youth-related projects such as a recreational centre or pool.

One has to ask if there is another side to the broad issue of enriching the quality of life for young people on Salt Spring Island.

Let me play Devil's advocate here and suggest that while there are many residents of Salt Spring Island who invest in property here and who benefit spiritually, physically and socially from island life, there are very few who make a lasting contribution to those young people who will be growing up on Salt Spring after the elderly depart. Most simply sell and move on, taking their assets with them, pending their return to their heirs in Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba or elsewhere.

Perhaps it boils down to this: if the cost of enriching the quality of life for Salt Spring's youth cannot be met through general taxes, then the responsibility must fall on those who are financially capable, those who live out their early retirement years on the island who can return something to the future well-being of the island's young men and women.

Perhaps the developers, the business men, and others who gain financially from living on Salt Spring, can combine their talents to meet the glaring need which is now finding expression in actions good and bad.

J. JAMIESON,
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NOTICE OF MEETING ISLANDS TRUST

The public is invited to attend an information meeting to discuss:

1. The proposal to donate parkland (Fulford) in exchange for increased density near Ganges.
2. A proposed bylaw to authorize the Islands Trust to regulate tree cutting and to issue cutting permits for lands in the Upland and Forest Zone where slopes, watersheds and stream courses may be subject to damage from erosion.

The meeting will be held **TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1988 at 7:30 P.M.** at the **Salt Spring Elementary ACTIVITY CENTRE.**

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Another movie genre

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By **ANDREW GIBSON**

When #3 grandson, knowing my passion for awful movies, asked if I had seen only lately, I replied, regretfully, that I hadn't — but that I was looking forward to the Rambo-ing of the Red Army in Afghanistan, in which Sylvester is so lethal that it may have influenced the Politburo's decision to pull out.

I was told that I was neglecting a whole movie genre — those made abroad where the law allows the extras to be paid off in spaghetti. These low-budget monstrosities (aimed at that portion of the North American market which — how shall I put this delicately? — doesn't allow its serenity to be troubled by thought) usually have a few gringos, upwardly mobile from the porno flicks, in key positions. When I heard that the results are often available in cassettes, it was a matter of minutes before we were at the video shop, peering at the new releases.

There was no shortage of cinematic disasters, but one caught my eye. The text proclaimed that it was about American commandos in the Nicaraguan jungle, whose mission is to recover a nuclear weapon, swiped by Ortega's terrorists so that they can threaten to blow up Caesar's Palace and Heritage U.S.A. or, if that fails, the Pentagon. I couldn't resist. As we drove home, I was sure I could hear the cassette ticking.

Back home, watching it unfold on the VCR, I wasn't disappointed, but after five minutes all of the others had left for a game of *Scrabble*, holding their noses and pronouncing *Commando* to be an obvious dog. But, avid to see how low the profession has sunk since the benchmark *Invasion of the Killer Tomatoes*, I persevered. Herewith my report.

The action commences at a U.S. nuclear weapons base where the security is so tight that a Sandinista girl terrorist, posing as a nymphomaniac, takes five full minutes to murder all of the sentries who proposition her. Then she and her squad shoot their way to the nuclear bomb storeroom and, choosing one in the handy terrorist size, get away in a waiting helicopter, leaving corpses strewn about, some with their pants half off.

The base is being guarded by the crack Delta Force Commando, and, if the foregoing is any indication, it would be better off

with a detachment of killer Brownies. But we must bear in mind the pitch, which is that Americans are trusting souls, easily duped by diabolical Marxists — but once their dander is up, look out!

There is nothing so dander-raising for a Commando sergeant as to have his wife hit by a stray bullet, especially when she has just reported labour pains. This very thing has happened to Sgt. Allen, and he doesn't even take time to call the hospital before loading up with hand grenades, bomblets, an assault rifle and a Rambo-style crossbow. Then it's off to the air base where, by holding a pistol to the head of jet pilot Capt. Token Black, he forces him to take off for Nicaragua and revenge.

At this point I must point out three preconditions of these

Stallone clones.

The dialogue must be simple, or even simian. In this case the total vocabulary of the sergeant and the captain is somewhat less than that of Nkomo, the famous talking gorilla, and at least half of it is a certain four letter word with which I will not assault the eyes of the readers of this family paper.

The second precondition is the ability of persons born below the 49th but above the Rio Grande to locate, without maps, not only themselves but the enemy, anywhere on the surface of the earth.

The third is that they can fly/drive for thousands of miles, and shoot steadily for an hour and a half, without visiting a gas pump or reloading.

I will not fatigue you with more than an outline of the balance of

this drag. They fly to Nicaragua (a country the size of New Brunswick) and, having disposed of half of the Nicaraguan Air Force, are shot down within a few miles of where the terrorists have stashed the bomb. Although separated, each overcomes a truckful of Sandinista soldiers, and drives directly to Campo Ortega. They kill several hundred Sandinistas, all of whom have been taking ballet lessons in graceful death dives, get the bomb back, hijack a bus, lasso an attacking helicopter, are shot down again, jump 100 feet to the boulders, shoot up another truckload of soldiers and, in a running battle, finish off the other half of the Sandinista army before being picked up by a helicopter from a U.S. task force.

Oh — I forgot the obligatory torture scene, in which the Reds,

having captured Capt. Token Black, consult the CIA manual about such matters, and prepare to attach high-voltage electrodes to certain portions of him which I will not identify, other than to say that they are below the belt. This anti-phrodisiac is foiled, of course, by the sergeant.

To resume — the task force steams Stateside, leaving Nicaragua, its air force and army destroyed, as easy pickings for North, Secord, Singlaub and Hakim, Inc. The discredits roll, including a big thank you to the Brazilian Navy, then fade-out.

The *Scrabble* game was still in progress, but #3 grandson took time to ask: "Grandpa, how come anybody not rowing with one oar would pay to see that?"

The lad's innocent enquiry touched me. "Bug out," I elucidated.

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Positive move

Sir,

How good it was to read about a positive development in the MB lands business: Gordon Cudmore wants to donate a portion of land on Stewart Road to the Islands Trust. These 74 acres would allow access to a 107 acre park reserve, making a total of 181 acres of park reserve for islanders present and future.

It is great that a park of this size could be created by someone with such a long history on the island. Gordon Cudmore Park would be a fine addition to Peter Arnell Park, Ruckle Park and all the other parks that commemorate islanders long after they are gone.

Will Rogers once said: "Buy land, boy, they ain't making it anymore."

Make that: "Donate land, boy, they ain't making it anymore." The Nature Conservancy of Canada and other bodies have probably got a way of making such donations tax deductible, too, which would sweeten the deal for anyone in mind of immortality this way. Good for Gordon Cudmore, I say.

Too bad Russ Crouse had to start talking about density

transfers and stuff to do with Mount Belcher and Wilkie Way properties; anybody who knows anything about that hill knows it hasn't got a safe, decent road access for the numbers living there now, let alone doubling the number of lots. Besides, it would be hard to find enough water or view sites up there if you doubled the density. You'd just end up with a bunch of mobile homes in the woods and more clearcuts on the Ganges skyline.

Forget it, I say. Let Mr. Cudmore just donate his land and let the Trust put his name on it forever, as an example of a true islander with a generous heart.

At last a piece of good news in this whole mess. Take the donation of land, guys, it might start a trend. **JOHN SCOTT,**
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Can abortion issue topple government?

VICTORIA — It's one of life's little ironies that the abortion controversy may achieve what all the opposition leaders, New Democrats, union bosses and "bleeding hearts" haven't been able to do since 1972 — unseat the Socred government.

The process has already begun. The Vander Zalm government has been on the skids ever since the premier took it upon himself to play Philadelphia lawyer with the landmark Supreme Court ruling that abortion committees are unconstitutional.

What makes the situation somewhat ironic is that abortion is really not a political issue. Stripped of its rhetorical embellishments, every political issue is centred on economics. The greatest ideological debate of the 20th century — socialism versus capitalism — is a confrontation of economic models, and virtually every major political issue you care to mention can be slotted into this conflict. Every issue, except abortion, that is.

The cost of abortions neither makes nor breaks British Columbia's health services budget. At an estimated \$300 per operation, last year's 11,000 abortions cost a total of \$3.3 million, a little more than one-tenth of one per cent of the total health budget.

Since most abortions are performed on women in borderline economic circumstances, it can be assumed that the cost to the taxpayers would have been far greater — in terms of future welfare payments — had those 11,000 pregnancies not been aborted.

Abortion is a moral issue, and that makes it potentially far more dangerous to governments than any economic issue. It's an issue that blurs the distinction between church and state, a distinction over which wars have been fought. It's an issue that turns the clock back, dividing the populace along the lines of medieval Europe. The debate over abortion is tantamount to a rerun of the religious wars, and when it's over, governments will have been severely shaken. Some may bite the dust.

Here in British Columbia, the government is deeply divided over the abortion issue. Seven backbenchers have openly criticized the government for its stand on abortion. Even a cabinet member, Grace McCarthy, has been critical.

If so many Socred MLAs are against the government's policy on abortion, who is for it? Premier Vander Zalm, that's who. The premier is deeply and devoutly opposed to abortion. That's his right. I'm opposed to abortion, too, but that doesn't give me the right to impose my beliefs on every woman. Vander Zalm's first duty is

capital comment

hubert beyer

to govern on behalf of all citizens, in accordance with the laws of the day.

Every edict, every statement coming from the premier's office regarding abortion since the Supreme Court ruling has been a dictatorial abuse of power.

What's even more disturbing is that he has somehow managed to silence the cabinet. People who should and do know better are lending their passive support to a man who is abusing the democratic process.

Criticizing the premier is difficult for any MLA, but that didn't keep Kim Campbell, Socred MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, from speaking out. She obviously had agonized over her decision to denounce the government policy of not funding any abortions, including abortions for victims of rape and incest and in cases of severely malformed fetuses. She was close to tears when she voiced her opposition publicly.

Faced with growing unrest in the Socred ranks, the premier backtracked a bit, agreeing to fund abortions for victims of rape and incest. Other than that, the policy stands: the government will only pay for abortions performed in hospitals and if the woman's life is in danger. That means the rich can afford to have an abortion, while the poor can't.

The agony over the abortion issue isn't lessened by the premier's parsimonious attitude when it comes to alternatives. He promised better adoption policies and a public education program. That's not an alternative. That's an insult.

Where is the assurance of financial support for women the premier hopes to force into giving birth to children they can't afford to have? Where is the day-care program that would allow these women to hold jobs? Where are the jobs, for that matter?

If Vander Zalm abhors the very thought of abortions, he should have become a preacher. He could then devote his entire energy to change the world. That's a luxury he doesn't have as premier.

His unbending stand on abortion may make him feel good. It may make him a hero with the pro-life faction, but it doesn't make him a champion of democracy. On the contrary, it make him an authoritarian, a despot, a tyrant.

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Seventh-inning stretch highlights playing field

Once again, inspired by the "left hooks, crescent wrenches and curves" of *Driftwood's* editor, I put minuscule bat to paper — and attempt to run for home and garden.

Let's retire MacMillan-Bloedel. On 15 hours' notice they offered Pat and Nick a home run (or was it an offer?) that we had to refuse.

We had delivered a slow, straight ball: the Community Plan allows a modest increase in density in return for a good development plan (protect watersheds, recreation, etc.). Their response: four times the permitted density, no definite offer to turn over surplus lands to the island, and no time to negotiate in public.

We shook our heads and wondered why we had spent two years setting up this ball game. (It could have been such an exciting encounter.)

Next inning, Murray Cyprus and Islands Trust. Murray and Nick had a ho-hum session on CBC's *Almanac* last Friday. I have joked about the "showdown at clearcut corral" while predicting that the "debate" would be the non-event of the year.

The debate is not between the Trust and any one developer. *The issue is one of ethics and profit.* Let me state very clearly that I have no respect for any individual who makes a personal decision to profit at the expense of this island, its people, and its environment. Profit is acceptable, when natural and community values are protected.

Our community is fielding the ball: how many of us are in left field vs. right field will determine the outcome. The development batter is right-handed; the left infield is loaded with players (maintaining the green grass) but is the outfield covered? At the top of the ninth, the home run ball is delivered by Coastland Wood's pitcher. Development batter Hurry Scurry connects: the ball is well hit and the left field is in disarray; a single outfielder goes to the wall, and leaps, glove extended ... What happens next? Metaphor eludes me. The sobering "here and now" demands clear vision and real thinking. Where do we, as a community, wish to go? Do we accept heavy cutting of our forests, and compromising of our rural values?

I alluded to the gold rush in my last report. Since then, the mother lode seems to have been located, and all our large forested parcels put at risk. Trees seem to be worth more than two times the value of the land they nurture. How many new owners of our Upland and Forest zone lands (4,800 acres of MacMillan and Bloedel) care more for that windfall profit than for the island they share with others, and the native plant and animal community? Ethics versus profit.

Like the population that elected us to represent them to "preserve and protect" this island as only the Islands Trust can, we quietly sit and watch, as helpless as the electors. Owners, please know the real value of what you have purchased, and care for it.

One of your readers comments on the inability of average citizens to comment on logging practices. To suggest that only loggers should discuss tree cutting is akin to saying that only the hangman should comment on capital

trust report

by nick gilbert

punishment. Those who have a deep respect for the living environment must be given the opportunity to speak, and they should be listened to.

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Whose rights?

Sir,

As one who upholds women's rights and who believes that we should practice birth control, I say that the abortion issue is *not* just a question of a woman's right to do what she will with her own body. Another is involved.

As many who have aborted that other would attest, that crime can leave a legacy of guilt and grief. We all deplore the anguish and often loss of life of some of those who resort to "back street" abortionists. But feel abortion under controlled conditions for all is not the answer.

We may as well say that all the "unwanted" — the old, the handicapped, perhaps — should be scientifically euthanized lest some may be messily murdered.

Yes, murdered. For those of us who believe that life may begin at conception or soon after, deliberate abortion is murder. Even if life does not begin that early, while there is the slightest chance that it *may*, do we dare take the risk?

MEG HODGES, Ganges.

Umbrella

Sir,

The Salt Spring environmental group, now called the 'Sahara Club' met and decided that we are basically an umbrella group that can best work by dividing into smaller groups to work on different issues.

UPLAND AND FOREST ZONE

Bylaw 160, a recent amendment to the community plan, encourages a comprehensive development plan *before* any development takes place in the upland and forest zone.

In return for good protective measures for forest land, watershed and sensitive natural features, the Trust can negotiate such things as density transfer, bonus density, rezoning, and 10 per cent perimeter waivers.

If heavy logging precedes before a comprehensive plan is agreed to, there will be little incentive to negotiate — i.e., the premise of good land use will have been violated. We encourage forest owners to work out a plan with us before they make commitments to sell their timber.

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Reports on Crofton indicate that the extent of pollution and way it is being dealt with require that we assist the Crofton people in both strategy and moral support. There is another meeting scheduled soon in Crofton. The contact person here is Leroy Jensen (537-4168).

A meeting with foresters at UVic is being sponsored by the Sierra Club. Contact person: James Scarf (653-9207).

Computer networking, as a source of tying into larger bodies of information, was also discussed: Contact 537-5698.

Cleanup and possibly artistic demonstration projects were suggested for the last week of April (Environment Week). Contact is Richard Krieger (537-9446); he is our ongoing Sierra Club contact also. Representatives from that club are being invited to speak at the next meeting.

Although the structure of this group is fairly loose, and we try to keep the atmosphere light and speakers brief, we are basically action-oriented. Information will be made available in future to newcomers as to what the issues and contacts are, so that everybody can be made to feel informed and part of it. Next meeting is March 24, location to be announced.


SUE HISCOCKS, Ganges.

Gutter talk

Sir,

Please do the public a favour and take Mr. Cyprus' assurances to the public off the front page and put them where they belong: in amongst the weekly bowling scores under the heading *Down The Gutter*.

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD, Fulford Harbour.



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MOST PARTICULARLY, it is in the glorification of material pursuits, at once the progenitor and common feature of all such ideologies, that we find the roots which nourish the falsehood that human beings are incorrigibly selfish and aggressive. It is here that the ground must be cleared for the building of a new world fit for our descendants.

That materialistic ideals have, in the light of experience, failed to satisfy the needs of mankind calls for an honest acknowledgement that a fresh effort must now be made to find the solutions to the agonizing problems of the planet. The intolerable conditions pervading society bespeak a common failure of all, a circumstance which tends to incite rather than relieve the entrenchment on every side. Clearly, a common remedial effort is urgently required. It is primarily a matter of attitude. Will humanity continue in its waywardness, holding to outworn concepts and unworkable assumptions? Or will its leaders, regardless of ideology, step forth and, with a resolute will, consult together in a united search for appropriate solutions?

Those who care for the future of the human race may well ponder this advice: "If long-cherished ideals and time-honoured institutions, if certain social assumptions and religious formulae have ceased to promote the welfare of the generality of mankind, if they no longer minister to the needs of a continually evolving humanity, let them be swept away and relegated to the limbo of obsolescent and forgotten doctrines. Why should these, in a world subject to the immutable law of change and decay, be exempt from the deterioration that must needs overtake every human institution? For legal standards, political and economic theories are solely designed to safeguard the interests of humanity as a whole, and not humanity to be crucified for the preservation of the integrity of any particular law or doctrine."

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What's in a name? Headaches, if you're MB Research and islanders are confusing your company with MacMillan-Bloedel.

MB Research, a five-year-old Sidney firm specializing in scientific analysis, has received calls in the past few weeks from "irate islanders" concerned that the sale of MacMillan-Bloedel's Salt Spring properties will bring negative impacts to the island.

Similar name draws complaints

Company co-owner Wendy Riggs told *Driftwood* last Friday that when callers find there is no connection between MB Research and MacMillan-Bloedel, they are polite and apologetic — but she is becoming weary of the calls and

fears the public confusion is bad for her business.

"New business from the islands has dropped to zip" since the MacMillan-Bloedel land sale, she said. "We're not getting any new business from there."

She added: "We're being tarred with the same brush" as MacMillan-Bloedel.

Her company's full, legally-registered name is MB Research and Development Ltd., Riggs said, adding that the MB stands

for micro-biological.

"Perhaps it was a poor choice of names five years ago," she said. "Somewhere down the line, we may have to look at ways to straighten out the names."

Confusion between her company and MacMillan-Bloedel is not limited to islanders, however. Riggs said her firm often receives mail meant for MacMillan-Bloedel.

Commission 'member' must wait until appointment becomes official

Procedural considerations have left Salt Spring Island's resort operators without a vote on the Advisory Planning Commission (APC).

The resort operators recently named Rick Rockliffe as their delegate to the APC, and Brian Jewell as his alternate. However, neither appointment has been ratified by the Islands Trust.

At the last APC meeting, held in mid-February, Rockliffe was ruled out of order when he proposed a motion on a matter then under consideration. He was told that until his appointment is made official by the Islands Trust, he is not permitted to introduce or second motions, or to vote on questions before the APC.

The appointment of Rockliffe and Jewell to the APC was to have been considered by the Islands Trust at its January 29 meeting. However, that meeting was preceded by a lengthy series of public hearings — at which Rockliffe spoke — which forced

the Trust to later adjourn with half of its agenda untouched. The question of APC appointments was on the untouched portion of the agenda, which is to be picked up when the Trust next meets.

Rockliffe, an outspoken critic of the Trust, told *Driftwood* he believes ratification of the appointments is being stalled in

hopes of stifling his comments.

But APC chairman Ian Fraser said that Rockliffe is free to attend committee meetings and participate in discussions. Until his appointment is made official by the Trust, however, neither Rockliffe nor Jewell is permitted to introduce motions or vote at APC meetings.

Saturday session with MLA to discuss farm tax proposals

Islanders will have the opportunity this Saturday to hear the government's position on proposed changes to tax laws for farmers.

A meeting with Minister of Finance Mel Couvelier is slated for 1:30 pm on March 5 at the Farmer's Institute.

Under the proposed changes, farmers would have to earn \$5,000 to establish farm status and receive the accompanying tax breaks. At present, a farmer's

income need only be \$1,600.

Couvelier will address the issue, pin-pointing the government's reasoning behind the proposed legislation.

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School honours 'three-year-old'

A special assembly was held Monday at Fulford Elementary School to honour student Mikela Broadhead, who turned three years of age that day.

Mikela, a Grade Six student who is actually 12 years old, is a Leap Year baby. Her official birthday is February 29, which falls every four years.

To mark the occasion, Fulford students turned out Monday for a 10:50 am assembly for Mikela.

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Projects program proving successful

Salt Spring Island's Job-Trac program "is succeeding beyond our greatest hopes," its local organizers said last week in announcing a drive to raise \$35,000 to help cover its costs.

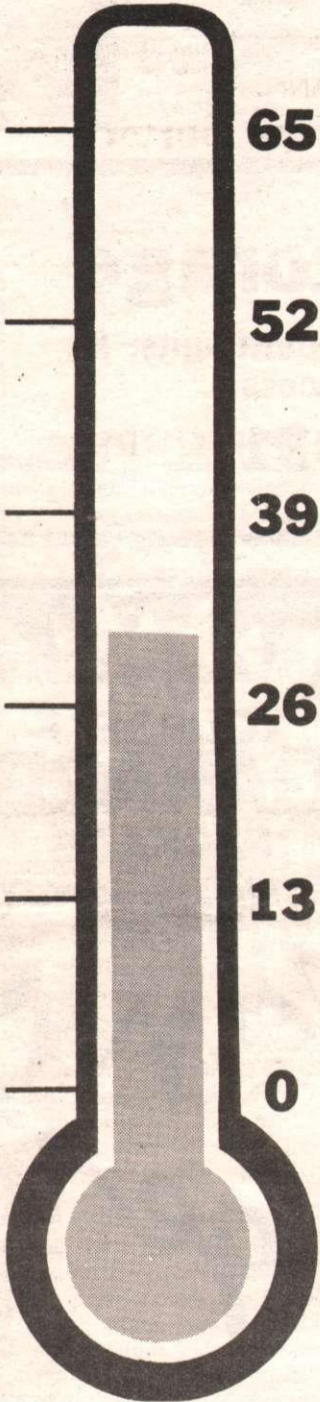
The program was launched last fall after \$226,000 in provincial government funds were received by the local sponsoring agency, the Chamber of Commerce. In return, the community was required to guarantee that it would provide local contributions in aid of the projects undertaken.

From the province's point of view, the program is aimed at providing Social Assistance recipients "with training and employment in community projects that support regional and local tourism, recreation, culture and heritage development strategies."

Twenty-two people were hired for a six-month term — to expire in March — and split into two groups to undertake the 14 projects making up the island program.

"We have received most encouraging remarks about the results so far," the Centennial Park Society said last week in an information package released in connection with the fund-raising drive. "The workers have been enthusiastic, proud of the calibre of their work, and are receiving varied and useful work experience."

Spencer Marr, Chamber of Commerce business manager and the man responsible for handling the Job-Trac budget, noted Friday that while the community will receive great tangible benefits from the program, "the main point of the project was to help get people back to work."



Campaign to raise funds for Job-Trac is almost half-way to its goal of \$64,000.

Fund-raising drive slated for Job-Trac

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we have to find another \$30,000 or so by the middle of March.

"If there is a shortfall, we'll just have to put up personal guarantees and borrow the money."

When the Job-Trac program was launched last fall by the Chamber of Commerce, initial projections called for a total cost of \$257,108. The amount now being sought is the difference between the original "guesstimate" and the projected final cost.

The campaign for contributions is being headed by the Centennial Park Society, which is acting as an umbrella group for all of the organizations involved in the program. Those organizations include the Capital Regional District (CRD), the Royal Canadian Legion and the Chamber, among others.

Hoover noted that the \$65,000 to be raised locally represents about one-quarter of the total cost of the Job-Trac program, meaning local residents will receive the benefits of 14 island-wide improvement projects for the equivalent of 25 cents on the dollar.

"It's a heck of a deal for the community," he said.

Job-Trac projects undertaken or near completion include: the linear park in Ganges; trails in Channel Ridge; trails on south Salt Spring; the plaza at Centennial Park; new toilets at Centennial Park; portable stage and backdrop for the Centennial Park bandshell; upgrading of Drummond Park, including new toilets; boat ramp at Hudson Point; upgrading of Stowell Lake beach, including new floats; upgrading of the Fulford tennis courts,

including toilet facilities; insulation and interior finishing at the Farmers' Institute building; renovations of Bittancourt House; a permanent barbecue pit at the Farmers' Institute grounds; and renovations to Off Centre Stage.

Total cost for those projects is estimated to come in at \$288,267 by the time the program ends in March. The total includes \$156,363 for wages and benefits for the 22 employees, plus \$131,904 for materials.

The drive to raise \$34,000 towards that total will take the form of a broad-based community appeal, Hoover said. Collection boxes will be set up in local banks and businesses to accept contributions (tax receipts will be available for donations of \$5 or more), and a general campaign kick-off will be held this Saturday (March 5) in Centennial Park.

The kick-off, tentatively scheduled to take place from 10 am to noon, will feature entertainment provided by local groups and individuals, and an information booth set up to explain the Job-Trac program, the projects undertaken, and the costs and benefits applied to each.

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police report

Local RCMP are asking the public to assist their search for a hit and run driver.

The incident took place at 6:15 pm Friday, February 26, in front of Burgoyne Bay Church on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Fulford resident Paul Hamilton was driving southbound with his wife and infant son when he was side-swiped by an oncoming vehicle. No one was injured, but damage estimated at \$800 was sustained by Hamilton's camperized vehicle.

The suspect vehicle — a light-coloured pickup truck — did not stop, nor did the car driving behind. Police believe the two vehicles may have been travelling together.

Police believe the suspect vehicle is a light blue International. They found scrapings of blue paint on the damaged vehicle, along an International crest.

The second vehicle is believed to be a silver-coloured mini-van. The RCMP are looking for any information leading to the apprehension of the driver.

An 18-year-old Ganges woman has been charged under the Liquor Control and Licensing Act after producing someone else's identification in a drinking establishment.

The fine for being in a drinking establishment when underage is \$100.

When asked to produce identification in the Harbour House pub, Heather Shepherd presented a driver's license which belonged to another individual.

Local ferry workers top donor's list

B. C. Ferries' Gulf Islands employees contributed almost one-quarter of the total donations recently collected by the corporation for charities along the B.C. coast.

A total of \$11,000 was contributed by the ferry workers living in the Gulf Islands.

"I think that it's really terrific the Gulf Islands employees were so responsive in donating to

charity," said Betty Nicholson, chairman of the corporation's 1988 Employee Community Service Fund drive.

"They surpassed all other terminals within the fleet," she added.

The fund drive, which takes place each year, gives corporation employees an opportunity to contribute to the charities of their choice through payroll deduc-

tions. This year, it topped all other Crown Corporations with a record amount of \$46,000 raised.

All donations raised through the drive remain within the community nearest to the employee's workplace. This, Nicholson said, benefits both the agency and those requiring assistance from that particular charity.

Gulf Islands ferry workers were

canvassed by Audrey Geary, a catering attendant from Long Harbour.

"These employees donated almost a quarter of the total amount raised in 1988," Nicholson said. "Without their enthusiasm and generosity, we would not have broken last year's record of \$38,500."

The 1989 campaign is slated to be launched this fall.

Impaired conviction nets fine from court

A Brethour Island resident was fined \$700 in Ganges provincial court on February 9, after he was found guilty of impaired driving. Robert Rooke, 41, also had his driver's licence suspended for nine months.

The impaired driving conviction, Rooke's second, arose from a 1987 incident in Sidney after the boat the accused had brought over from Brethour Island — just south of Moresby Island — sank at the Sidney dock. Court was told that a subsequent conversation

with fishermen led to his drinking and driving.

Rooke has full responsibility for a maintenance position on Brethour Island. A period of incarceration, defence counsel Mayland McKimm noted, would leave Rooke's wife isolated on the island.

Judge R.E. Hudson agreed that Rooke's occupation is "unique employment." He also considered the length of time that had passed since Rooke's prior impaired driving conviction, in 1973.

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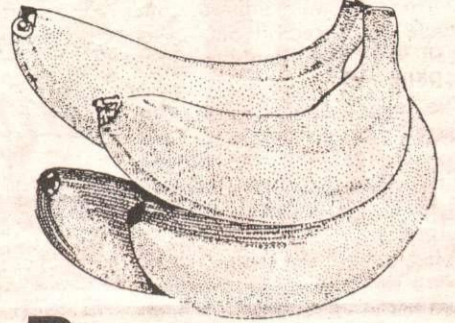
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"Feminist" novel fails to surpass pulp stereotypes

By PEGGY WHITTAKER

Feminists beware: the offerings of the increasingly popular women's publishers do not always provide readers with the alternative world view they might reasonably expect.

A 1987 release from *The Women's Press* in Toronto is a disappointing case in point. *The Monarchs are Flying*, by second-time novelist Marion Foster, is a "feminist murder mystery," a genre which is reportedly growing in popularity.

What apparently makes this a "feminist" murder mystery is that the maligned heroine of the story is a lesbian who has been wrongfully accused by a small-town patriarchal judicial system, of the brutal murder of her ex-lover.

However, as a true feminist novel, if such a thing can be defined, the book fails to offer any real alternative to the pulp fiction churned out by the mainstream presses.

Rather than counting on realistic emotions and feelings to project a personality, Foster uses blatant stereotypes in the construction of her cardboard characters. This does little to further the cause of feminism, as

the one-dimensional gender images only serve to enforce male/female alienation.

Once charged, Leslie Taylor is subjected to a Mutt and Jeff routine by a pair of red-neck policemen (whose department distributes pamphlets asserting that "Queers are sexually depraved vampires"), told to plead guilty by reason of insanity by an uncaring (male) lawyer and neglected by her domineering father, who is angered at having to look after her dog while she is in jail.

Of course, Leslie is supported throughout by a loving, albeit oppressed, mother and a determined female lawyer who proves Leslie's innocence and then, in a laughably predictable conclusion, falls in love with her client and discovers that she, too, is gay.

Having resigned oneself to the fact that there is little to be discerned from these pages that will require any substantial emotional digestion, the best one can hope for is brief rushes of adrenalin caused by any unexpected Sidney Sheldon-esque plot twists.

Alas, the unfolding of this particular courtroom drama

involves intricacies which could probably be plumbed by the mental machinations of an inquiring seven-year-old.

While the author's intent may have been to invoke the trauma caused by the forced coming-out of a previously closet lesbian, this potentially illuminating lesson is defeated by the unreality of the character's actions. One example is Leslie's decision to plead guilty to

'There is no jargon in these pages.'

the murder rather than have her parents find out that she is gay. Even more far-fetched is Leslie's inward assertion that she "wanted (her lawyer) Harriet to win as much for her, Harriet's sake, as for her own." A kind-hearted thought, indeed, for someone who is facing life imprisonment.

However much readers may be disappointed by this collection of stand-up stereotypes, though, they

can take heart at the prospect of a new collection of 15 short stories recently released by *Talon Books*.

Between the covers of Vancouver writer Cynthia Flood's *The Animals in their Elements* lives a colourful parade of real-life characters: schoolboys, mothers, first-time fathers, old women — all are portrayed with convincing sincerity.

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The stories, which are set in Vancouver and Toronto, range from descriptions of a power struggle in a pre-natal class to two children's perceptions of the trauma experienced by their mother, who is faced with sorting through her dead parents' belongings and in doing so must come to grips with her relationship with her own mother.

As the back cover claims, "there is no jargon in these pages," and it is not billed as a "feminist" novel.

However, the author's view of society and the way people are positioned within it is

unintrusively apparent in these short "slice of life" dramas, and readers may find themselves encouraged to re-examine their own attitudinal beliefs.

That it is attractively bound and a good read for almost anyone also makes *Animals* an excellent book for giving.

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The author is from Vancouver. Paul Montpellier is an artist and illustrator. He trained at the Calgary Art School and has worked in related fields. Today, he is a tree surgeon with the Vancouver Parks Branch.

Montpellier wrote the book to interest children in the world beyond their own environment, as well as the pleasures involved in imagination and chewing gum.

It is a happy production and was obviously a joyous accomplishment to the author-artist.

Forgotten Villages of the BC Coast, Raincoast Chronicles; Harbour Publishing. 76 pp.

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I well recall the day when my brother and sister-in-law left Victoria for the Alberni Canal some 30 years ago. They were

setting out to teach in Sarita River, a small logging camp beyond Port Alberni. Joan was wearing the garb she had brought with her from England by way of Peru. As I recall, she was wearing a yellow raincoat and red boots and gaining no inconsiderable amount of attention for the fact that the Maquinna was not accustomed to the latest world fashions in its west coast wanderings.

The veteran coastal steamer is recalled in the Chronicle.

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Most of what I've acquired still fills me with inspired thoughts and a love of life. But there is one pot — a large shallow bowl of red earthenware spotted with a creamy slip and circles of copper green — which in the Olympic jurying system would get 5.9s or 6s. Like much of my collection it has a primitive folk feel but is of recent manufacture.

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Well, I still have it, together with the knowledge that I am sharing something special with its maker. It was a gold medal achievement among many works which, for me, were registering in the top 10. Like the skating of Katerina Witt of East Germany, who won Olympic gold, or the fantastic free skate of Midori Ito of Japan, who finished out of the medals, it was her best performance up to that date.

But for an artist, once a piece is done, it's done, and tomorrow is a new day. One is never quite sure

artseen

by gary cherneff

why it is that on one unique day everything conspires to produce something special. It may not be your best ever or even your best to date, but it has a spirit of commitment to materials and clarity of vision which should be shared in your community, whether it is an island or, in the case of the Olympics, the world.

It is in this spirit of sharing that the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council is embarking on this year's version of *Showcase* — an exhibition of visual arts which have been selected from the submissions of artists and craftspeople residing in School District 64.

This year, as in the past, the jurors are new. They represent commercial galleries as opposed to the public gallery and art school judges who participated in previous years. All are from the Victoria area and include one unnamed representative from North Park Gallery, Bernard Ruffo from Winchester Gallery, and Ramona Froeble Sacht from Out of Hand Gallery.

For those unfamiliar with the above, it may be said that this

choice represents a good balance which should satisfy most artistic persuasions. Winchester Gallery represents many of the more established painters in Victoria, while North Park often has shows of artists who are new arrivals on the scene. Rarely, if ever, could it be said that this gallery exhibits anything remotely resembling 'avante garde' work. Its gallery complements its interior and renovation design services. Out of Hand Gallery is among the most progressive of contemporary craft galleries in B.C., and regularly promotes theme exhibitions in an effort to stimulate and educate.

Among the many fine works chosen last year these were noticeable gaps in two areas. The most glaring one was the non-participation of the Outer Islands. Galiano, I know for sure, has a vibrant arts community, and I suspect the same for the other islands.

The other weak spot was in crafts. Few submissions led to few selections. Surely, the guilds can muster more support than they have shown. If you are going to be stinky and not share your work, your community will be poorer for your negligence.

Entry forms for *Showcase* are available at the Waterfront Gallery and at et cetera book and stationery. The deadline for entries is March 15, the registration fee is \$10 and if you have any questions about how to get your work over, the contact person is Mary Koroscil (537-9888).

MLA will officially open new local library wing

Finance Minister Mel Couvelier, the MLA for Saanich-and-the-Islands, will officially open the new wing of the Salt Spring Island library this Saturday (March 5) at 11 am.

The library recently underwent a \$100,000 expansion and renovation project, which gave it an additional 1,342 square feet of floor space.

The work, funded by a \$40,000 government grant and with \$60,000 provided by the island's non-profit library association, has completely depleted the association's building fund. The fund was generated through gifts, bequests and donations.

To begin building the fund again, the library board has approved a motion to give receipts for income tax purposes for all donations over \$25.

The library itself operates on an annual book grant of \$18,000, plus memberships, fines on overdue books and the efforts of volunteer staff members.

The annual meeting of the Salt Spring Island Library Association saw two new trustees elected to the board.

Joining the trustees are Patricia Morgan and Dennis Seward.

The board has also elected June Perry to the position of chairman, Grace Byrne as secretary, and Arthur Britain as treasurer.

In other business, the board approved a motion to raise the adult annual membership fee from \$3 to \$5.

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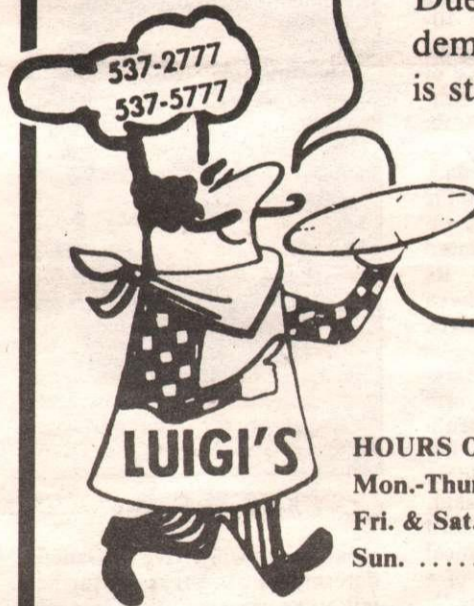
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Victoria artist Mollie Greene Mitchell demonstrates watercolour prowess as members of the Salt Spring Painters Guild look on. Mitchell, who presented a two-day painting seminar at Mahon Hall February 23 and

24, supervised guild members' artwork and presented a slide show of her own paintings. The guild invites artists to work with them three or four times every year.

Fulford resident selected to attend international symposium on arms

A Fulford Harbour resident has left for Switzerland to take part in a two-week conference on disarmament.

Marg Simons is attending the conference as part of a 10-member Canadian contingent brought together by the Voice of Women. She is the only representative to the conference from B.C., and one of only two group members from western Canada.

The gathering in Switzerland is sponsored by the Conference on Disarmament, a body affiliated with the United Nations. Its meeting is being held in Geneva and has drawn representatives from around the globe.

"The Conference on Disarmament is the single multi-lateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community but its important work is seldom seen by the public," Simons said. "Currently, it is struggling hard for a total prohibition of chemical weapons and the completion of a comprehensive test ban treaty."

Before arriving in Geneva, Simons will take part in an orientation session for Canadian delegates, being held this week in Toronto. Simons expects the Can-



Marg Simons

adian group will arrive in Geneva determined "to press for further initiatives in the Conference's agenda," and to argue that more women should become directly involved in disarmament negotiations.

She also said she expects the

group to meet in Geneva with high-ranking representatives from Eastern Bloc, non-aligned and western nations.

Simons, who is making her first trip to an international conference after involvement at the regional level, said she expects "there will be a lot of networking" among groups and individuals represented in Switzerland.

She is also hoping to lay some groundwork for the spread of local projects. The Salt Spring Island branch of Voice of Women, for instance, has pulled together a show of arpilleras made by Chilean women and Simons hopes she can make arrangements in Toronto for a nationwide tour of that collection. She will also be taking along an audio tape made of the Raging Grannies in hopes of encouraging formation of similar groups in other parts of Canada.

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4-H members given public speaking tips

By DAVID KOSKI

Invited guests highlighted the last two meetings held by the Salt Spring Island 4-H Community Club.

Members of the Salt Spring Speakers Club attended the 4-H group's February 5 meeting to explain about public speaking, and returned on February 15 to judge a speaking contest.

The speeches went well — they were fun, interesting and fact-

filled — and everyone involved did well. Top peewee speaker was Nicholas Bardon, and the top three overall were Andrea Rondeau, Jordy Koski and Rita Phillips.

Rondeau and Koski will represent the local 4-H club at the district championships to be held March 6 in Saanich.

The next 4-H club meeting is set for March 4 at 7 pm in the Farmers' Institute building.

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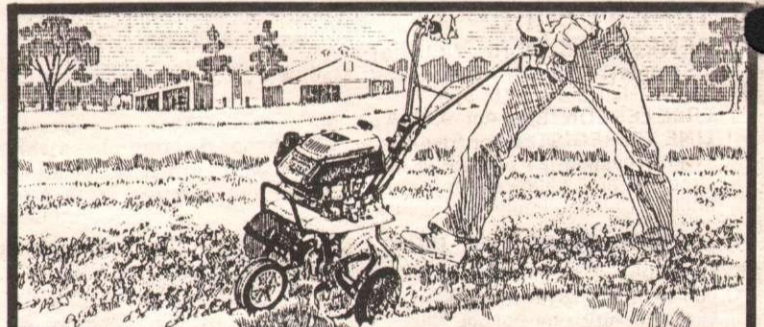
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Students to raise funds for outdoor experience

The Strathcona experience presents challenges to students and encourages them to take "one extra step," Salt Spring elementary school principals agree.

To combat the rising costs of sending Grade Six students to participate in the Strathcona program, the principals hope the community will support various fund-raising events sponsored by the elementary schools.

Most Grade Six classes in the Gulf Islands participate in the Strathcona outdoor program, staged at the park of the same name in central Vancouver Island. There, youngsters are trained in activities such as

kayaking, canoeing, rock scaling and overnight camping excursions. Individuals come from "all over the world" to provide instruction.

Local elementary school principals Glenn Woodley, Barb Aust and Bob Brownsword feel it would be difficult and expensive to duplicate the program on Salt Spring. They also believe it is valuable to get the students off the island.

To offset costs of maintenance and much-needed equipment replacements, the price of the Strathcona program has risen from approximately \$25 per day to \$36. This means the individual

student cost will be in the area of \$180. At Salt Spring Elementary, Woodley hopes to bring that total down to \$150, while Fernwood principal Brownsword has set a goal of \$100.

Fund-raising events sponsored by the Grade Six students will be "useful" ones, says Woodley: the children will not just be handed the money.

Last weekend the Salt Spring Elementary School class held a car wash. Another car wash is planned for the future, along with a raffle and ongoing bottle drive.

The Fernwood Grade Six students and parents have held a giant garage sale, firewood sale,

pizza sale, and party to help offset their costs. At Fulford, the students have taken over hotdog sales, which includes ordering, cooking and selling the food. Future events include a bottle drive and car wash.

There are other ways to help students attending take part in the program, the principals said. Those interested in having the students hired for things like yard work are invited to call the individual elementary schools. Sponsorship, the principals said, is another possibility.

The program is challenging, Aust said. "They (the students) learn some risk-taking; they learn

to walk that one extra step."

The experience also creates a bonding between students, who suddenly have to help each other: "We can't create that in the classroom," Woodley said.

Another important aspect of the program, the principals agreed, is the opportunity for different students to "shine." It is not necessarily the academically-inclined students who prove best at the outdoor activities.



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Students present models for Booth Bay future

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million a year. On subsequent debate, the figure was challenged as being unlikely.

There were visualized links with large corporations and trams running on cables from mountain top to mountain top.

The proposals were offered in a breezy series of presentations at Humberdinks, in Ganges, during a luncheon gathering on Tuesday. The presentations were characterized by imaginative charades, models and charts.

The computer camp proposal went deeply into finances, allocating funds to different investments and explaining the manner in which an agreement might be reached with IBM,

whereby shares would be offered in exchange for goods and services.

Power for the hi-tech plant and other visions would be largely from BC Hydro, with solar power and tidal generators augmenting the supply. A desalination plant would be computer-run to reduce maintenance staff to three operators. Septic tank disposal was to be employed until such time as new chemicals might be available to deal more effectively with wastes.

Tourism was the more popular source of revenue for this island community three decades hence.

The audience was entertained by two playlets showing tourists visiting Booth Bay. It was the remaining relic of another era

when there were rural parks and the populace was not confined to large urban centres. On arrival, the tourists found no bubble cars, only a Model T Ford.

"It is one of the last natural parks in the province," the tourists were told by the operator of Booth Bay Resort. Here the visitors were cut off from the outside world and could enjoy the rustic environment. There were no motor vehicles, and tourists were expected to walk or depend on horses.

Among the novel features of the tourist camp were conifer trees and fresh water. There was not even a "programmable fishing rod" to be found on the island.

The theatrical style of both

tourism themes enabled the participants to inject a greater degree of humour and imagination into their presentations. Throughout the three offerings, there was an overtone of cynicism at the foolish mortals who permit urbanization of their habitat. The three proposals also placed strong emphasis on the retention of natural environment.

Fish and vegetables were to be produced in a multi-storied structure set against the ridge. Sewage and garbage would be processed in tanks, producing heat energy, while water was to be recycled.

In addition to recreational facilities there would be a "spiritual centre for those who

wanted to be spiritual."

Design was to provide living space for 25 persons, access to available utilities and development of a viable economic base. The project was to utilize different energy sources and to accommodate recreation needs. Respect for the natural environment and ecological balance was to be built into the design.

Limitations imposed on the project included retention of the oyster farm as well as the lodge at Booth Bay Resort.

The symposium is not a new feature of Surrey schools, but this is the first time it has been staged on Salt Spring Island.

Nature's constant state of change focus of key address at workshop

By FRANK RICHARDS

How far can a person see into the future?

When a group of students from Surrey took part in a symposium at Ganges last week, they were invited to create a vision of Booth Bay as a self-contained, prosperous community in 30 years' time.

Three proposals were offered. One saw the community as the centre of a prosperous hi-tech industry, while the other two envisioned a viable tourist centre for the benefit of urban-weary city dwellers escaping from the boredom of modernity into the cute surroundings of a preserved rural community.

Keynote speaker at the closing luncheon of the exercise was Bill Hannond, director of environmental studies from Florida, who is engaged in studies at Simon Fraser University.

Hannond commended the students on their imaginative presentations and their theatrical skills in making the presentations. He also commented on the determination of participants to retain the rural, natural setting of the island despite any developments they visualized. This was common to the three presentations, as was the weariness with the deteriorating urban scene.

Change is inevitable, said Hannond. Nature is changing all the time: when a stream changes its course, conditions downstream are similarly changed. He cited the creek at Booth Bay and explained that a change in its course could make a vast difference to the bay. The salinity of the water could be changed and the effect could destroy oyster beds in the bay. The same change could result in the waterbed becoming a marsh and, later, a forest.

"Humans can detach themselves from nature as they change it," he cautioned. But nature is in a state of constant change and is never still.

It is this change which makes it difficult to plan a community for even 20 years ahead.

Changes in nature create the diversity that is nature, Hannond continued. The diversity of vegetation and animals is to be seen everywhere, as nature accepts the challenge of the constant change and adapts to new conditions. Diversity is adopted by humans to meet social and industrial changes, he noted.

"When there is high stress on the environment greater diversity is introduced by nature," Hannond said, urging his audience to think of that as a model.

Everything in nature is growing at optimal level. Plants and animals keep a reserve of energy to meet emergency situations, explained Hannond. When a hurricane blows off the top of the tree, there is a reserve of energy within the root to push up and heal the wound.

This pattern of self-regeneration can only succeed while the natural environment is running at optimal, or best, level. If conditions call on nature to give more and the environment is running at maximal level, then there remains inadequate energy in the system to renew or to diversify.

What makes people stand up for a quality environment, he asked. Those who do so are those who

value the long-term community.

"You can't change things unless you are willing to be involved and give time to the question!"

There was an agricultural age when mankind developed its skills, and writing and mathematics were evolved. There followed the industrial age, related the keynote speaker. That age is past. There are no longer raw materials in abundance.

"We are living in the greatest period of change in all history," he asserted, "and the earth is sending us signals."

Changes in the atmosphere, acid rain and polluted water are among those signs.

Had the gathering of students, fresh from their analysis of the development of one small community, listened to those signals, he asked.

"It is okay to expand and keep things growing," he closed his address, "but the challenge is this: if you're not going to make those changes, who is?"

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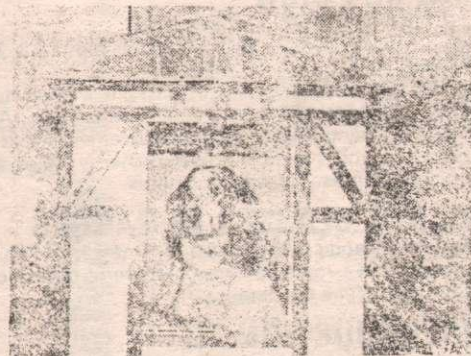
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Trust requests the community's input

"In future years, our economy will be very much tied to the attractiveness of the island. Once the trees are gone, there is very little left."

That message is one islanders must face now that logging has begun on several parcels of the Salt Spring property recently sold by MacMillan-Bloedel land, last week's meeting of the Community Planning Association was told.

Elaborations on that theme included questions about the authority the Islands Trust does and might have over large-scale logging activity on private lands, and the options the community has to work for the collective benefit of Salt Spring.

The guest speakers at last Wednesday night's meeting — Ken Renaud, president of the local Woodland Association, and Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert — outlined the options islanders must face in grappling with the tree-cutting issue.

Gilbert pointed out that the Islands Trust has a mandate to "preserve and protect," but has few mechanisms in place to enforce that mandate. For instance, he said, there are no bylaws giving the trust regulatory control over logging on private lands.

What the community has to decide, Gilbert said, is what action it wants the Trust to take. Should the Trust be lobbying government agencies to obtain some form of permit system to ensure that logging stays within reasonable limits and that watersheds and other sensitive areas are protected?

At present, the Trust has the authority to take two steps towards preserving private forested property. It can offer density transfers, and it can create a bylaw to regulate logging on slopes.

As Renaud acknowledged, property owners must be offered some sort of incentive to prevent them from logging their lands.

"There has to be some trade-off," he said. "We can't just yell and holler."

One trade-off system proposed by the Trust is the density

transfer concept, which preserves one parcel of land by transferring all of its allowable development rights to another piece.

"The problem with density transfers," Gilbert said, "is the person has to be willing to move it, and there has to be a receiver."

He stressed that each proposed transfer must be taken to public hearing.

The slope bylaw, outlined in the Municipal Act, has been enforced elsewhere in the province, but Gilbert is unsure where. The bylaw would allow the Trust to prohibit logging on slopes where flooding or erosion is a problem. Such a move must be debated, Gilbert said, because it needs promotion and suggestions on how it should be written up.

The Trust intends to hold a public meeting on the issue next Tuesday, March 7.

Gilbert and Renaud also described voluntary measures the community can take towards preserving land on Salt Spring. Woodland management, non-development covenants and the granting of easements are three possibilities.

Woodland management can have more than aesthetic benefits, Renaud pointed out. By undertaking a management plan for land, the owner will see his property assessed at a lower market value. Under current taxation laws, timber is only taxed when it is cut.

Individual property owners can also preserve pieces of their land by entering into a covenant not to develop them. If, for example, Gilbert said, one has an unusual grove of trees or a rare type of wildflowers growing on his land, he can apply a covenant to preserve it through future generations.

Another valuable community resource can be obtained through easement grants. As Gilbert indicated, a donation of three metres on either side of a property boundary can preserve trail accesses to the community's benefit.

New directors elected

Some new faces were added to the board of directors at last week's Salt Spring Island Community Planning Association general meeting. Those who volunteered or agreed to sit on the board include Max Soder, Donald Kreye, Susan Yardley, David Massy and Henri Procter.

They will join current president Syd Wigen and secretary Murray Shoobraid, and members Matthew Coleman, Murray Reiss, Tom Wright, Bob Cunliffe, Tony Bartley, Ken Renaud and Claire Nutting.

The new and old members will hold their first meeting tonight (March 2).

The committee has been involved in a number of projects — including the creation of the community plan and an incorporation study for Ganges — and has a broad mandate to improve the island's quality of life.

It involved itself last year in a review and subsequent endorsement of the Islands Trust.

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In medical terms

Birth experience suffers from 'dehumanization'

By HEATHER MARTIN

As long as Canadian obstetric care does not recognize the profession of midwifery, it remains unique throughout much of the world.

It may, however, be changing. The Liberal government in Ontario has committed itself to the legalization and integration of midwifery into the health care system. A government task force has recently published its findings after extensive research and recommends the training and licensing of midwives as independent professionals.

Furthermore, it recommends the establishment of a midwife college to regulate the profession, and a series of safeguards to guarantee high standards of care. It suggests the emotional support and continuity of care provided by midwives rationalizes the legalization of the profession in that province.

If the Ontario government accepts these recommendations, it will be a major advance in childbirth practices for women, and set a nationwide precedent.

Midwives today are skilled professionals, educated in established schools throughout the world. A midwife's expertise is healthy childbirth, while a doctor's specialty is medical problems. Together, they achieve the healthiest births in the world.

Through pregnancy, birth and early parenting, midwives protect a natural process from any need for medical intervention. The midwife aids the confidence and skills of the parents as they go through labour and birth to emerge a healthy family. She combines wisdom and technical expertise to detect problems, and can take time to help parents avoid them, where possible, by providing informed choices and alternatives in a non-authoritarian relationship.

The midwife visits the expectant mother, lending support and

guest column

encouragement as the process unfolds.

Progress in more liberal child-birth practices is happening in different places in North America — not from pressures initiated by doctors, but from women reacting to the complete medicalization of an event. Not so long ago, women were strapped to labour beds, where control became comprehensive and total.

The current urge towards hu-

'This is really a political issue, involving a woman's right to choose ...'

manizing this experience is born of women's dissatisfaction with their birth experience, and alarm over the extent of medical intervention in childbirth. Many feel that the need to recognize emotional and familial significance, and spiritual importance and personal satisfaction, is left unfilled. They believe the birth of a baby should be considered in human terms — not just medical.

In other words: birth is both medical and social, and only one

half of the equation has been attended to in North America.

The issue of giving birth at home has been confused with the much-larger issue of midwifery. Despite negative press and an effort to dissuade home birth practice, the number has remained between 300 and 400 home births a year in B.C., throughout the past seven years. The relatively small number of families who choose to give birth at home need to be given care in the safest way.

This can only be provided by the attendance of an expert, who can predict any need for medical involvement, and transfer the mother to a hospital should it become necessary. The medical establishment's current attitude is to abandon them to seek aid elsewhere, with no guarantee of competent care.

Of the many studies made, not one demonstrates that hospitals are safer than homes as planned places of delivery for healthy mothers. One study, recently completed by the University of B.C.'s Dr. Brian Burtch, indicates the opposite.

We have no care-giver with the skills, philosophy or time to give preventive care in this area, except those few women who practise this way without the sanction or protection of the law.

Without midwives to support a woman's ability to give birth, emergency treatment dominates. Women experience labour in the presence of strangers, and physi-

cal disruptions and fear produce unnecessary complications. Potentially harmful drugs and procedures substitute for personal care.

Continual care, carried on by one practitioner, can assess the mother's condition and possible complications more efficiently than machinery, changing shifts

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This is really a political issue, involving a woman's right to choose how, where and with whom they will give birth to their babies — providing they are not limited by ill-health.

Salt Spring resident Heather Martin is a practising midwife.

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Once the week's advertising is completed, production and editorial staff begin pasteup of the newspaper pages, a procedure that entails the use of dummy sheets. Each 8½ x 11 dummy sheet represents a page of the newspaper and indicates where advertisements, news stories and pictures are to be placed. The use of dummies enables the

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bridge report

- Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 22 were:
- (North-South) Dorothy Crofton and Isabelle Richardson; Kay Harrison and Dawny Scarfe; Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon.
 - (East-West) Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve; Phyllis Henderson and Norm McConnell; Mona Coulter and Lois Popkin-Clurman.
- Tuesday night winners were:
- (North-South) Don Nemeth and Chuck Beasley; Dorothy Crofton and Helen Shandro; Anne and Norm McConnell.
 - (East-West) Mike Testart and Noel Fowles; Mona Coulter and Isabelle Richardson; Ruthe Grant and Libby Noble.



Bursary winner

Salt Spring Islander Brenda Mouat recently received a bursary scholarship from the Tuberculosis and Chest Disabled Veterans Association to further her three-year course in respiratory therapy at Cariboo College in

Kamloops. Brenda, daughter of Carolyn and Norman Mouat of Salt Spring Island, received scholarship from TB Vet board chairman Allan Mole.

Session to explore link between human mind, immune system

Everybody has an immune system: without it, we would be dead in seconds. But in today's society, environmental factors such as pollution and stress leave the system open to continual barrage, making it a pertinent area of study.

A discussion on how the brain affects immune cells, plus tips on techniques on how to strengthen the immune system, will be the focus of an upcoming program directed by neuropsychologist Ariadne Sawyer.

The program will also include a visual introduction to the immune system, illustrating how it works when a person is healthy — and how it breaks down during illness.

"It will interpret and reduce a lot of technicalities to something people can understand," Sawyer says. "And we'll have fun doing it."

Psychoneuroimmunology (PNI) is a relatively new study which investigates how the brain affects the body's immune cells. The research comes from such institutes as Harvard and Yale, and has gained much credibility through scientifically-controlled studies, Sawyer says.

Investigations have shown that the brain can send signals along nerves to improve defences against infection, and pump chemicals that make the body fight more aggressively against disease. And because these pathways can be turned on and off by thoughts and emotions, the theory goes, "it's no surprise that mental states can alter the course of illness."

A grasp on this, Sawyer says, can turn an individual from the victim to the person in control.

A breakdown of the immune system occurs one of two ways: the immune system either over-reacts or under-reacts to external or internal stimuli.

An over-reaction to outside stimuli, such as pollen, results in allergies or asthma, as the immune system "mistakes the wrong thing for the enemy" and over-attacks. People who die from a bee sting are not dying from the sting itself, Sawyer says, but from an over-reaction to "biological warfare weapons."

The same thing occurs with internal stimuli, resulting in such ailments as rheumatoid arthritis and diabetes.

In an under-reaction, the opposite takes place. An outside stimulus, such as a virus or infection, attacks the body, and the immune system is either misled or too lethargic to fight it. The development of cancer is an example of an internal under-reaction to cancer cells, which exist within everyone.

"AIDS is sneaky," Sawyer says. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, develops from an under-reaction to an external stimulus, which attacks the central immunity core.

Studies of the neurological link to the immune system, have shown the effects depression and stress can have on the fighting power of immune cells. As Sawyer puts it: having a good "laugh life" can mean a healthy life. Sawyer will stress this and provide other tips on how to work with the immune system at the presentation.

The program *The Immune System and You* is scheduled for March 6 at 7:30 pm in the United Church (101 Hereford Avenue). The cost of the evening is \$10 and registration is at the door or through Sawyer at 653-9567.

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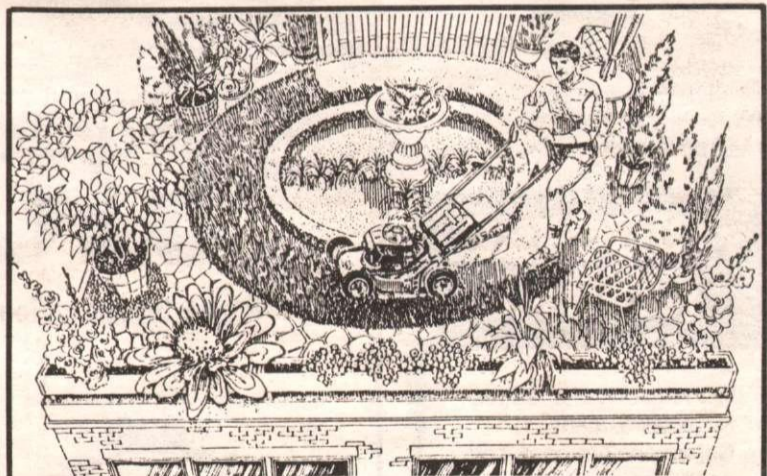
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Deadline nears for baseball registrations

Final registration for Salt Spring Island's newly-formed Little League, Babe Ruth and T-ball baseball leagues will take place this Saturday (March 5) at Portlock Park.

Mike Tyson, a spokesman for the Salt Spring Minor Baseball Association, said last week he hopes all potential "stragglers" will take note of the final registration date.

Tyson explained that organization of a first-rate program for

youths would be greatly assisted if this Saturday's session signs up all the people who are interested in playing ball this summer.

"Let's have the support now," he continued. "We need to know, as quickly as possible, the numbers who will be participating so we can be as well organized as possible. We need to know the numbers so we can make arrangements now for all of the equipment and uniforms we will need."

Tyson added that while those

who sign up late will not be prevented from playing this year, "stragglers" will pose an organizational problem that can do nothing to help a proper launch of the fledgling program.

"It's important to sign up now, and not later," he said.

The league, headed by president Roger Cherneko and vice-president Roy Kinnear, is aiming to establish three levels of baseball: T-ball for youths between the ages of five and seven years, Little League for those aged eight to 12 years, and Babe Ruth for 13- to 15-year olds.

Registration fees are \$12 per

player for T-Ball, and \$20 for Little League and Babe Ruth players.

The intent behind the leagues, Tyson said, is to "let the kids have fun, an opportunity to learn, and a chance to play organized baseball."

As well, he told *Driftwood* earlier, organizers hope the newly-formed leagues will provide island youth with a positive recreational experience.

"I think we would all agree that we need for recreational activities for our young people," he said two weeks ago.

Hole-in-one registered on island course

A hole-in-one was recorded at the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club last Friday.

Gordon Ferguson, who joined the club last September after moving to Salt Spring from Nelson, recorded his ace on the course's 100-yard, par-three second hole. His tee shot, made with a pitching wedge, landed three feet in front of the hole and rolled into the cup.

Ferguson, who has one other hole-in-one in his golf career, went on to card a one over par 73 for his 18-hole round.

down the gutter

On Sunday, March 6, the zone rollofts for the National Classified take place at Driftwood Lanes in Ladysmith. The ladies bowl at 10 am, the men at 1 pm. This is official.

High scores for the week of February 22 were, for the ladies: Julie Bedford, 835 (300, 259, 276); Deanna Marleau, 803 (353, 209, 241); June Webb, 793 (297, 260, 236); Diane Little, 720 (302, 212, 206); Dee Kinney, 711 (222, 248, 241).

For the men, high rollers were: Terry Jenkins, 838 (307, 266, 265), 755 (207, 241, 307); Ken Collins, 760 (205, 264, 291); Darren Cottingham, 748 (210, 209, 329).

300 games: Deanna Marleau, 353, Darren Cottingham, 329; Terry Jenkins, 307, 307; Diane Little, 302; Julie Bedford, 300.

Pins over average: Gwen Wakelyn, 214; Dave Slingsby, 213; June Webb, 211; Diane Little, 183; Barry Pinchin, 161; Dee Kinney, 156.

GOLF LADIES

June Webb, 278; Dorothy Armstrong, 260; Ruby Webster, 224; Libby Noble, 218; Natalie, 200.

Over 600: June Webb, 639.

GOLDEN AGE

Monday afternoon: Marie Ashley, 238; Dick Young, 226; John Mulski, 220; Jean Haines, 219, 220; Babs Ross, 217; Ron Payne, 212; Bob Davidson, 207; Millie Young, 206, 201; Margaret Baker, 204.

Tuesday morning: Helen Hopper, 256; Dave Slingsby, 245, 240; Ed Allan, 239; Goodie Goodman, 223; Rusty Hopper, 217.

Tuesday afternoon: June Webb, 297, 260, 236; Gwen Wakelyn, 251, 232; Cy Beech, 249; Reg Winstone, 231; Cecille Marcotte, 218; Ruby Billington, 209; Jessie Evenden, 204; Stan Smith, 203; Dolly Hammersley, 203.

Friday morning: Flo Kavanagh, 295; Margo Robinson, 275, 221; John Richardson, 240; Edie Gear, 225, 223; Dave Slingsby, 223; Isobelle Richardson, 217; Jim Cook, 200.

Friday afternoon: Vic Dodds, 250, 230; Gene Graham, 244, 231; Miona Irwin, 242; Dorothy Graham, 241; Ron Payne, 216; Bill Hague, 214; James Gilson, 205; Stan Stewart, 202.

Over 700: June Webb, 793.

Over 600: Margo Robinson, 662; Gwen Wakelyn, 656; Edie Gear, 650; Vic Dodds, 645; Jean Haines 619; Dave Slingsby, 636; Gene Graham, 617.

Salt Spring Golden Age Bowlers went to Nanaimo for the return match of the Golden Age Exchange League. We were leading going into the third game but Fiesta Lane Bowlers came on strong and beat us. End result was Ganges, plus 162; Fiesta Lanes, plus 337.

Bowlers who bowled well for us were: Babs Ross, plus-76; Effie Odium, plus-52; Bill Harper, plus-45; John Richardson, plus-28; Jack Webb, plus-23; Isobelle Richardson, plus-13; Mary Magreggor, plus-12.

Y.B.C.

Pee Wee: Corry Schwagly, 142; Stephanie Collette, 115; Ian Baker, 136; Michael Reynolds, 124; Tom Langdon, 101.

Bantams: Cheryl David, 226; Amy Schwagly, 173; Shiona Fergusson, 137; Eric Taylor, 193; Stephen Marcotte, 152; Stephen McColl, 129.

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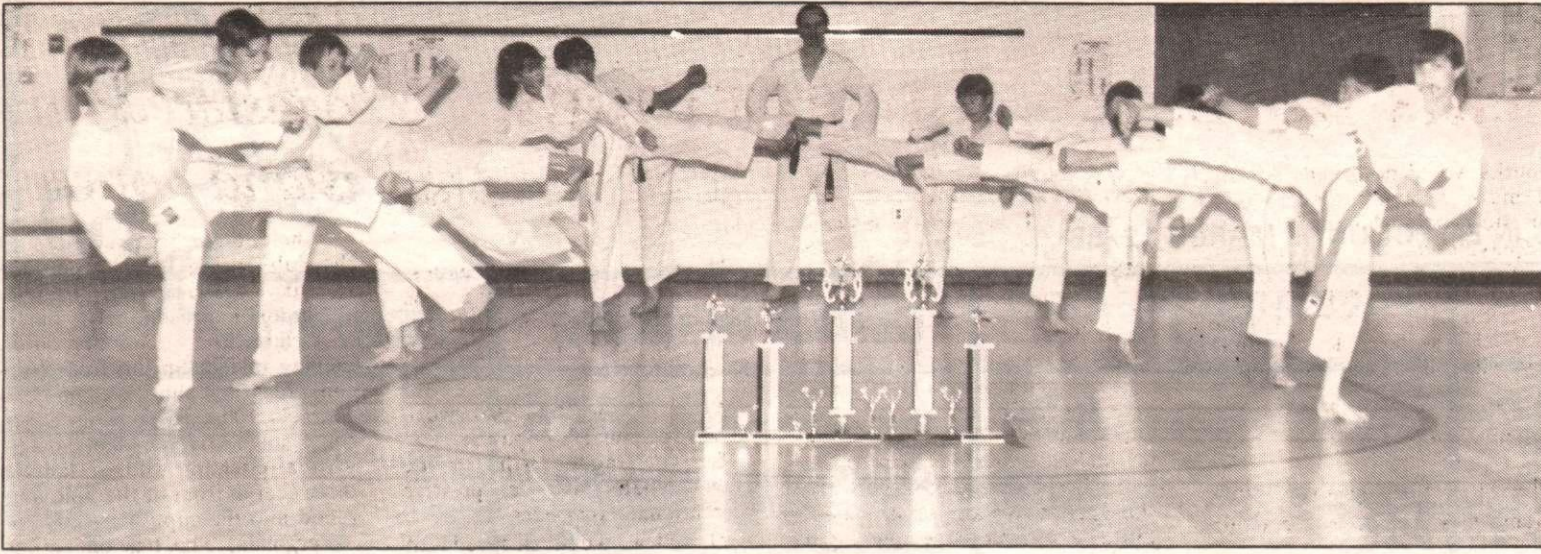
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Kicking it up

Twenty-one karate-ka students from Salt Spring recently participated in a "kids classic" tournament. Of 200 participants from all parts of Vancouver and Vancouver Island, the Salt Spring students walked away with six trophies. Winners included Jamie Sharp (1st, kata), Eric Byron (3rd, kata), Jamie Sharp (1st, sparring), Kate Gilbert (2nd, sparring), Derek Peden (2nd, sparring), and Chris Broadhead (3rd, sparring). The students train under Sensei Pat Byron.

Selects show scoring touch in quest for Cup final berth

Salt Spring Selects, 5,
Peninsula 3.

By MALCOLM LEGG

The Salt Spring Selects opened District Cup play last weekend with a solid 5-3 win over Peninsula. With the win, the team continued a six year tradition in District Cup play.

For the past five soccer seasons, the Selects have reached the Cup final every season, winning three times. The local side would like to reach another final and possibly bring the Cup home to Salt Spring.

The Selects' scoring touch was in evidence again last week, as the team scored five times, but could have easily had 10 goals.

Another factor in the victory was that the boys got off to a fast start and poured the pressure on Peninsula in the first 15 minutes, grabbing a 2-0 lead on two goals by Corbin Scott.

Corbin, playing despite a bad back, scored on a shot that was deflected in, and by converting a beautiful cross from B.J. Severs, but he easily could have had five goals with all the chances he had.

Peninsula took advantage of two Selects miscues to pull even,

but late in the half Chris Mullin picked up a loose ball in mid-field and sent a 35-yard blast into the Peninsula net.

The second half opened at a slow pace, as the Selects seemed content to play out the time. After a line-up shuffle, the team came alive and Ben Berry scored two quick goals five minutes apart to salt away the win.

Although the Selects could savour the win and be pleased with their offensive skills, they should show some concern over giving up three goals — especially if the team hopes to win the Cup and continue its tradition.

2-0 loss

FC's Cup semi-final hopes dashed in close contest with Gorge squad

Salt Spring F.C. 0,
Gorge Over- 30s, 2

By MALCOLM LEGG

Last Sunday was a day that held such promise for the local F.C. side, but once the day was over Gorge had out-fought Salt Spring 2-0 in an excellent Cup match.

The weather was perfect, the pitch firm and F.C. was fielding one of the strongest teams any Salt Spring side had ever seen — all factors that indicated a win for the local squad.

To top it off, F.C. started at a fast pace, taking the play to Gorge and creating several glorious scoring opportunities.

The trio of Jack Braak, Tony Legg and Mike Brown had control of the mid-field and were distributing the ball to the forwards, creating chances.

Behind, the defence of Arne Hengstler, Trevor Tamboline, Lance Lomax and Lyle Brown, was playing a routine game of clearing balls and not allowing Gorge any opportunities to shoot.

As the half wore on, it seemed only a matter of time before FC would score — but then the worst possible turn of events occurred, as late in the half Gorge scored from a loose ball and took the lead.

Although the goal was against the run of play, FC regrouped at the break and came out flying in the second half.

Gorge's experience then took control of the game. The visitors

showed the kind of defensive play usually exhibited by FC and virtually shut down Salt Spring's offence.

Gorge also relied on quick counter-attacks which created problems for the FC defence, which was trying to push forward for goals. In fact, it was one such counter-attack that created a free-kick for Gorge, and their insurance goal.

FC continued to press but the flow and confidence of the first

half was replaced by scrambly, rushed play that saw FC's semi-final Cup hopes dashed.

Salt Spring gave it a great effort and should feel no shame in losing a very well-played game. Against a weaker side FC would have come away easy winners.

FC must get back to concentrating on winning the Division championship and, more importantly, try to resolve its goal-scoring problems.




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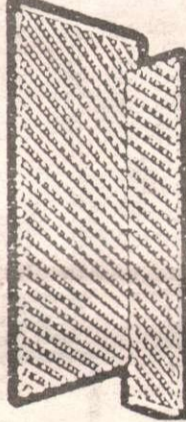
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