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All legs

Day-old filly is given squeeze by owner Caroline Hickman while horse's mother, Tess, watches. Although it has pinto colouring, the newborn—named Safari, because it sounds "exotic"—is mostly Arabian. Hickman, who uses her horses for Salt Spring Trail Rides business, is understandably pleased with the addition to her stable.

Single buyer to acquire subdivided Gulf island

An undisclosed company from Thailand with branch offices in Vancouver has made an offer to purchase nearly all of Parker Island for about \$2.4 million.

The 400-acre island, located in Trincomali Channel just west of the entrance to Montague Harbour on Galiano Island, has been for sale for three years.

When the island was first subdivided, nearly six years ago, the lots were divided into 20-acre parcels. About one and a half years ago the lots were reduced in size to 10-acre parcels.

Mel Topping, president of NRS, Salt Spring Lands, the listing agent for the properties, said the lots have been on the market for the past few years, in various stages, but have not been marketed steadily.

In total, the deal with the Thailand company would involve 35 lots on the island.

Topping said that he did not know what plans the company might have for the properties should the deal be completed.

'Water supply action needed'

PENDER ISLAND — "There is no shortage of water on the Gulf Islands."

That was the message former Pender trustee Gordon Wallace gave to the Islands Trust Council at its meeting at North Pender Island on March 3.

Besides Wallace, Friday's session on Gulf Islands water included three experts from the Water Management Branch in Victoria and two members of the Island Watch Society, based on Salt Spring Island.

Wallace, who lives on Pender Island and has written extensively about water problems on the Gulf Islands, says more water falls from the heavens than islanders can possibly use.

For instance, he said, on Pender Island up to two-and-a-half times more water falls than is retained underground by aquif-

ers. The rest escapes through run-off.

These aquifers — or water-bearing strata of permeable rock, sand or gravel — have insufficient capacity to retain enough water from the wet season for dry periods.

"Watersheds are areas of recharge and must be protected from human damage," Wallace told trustees.

He noted that Pender, the driest island in the Islands Trust area, has only one natural body of water, Roe Lake. Man-made Magic Lake and Buck Lake are located in the largest subdivision in the province — the 20-year-old Magic Lake Estates — which has 1,400 lots.

There are only 22 hectares of Crown land on Pender Island, he noted, adding that all watersheds

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Land Commission endorsed by Watch

The Island Watch Society gave the "strongest possible support" to the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) in a brief presented to a task force studying agriculture in this province.

The brief, delivered by Island Watch president David Williams, expressed support for the ALR concept, and for the Agricultural Land Commission itself.

"The loss of farmland in British Columbia . . . should be stopped," Williams stated. "It is our belief that a necessary long-term goal for the province should be the ability to feed ourselves. History offers many examples of the folly of excessive reliance on foreign supplies of food and an examination of our own history of land-use will show that we have

already alienated much of our best land."

The brief went on to say that while some may favour local control in many areas, "this by no means negates the validity of the broader view which only an agency like the ALC can have."

Williams also expressed concern for preservation of the farmer as an integral part of preserving farmland: "Programs which would help to do this have not been sufficiently followed through on at the provincial level and as a consequence, we are losing whole sectors (of farmers). Free trade only deepens our concerns in these areas."

Williams reminded the task force that land not economically useful for farming at this time

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Chorus line of (left to right) Cathy Gay, Brice Cooper, Teresa Sutherland, Jenny Lomas and Jennifer Lloyd entertained audiences at *Play a Simple Melody*, as did singer Sue Bowler (right) and music director Dwaine Prosk (bottom). Story below.

Heather Thomson photos



Quality entertainment provided by secondary school production

By HEATHER THOMSON
 Predicted as the social event of the year, Gulf Islands Secondary School's *Play a Simple Melody* brought down the house both nights. James Wilkinson, master of ceremonies, enlightened the crowd with his impersonations of musical director Dwaine Prosk, and the life of a Salt Spring gigolo. Family involvement was a key factor in bringing together this year's cabaret.

Three generations of Newmans were involved with the show. Ray Newman opened the show with a clarinet duet, and accompanied the bands on tenor saxophone. His daughter Sue Bowler choreographed the dancers and chorus lines, and sang vocals for the *Boy From New York City* routine. Sue's husband Tom worked behind the scenes as lighting director. The Bowler's daughter Lauren tap-danced as part of the Tap 5. The Wales family contributed a share of hard work to the

production. Gordon Wales choreographed with Sue Bowler, and danced to *Orchids in the Moonlight* with Lottie Devin-disch. Wales's two sons performed in both music and dance. Nikki Hansenns used her talented vocals to move the crowd with *Holding Back the Years*. *Play a Simple Melody* was another successful high school production of island talent.

Gulf Islands Secondary is reviewing its school philosophy to meet the constantly changing expectations of teaching. The education ministry outlines a school's philosophy as direction for shaping the intellectual, vocational and social goals of the student. The philosophy committee is focusing on input from four groups — students, parents, the school board and people from the community not directly tied to the high school. Teacher Rob Griffith is taking a cross-section of his students to work in groups to voice their opinions of the school. Students

discuss the roles of teachers and themselves, what aspects of the school could be improved, and how they feel about their involvement in the school. Consumer education students are working in teams to survey the public's interest over the next few weeks. GISS will be closed on April 10 for the committee to process the common concerns and themes generated by the survey.

Entertainment and artistic presentation will be highlighted this week as the Fine Arts Festival continues. Salt Spring elementary will hold an arts blitz on March 10. The afternoon will continue with a presentation from Kidco Dance Company. GISS students will display various two- and three-dimensional artworks for the Bridging Gaps conference. University representatives will help GISS students to make decisions about post-secondary education on Friday.

Committees changed to reflect new roles

The new chairman of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission has reorganized the structure of that body to conform with growing budget responsibilities. Neville Smith, who took over the position of chairman from Phil Hume, says the co-ordination of commission committees has become more complex with the growth of responsibilities. He feels now is the time to reorganize "ad-hoc" committees into standing committees. Smith sees the commission as functioning on a dual level: first, it co-ordinates sports and recreational facilities on the island; second, it manages facilities. In response to these roles, the commission should aim to assist in the "orderly" growth of recreational activity on the island and assure that monies spent on facilities are effective, he says. Furthermore, the commission

must aim to "improve communications both within (its) organization and with the general population. (It) must respond to legitimate requests from island residents and keep them informed of projects (being) undertaken on their behalf."

The following standing committees have been established: finance (John Woodward, chairman); building and grounds (Matt Flanagan, chairman); recreation (Lawrie Neish, chairman), planning (Neville Smith, chairman) and sports (the chairman is yet to be determined). Kelly Booth has taken the position of vice-chairman. The group is currently looking for two people, to replace Phil Hume and Rob Dunn, who have stepped down from their positions as commission members. The commission is preparing to delegate funding within an increased budget this year.

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Song of the sad west coast

The old verse had to be re-written for the March of 1989 and here it is, the new islands chorus after an invitation to dinner:
Spring is here, the pipes are friz:
I wonder how their driveway is!

What for what?

Occasionally I go through my pockets and the result is always surprising. I find surprise in either how much money I have left around and forgotten. Or I am surprised how little money I find in abandoned pockets.

The search sometimes yields little hoards of notes made recently or long ago and never followed up. The worst are shopping lists, because I can't remember whether I completed them or how old they are.

The other day I came up with a real facer. It is a claim check. I have to admit that tickets and checks are a paper plague to me. I leave watch or a pair of shoes or whatever to be repaired. Naturally, I lose the chit. Mostly I get them back without it. Sometimes there's a hassle. But this is the worst because it bears no name: not mine: not the store's.

It just has a number. Now I'm worried. Did I take what where? And if I did, did I ever get it back? It's beginning to worry me. What shall I do if I didn't? And who shall I ask?

Something fishy about it!

I heard a report on the invisible waves that Washington salmon are suffering a new plague. It apparently attacks only the salmon cultivated in fish farms.

The report went on to explain that a new virus has appeared on this coast.

The virus is known as VHS.
I've suffered from the same disease! I bought a Beta years ago and I think I lost-out on that one. VHS indeed!

Instant reversal

Apropos nothing at all, I was reminded this week of a story I heard from my late twin brother. Bill spent many of his years in Peru and at the end of his life he considered himself an expatriate Peruvian rather than repatriated Englishman. As a result most of his reminiscences were of Spanish America.

He recalled a gathering in the Peruvian capital, where the majority of guests were anglophones. In the course of the evening an English teacher was asked, was he in the RAF during the war? He said that he was. What rank had he held? He had been an AC2; the lowliest rank in the organization.

Bill saw him afterwards and remarked on the man's claim to rank. Bill knew him as a former pilot.

"Why did you tell everyone you were an AC2," he enquired, "when you came out as Flight-Lieutenant?"

The air force veteran had a ready answer.
"There are 10,000 AC2's in the world telling everyone they were flight lieutenants. It's only right to have a few flight lieutenants telling the world they were AC2's."

I think there's a moral to the tale.

**Land sale
stoppage
expected**

A one-year halt to any disposal of Crown lands on Salt Spring is expected to be endorsed by the provincial government later this week, Capital Regional District (CRD) director Dr. Hugh Borsman said Monday.

The halt falls short of an official moratorium on disposal of any of the properties the Crown holds on the island, Dr. Borsman said. Instead, the province is expected to pledge, via letter, that it will refrain from any disposal action for one year and notify both the CRD and the Islands Trust if any bids for properties surface.

Both the CRD and the Trust had written to the province earlier, asking that a moratorium on land disposal be put in place on the near-2,000 acres of Crown land on Salt Spring. The step was deemed necessary after a provincial government review of the status of its holdings here raised the possibility that some of the blocks may be sold.

The properties in question are found in eight blocks of land at Mt. Erskine, Mt. Bruce, near Cusheon Lake, on Satellite Channel and at Hope Hill.

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Smoke-free school zone considered

Local school board trustees are looking into the possibilities of making School District 64 a smoke-free zone.

According to Grace Byrne, the board made the school board office in Ganges a smoke-free zone almost a year ago.

"We left it to the individual schools to make up their own smoking policies," she said, "but we think it would be a good influence on the students if the entire district were to be smoke-free."

Trustee Charles Hingston told the meeting that in an effort to "not reinvent the wheel," staff should be instructed to check with other school districts that have implemented no-smoking policies and see if their criteria can be used in this district.

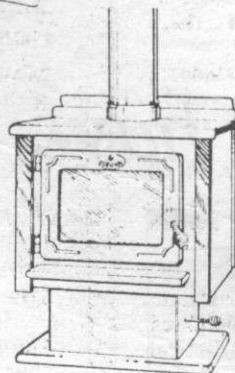
Although no motion has been passed to deal with the smoking ban, it is hoped that the ban could be implemented by June of this year.



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An honest man leaves the stage

Ed Broadbent's decision to step down from the leadership of the federal New Democrats, announced last weekend, closes the book on a political career unique in the annals of Canadian history. More than that, it threatens to deprive Canadians, however temporarily, of the role model all current and aspiring politicians should use to guide their conduct.

Although he led a political party continually relegated to third place in House of Commons standings, Mr. Broadbent's name was always the first to spring to the lips of people asked to rate party leaders on the basis of fairness, integrity and honesty. He was the preferred choice not because he was the lesser of three evils, but because he had earned, through his words and deeds, the trust of a nation.

The personal reputation of the NDP leader easily eclipsed that of his contemporaries at the helm of rival parties, and he enjoyed a voter acceptance level well above that of the NDP itself. And what Canadians appreciated most of all was the standard he set for the conduct of politicians — a standard that will make a fitting legacy for the man.

But there is more to Ed Broadbent than his persona as that rarest of public figures, an honest politician. At no time during his tenure at the top of the public acceptance polls did the NDP leader let that distinction go to his head; throughout his term, he remained personable and in touch with constituents across Canada.

Our memory casts back to a recent summer day in Ganges, when Ed Broadbent attended the Gulf Islands NDP Club's annual barbecue. At the time of his arrival, the NDP itself had followed its leader's path, being ranked with Mr. Broadbent as the first choice of Canadian voters; if an election had been held that day, both would assume control of the levers of power.

The temptation to trumpet that success must have been tremendous. Instead, Mr. Broadbent



spent a quiet day at the picnic, delivering a short and low-key address only because it was expected, and spending the remainder of his stay in conversation with anyone who wished to gain his ear. His disdain for pomp and ceremony underlined his common touch, which was in turn strengthened by his willingness to listen when others would have talked.

Mr. Broadbent leaves giant boots to be filled, not merely by the member of his party who will assume his mantle, but by politicians of all stripes who would hope to erase the public's consistently low regard for politicians, who they see as little more than self-serving rogues. Ed Broadbent will always stand as the preferred alternative.

Bullet from the major could have caused harm

Last week's piece about verbal and written redundancies, which ended with me inviting readers to forward other specimens to my desk, prompted a swift reply from Salt Spring's Gwen Althouse.

After reading the piece, Gwen reports, she flipped to Hubert Beyer's *Capital Comment* column and was amused to find in it the following phrase: *revert back*.

A contribution of another kind comes from Salt Spring reader David Massy. He clipped the following ditty from a British newspaper:

Wasn't it extraordinary that the bullet which struck Major Richard Bingley in the leg during the

my word

by duncan macdonnell

Korean War should have ended up behind his left eye 36 years later?

As Major Bingley himself explains: "The bullet must have somehow worked its way around my bloodstream. Who knows where else it might have been?"

Who knows indeed? But isn't it a mercy that it has now been

safely surgically removed and did not exit prematurely of its own accord?

Wouldn't it have been quite awful if, perhaps while bending down to tie his shoelaces of a morning, Major Bingley had accidentally shot the cat?

Arthur Black, host of CBC-

Radio's *Basic Black* and a syndicated columnist whose writings appear regularly in this newspaper, focused on Salt Spring Island in the closing comments of his radio program last Saturday.

Arthur, who had visited Salt Spring the week before to sight-see and to visit with his brother, *Driftwood* reporter Jim Black, passed his impressions of our island to his radio listeners. He was impressed with many aspects of life here, including the fact that Pemberton-Holmes realtor Arvid Chalmers did not wear a watch.

The funny thing is the gaggle of *Driftwood* employees listening to the program in our office noticed

that, like Arvid, none of us was wearing a watch and couldn't remember the last time we'd had one on.

And finally, some clippings turned up in my desk last week that should be forwarded to their proper owner, if he or she can be located.

The material concerns Margaret Doris Anderson, a well-known Salt Spring Island resident who died in West Vancouver in 1984. The clippings were given to me a few years later, at a Beaver Point memorial ceremony held to scatter Anderson's ashes over the waters in front of her former home.

Some party

When is the party?
I am sure the anti-logging protestors will hold a big party when Fletcher Challenge closes down the sawmill in Victoria.
This ex-B.C. Forest Products sawmill processed 200,000 plus board feet of timber per shift per working day. On the average of two shifts per day, five days per week, 52 weeks per year, that brings the annual cut to a whopping 104 million board feet per year.
I believe the protestors will visualize all those lovely trees left standing in their natural state... temporarily!
What do they think about the 425 people who will be unemployed?
JOHN BENNETT,
Ganges.

Thank you

Salt Spring Pre-school was without a home for three weeks in the cold and snow in February. During that time many people worked hard to ensure that continuity existed for the 30 children involved.
On behalf of the kids and myself, I would like to thank the following:
• Ken Collins and the crew of Long Harbour ferry, who gave us a great tour from the Bridge right down to cookies and juice in the cafeteria.
• Margaret and Tony Threlfall who most generously took us all over their lovely farm in the snow and cold, and also fed us cookies.
• The Coast Guard, who showed us their boats and their building and especially Rod who jumped into the ocean in his survival suit and paddled around for us.
• Central Hall for housing us for a week on the stage.

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• The parents who cheerfully and repeatedly drove their kids and extra equipment from one place to another, opened their homes to us for a morning, got their homes ready for us "just in case," and organized all the activities.

• Roy Wheatly, who fixed our pipes so we could get back to where we belonged.

The combined efforts of all these people were totally awesome. Thank you!

BLY KAYE,
Supervisor, Ganges.

Outraged

I am outraged at the fact that old ballasts containing PCBs are being housed in Salt Spring Elementary School. Should it surprise us, though, that the government is willingly ignoring this problem?

The storage of contaminated waste in our school and others, including hospitals throughout B.C., is fact, admitted to me by Environment Canada. They have assured me of the safety of the containers and that it is only a small amount. But, I fail to see the logic in that.

I realize that we have had some need for those substances, but we must not ignore the problems when it comes to disposing of it. A little or a lot, we have PCBs in an elementary school and I wonder when this sort of irresponsibility will stop.

I can't help wondering, when I send my child to school with

smiling little face, about the legacy we are leaving for all the children.
CANDY BENCZE,
Ganges.

Thank you

Through your newspaper may I please convey my thanks to those local people who helped to make the Heart Fund Bowl-a-thon, recently held at Leisure Lanes, a success.

They are:
Terry Jenkins and Leisure Lanes, Gulf Islands *Driftwood* and Duncan MacDonnell, Peter Cartwright, Ron Clinch, Ken Kilbourn, and Damaris Rumsby, and the bowl-a-thon bowlers and their pledges.

Without their help the event would have been difficult if not impossible. Once again many thanks for the \$1,400 raised for the B.C. Heart Foundation.

JOHN PAGE,
Ganges.

Rules

I imagine the recent layoffs at Fletcher Challenge operations will provide much satisfaction to environmentalists, as there will now be fewer people working in what they perceive to be a dinosaur industry. I can see the day coming when loggers are regarded by some sections of the community as being on a par with drug traffickers. (However, at the same time, there will be a steady stream of paying visitors to places such as the Duncan Forest Museum).

of the oxygen thus saved.

After working through this list, the only question remaining to be answered is:

What percentage of school-age children would like to spend a week this summer staying on Moresby Island in a tent, admiring trees, if the alternate choice was a week in Disneyland.

NICK RAESIDE,
Ganges.

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Conference

Last weekend the community was entertained by a musical concert, *Play a Simple Melody*. The concert, produced by Dwaine Prosk, music teacher at Gulf Islands Secondary School, was excellent, allowing us to see some very talented students in action. However, the neat part for me was that it also involved several other members of the community, and even a few children from elementary school. The spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm was evident. Well done. Coincidentally the concert marks the beginning of education week, a time set aside each year for us all to reflect on education in our community.

This Saturday the long awaited *Bridging Gaps* conference is being held at the High School Gym from 9 am to 3:30 pm (March 11). The objective of the conference is to provide an opportunity to exchange information, ideas and concerns about the high school, in a positive spirit; to identify common issues; and to seek solutions through group discussions.

In order for the conference to be a success, we would like the participation of parents, teachers, students and members of the community. Please come. This is our opportunity to help develop the future direction and philosophy of our school, and to improve communications between us.

A bonus will be an opportunity to see art work from high school students on display as part of the School District #64 Fine Arts Festival. Hope to see you there.
CHARLES BAZZARD,
Ganges.

Impelled

I have just taken part in an arthritis self-help group, and I feel impelled to share my enthusiasm and gratitude with your readers.

When two or three rheumatics/arthritis meet, the conversation can become dismal, but when a group of a dozen or so meet under the skilled guidance of Sue Mouat or Joyce Jamieson, the result is encouraging and inspiring.

I have learned about helpful exercises and pain management, but most important, I have met and shared with a bunch of interesting people, many worse off than I am.

I have learned it's neither healthy nor necessary to accept the prospect of painful disability. There is much that can be done.

This was a pilot project and there will be more. Sue (537-9445) or Joyce (537-9671) would be glad to hear from anyone who is interested.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Ganges.

Supportive

I am concerned that the article about the proposed commercial service zone (*Driftwood*, March 1) seems to suggest that I was speaking against Eric Booth's project.

My intention was to point out concerns about protecting the local groundwater, but I wholeheartedly support Eric's efforts to solve a local problem.

TOM WRIGHT,
Ganges.

Spending plan

Tax time is upon us again. Time to do our bit to support the national and provincial coffers.

Otherwise, how could they possibly afford things like nuclear submarines?

I write to you now to suggest you take control of your 1989 tax dollars. We as taxpayers may donate up to 20 per cent of our net income to Canadian registered charities: environmental groups, world peace groups, animal protection agencies, amateur athletic associations, and so on (refer to your 1988 tax guide).

Until the government uses our tax dollars responsibly, I know where my tax dollars aren't going. They aren't going to the proposed defense spending budget of \$100 billion over the next 15 to 20 years. They are going to people working for our future.

JOHN HERBERT,
Ganges.

Sell off

Well, friends, our provincial government has done it again; or not done it depending on how you look at it. You may recall my objections to the mass sell-off of B.C. real estate, specifically residential housing stock to off-shore buyers a few weeks ago in this space. Now we have the answer to this from Mr. Couvelier himself.

There is not a thing to be done about it... according to him (as detailed in the *Vancouver Sun* of Feb. 23 page B1). He says we are dealing with "basic resettlement patterns" and "we can't stop that type of change even though we might like to. By world standards we have underpriced land values and there is not a thing we can do to stop the appreciation of our real estate."

So folks, there you have it. With the assessment rates yo-yo-ing the market brace yourselves for hefty property tax hikes in the future and if you are renting, expect to pay soon half of your income on housing to off-shore landlords who in all fairness have a right to amortize within reasonable time the overvalued and excessively leveraged properties that they've acquired.

To further state that, "we have looked at all the measures taken elsewhere and we have no evidence that they have been the least bit successful" is scarcely credible. In fact, politely said, I find that hard to believe for a government that goes by world bench-marks. I guess the standard bearer for this plutocratic government would be downtown Tokyo. I say to the minister: "there are many things that can be done to break the bubble because what we are witnessing is the last and ultimate bit of piracy that can be perpetrated on the people of B.C."

Because B.C. has become a "desirable place to live," as Mr.

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Couvelier says, the settled population is to have no protection against onslaughts of alien, money interests from whatever provenance.

I say that the reasoning is awfully mercenary, self-serving and not at all community-oriented. Why sell housing stock to off-shore interests or buyers who will not necessarily settle here if there is a shortage? Why create an anxious population that can no longer rely on security of tenure where the roof over their heads is concerned? To me, to destabilize a people's peace of mind in this fashion is the rankest form of terrorization possible. I'm sure that many people, not the least those on fixed incomes, feel this way about the way their housing — whether rented, leased or owned, is subject to the highest bidder.

At this point, free enterprise self-destructs since the prerequisites for survival are bartered away. More rational and enlightened governments put on the brakes when the housing of their populations is threatened by international financial pirates, money-launderers, spurious migrants and currency exchange fluctuations.

The facile way in which Mr. Couvelier — our elected representative and finance minister

for all of B.C.'s people — tries to explain away the housing bubble is a sign of how easily this government can be bought. For all we know, the government is probably already in someone else's pockets. It certainly does not reflect the interest of the people of B.C.

DIETRICH LUTH,
Ganges, B.C.

Still room

I would like to let those interested know that there are a few places left in the *Acting With Masks* workshop put on by Active PASS.

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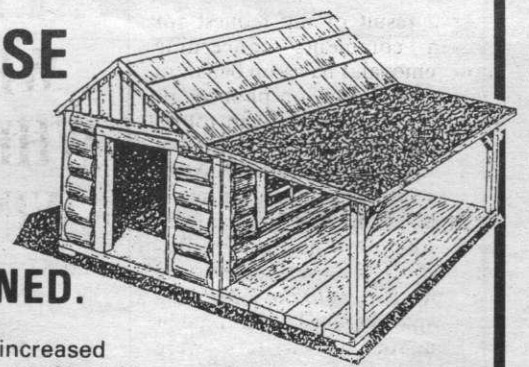
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Semantics

Peggy Whittaker's fine review of the book *Frozen In Time* (Driftwood, February 22) left its mark on me in quite an unexpected way.

Albeit indirectly, it helped me to realize there is a fundamental difference between "Cannibalism" and "Anthropophagy," two terms dealing with a subject I do not find greatly appealing, yet which is relevant in my own mind to an understanding of the essence of war.

The fact that both these terms are used synonymously in popular parlance is an indication of the large number of conceptually-fused words which endarken our thinking while giving it the illusion of light — meanwhile, compelling us to invent more and more words to convey meaning which is less and less clear.

Whichever word we choose, a difference must be made between the two, because one involves the predatory killing of human beings while the other does not.

Both concepts do involve the consuming of human flesh, but a basic motivation behind cannibalism is extreme aggression, whereas people who resort to anthropophagy by and large only do so as a dire survival measure of last recourse.

Were this difference not so fundamental, the survivors of the Andes aircraft disaster (which received world-wide media coverage in the 1970s) would have been jailed as criminals rather than acclaimed as heroes. Ditto posthumously for the presumably highly trained and disciplined men of the 1845 Franklin Arctic Expedition which *Frozen In Time* is about.

Indeed, semantics is not the inconsequential subject it is so often made out to be.

Since it is war-like concepts which bring about a world at war with itself, therefore a world that is self-devouring, conceptual healing has a rather key role to play in the gentling of our thoughts, hence in the pacifying of that world.

For this letter, written to that end, I have Peggy to thank. FRANCOIS JAUBERT, Beaver Point.

Snow news

As a result of my request for written comments concerning snow removal, I have, on behalf of those who wrote, or phoned, or spoke to me (about 60 in total), drafted a letter to the Minister of Highways, and our two MLAs.

It was not easy to be fair, since, with one exception, I heard from those who were particularly dissatisfied. It was very interesting that your *Letters to the Editor* last week were largely laudatory, but here again the writers were presumably not the ones who were incarcerated for up to five days.

Following is the text of the letter sent to the Maintenance Corporation.

There has been, as you are well aware, considerable criticism of your handling of snow removal in the period from February 16 to 21. Admittedly, some of your critics are motivated by a general suspicion of a profit-oriented, privatized public service. But I believe that most of the 50 to 60 people who complained to me, by letter or by phone, were trying to objectively compare your recent snow-removal performance with that received in previous years. By comparison, your efforts were rated as unsatisfactory.

For our purpose we can call the main roads — i.e., between ferries — primary roads. Other major roads — such as Isabella Point, Beaver Point Rd., Beddis Rd., North Beach Rd., North End Rd., Sunset Drive, and a few others —

would be called secondary roads. All the rest would be tertiary. I know you have a different classification.

To the best of my knowledge the highways crew spent almost all the time for the first few days on primary roads. They obviously had a hard time keeping up since even some of the primary roads were not too well maintained. The tertiary roads were in almost all cases not done at all, or only after the crisis had passed. The comparison with previous years was most marked with the secondary roads, which previously had been done at the time primary roads were done. Briefly, the poor service was devastating for many of our citizens, particularly the elderly.

The previous draft of this letter was particularly critical, questioning whether you held back because of an attempt to control costs. I had met with your vice-president of operations and I wondered whether he was really listening to the complaints. Apparently he was, as was Mr. Bill Petersmeyer, vice-president of administration, who wrote to me, and later spoke to me. As a result we are now able to switch from being very critical to very

laudatory.

The snowfall on March 1 and 2 was very heavy. Despite this, your crew cleared the primary roads, and most of the secondary roads,

each of the two days. At least a good number of the tertiary roads were done once during the two-day period. It obviously can be done, and you did it. We, the community

of Salt Spring Island, thank you very sincerely, and congratulate Mr. John Charlton and the local crew for its efforts.

Thank you again for the dramatic change.

DR. HUGH BORSMAN, Regional Director, Salt Spring Island.

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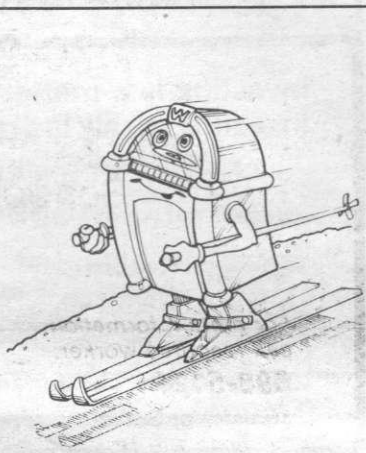
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capital comment

by hubert beyer



VICTORIA — When the NDP was defeated in the 1975 election, Canadian author Farley Mowatt said "now we can get back to selling B.C. by the pound." It sounded like a glib comment at the time, but 14 years later, the NDP is building its next election strategy around that theme.

Better use of our province's natural resources is the focal issue of the NDP's Sustainable Development Program, announced two weeks ago. It is one of the most detailed platforms ever to be adopted by any party, and one the NDP, no doubt, intends to keep before the public until the next election.

The first volleys will be fired in the upcoming session of the legislature. The NDP says it will introduce 20 private members' bills based on its program for sustainable development.

The idea of that is not to get any of its proposals accepted by the government. That could never happen. Chances of a private members' bill to get passed are about the same as those of a snowball's longevity in hell. The idea is to expose the government's soft underbelly. And I have a hunch the NDP's concerted attack on the government's track record with regard to land use may do a good deal of exposing.

Here are the highlights of the program. The NDP will propose a Royal Commission inquiry into the forest industry. It will also call for a comprehensive inventory of the province's forest resources. Until both are completed, the NDP wants a moratorium on the issuing of all new tree farm licences.

Next, the NDP will propose a massive reforestation program that, it says, would not only ensure adequate growth, but would create more jobs in areas that depend on forestry.

Clear choice now, in future

An immediate ban on the export of all raw logs and a requirement that new value-added jobs be linked to industrial access to public forest resources rounds out the forestry-based part of the program.

Another proposal will call for the immediate re-establishment of the Environment and Land Use Committee Secretariat to ensure a fairer method of resolving land use conflicts.

The NDP also wants to put teeth back into the Agricultural Land Commission it established back in the early 1970s. It will propose to eliminate the cabinet's power to override the commission's decision and arbitrarily remove land from the Agricultural Land reserve.

On other environmental fronts, the NDP will propose a province-wide recycling program; a progressive reduction of dioxin emissions; "whistle-blower" legislation that would protect the jobs of workers who report or try to stop pollution by their employers; an increase in the maximum penalty under the Waste Management Act to \$1 million from the current \$50,000; a moratorium on off-shore drilling, and a ban on the manufacture, sale and use of Chlorofluorocarbons.

Opposition Leader Mike Harcourt says the Sustainable Development Program will provide British Columbians with a clear cut choice now and in the next election.

"It will give people a chance to choose between the New Democrats' sustainable future and the Socred government's record of waste mismanagement and favouritism," Harcourt says.

"British Columbians deserve better than the Socreds' approach of short-term gains, often for the benefit of their big business friends and insiders. Our environment suffers, job creation suffers," he says.

Appeals to the public

It's as good an election platform as any opposition party could wish for. It zeroes in on the government's most vulnerable spots — environment and land use. What's more, it appeals to the public. Ten years ago, the only ones who cared about the issues that now make up the central theme of the NDP's platform were environmentalists. That has changed dramatically.

The public no longer is willing to tolerate development and economic growth at the expense of the environment and sound land use practices.

Environment Minister Bruce Strachan found that out when the province got caught sleeping at the switch during the recent oil spill that fouled the Vancouver Island coast line. He also got a whiff of the new public awareness when an employee of his ministry went public with some of the problems created by the privatization of some of the ministry's functions.

Forest Minister Dave Parker is right in the middle of a painful discovery that the public demands better forestry policies. He could have snored them 10 years ago, but not now. Wherever he shows up to hold hearings on the proposed tree farm licence expansions, he's getting the same message: "We don't like what you're doing."

The Socreds seem intent on ignoring the danger signals. Rather than dealing with the problems by developing new policies, they cling to the status quo.

The NDP is betting that the status quo is coming to an end, a bet it could well win. Its concentration on environmental and land use issues is timely and could pay off next time we go to the polls.

Water protection urged for region

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are located on Crown land.

Wallace suggested the Trust revamp its zoning regulations to protect watersheds. He said toxins such as weed killer seep into Magic Lake from yards bordering the body of water. Other poisons from highways department spraying could wind up in the lake, he added.

Wallace recommended that Capital Regional District (CRD) medical authorities test for contaminants besides coliform — i.e., pesticides.

He also suggested that land lying more than 400 feet above sea level be protected from development because that is where the bulk of watersheds are located. Private land would not be

expropriated, he said, but tax incentives could be established to keep population density as close to zero as possible in these sensitive areas.

Wallace also encouraged the use of cisterns instead of punching holes every time water is needed.

Water management branch officials, however, warned that above-ground water storage increased risks of contamination by algae.

They said the 79-year-old Water Act does not regulate the use of groundwater but may be amended to do so in the near future. A request for just such an amendment was recently forwarded to the province by the Island Watch Society on Salt Spring.

Preservation encouraged for farmland

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may become so in the future. Even vacant land is like "money in the bank." He also noted the broader, aesthetic view — of particular concern on the Gulf Islands — which helps draw tourists to the Gulf Islands and provides indirect economic gain.

"Finally," he said, "We have too often seen land commission decisions overturned by the (Environment and Land Use Committee) in suspicious circumstances, circumstances which have led to charges of favouritism and special privilege for friends of the government.

"This is not good for the process of an open, honest and democratic government; it is not good for the land over which we have stewardship, especially in a time of exponential growth of population, and it is not good for the image of the government of the day. It only offers short term economic gain to those whose business is development, and who have no responsibility to the future generations of our province.

"To avoid the above, we would urge that the ALC be left intact as a province-wide agency with the power of final decision on agricultural land use matters and quite separate from any possible influence for either political purpose or profit."



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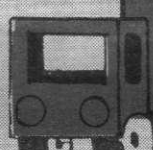
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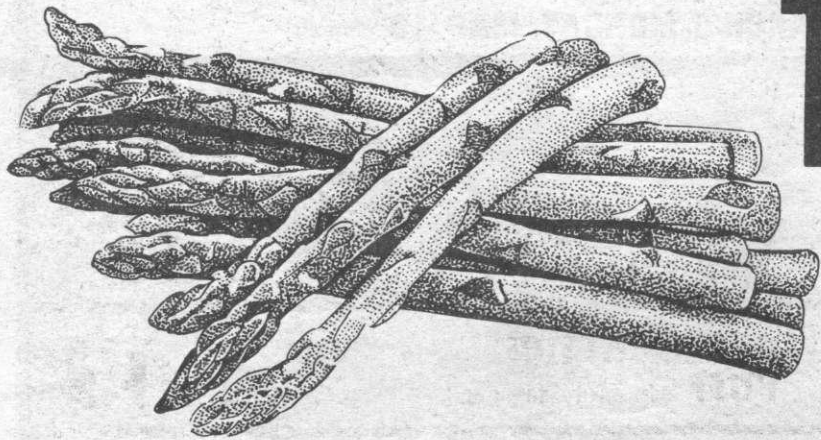
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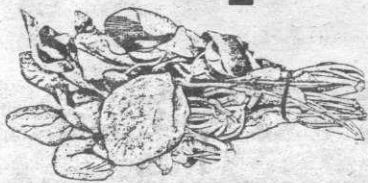
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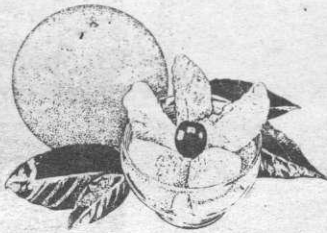
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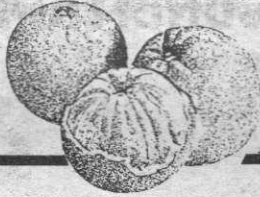
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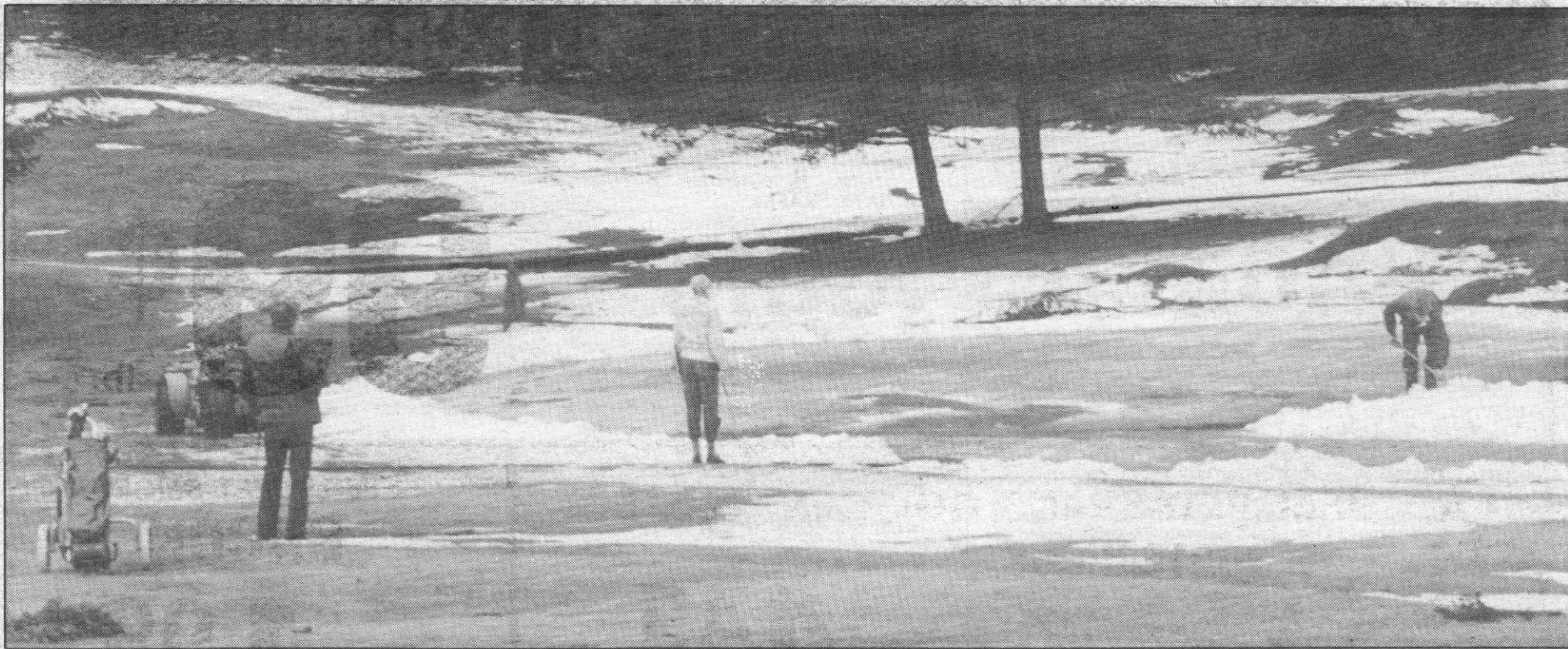
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MAY WE PLAY THROUGH? — Die-hard golfers were not fazed last week by need to clear snow from greens.

Crown land disposal measures recommended by Islands Trust

PENDER ISLAND — The Islands Trust wants to be consulted first before vacant lands are alienated from Crown status.

At its quarterly council meeting held March 3 on North Pender Island, the Trust called for joining the ministry of Crown lands in establishing a map reserve system.

Such a system would ensure

that any disposition of Crown lands in the Islands Trust area would be in keeping with both the goals of the Islands Trust Act and the needs and objectives of the local community, the Trust said.

The issue was raised by trustees from Denman Island. They pointed at recommendations in a recent study commissioned by the Denman Island Ratepayers Asso-

ciation which called for a means to identify Crown lands for use as nature and recreational reserves.

Timber on such lands was secondary to recreational, aesthetic and watershed values, Denman Islanders said.

It was pointed out that recreational land will be in great demand as Denman's population is projected to grow 122 per cent over the next 10 years.

Absence of chemical use used to fight meat bylaw

The avoidance of chemicals in Gulf Islands farming operations is a strong reason why a proposed Capital Regional District (CRD) meat inspection bylaw is not needed in the region, says Salt Spring Island sheep farmer Ross McLeod.

McLeod, speaking for Gulf Islands farmers opposing the CRD measure, was amplifying comments he made a week earlier at a public meeting with regional district health department officials.

At that time, McLeod said farmers on the islands are having a difficult time making a profit on their operations and pointed to the non-use of pesticides and other chemicals as one example of the financial realities they face. His point to the CRD officials was that the meat inspection bylaw, if introduced, would make financial conditions even more difficult.

Earlier this week, McLeod told *Driftwood* there is more to the argument about non-use of chemicals.

"There may be one or two farmers who use pesticides or herbicides but that, and the point about profit isn't the full picture," he said. "The point is that because we don't use pesticides or herbicides, our meat is healthier to start with, and that's one more reason why we don't need inspection on the islands."

McLeod noted that federally-run meat inspection operations contain laboratories used to test meat for chemical residues. That aspect of the plan would be wasted on the islands, he continued, "because we don't use the stuff (chemicals)."

The majority of farmers on the islands hold a respect for the region's natural environment that has no room or use for chemical use, he added.

Trustees set town meeting

A town hall meeting has been scheduled by the Salt Spring Islands Trust Committee.

Trustees Nick Gilbert and John Stepaniuk will discuss current concerns and strategies with the public on Saturday, March 18, from 10 am to noon at the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

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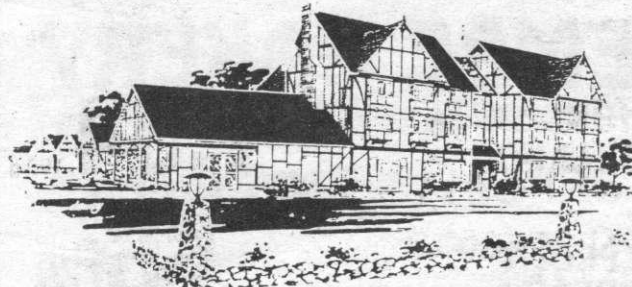
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Well, I just thought you ought to know that but for a simple twist of fate we might all be picking up the phone and hollering "AHOY! AHOY!" each time it rings.

That's how George Willard Cay wanted it to be. George was a telephone pioneer — North America's first full-time telephone operator, as a matter of fact. He worked one of the very early primitive switchboards for The District Telephone Company of New Haven, Connecticut, way back in 1889. Everybody who placed a call had to go through George and every time George fielded an incoming call he greeted the caller with a shouted "AHOY! AHOY!"

But despite Harvey's indefatigable efforts to educate the public, the jaunty nautical expression never quite caught on as a telephone greeting. We chose the blandly neutral "Hello" instead.

Sea-going tinge

Pity. If we'd followed in Harvey's wake, telephone etiquette might have picked up a colourful sea-going tinge.

Wouldn't it be satisfying to call up some sleazy bill collector who'd been hounding you and open with "Avast, ye barnacle-scabbed scow master! Call off your boarding parties or I'll let fly a broadside that'll take the wind out of your sails!"

If we'd listened to Harvey we could all sound like salty old sea dogs when the phone rings.

Speaking of which — ever thought about why it does? Ring, I mean? Ever wonder why a telephone doesn't buzz or honk or blatt or squeak or grunt?

My theory is quite simple. The telephone doesn't honk because the name of the man who invented it was not Alexander Graham Honk.

It was Bell. A.G. Bell. And bells, as any school kid knows, ring. Actually, that's a tradition we're losing, too, isn't it? Telephones don't ring anymore. Not in my office, anyway.

I don't know quite how to describe the unpleasant electronic whinneying sound my office telephone makes now, except to say that it sounds like an adding machine in the final stages of a difficult labour.

Mating like minks

That's not the only big change in Doctor Bell's infernal little gizmo of late. Telephones are mating like minks and showing up in the damndest places. Used to be there was a telephone in the front hall and maybe a phone booth down by the Texaco station, and that was about it. But not anymore. Nowadays any self respecting Yuppie household boasts a telephone in the bathroom, the bedroom, the kitchen, the parlour and out by the pool.

The latest rage for anybody who has a thousand bucks they don't know what to do with? Why, the cellular phone of course. Fits right in your car so that you can take calls offering you magazine subscriptions and free broadloom estimates as you drive down the Parkway.

It will be a rainy day at Hades Central Switchboard before this phonephobe installs one of these instruments of torture in his car. Heck, the only good thing I know about driving these days is that there's always a chance of finding a nice cosy traffic jam where nobody can reach me on the phone.

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Personally, I'm holding out for the next big telecommunications breakthrough.

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Pender seeks to save, refurbish historic Port Washington store

By DAVE FRASER

PENDER ISLAND — Imagine. It is 1990. The centennial of Port Washington Village.

The historic Port Washington General Store is newly-refurbished, featuring a theatre space doubling as a health and fitness centre; a gallery for island artists and craftsmen; and an authentic period ice cream parlour.

The recently-formed Port Washington Village Heritage Society wants help from the Pender Island community to make this dream a reality. To that end the group of concerned islanders has launched a fund-raising appeal and applied for provincial and federal government grants.

Society spokesman June Frache says the 78-year-old building is worth saving because it is soundly-built and fulfills a need on the island.

A 1987 pre-feasibility study done by Kanata Research of Galiano outlined the need for such a cultural space, says Frache.

Last month a consulting firm of structural engineers — Campbell, Woodhall and Associates — inspected the 34-foot by 35-foot building and declared it sound. Frache says the firm specializes in preserving historical buildings across Canada.

One of those consultants — David Woodhall — has property on Pender Island and has agreed to handle the restoration project on a volunteer basis.

Frache says project plans still have to be approved by Bob George and Doreen York, the

Islands-Trust representatives for North Pender.

Russ Searle, the building's present owner, has offered to sell the building to the society, says Frache.

The project includes a two-storey structure next to the store, to be called *Grosvenor House*, after the nearby *Grosvenor Hotel* which burned down several years ago.

On the upper floor would be an ice cream parlour, a public gathering space, washroom and audio-visual room.

Downstairs a climatically-controlled display and storage space would house art and museum pieces. There would be a work space for artists. Big windows would facilitate displays.

Frache says the store's 12-foot ceilings could easily accommodate a theatrical stage and lighting. To allow for an unobstructed view for 100-or-so spectators four supporting posts would be replaced with a large beam about seven by 23 inches thick.

The theatre stage is portable so the space could be used for community education, yoga, tai chi and fitness classes, says Frache.

Martin Clark, a former high school drama teacher who is moving to the island soon, has offered to organize a theatre group and teach children how to act.

"We're fortunate to have such an enthusiastic, talented man coming here," says Frache.

To get the project started Frache says her society will ask Pender residents to donate \$22 each. As well, local and off-island musicians of some repute have offered to perform at benefit concerts in aid of the project.

Frache says generating funds locally will help Pender Islanders feel the project is their own. "We've got to save it. The building is too sound to lose."

Meeting set

Salt Spring's Community Planning Association (CPA) holds its annual general next Wednesday, March 15.

The meeting is set for 7:30 pm in the library of Salt Spring Elementary School.

The meeting agenda will include a report from the CPA-sponsored task force reviewing provincial government proposals for changes to the regional transportation network, a progress report on the CPA's review of the official community plan's goals and objectives, and the election of new directors.

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Alteration of Devon Lodge site is underway to prepare ground for first phase of eventual 36-unit condominium development. Historic lodge is to be taken apart in two sections and moved to another island location.

Construction pace grows in new year

Building activity on Salt Spring started the new year the way it ended 1988 — with a flurry of activity.

Statistics released last week by the Capital Regional District (CRD) building permits office show that over \$1 million worth of construction work was launched on the island in January.

The totals included 51 permits issued and a value of \$1.087 million attached to the work underway.

This January's statistics include 10 permits for single-family dwellings, one for a duplex, two for mobile homes, one for a moved dwelling, one for a commercial structure, 14 for plumb-

ing projects, 19 for chimney work, and three for jobs defined as "other."

A year earlier on Salt Spring, the CRD office issued 48 permits in January and pegged the value of work at \$2.665 million.

The January, 1988, figures included three permits for single-family dwellings, 10 for multiple-family housing projects, one for a mobile home, four for commercial structures, 19 for plumbing projects, six for chimney work, and five for jobs described as "other."

Across the entire CRD this January, the building permits office issued 179 permits. Projects carried a value of \$2.77 million.

High School conference scheduled

Communications and issues affecting Gulf Islands Secondary School will be discussed this Saturday (March 11) at a day-long conference at the high school.

Bridging Gaps will feature workshops and talks led by facilitator Ron Jorgenson, an education consultant from Victoria. Its aim is to allow airing of views and concerns, and to identify and propose action on common goals.

Topics to be covered include peer counselling, adolescent alcohol abuse, high school buildings and facilities, accountability and discipline, mediation, and youth and the law.

The sessions are open to parents, students, school district personnel and any interested members of the community.

About 100 people have so far signed up to attend the workshop. Pre-registration forms are being accepted through the school board and high school offices, and at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce branch in Ganges.



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NIGHT MOTHER

★★½
 Director: Tom Moore
 Cast: Sissy Spacek, Anne Bancroft
 1986, PG 13

Based on Marsha Norman's highly successful play, 'Night Mother' is the study of the time immediately preceding a young woman's suicide.

The woman (Spacek) lives with her mother (Bancroft) and decides to fulfil the act in her mother's home, with her mother's knowledge.

Both Bancroft as the desperate mother and Spacek as the determined daughter turn in fine performances, but the inevitability of the ending makes a viewer feel cornered and trapped. This is inexorably depressing material.

I appreciated this movie for its view of mother/daughter dynamics and for its knowledge of the suicidal mind and guardedly recommend it.

Incidentally, Norman has recently published her first novel, *The Fortune Teller* (Random House/Bantam, 1988) and it is a smooth, entertaining read; not what one would expect from the author of *Night Mother*.

NOWHERE TO HIDE

★★★★
 Director: Marlo Azzopardi
 Cast: Amy Madigan, Michael Ironside, John Collcos, Daniel High Kelly, Robin MacEuchen.
 1987, not rated, extreme violence.

Amy Madigan stars as a female Rambo in this non-stop action/adventure. Her marine-officer husband uncovers a defective helicopter part and is killed for deciding to take his knowledge public. They're after former marine Madigan next, which ought to be fairly simple: a woman alone with her young and traumatized son.

But it isn't. Madigan knows how to defend life and limb when even the men she hooks up with aren't equal to the task. It's her and her kid, outnumbered and alone, all the way.

Anyone who can stomach the graphic violence of this engrossing and refreshing movie should see it. Women especially will welcome the Madigan role-reversal, her

ability to outwit and out-brawn the things that go bump in the night. Highly recommended.

A YOUNG CHILDREN'S CONCERT WITH RAFFI

★★★
 Director: David Devine
 Cast: Raffi
 1984, G

I took my under fives to see Raffi in concert, but I could've avoided the ticket price by renting this video. Raffi knows his audience. With this video your children can *Shake (Their) Sillies Out*, and sing their favourites like *Baby Beluga* and *Down by the Bay*. Raffi is Raffi is Raffi: talented, in touch with little ones' lives, and good fun. Recommended.

Guild will present painting instruction

The second Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild watercolour workshop featuring a prominent B.C. artist will be held on March 14 and 15.

The artist is Kay Ratcliffe, CSPWC, NWS, AFCA, who resides in Victoria and has studied with many prominent Canadian and American artists, including former Salt Spring resident Windsor Utley.

Ratcliffe has taught regular sessions in Victoria for many years, and has given workshops as

far afield as Edmonton. She has juried many shows and taught and demonstrated for classrooms in Victoria, and all the major art groups in the lower Vancouver Island area.

"My work fills a big part of my life," Ratcliffe says. "It is a personal expression of what I feel about all that is around me. If I can communicate my feelings to others in paint, then I am happy. Teaching is my way of opening up all that I have seen and enjoyed so that others may enjoy it as well." For inquiries, phone 537-2359.

Art exhibit deadline approaching

The deadline is approaching for entries for an artwork collection that will tour the region later this year.

The collection, being assembled by the Emily Carr College of Applied Art and Design, is for works by artists aged 18 years and younger. It will feature up to 80 works chosen from entries

collected throughout the province.

Entries are expected to include paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and two-dimensional drawings. Submissions of artworks reflecting all ages and stages of growth, plus a full range of visual expression, are encouraged.

Once assembled, the artworks will form an exhibition that will travel to 24 communities in B.C. and Washington State. The tour will run from September, 1989, through 1990.

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In centuries past, guilds existed to protect their members from exploitation and to encourage higher standards in their craft. These days we most often go to art colleges, universities and technical schools to learn skills of practice and design.

Apprenticeship training to a master craftsman seems to be waning as an alternative to publicly-funded institutions. However many the advantages of the latter, the apprenticeship system offers something unique; an essential daily work experience and discipline which is a prerequisite to being a self-supporting artisan. No institution can adequately teach you how to blend business and managing skills with creative and productive ones.

Responsibility to train

A recent article in *Ceramics Monthly* outlines an apprenticeship program set out by the Baulines Craftsmen's Guild of Marin County in California. The guild is made up of self-supporting potters, metal-smiths, weavers, glassblowers and woodworkers who have decided as a group that in order for their disciplines to have a future, they have a responsibility to train new practitioners. For any artist, complete commitment and dedication to their discipline is a necessary ingredient for success, not only for the master but also for the student.

The Bauline Guild strategy goes this way. The initiate pays \$700 per month tuition but receives for a 35-hour week a minimum wage for work performed on the master's production. This situation, which on the surface seems harsh, does two things. First, it places a value on the master's time and accrued knowledge. Second, the student, by accepting these conditions, has made a serious commitment to undertake the training discipline and to learn the craft. Through energetic application he has the opportunity to earn back his tuition by a satisfactory completion of studio work.

Weeds out contenders

The contract signed by the master craftsman and student stipulates an agreement as to curriculum and personal expectations. The student is provided with personal work space and access to all studio facilities, plus the master's direction and support in his personal projects.

The flip side of this is that the student is required to work on the regular studio production of the mastercraftsperson.

This system rigorously weeds out the serious contenders for the position from the wistful free spirits who just love to be creative and would be more than happy to offer their inexperienced minds and brawn for free tuition and a wage substantially more than the legal minimum. But here today, gone tomorrow is the norm.

The studio without committed staff can be plagued by flighty, flaky romantics who waste precious time and energy. But a year in a well organized studio with a mastercraftsperson is probably worth five in most institutions.

The emphasis in the studio is on facility, quality, and economic viability — how to do things of beauty, well made — and speedily executed, so that one can earn a decent living.

Learning this on your own is a slow endeavour and a costly indulgence these days, where it takes two working members to feed and clothe a family unit.

Apprenticeship is still a viable option for those who value its unique opportunity.



Intricate detail on 'Komokwa' mask underlines and degree of skill he brought to bear on the task. challenge posed to master carver George Hunt Jr.—

Ceremonial mask traces coastal myth

BY REG ASHWELL

A Komokwa mask created by rising young master carver George Hunt Jr. has been placed on display at Pegasus Gallery in Ganges.

There are many accounts of the legendary Komokwa, the most fascinating and comprehensive of which is given by Audrey Hawthorne in her monumental book on Kwakiutl art.

The Komokwa was of major importance in Kwagiulth myth as king of the undersea world, and master and protector of the seals, who were a symbol of wealth.

Komokwa's name means *wealthy one*. He ruled from a

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Former islander to skipper Greenpeace vessel

A former Salt Spring Island resident has been offered the captain's position on a Greenpeace vessel.

Gary Gagne, who is now in West Germany, will take over as skipper of the *Vega*. The Greenpeace sailboat docked in Fulford Harbour last August after carry-

ing seven of the West Coast *Raging Grannies* to Winchelsea Island in Nanoose Bay, where they protested underwater weapons testing in Canada by the U.S. government.

After spending 1987 and 1988 sailing with his 17-year-old son, Gagne joined Greenpeace and

applied for a mate's position on one of the group's vessels. The new *Rainbow Warrior* was then being refitted in Hamburg, Germany, and Gagne worked on the ship as a volunteer, hoping to be hired when it began its maiden voyage.

However, the promotion of the

Vega's skipper gave Gagne the opportunity to captain the ship, and to take part in planned summer actions against pulp mills on the B.C. coast.

In a letter from Germany to Salt Spring friends, Gagne said he feels both "privileged and excited" by the role he will play with

Greenpeace, and is happy about returning to coastal B.C., where he has many friends in the peace, justice and environment movements.

Gagne also issued an invitation to *Raging Grannies* members to board his ship when it returns to this part of the world for its annual refit, in Seattle.

West Coast Indian mask gives life to ancient myth

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large longhouse under the sea, with live sea lions as house posts guarding the entrance. The house contained a great wealth in blankets, coppers and other treasures.

Many human supplicants of legendary history tried to reach this kingdom, and those ancestral heroes who achieved their goal became wealthy and powerful, returning to their village with magical boxes full of treasures.

As ruler of the sea, Komokwa was associated with loons, seals, octopods, killer whales and sculpins. These associations were emphasized by the presence of several masked representatives of these sea creatures, which would accompany Komokwa in his dance. Sometimes they were also represented by symbols carved and painted on the Komokwa mask, as in Hunt's work.

Circular protuberances on the mask were an interesting point of identification, as seen on many of the masks. The legendary Kwagiulth master carver Mungo Martin identified these as "octopus tentacle suckers." Other informants say they were air bubbles or sea anemones eating.

The real significance of these enquiries is that all identifications point clearly to Komokwa's under-sea nature.

George Hunt Jr. was born at Campbell River in 1958, into a family whose lineage includes a Tlingit Indian princess named Ansnaw who came to live among the Kwakiutl Indians with her husband Robert Hunt, a Scot who bought out the Hudson's Bay trading post in the region.

George Hunt's uncle, the late Henry Hunt, was one of the most famous Northwest Coast Indian carvers of this century.

George Hunt Jr. is fascinated by the myths and legends of his people, especially as interpreted in the Kwagiulth dancing ceremonies. Much of his work — i.e., his masks, headdresses, frontlets, dance batons, rattles, and talking sticks — are carved for use at

potlatches. These events, banned for so long by the government, remain the cornerstone of Native culture and feed and encourage the natural creative urges of the Northwest Coast Indian people.

(Potlatches are complex giving-away ceremonies, in which the recipients of lavish gifts are bound to reciprocate by inviting the donors to a return potlatch, where they must prove their standing and influence by giving back far more than they received.

Hunt, who is immersed in Kwagiulth culture, is an accomplished dancer in demand at important Kwagiulth ceremonies.

Completing the Komokwa mask was a challenge to Hunt's artistic skills, and it stands as a tribute to his genius as an artist and carver. He was given invaluable assistance by another master carver, Tony Hunt Jr., who is following in his father's footsteps as one of the greatest Kwagiulth artists of our time.

Komokwa masks are sometimes shown with a loon, heron or crane perched on the head. In his version of the mask, George Hunt chose a crane whose long neck is in three segmented parts.

The painted canvas wings of the bird are also segmented, and when the wearer pulls a hidden cord the bird moves his head backward and partially closes his wings. When the cord is released the bird reverts back to its original position, with wings outstretched and the neck vertical and straight.

The human-like face of the Komokwa has a hinged lower lip which opens and closes when

operated by the dancer with another cord, also hidden inside the mask.

This extremely complex mask is carved from both red and yellow cedar and the beautifully balanced designs are richly painted in five colours — red, green, black, white and grey-blue — to simulate the traditional colours of earlier carvings when natural dyes and ochres were used before commercial paints became available to the artists.

The mask is inlaid with copper and abalone, including copper teeth, and the entire complex radiates a marvellous vitality and power.

The Komokwa is on display at Pegasus Gallery, in Mouat's Mall in Ganges, for an indefinite period. Sometime in June, on a date yet to be announced, George Hunt Jr. will display his carving techniques and skills and demonstrate the workings of this splendid, articulated mask.

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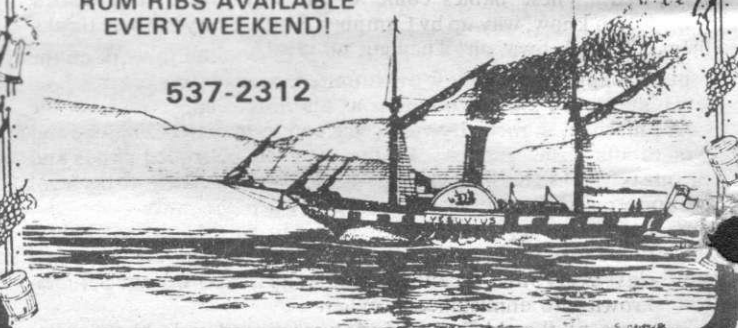
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— *Dickens*

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The owners of lumber mills on our west coast have done their best to follow this lamentable example, and the effects are beginning to appear in our shellfish and sea birds and, presently, they will in us.

If those who live nearby object, they are discredited as "environmentalists" or smiled at by oily public relations men and women. Our knowledge of economics is exposed. The market, like father, knows best. It will give us oyster farms, regulations that benefit the producer, and a controlled supply.

I don't think it knows anything except how to make, or lose, money. But having made money it's immediately necessary for people to spend it ostentatiously, and what better way to do so than on suddenly expensive foods like the oyster.

The unwelcome sight of *Oyster Lease* signs on our beaches is already a common one.

Why *should* scarcity equal popularity? I can understand, but not approve, this equation in the case of diamonds or milk, where it is in the interest of governments to limit supplies in order to guarantee inflated prices.

But these excellent molluscs tasted every bit as good before, perhaps better. I find it strangely ironic that industrial filth and cupidity should be the cause of an awakened interest in this most savoury and nourishing of foods.

Unless we execute an abrupt and surprising change in our attitude towards this beautiful but fragile place in which we live, the decline of this excellent mollusc will be inevitable.

I love oysters.

In my student days a gang of us would drive west from Victoria in an enormous 1949 De Soto to the banks of the Sooke River, where an Inn stood that had the incongruous look of a Spanish castle in a state of seige by an army of logging trucks whose drivers were permanently terrified of the effects of dehydration.

Inside, people spilled salt into their already fizzy lager beer and ate oysters: glorious, vast and juicy, always enclosed in a batter that was crisp and clean and evanescent, beside a serving of chips large enough to have been cut with a chain saw.

I once asked the waiter about them. Glancing furtively around he whispered: "These babies come all the way down from Cortes Island. You know, way up by Campbell River. Everyone here thinks they're Sooke's own, eh? They got no idea!"

By a happy coincidence I was to meet these oysters again a few years later when I went to Cortes as a schoolteacher.

At that time, in the early 1970s, the community was divided into two camps. The pacifist, hirsute, worldly marijuana-growing hedonists versus the indigenous, insular, beer-drinking fishermen and loggers, who were hedonists too but didn't want to be in the same class.

Everyone managed to get along reasonably well except at school sports days every June, when the contrasting lifestyles of the parents were thrown into unmistakable relief.

By recess, all the old Cortes hands were ranged under the trees at the edge of our rocky field, sitting in folding chairs and opening cases of Lucky or Pilsener. Opposite sat the headband and guitar faction in aspects of meditation, sucking on pipes and home-made cigarettes.

As we chewed through the schedule of events the cheering on both sides grew louder and more abusive, while overhead clouds massed and became heavy with rain. Once a spectator had to be helped from the field by the principal after he threatened to put the shot in an unmentionable and entirely inappropriate area.

Suddenly it began to rain. Not a gentle, sensitive summer shower but an angry deluge that strained everyone's nerves and put the spectators into a foul temper.

The relays began at last. The leading runner, a boy with a tie-dyed tee-shirt and swinging pony tail, abruptly fell, or was tripped, close to a large man with an innocent, vacant smile and a beer bottle in either hand. Both sides rose as one and thundered across the running track, screaming epithets at one another.

There was only one solution for this debacle and my principal, a man of iron, didn't hesitate for a second. Just in time he grabbed the brass school bell and clanged it furiously over his head. The islanders froze in their tracks. There was a sudden, embarrassed silence. If there was one thing every man, woman and child on the school field had in common it was this: they all knew the sound of the bell to go home. In two minutes the place was deserted.

Duty done, my principal and I walked down the road to his house at Smelt Bay. Without a word we each got a bucket and walked onto the beach and filled them with those same, splendid molluscs I used to eat in Sooke, back when I thought I could make sense of the world. Then we staggered up the sand to his kitchen with the brimming buckets, got out folding chairs and a case of beer. We studied the rain.

Every few minutes one of us would slip a pair of succulent Pacifics into the oven and wait for the shells to pop. We dipped these Edenic creatures in a saucer of melted butter and experienced heaven.

Because we were very good friends we sat there for long time, until the storm cleared over Cortes and a long, lingering sunset streamed out of the west over the jagged peaks of Vancouver Island.

I walked home in darkness, surrounded by the eyes of curious deer and slept, I am sure, the sleep of the gods.

Shaw room now open at Lady Minto

The Nancy Shaw Room at Lady Minto Hospital is now ready for use.

The room, which was established by the Women's Auxiliary to Lady Minto Hospital, is now available for the use of individuals who are forced to stay overnight while attending the hospital for tests or visitations.

A major purpose of the room is to house Outer Gulf Islands residents who, due to ferry scheduling or convenience, cannot make it back to their own island the same day.

Many Outer Gulf Islanders travel to the Salt Spring based hospital to undergo tests or to visit with family and friends. These people will now be able to stay overnight for the nominal fee of \$4.

The Nancy Shaw Room was funded by donations made in memory of Nancy Shaw — a former president of the Women's Auxiliary who passed away while in office — and supplemented, decorated and furnished by the Auxiliary. Daisy Gear was in charge of decorating.

The room, located in the nurses' residence behind the hospital, offers one bed, plus a roll-away cot for a second person or child. There are shower and toilet facilities down the hall.

According to a hospital spokesman, the room will be available for anyone at the hospital who needs a place to stay overnight.

bridge report

The Gulf Islands Bridge Club held an ACBL membership game on February 27. Winners were Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton, Helen Shandro and Bunny Jordan, Lorna Pentz and Blanche Poborsa, Dawny Scarfe and John Sarginson.

Tuesday night winners were:
• (NORTH-SOUTH) Bill Buckler and Conhor Hunt, Molly Frenette and Bunny Jordan, Pam and Gerry Foard.

• (EAST-WEST) Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton, Fred Struve and Jim Burford, Pat and Clarence Warman.

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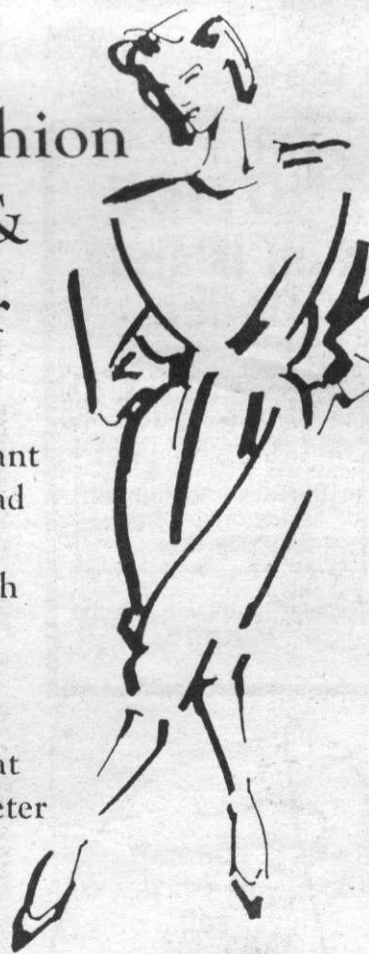
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down the gutter

High scores for the week of February 27 were, for the ladies: Carol Kaye, 808 (269, 198, 341).

For the men, high scores were: Steve Marleau, 873 (317, 265, 237), 779 (194, 239, 346); Terry Jenkins, 800 (339, 248, 215), 787 (284, 248, 255); Gordon Parsons, 772 (301, 279, 192).

300 Games: Steve Marleau, 371, 346; Carol Kaye, 341; Terry Jenkins, 339; Gordon Parsons, 301.

Most pins over average: Shirley Parsons, 183; Jean Haines, 140.

Saturday, March 11, an in-house competition is taking place. Six games, scratch eight handicap. Prizes. Come compete and have a good time.

GOLDEN AGERS

Monday afternoon: Dorothy Armstrong, 249; Dick Young, 244, 210; Bill Hague, 227; Jean Haines, 225, 223; Stan Smith, 202; Millie Young, 201.

Friday morning: Edie Gear, 226; Jim Cook, 223; Goody Goodman, 206; Bill Baker, 203.

Friday afternoon: Gene Graham, 233; Dave McRoberts, 213; Vic Dodds, 212, 207; Dick Young, 202; Dorothy Sloan, 200.

Friday afternoon: (Make up week) Gene Graham, 254, 203; Peggy Bean, 217; Effie Odlum, 202; Bill Baker, 200.

OVER 600

Over 600: Gene Graham, 654, 612; Jean Haines, 647; Dick Young 647; Vic Dodds, 610.

Monday, February 27: Salt Spring Golden Agers went to Heritage Lanes at Chemainus for a return match. Heritage Lanes had their revenge for the beating we gave them the week before, so the match ended even.

YBC

Smurf: Jimmy Marcotte, 130; Lee Johnson, 116; Jennifer Keating, 104.

Peeweeks: Corry Schwagly, 148; Stephanie Collette, 126; Joshua Marshall, 125; Jeremy Keating, 123; Jonah Marshall, 110.

Bantams: Lisa Cagna, 168; Jeannie Stacey, 130; Christy Bergsma, 120; Stephen Marcotte, 133; Brad Johnson, 128; Daniel Carlson, 122.
Juniors: Amy Schwagly, 197; Kathleen Cagna, 122; David Collette, 223; Corey Johnson, 135.
Seniors: Candice Miller, 240.

The Slugs, Salt Spring's ice hockey team, played their final game of the regular season last Sunday at Fuller Lake Arena in Chemainus.

The team, which finished the season in fourth place, dropped a 13-7 decision to the third-place

Flyers — a finish the Salt Spring squad attributed to lacklustre defensive play against the league's top scorer.

Before last Sunday's loss, the Slugs split the two games they played. The islanders dominated play against the Hornets, record-

ing a 6-4 win, then fell apart in the third period of their game against the Bullets, losing 10-4.

Playoffs begin this Thursday with the Slugs paired against their arch-rivals, the Green Lantern Hawks.

Slugs finish in fourth place

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<p>SAVE MORE CREAMED OR LIQUID B.C. HONEY</p> <p>1 kg 2.77</p>	<p>COMPARE & SAVE NABOB TEA BAGS</p> <p>120's 3.17</p>	<p>SAVE MORE CAMPBELL'S CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP</p> <p>10 oz. tin 65¢</p>	<p>COMPARE & SAVE ALPHA CANNED MILK</p> <p>385 ml 67¢</p>		

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