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School spending up 17%

Gulf Islands School district's 1989-90 operating budget is up by 17 per cent over last year.

At a special meeting April 27 school trustees gave their approval to a budget of \$9,847,103, up from last year's spending of \$8,389,678. The budget represents a tax rate increase of 11.9 per cent over last year. Much of the increase is to allow for the ministry of education's projected pupil growth of 6.8 per cent in 1989-90.

The budget will mean a tax rate of 7.10562, up from 6.34950 last year. According to dis-

trict officials, preliminary information indicates that the approved tax rate will again be among the lowest in the province. Based on the March 15 budget submissions, the average homeowner in the Gulf Islands can expect to pay, after taking the homeowner grant into consideration, a net tax of approximately \$100.

This compares to \$248 in Saanich and \$173 in Cowichan. Because of the relatively low tax rate, local school district taxes should be substantially lower than the provincial average this fiscal year.

Incorporation group to await act revisions before proceeding

The study into the possible incorporation of Ganges is currently in limbo.

Ron McQuiggan, who recently chaired three information meetings on the subject, said the committee studying incorporation will wait until changes to the Trust Act have been made before making any decision on their next step. McQuiggan also said the group is waiting to look at 1989 property taxes.

The committee looking into the incorporation of Ganges planned on measuring public opinion concerning the proposal at the three information meetings held last month. The meetings, which were open to the public, were directed at those who own or lease proper-

ty within the proposed municipal boundary.

McQuiggan said he feels opinions are fairly "evenly" split between favouring and opposing the proposal. He said the committee was applauded at the conclusion of the second meeting — which was aimed at core area property owners — but a number of concerns were raised at all three.

McQuiggan also noted that the question kept returning to "why not incorporate the whole island?" He said the committee is not in a position to comment on that option, without undergoing numerous months of research.

The committee is now waiting for Municipal Affairs Minister

Rita Johnston to announce changes to the Islands Trust Act, which she has said will occur during this session of the legislature.

McQuiggan said these changes may make incorporation "more or less obvious."

In a letter to Pat James, who is also involved in the Ganges incorporation study, the municipal affairs minister said it is her intention "that the relationship between the Islands Trust and an island municipality will be further clarified in proposed legislation going forward in the Spring legislature."

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Clear skies and summer-like weather bring brothers Aaron (front) and Jonathan James to Centennial Park playground. Two-in-one seating arrangement saves swinging energy. The 14-month-old and his four-year-old brother joined numerous other children in the park last Sunday.

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IN COURT

Every year, 15,000 drivers face impaired charges in British Columbia

By SUSAN DICKER
Second of Two Parts

When the sheriff calls his name, he crushes his cigarette in the ashtray and hesitantly enters the courtroom. He feels the eyes of about 15 people follow him, as he is directed to a seat perpendicular to the judge.

Opposite him, across the room, is the witness box, where local RCMP will testify against him, should he plead not guilty to impaired driving. The Crown counsel, who sits facing the judge, is flipping through a file. Seated next to him is the accused's lawyer.

The courtroom is silent as the clerk advises him he has been charged with impaired driving under section 253 of the Criminal Code of Canada. He is told where and when the offence took place,

and asked to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty.

His lawyer has been straight forward with him: the circumstances leading to his impaired driving charge are fairly conclusive and he is advised to plead guilty.

The plea is entered and the Crown presents its case against the accused, relaying to the court the events leading to the charges: a description of his driving capabilities that night, his appearance, his speech, the results of sobriety tests and two breath samples, what he said, and how he reacted to the police. The Crown counsel informs the judge the accused has no prior criminal record. Had he previously been convicted of impaired driving, police would have served him a "notice of intention to seek greater punishment,"

meaning the Crown would request a jail sentence.

The accused's lawyer briefly outlines his past, informing the court of his current employment, marital and financial status, noting his co-operation with police, and presenting a letter of reference from an employer. He requests the court impose the minimum penalty on his client.

The judge is concerned about "general and personal deterrents." In other words, he wants to impose a sentence that will make both the accused and the public at large, think twice about drinking and driving. He fines him \$450 and prohibits him from driving any vehicle for 12 months. He now has a permanent criminal record, which could limit future employment opportunities and make it difficult to enter some countries.

He is just one of about 15,000 British Columbians charged each year with driving while impaired. Approximately one in every 20 drivers in this province has been charged with this offence. Ninety per cent of those charged, are convicted, and 20 per cent of admissions to B.C. jails stem from these charges. The average jail stay for impaired driving is 50 days.

With an average cost to the justice system of over \$1,000 for each impaired driving charge, this province pays about \$15 million, annually, to convict drunk drivers.

The price tag does not end here: some \$60 million are spent repairing damage incurred by impaired drivers; over \$130 million in taxes are spent on related enforcement, court and medical costs; and the health system deals with over 7,000



Established in 1977, the provincial CounterAttack program combines stepped-up police enforcement, public education and research to combat drinking

and driving. Here, local RCMP conduct Counter-Attack roadblock, stopping Salt Spring Island motorists, and checking for impaired drivers.

Charge nets permanent record

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hospital admissions directly resulting from impaired drivers.

The statistics go on. In 1987, alcohol caused 4,471 property damage accidents, 3,643 personal injury accidents and 195 fatal accidents in this province. Close to 6,000 people were injured in alcohol-related accidents, and 231 people died.

The single most common cause of death among drivers under 30-years-old is drinking-driving accidents and the amount of human suffering which accompanies these accidents, cannot be measured.

Between January and June of 1988, 15 people on Salt Spring were injured due to alcohol related accidents, and 26 per cent of the 35 reported motor vehicle accidents were caused by a drinking driver. (Of the 15 Victoria RCMP sub-divisions, Ganges had the second highest percentage of alcohol-related accidents during this period, surpassed only by Gabriola Island, where 40 per cent of the five accidents were caused by alcohol. On average in the Victoria sub-division, 15.6 per cent of accidents were alcohol related.)

In 1988, local RCMP charged 44 people on Salt Spring and Galiano Islands with impaired driving. Fourteen people have already been charged this year. While police throughout the province are cracking down on impaired driving, public pressure and an increasingly negative attitude towards drinking and driving is also pushing down casualty statistics.

Revisions awaited

Johnston further stated: "I envision that an incorporated area could remain within the Trust area, but an Island municipality would have responsibility for local community planning, pursuant to Part 29 of the Municipal Act. The Islands Trust would continue to be responsible for upholding the Trust mandate and for developing policy for the Islands as a whole."

McQuiggan said 1989 taxes will also help the committee determine whether or not to pursue incorporation. According to a study on the feasibility of incorporating Ganges, 1988 taxes would have been higher in an incorporated Ganges. McQuiggan said 1989 taxes may be more in line.

The committee should have their information on both items within the next six weeks.

In 1977 the Attorney General of B.C. established the CounterAttack program, to combat drinking and driving. As current director of the program Dr. Bill Mercer notes, creation of CounterAttack occurred about five years prior to the establishment of MADD (Mothers Against Drinking Drivers), and could be seen as "ahead of its time." The program is co-funded by the ministry of labour and consumer services, and the Insurance Corporation of B.C. (ICBC).

Since the creation of CounterAttack — which combines stepped-up police enforcement, education, public information and research — the level of alcohol related, casualty accidents has dropped by approximately 50 per cent. Provincial-wide statistics show that in 1977, 20 per cent of all casualty motor vehicle accidents involved alcohol. Today, this figure has dropped to ten per cent.

While the CounterAttack program has played a large part of this, Mercer agrees that public perception towards drinking and driving has changed over the past decade.

"Changes in legislation, which are supposed to reflect the will of the people, certainly point to a change in attitude," Mercer says. "Legislation (against impaired driving) has become more strict over the past ten to 12 years."

Three years ago, the federal government imposed stiff penalties for impaired driving causing bodily harm (up to ten years imprisonment and a ten year driving prohibition) and impaired driving causing death (a maximum 14 year jail term and ten year driving prohibition). Just this April in British Columbia, the minimum licence suspension for a first-time conviction of impaired driving, was increased from six to 12 months.

Salt Spring lawyer Mayland McKimm agrees attitudes towards drinking and driving have changed. He sees it reflected in the courtroom: as the public becomes more aware of the issue, he says, judges are under greater "political pressure" than in the past, and are less likely to find an individual not guilty of the charge.

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"As the years progress," McKimm adds, "it's getting more and more difficult to challenge an impaired driving charge."

Each month, Ganges provincial court deals with at least one impaired driver. Those convicted represent a cross spectrum of society: young people from 16 years old, to retirees in their sixties and seventies. Men and women. Highly educated individuals, professionals and unemployed people.

They all have at least three things in common: a decision to have another few drinks and get behind the wheel of a vehicle. Some hefty fines and inconvenience. And the imminent risk of becoming a statistic in a tragic conclusion to the day.

Correction

Salt Spring Island butcher Don Harrison is a busy man, but not quite as busy as Driftwood made out last week.

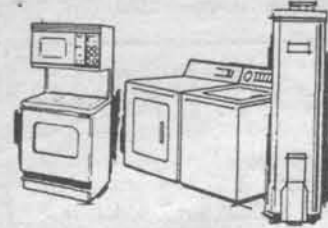
Harrison was credited with being president of the Salt Spring Island Lions Club in a report on the donation of four picnic tables to the Gulf Islands School District's life skills development training centre. Readers who know that Harrison is already president of the Rotary Club may have been led to believe he was head of both organizations. That is not the case.

The donation of tables was made by the local Rotarians.

Also last week, a story advised that Sunday was clean-up day on Salt Spring Island. Unfortunately, names of the organizers were misspelled. They were Ganges accountants Terra Tepper and Glen Moores.

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by richards



The eggs have it

This business of cooking eggs is catching. I have now two more recommendations. Laura Cochrane, on Bowen Island, tells me to put my egg in a pan of cold water and slowly bring it to a boil. For a medium-sized egg it should be cooked to perfection at this point; if the egg is a big one, then leave it in the water, off the flame and permit it to cook in the hot water for another minute.

Jean Knight, who probably cooks her eggs to music, is still experimenting, I reckon, and will come up with the perfect egg a little bit later on.

What's in a name?

Everybody who writes to me has a name for the house. My relatives in England have a house name and some have a number as well. I get so jealous!

But I've found a name for my own shady shack. It was a name I found a long time ago but Women's Lib was not having any. In fact, she was horrified, as I had expected.

I thought of names to connote the ultimate. Paradise Pillars, but having no pillars I'd have to settle for pillows and that sounds like a B & B. Heaven is the obvious theme of such names, but none of my family seems to have gone that way. I have a brother in England whose house is "Needwood." I can think of few names more appropriate for mine, but that would be plagiarism of the worst kind. Yet, he doesn't even burn wood. Another English house is known as Sunningdale. The nearest I could come to that in my own case was Loony Hills and there is something less than happy there.

A sister-in-law lived in "Is-y-Coed." It suggests something like Is-y-Not? But I wouldn't dare.

My house rejoices in its own new name. I now live at Mudbottom Flats. It has a nice connotation and there is poetry in the name.

Not only does the name carry its own message, but it sounds so alliterative: Mudbottom Flats, Madrona Drive. Makes me a mudlark, a gutter-snipe, or a pipit. You know there's not many people can boast of all that with one house-name!

Birthday presents

Even at my great age I get birthday presents. Among the swag last month was a food mixer of a new kind: new to me. You poke the spinning end into whatever liquid you want to beat, mix, blend or change and, Presto! It's done!

The first effort was not highly successful. I forgot to look up the instructions and instead of having a nicely blended mixture in the plastic jug I had a plastic jug flying through the kitchen distributing lovely fruit juices wherever it might.

I know now. You rest the beater-mixer on the bottom of the jug before you switch on.

The second time worked wonders. I had a charming dinner guest who didn't come to spend the evening cooking my dinner. At least, she didn't know it until she did just that. I had a half-litre of cream and a few berries. The cream was in the jug and the beater was in the cream. Do you like unsalted butter? I have a few grams of butter and nothing else.

It was lucky I was not on my own. My visitor (sounds like I was in jail!) remarked that she had a similar device. She reached over my shoulder and reduced the speed from maximum to about minimum.

Didn't I have a little basket for whipping cream? And that's when I remembered what I should have done. I had just enough cream left to beat up for the strawberries.

Am I ever a good cook? The strawberries were perfect!

The end is in sight!

I've had enough of the weather. After winter in spring and a wet weekend, fog in the morning and a chill wind I plan to leave for England to enjoy the same kind of weather for a few weeks. When I called last week I learned that it was snowing, although the temperature didn't justify the fall. A few days later, the same telephone was surrounded by warm air, according to a normally reliable source.

If I find anything to write home about I will. And to anyone who reads this column regularly, if there is anyone, I can only cite those two proverbs which have fought each other for so long: "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" and "Out of sight, out of mind."

Meeting approves three motions

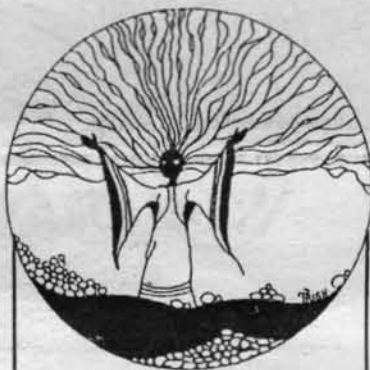
The recent annual general meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) passed three resolutions presented by the Gulf Islands school trustees.

The first resolution dealt with encouraging the College of Teachers to undertake a study of teacher education in B.C., involving the BCSTA, the ministry of education, and the British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF).

School board chairman David Eyles said it has been more than 10 years since a major study of this kind has been done. "The teachers of today are being asked to do more and more things," he said. "Background information papers indicate there is a lot of dissatisfaction from the teachers with their training in this area."

The next resolution was directed at the bargaining committee. It asked that they look at alternate terms of bargaining, to expand their terms using a wider range and investigate other approaches to the procedure.

The final resolution called for the use of unbleached paper in the schools.



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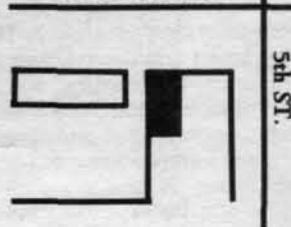
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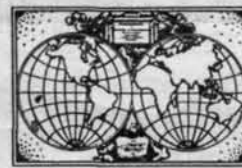
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It's time to close the date debate

The great Grad-Sea Capers debate of 1989 should now be history, for the sake of the events themselves.

The argument over the conflicting dates of the two events has surely run its course, having generated much of the acrimony and bitterness that only a Salt Spring controversy can. Can we get on with more constructive matters now?

In case you missed the story, the Sea Capers committee struck a date back in February for the annual event. Chairman Lynn Richardson says her organization inquired of the school district as to the date of the graduation ceremonies. Their inquiries, however, met with little success and the committee proceeded with its planning, scheduling Sea Capers for the weekend of June 24.

Meanwhile, Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) principal John Wellingham points out that the date of the graduation ceremonies is set well in advance, and is predetermined by the timing of provincial examinations. Wellingham says all GISS parents were informed in writing of the graduation date — June 23-24 — back in September.

It is not our intention here to lay blame at anyone's feet. Instead, we shall blame poor communications for the problem that now exists. If everyone willed himself to pay particular attention to improving his communications skills, many of the world's conflicts could be avoided, the current mix-up included.

The time has come for those involved with graduation and the people behind Sea Capers to deal with the problem in the only way possible: turn it into an opportunity. Granted, the opportunities may be difficult at first to recognize, but given an open mind and the willingness to find a solution, the task is by no means impossible.

We can carry on swapping accusations over who's to blame right up until June 23, but we will not accomplish anything useful. Let's turn our attention to making the most of the situation. Let's aim to make the graduation ceremonies and Sea Capers the best ever.



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Leadership, vision and guts

The announcement came on the heels of a federal budget that makes a mockery of any suggestion by Ottawa that Canada's deficit needs to be reduced. It was yet another announcement that makes Brian Mulroney's Conservative government look as if it has but one priority: re-election, and re-election at virtually any cost.

Some have expressed shock at the news that the Salt Spring Hysterical Society, a local comedy troupe, was awarded a \$12,800 Canada Council grant. Others will

likely see it as a joke, and many have probably felt a mild form of hysteria.

The economic and environmental issues facing Canada today need government with strong leadership, clear vision and guts. Unfortunately, it is difficult to recognize any of those attributes in either the present governing party or those that aspire to the job.

In this latest example of federal squandering, the joke's on us.

Hungry computer terminals require daily feeding

By TONY RICHARDS

We should have called the premier.

It was about six weeks ago that Driftwood editor Duncan MacDonnell made the comment, almost as an aside, that a holiday would sure be nice. As a rule, I tend to go slightly deaf whenever anybody mentions holidays. That's because I'm a publisher.

Publishers do things like turn off the heat and lock the back door (we're always the last to leave). We pick up the bits of paper that harried editors leave behind in their hurried wake, because janitorial service is often in the job description on a smaller newspaper.

But our most important function is temporary staff replacement. We fill in for those employees who insist on — yeah, that word again — holidays.

It was about four weeks ago that Duncan made a second reference to

holidays. This time I knew he was serious. He was spending a lot of time gazing longingly at the Mexican beach postcard on the lunchroom bulletin board. So we set a date and I promptly forgot about it.

When he wished me well on Tuesday afternoon, the memories flooded back. The memory, first, that we had planned this holiday and then memories of my own seven-year stint as editor. Like the hot news tips called in by accommodating readers at one o'clock in the morning. The irate parents who came storming in one Wednesday wanting to know why the photo of little Johnny graduating ran in black and white and not full, process colour.

These fond recollections and more were foremost on my mind when I set myself down at Duncan's desk last Wednesday morning.

The first thing I did was crank out a story. Or, in today's high-tech terminology, key in a piece. Three hours later I was done. It took half an hour of "keyboarding" and two hours of looking hopefully at an unresponsive, unhelpful and uncaring computer screen, waiting in vain for inspiration.

The other half-hour I spent looking out the window wondering how I'd got myself into this mess.

The story completed, I set out to follow the procedures for saving it on the computer. I studied the instructions for a good half-hour and then confidently entered all the secret codes, passwords and incantations necessary for saving a story to disk.

Presto, it was gone! Like magic, my "piece" had been obliterated from the screen, thousands of little bytes gathered up and stashed away, just as a squirrel with acorns. But the speed with which my prose

vanished left me slightly unsettled. Dare I assume that one-third of my day's output was safely filed away in some remote sector of my computer's elephantine memory?

Like a sensible squirrel, I reckoned that only the cautious editor was likely to survive the dangers that could be lurking in any modern typesetting system. I ventured into the program. I punched in several more codes, whispered several more secret incantations and waited. And waited some more. The screen remained blank.

I repeated the procedure with the same results. Barely able to suppress the urge to find a hammer, I took a look in the directory. There was my file, all right, but in name only. It occupied the space of two bytes, which meant that there were 4,856 bytes unaccounted for.

What does a byte look like? If one were lying underneath your computer terminal, would you

recognize it? If they rolled off your desk and on to the floor, would you hear them fall?

No, the fact is, bytes are to computers what acorns are to squirrels. They eat them. One slip of the finger on the keyboard, and your computer will swallow every single byte available to it. And that's what happened. If Duncan had only told me his computer needed feeding every morning, I could have found it some choice letters to the editor.

But I had to learn the hard way. Which is why I think we should have brought in the premier. Just last year he expressed some interest in such a job. Think of the chuckles we could have had watching him lose reams of government propaganda to a hungry computer terminal. He would never have ventured from his garden again.

And I could have been left happily tending to my janitorial duties.

letters

Thanks for support

We would like to thank everyone who came out to our 50's and 60's dance. Everyone had a good time. Thank you to Gulf Islands Trading Co. for supplying us with pop, coffee and munchies. A big thanks to all the grads who were present for our driving service. We're having another dance on June 10. Same place, same time.

We would also like to thank Ganges Village Market for donating pop for our last school dance. Everyone had a good time and we managed to add some more money to our account.

Furthermore, this year's graduating class would like to thank the Esso station and Dennis Beech for allowing us to use their property to hold a car wash. Thank you to all the people with dirty cars and the grads themselves.

GRAD COUNCIL,
Gulf Islands Secondary School

Levity unwarranted

As a senior member of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society, I write to protest the levity of the report in last week's Driftwood concerning the Canada Council grant awarded to our group. I can hardly believe Anne Lyon was accurately quoted.

In these days of tight money, any taxpayer could justifiably object to a sizeable grant being applied for — or awarded — as a joke.

Comedy is serious business, and members of the Hysterical Society work hard at their craft. Most of us have a very serious purpose, even if it is couched in comic terms. Rest assured, this money will be well spent to improve the quality of life for many — our audiences as well as ourselves. To reassure yourselves, please come to Comedy Nights at Off Centre Stage next weekend, May 12 and 13.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
Ganges.

Corporate scoundrels

Yes, there has been a chemical spill at Crofton, but Fletcher Challenge has assured us that nothing will change because of it. Just this once, I honestly feel they're telling us the truth; in fact, they'd have sewered that very chlorine down that very outfall in due course. In fairness, I must add that some of that chlorine was scheduled to wind up in our air and some of its dangerous byproducts would have been sold to us in the form of poisonous residues in paper products.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that there's nothing unusual about Fletcher Challenge pumping huge quantities of toxic and carcinogenic chemicals into our water and air — they do it every day.

Perhaps though, a spill like this one will open a few more people's eyes to the activities of these corporate scoundrels and make lies of their assurances that nothing will change. I say this because, if we tell them forcefully enough to stop using chlorine bleaching and to in-

stall secondary sewage facilities, perhaps something will change.
BOB TWAITES, Ganges.

What can we do about it?

Just a moment ago, looking out the window I saw two bald eagles circle. One swoops and dives, the talons pluck a fish from the sea. Just last week I heard their mating cries. Will baby eaglets soon be hatching from the eggs?

Just around the southern point is Crofton Pulp Mill pumping 55 million gallons of highly poisonous effluent into the air and water every 24 hours.

The heron eggs didn't hatch for two years in a row.

Health workers in the valley note an alarming number of miscarriages and birth defects.

What are we going to do about it?

MATTHEW COLEMAN,
Salt Spring.

Unselfish contribution

We wish to convey our sincere thanks to the Ganges and Fulford firefighters, department of forestry, inmates from Brannan Lake and Wilkinson Road Correctional Centres, our daughter Terrie who packed drinking water all night, to the firefighters, and all others who assisted that are too numerous to mention, who worked so hard to contain and put out the fire on our Stewart Road property.

We had never realized the importance of all these men who so ably donate their time and experience to assist the residents of the island.

Many had worked a full day at their own jobs, then willingly worked gruelingly under very hard conditions through the night. Some even worked until late the following day.

During this time, they faced many hardships such as intense heat, heavy smoke conditions, not to say the danger of trying to manoeuvre hoses and equipment in sheer darkness and over heavy terrain.

It was unbelievable how hard they worked.

The residents of Salt Spring are extremely fortunate to have these men to rely on, if and when a situation such as this arises. They should be very proud of them. Words cannot say how we appreciate your help. To each and every one of you, many thanks.

Also, I would like to mention, later this month the Ganges and Fulford firefighters will be canvassing, as they do each year, for contributions in aid of Muscular Dystrophy. It would be a nice gesture to show our firefighters our appreciation of the services they so unselfishly give. Support them with your donations to this very worthy cause.

THE FRASER FAMILY,
Fulford.

She wasn't there

In response to M. Korrison's letter of May 3. I find it most interesting that someone who did not witness an event can comment upon it, in such detail. To the best of my knowledge M. Korrison did not attend the meeting she refers to.

Furthermore, when an open letter was written to the parents of the GISS graduating class of 1989 (Driftwood, April 12) inviting attendance at the Sea Capers meeting of April 13, two parents and one graduating student attended.

The closed committee meeting which took place April 20 was to discuss a motion which was passed at the April 13 meeting.
SIONA ROOK,
Ganges.

Appreciation

Salt Spring Island Preschool would like to express our appreciation to Mike Tyson of Ganges Village Market and Neil of Goodwill Bottling in Victoria for their generous donations of juice and cups used by the preschool to raise funds during the "Making Tomorrow" conference in Victoria. Their generosity ensured the success of our efforts to raise funds which will be used to purchase needed equipment and supplies for our school. Thanks again from all of us!

LINDA ADAMS,
Secretary.

Thank you

I would like to thank all who donated and helped towards the garage sale in aid of Save The Children Fund of B.C. on April 15; also all students who performed at the two concerts on April 29; not forgetting a big thank you to the audience for their support, parents and music teachers. Thank you.
JEAN KNIGHT,

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VICTORIA — Better wages, Health Minister Peter Dueck told the Registered Nurses Association last week, will not attract more nurses.

Excuse me, minister, if that is the case, how come so many nurses are packing their bags to go to other provinces or the United States? Nurses are being wooed away from British Columbia almost as fast as we can train them. The reasons: better wages and better working conditions.

The B.C. Nurses Union has been without a contract since March. Negotiations for a new contract broke off more than a week ago. Even though the union indicated that it was willing to reduce its demands to keep negotiations going, the Health Labour Relations Association, bargaining on behalf of the province, remained entrenched. No more money was the message.

I recently had the misfortune to have to spend four days in hospital. I also had the great fortune to be looked after by nurses whose competence and attitude I'm not surprised to find in great demand.

I'll spare you the gruesome details — I'm just kidding — of my post-operative treatment. Suffice it to say that I and my fellow patients could not have possibly been in better hands. And who better to judge the quality of nursing care than the patients. They certainly get a closer look at it than Dueck does from his office in the Parliament Buildings.

And it isn't just their professionalism and remarkably cheerful attitude that makes most — maybe not all — of their demands reasonable. At times, they put limb, if not life on the line.

One night, a patient in the next ward got a little out of hand and, probably in a delirium, gave one of the nurses a black eye. Just what would the minister say goes with the territory?

At first glance, the nurses' demands may sound too rich for the taxpayers' purse. They are asking for an across-the-board increase of about 33 per cent. Examining that demand against the nurses' current salaries, however, makes them look a little less greedy.

Compared with other jobs, pay is not a lot

The entry level for a general-duty nurse in B.C. now stands at \$15 an hour. The maximum a general-duty nurse can earn is \$17.43 an hour. Few nurses make more than about \$30,000 a year. Compared with other jobs, that's not a lot. Considering the responsibilities, the job of a nurse should be worth considerably more.

The nurses are also asking for improvements in working conditions and job security. They would like to be better protected against technological change and simple layoffs in the wake of any cost-saving measures the government may introduce without warning.

The maximum wage of a general-duty nurse places British Columbia sixth in Canada, behind the federal government, Ontario, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec. Small wonder then that a lot of nurses who have no pressing reason to stay here are leaving B.C. for greener pastures.

U.S. jurisdictions are holding frequent recruitment drives in Vancouver. In many instances, a nurse hiring on with a hospital in the United States will earn in excess of \$50,000 U.S. a year. That's a powerful incentive to leave British Columbia.

The figures back up claims that a lot of nurses are, indeed, leaving the province. Last January, the number of vacancies in B.C. reached 490. In January 1985, there were only 240 vacancies.

It seems to me that accommodating the nurses' demands, at least in part, would make good sense all around. Training nurses is expensive. If we leave them open to the temptation of accepting jobs in other jurisdictions, the money spent on training is wasted.

If the government is determined to save money on the delivery of health care, there are better ways. One of them is the expansion of the home-nursing care system.

Rather than having patients on the mend take up expensive hospital space, they are visited by a nurse once, twice or even three times a day. A dressing can be changed just as well in the home as in hospital. The important thing is that it's a lot less expensive.

The best health care infrastructure is useless, unless patient care is delivered by a well-trained and highly dedicated staff. And that doesn't come cheap.

Think about that if and when the nurses decide to walk off the job, which may well happen soon.

District gets \$700,000 for projects

Provincial Education Minister Tony Brummet announced this week that a total of \$703,900 in funding has been approved for the Gulf Islands school district.

"The government is meeting the commitment made on January 27 to more than double its spending on school capital programs," Brummet said in a news release. "The government will spend up to \$200 million on major school construction projects in each of the next two fiscal years and over the next six years will spend up to \$1.5 billion on school construction."

Gulf Islands school board secretary-treasurer Ken Starling told Driftwood that some of the money will be used for planning, while the rest is to be used either for new construction or purchasing a new site for Salt Spring Elementary School.

"Of the \$703,900 the district will spend \$53,900 in the planning stages of the new addition at Fulford Elementary," Starling said. "The remaining \$650,000 will be used by the board to either pur-

chase a new site for a school or to enlarge the present site of the Gulf Islands Secondary and Salt Spring Elementary School. Some of that money will also be used for plan-

ning. But either way, we have a long way to go with planning before any final decisions are made."

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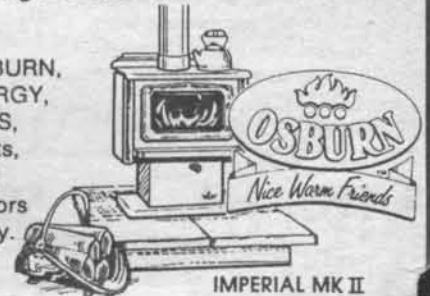


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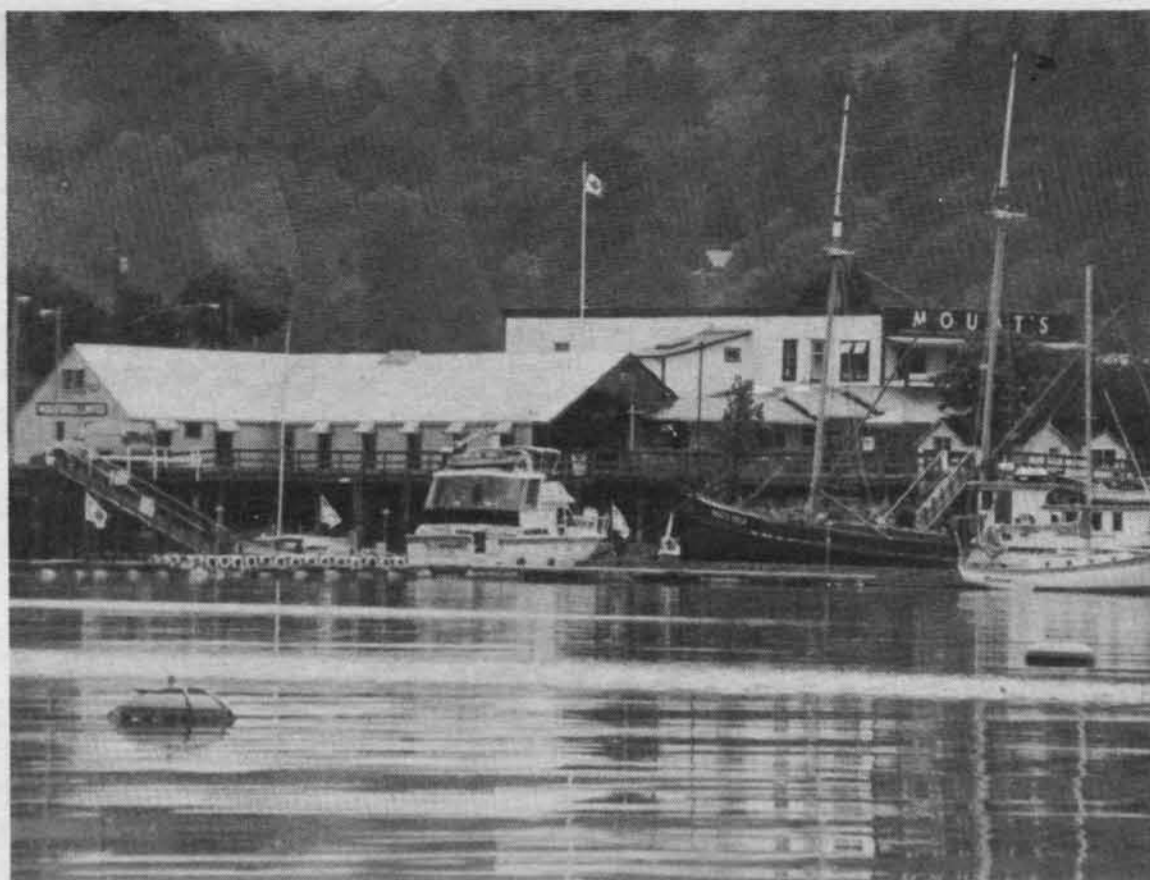
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Sea view of Ganges Harbour and old Mouat's building illustrates the one part of downtown Ganges which has not undergone major changes.

Mischief charge laid after tires slashed on RCMP vehicle

RCMP Constable Gary Styles was at the scene of a car accident when he noted a car driving irregularly down the road. He signalled for it to pull over, and formed the opinion the driver was impaired.

He loaded the driver into the police vehicle and, believing the passenger was also impaired, confiscated the vehicle's keys. He then took the driver to the local detachment to obtain breathalyzer samples. Sometime later, the pas-

senger arrived at the detachment to bail out his friend.

Styles asked him how he got to the station. A taxi, came the response. A non-police vehicle, sitting in the detachment parking lot, caused Styles to question this response.

He informed the individual that should he get behind the wheel of that vehicle, and attempt to drive out, he would be followed by the police car.

Approximately 10 minutes later, Auxiliary Constable Jim

Stewart arrived at the detachment. He informed Styles the police vehicle had a flat tire. A quick check by Styles indicated his vehicle had two flat tires. Two slashed tires.

Styles heard a rustle in the bushes behind the parking lot, investigated the sound, and found the passenger. He charged the individual with mischief to public property, and placed him, along with his driver friend, in the detachment cells for the night.

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Carnations to be sold for annual MS drive

The annual "Carnation Day Campaign" is about to get under way this week, to help fund research into finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

MS is a disease of the central nervous system which affects one out of every 1,000 western Canadians. While research is under way, at this time there is still no known cure. This year, for the first time in three years, Salt Spring Island has an MS co-ordinator. Karen Eckstein, of Ganges, will be in charge of the program and she is looking for some volunteer help. "There are several groups on the island that have said they will help, but we could still use some more people," she said. "The Rotary Club, the grad class, several church groups and service clubs, along with Arvid Chalmers and the staff of Pemberton Holmes have all said they will join forces with us to make this a successful campaign."

Eckstein said that two tables will be set up to sell carnations, one at the Saturday Market and the other in front of Mout's Mall.

Eckstein became the co-ordinator for the island quite by accident. "I have MS myself," she said. "When I heard they were looking for canvassers here I thought I should help out. About three days later I received a phone call asking me to be the co-ordinator because there hadn't been an organized campaign here since 1986."

While this is the first time she has been in charge of this campaign, she said she is confident it



Karen Eckstein

will do well. "Salt Spring Island residents have always been generous in supporting worthwhile campaigns," she said. "The people here have a lot of compassion for others in need."

MS is a disease which usually affects people between the ages of 20 and 40 - during their most productive years. It is the most common central nervous system disease among young adults in Canada. On Salt Spring Island alone there are about three dozen people suffering from MS.

Scientists have made some great inroads into understanding the disease, but are still a long way from developing a cure. Anyone interested in helping out with the campaign, which is taking place both Friday and Saturday, may contact Karen Eckstein at 537-4545.

more letters

Find us a place

I am writing in regards to the article, "Ganges RCMP to move against parties at beach."

It is true that when we gather down on the beach it is noisy, there is drinking, some fighting, foul language, and the beach is usually left a mess. I have noticed that before 12:30 the parties are usually pretty quiet, not music wise, but when the pubs close down, there is the older kids that come down to the beach and bring a new supply of alcohol and more foul language, and fighting. I'm not saying that there is none before 12:30 but there is more after.

I can understand that because we are minors, we shouldn't be down on a public beach, drinking or even drinking at all. But if we can't go to the beach, where can we go? T.J.'s closes at 10:30-11:00 pm. Would you rather us be down in town doing more damage than we do down on the beach?

All we are asking is that you provide us with a place to go on Friday and Saturday nights. I can't guarantee that the parties on the beaches will stop, but they may not be as regular.

MICHELLE TURNER,
Ganges.

'Late ferry' supported

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee would like to express our support for "The Late Ferry" as outlined in Respect, and applause goes out to our pioneers of recycling here on

Salt Spring. I'm sure they sense that the day is soon approaching where they will be taken seriously by all waste managers.

GARY LUNDY,
Ganges.

Violated

Does B.C. Hydro have the power to walk onto one's property, to chop trees to ground level, and to carve a 20-foot gap in privately-owned woods for the sake of some wires? Does B.C. Hydro never consult with the owner of the property? Not even if the owner is just a phone call away? Do they have the right to destroy seclusion, purchased at considerable cost?

I am just wondering because we arrived one afternoon to find 30 trees chopped to the ground by people who, it seems, had never heard of "topping" trees and, without benefit of easement, had removed a sound barrier which took years to grow.

On Salt Spring Island one would think that there would be a greater sensitivity to land and to the preservation of the environment. There is a sense in which our family feels violated and it is certain this desecration is irreparable.

ANN SHEPHERD,
Ganges.

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Galiano Island hosts AA meet

Over 100 people attended the first annual Alcoholics Anonymous Round-up on Galiano Island last weekend.

Members, newcomers, family and guests travelled from Vancouver, Seattle, Vancouver Island, Salt Spring and Oregon to the May 5, 6 and 7 convention.

Organizers expressed surprise at the number of people who

turned out for the event. Alcoholics Anonymous Round-ups typically invite speakers from outside the area to discuss and share their problematic experiences with drinking. At the Galiano meeting a Saturday night banquet, held at the Community Hall, invited individuals to stand and identify how long they had been sober.

The time varied from 30 years to one week.

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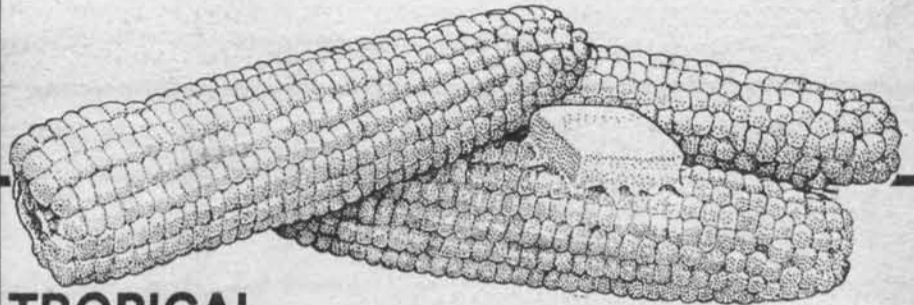
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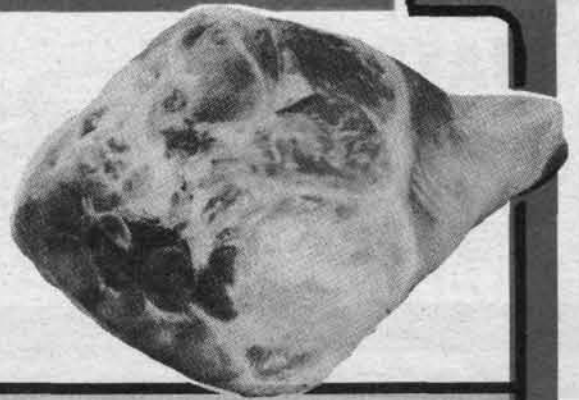
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your garden

by *chris schmah*



Without a doubt, May is the busiest month of the year in the garden with all of the cleanup, planting and preparation chores coming to a critical level of activity at the same time. Last week we managed to cover much of what should be done this month, but a few timely chores remain to be dealt with.

In the vegetable garden, the first seedlings have already burst out of the ground, and demand some attention at this time. Thin out the row-seeded veggies before they become too dense, as overcrowding slows growth and development. Radishes lettuce, carrots, peas, chard and spinach are but a few which require this effort now.

Successive seedings of these crops can also be undertaken again around mid-month to give continuous yields. A late sowing of broad beans may be done right away, and the main crop of veggies such as beans, corn, beets, turnips, corn salad, endive, New Zealand spinach, and herbs such as dill, summer savory, and marjoram should also be direct sown at this time. Wait until the end of the month before sowing out the soybeans, limas, pintos and dwarf beans.

Early potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, globe artichokes, rhubarb, asparagus, onion sets, shallots and garlic of all types should be planted at this time. In all honesty, garlic fares much better if set out in the fall, to give it time to develop a full root system for the spring growing season. Started broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts, cabbage, celery, leek, bunching onion, and sweet Spanish onion (white, yellow and red) plants should be set out in the next week or so.

All of the brassica plants should be transplanted into holes which have had a handful of dolomite lime mixed in well to give a pre-emptive strike against any possible existing club root fungus. The celery, leeks and onions should go into a rich, deeply worked soil which has had some rock phosphate or bonemeal worked in and a dusting of wood ash at four ounces per yard, to facilitate rapid, full development.

Plants set out too soon only go backwards

The leeks should be planted deep, with only an inch of their four-inch height showing above the soil surface. Making the holes with a pencil or dibble will enable you to drop them in to this depth, and then rather than backfilling, a good watering will settle the soil around the stems and roots.

Vegetables such as tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, squash, pumpkins, zucchini and eggplant shouldn't be set out for a couple more weeks unless you're willing to take a risk, or will give them evening protection. Temperatures that fall below 50 deg F are detrimental to their development, and plants set out too soon only go backwards.

While basil may be started from seed now, it shouldn't be set out until early June. The first to go out, around the middle of the month, are tomatoes. Prepare a rich, deeply worked soil, then remove the seed leaves, and first true leaves, set the transplants deep enough to bury the stem up to the remaining leaves, and to encourage even more vigorous rooting, set the plants in at an angle, facing the stake to which they will be tied.

In the flower garden you can sow out larkspur, calendula, alyssum and poppies, taking care to water them lightly but frequently enough to prevent any drying out. Started snapdragons, petunias, marigolds, marguerites, alyssum, pansies, phlox, dianthus, schizanthus, lobelia, salpiglossis, calendula, tagetes, and mesembryanthemum can now be safely planted out into beds and planter boxes.

You should wait until later in the month for better weather before planting out zinnias, portulaca, begonias, salvia, ageratum, and impatiens, unless the area is warm and protected. Fuchsia, geranium, begonia, impatiens, ice plant, lotus vine, and brachycome baskets should be set out in the daytime and brought in under some protection, under eaves, carport, or porch to avoid exposure to cooler evening temperatures.

Pinch out the growing tips of your snaps, marigolds, marguerites, calendulas, petunias, ageratum, stocks, and phlox when they reach four to six inches, so that they will develop a fuller bushier form, and flower more profusely. Pinch out the growing tips of your fuchsias one more time to develop better branching, but remember that it take six weeks for regrowth and budding up, before any blooms show up again.

As the blooms are finished on any annuals, pick off the blossoms, before they waste energy and set seed. Remember to fertilize every three weeks with 20-20-20 or other soluble, balanced plant food to ensure continued blooming. If the heat gets to your pansies, and they finish blooming, shear them back to about six inches and let them regrow to bloom again later in the season.

Relocate boxes

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Canada Post Corporation, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Re: Mail boxes at RR3, Crofton Rd. at Ganges.

My mail is delivered to one of the above boxes which is one of the busiest street corners in Ganges. It is extremely dangerous for any one of us to collect our mail there, and I hope our Mounties are not going to wait for an accident to happen before changing their location.

Another good reason for relocating the above mentioned boxes is the huge quantities of unwanted junk mail, which causes too much litter. Since nobody wants it, it gets thrown on the ground, or shoved into unused boxes. No one really cares to take junk mail home. So a heavy garbage disposal container would be appreciated at the site.

A much more suitable location would be on the same side of the road as the Ganges Village Market, because there is ample parking and easier entry and exit.

Complaints to the local postmaster, the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and the police have met with no success. So I trust you will investigate this matter — and take steps to relocate these boxes as soon as possible and before someone gets killed.

I understand permission to relocate mail boxes must come from Ottawa.

ALICE TESTER,
Ganges.

Move to city

Sir, this is an open letter to all residents of Salt Spring Island who are now hotly debating the proposed Isabella Point ferry terminal.

Sarah and I, we used to live on Salt Spring, but its restful pace became intolerable for our freewheeling spirits, so ... we moved to the city — bright lights, long nights, scary sights, and shopping galore.

The point is: if you want the fast lane, move to where it is available; don't insist that a restful community be converted (subverted) (perverted). You can't have your cake and eat it too!

We think that it is great that it is a hassle to get to the island via the present ferry system, hike the ferry fares also!

more letters

The people who live on Salt Spring made a choice to live in its community, no one nailed them down, no one says they have to stay. Make a choice and live by it! If the island is too inaccessible for you, don't live there.

Salt Spring is a beautiful and peaceful community, why do some people insist on changing it into something it was never meant to be?

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New York Times

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Tourist information volunteer Dorrie Cherry supplies help to island visitor Arlene Glenzie, of Ottawa.

Grant helps with renovation job

Tourist information centre at Ganges will soon be ready for the tourists, thanks to a lottery fund grant from the provincial government.

A renovation job is under way at the centre with the help of the \$2,832 grant. Operated by the island chamber of commerce, the centre provides information and help to more than 20,000 visitors annually. Chamber president Jack Cherry told Driftwood that the renovations include new heat, carpet, brochure racks, some work on the roof, exterior painting and a wheelchair ramp.

Cherry expressed appreciation for the contribution to the project by

Warren Langley Signs, Arlene Dashwood of Burritt Bros. Carpets and carpenters Sam Cochrane and Ben Hollander.

In other chamber news, plans are being firmed up for the organization's first-ever lamb barbecue, slated for Saturday, May 20 on the grounds of the Harbour House Hotel. The fund-raising event will feature live entertainment by local performers and barbecued island lamb.

The lamb will be served from 11 am to 6 pm, at \$7 a plate. Entertainment will be offered from 11 till 7.

Judy Kelly's Island Transit Service will offer bus service to the barbecue from Long Harbour for

foot passengers aboard the afternoon sailing from Tsawwassen and from Fulford Harbour for the 8.45, 10.15 and 11.45 sailings from Swartz Bay. The bus will return passengers to Fulford throughout the afternoon, with the last bus leaving at 7.40 pm.

The barbecue will coincide with the Painters' Guild show at Mahon Hall and the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club's around-the-island race. Chamber directors will be finalizing details for the barbecue at their regular meeting tonight (Wednesday). The executive meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the Harbour House Hotel.

Highways crews, students praised

Highways crews and students at Salt Spring Island were offered praise by directors of the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce last week.

Chamber president Jack Cherry told Driftwood that the highways maintenance crews have offered to provide fill for the site of the dinghy dock in Ganges, which is part of the waterfront walkway project. The fill will be deposited near the Mobile Market building, site of the proposed dock.

Cherry also observed that local crews were quick to respond to a

request for work on Mt. Maxwell Road. When a visitor told the chamber that the road was in rough shape, a call to the highways yard brought fast action on repairs to the road, which leads to Mt. Maxwell Park.


Director Terra Tepper, meanwhile, had praise for grade 8 students at Ganges who put their efforts into spring clean-up last week.

She said the students "did a marvellous job" cleaning up garbage between Centennial Park and the Upper Ganges Centre.

Legion officers named

Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion elected its slate of officers and members of the executive on May 1.

President is Ivan Mouat; first vice-president, Ken MacKenzie; and second vice-president, Betty Galt. Named to a two-year term on the executive were Phil Ritson, Ted O'Sullivan and Brian Gooding. Name to one-year terms were Kathy McCurdy and John Noakes.



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It's not often that a news story wobbles me with a three-punch combination, but this one did.

The first jolt was the news that he was dead.

The second jolt was the fact that it was suicide.

The third jolt, oddly enough, was the revelation that he was 52 years old. Fifty-two? Impossible. He couldn't be more than ... I dunno, 35, 40 maybe?

Some people you don't expect to age, much less die and Abbie Hoffman was one of those. In my mind, Abbie Hoffman was always going to be the skinny Yippie firebrand with the jungle of lustrous black hair on his head and a T-shirt made out of the U.S. flag on his back. Always confronting cops or judges. Always being arrested or tried. That's what Abbie Hoffman was famous for and that's what I assumed he'd always do.

I never figured on him dying.

But die he did last month — and not very gloriously either. His landlord found him lying fully dressed under the bedcovers in his New Hope, Pennsylvania apartment. The autopsy revealed that he'd gobbled a fistful of phenobarbitols and washed them down with booze.

He played the media like a piccolo

That's a shabby final chapter for a guy who captured headlines through the turbulent Sixties and almost — hell, did rewrite history. He had a marvellous sense of guerrilla theatre and he played the media like a piccolo. Abbie's the guy who slipped into the visitor's gallery overlooking the New York Stock Exchange and caused a near riot by showering the brokers on the trading floor with handfuls of dollar bills. The sight of grown men in suits fist-fighting over dollar bills and rooting like hogs on the stock exchange floor said more about the dark side of capitalism than any Marxist manifesto ever could.

It was Hoffman and friends who outraged Middle America by nominating a 300-pound pig for president. He was also one of the principals in that famous Chicago trial which began as a prosecution of eight radical dissidents, and wound up as a searing revelation of America's judicial underbelly.

But those were Abbie's Glory Days. The years that followed the Sixties were not kind to him. He was busted for cocaine in 1974, jumped bail and disappeared. After six years of hiding under an assumed name he resurfaced, pleaded guilty and went to jail. When he got out he scuffled around, filling in as a disc jockey in New York. He hit the college lecture circuit with his old fellow activist Jerry Rubin, but there wasn't a lot of interest in a couple of tubby, graying Yuppies rehashing the Days of Rage.

He was diagnosed as manic-depressive

So Hoffman toured campuses solo, up and down the continent ranting against the apathy he found. The response was, well, apathetic. En route to a speaking engagement last year, Hoffman suffered a car accident that left him in chronic, nagging pain.

Hoffman had mental problems too. He was diagnosed as manic-depressive and was supposed to be on medication to counter his mood swings. Friends say he unaccountably stopped taking his prescribed drugs last year.

So why'd he kill himself? I guess a doctor would say he killed himself because he neglected to take the drugs that would have prevented him from feeling like killing himself.

I imagine a romantic would say he killed himself because he could no longer stand the complacent, self-satisfied Me-Firstism of the Eighties.

His old pal Jerry Rubin said something like that at his funeral: "At one level he fell victim to brain chemistry. On another level ... he died of a broken heart. He sees all the pain in the world. He sees no one cares."

Hoffman also got to see, in his latter years, the transformation of his counter-culture pal Jerry Rubin from fire-in-the-belly Yippie revolutionary to pin-striped Yuppie Wall Street margins trader.

No doubt that, as much as anything, broke his heart.

police blotter

★ Two Salt Spring women suffered minor injuries after their vehicles collided on Robinson Road May 4.

The 65-year-old driver of one vehicle was charged with failing to produce a driver's licence, and issued a 24-hour driving suspension.

Both drivers suffered bruising. A total \$1,800 in damages were sustained by the vehicles involved in the incident, which occurred at approximately 6 pm.

★ A 46-year-old Ganges man has been charged with refusing to provide a breath sample after he was stopped on Vesuvius Bay Road last week.

Local police were clearing up an accident on Vesuvius Bay Road, when RCMP Constable Gary Styles noted the vehicle approaching. He signalled for it to pull over, took the driver to the detachment, where he refused to submit to a breathalyzer test.

Refusing to provide a breath sample carries the same penalties as impaired driving.

★ An open car window and a bee were the cause of a single motor vehicle accident on Fulford-Ganges Road last week.

A 30-year-old Salt Spring man was driving near Charlesworth Road, when a bee flew in the window. As he attempted to swat it away, he lost control of his vehicle, swerved off the road and into the ditch.

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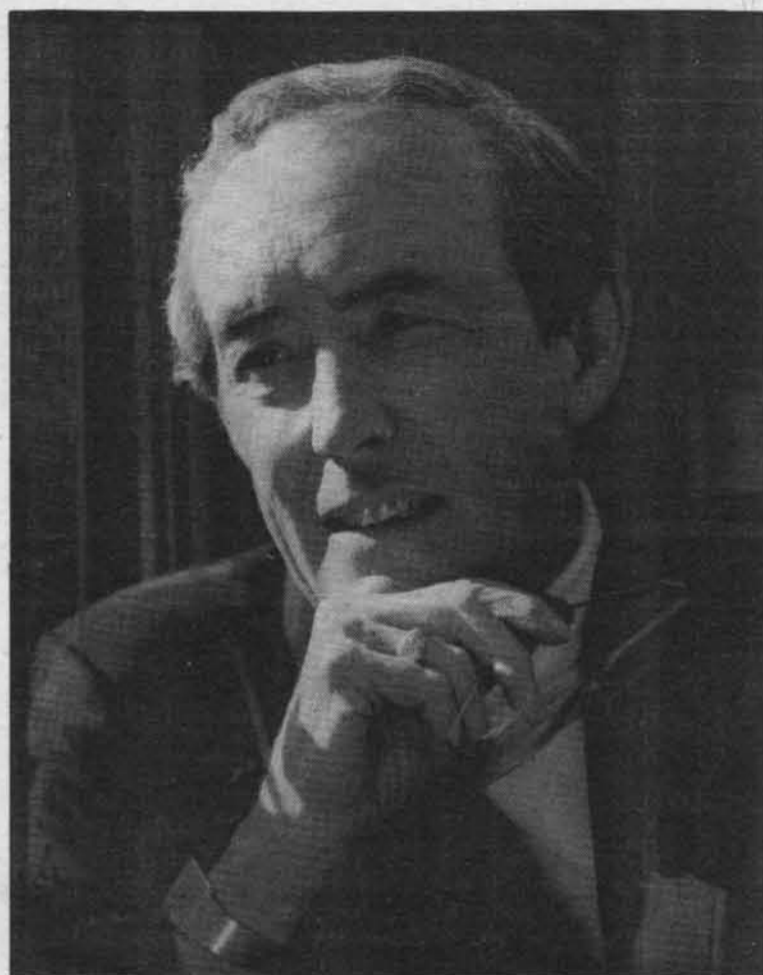
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Don has had extensive career in the theatre. As founder of the Musicians' and Actors' Club and the MAC Theatre he was responsible for laying the groundwork and developing what is now Theatre Calgary. In his extensive work in both amateur and professional theatre he has trained actors and technicians who are now highly respected professionals

working in theatre companies throughout Canada.

Among his many theatrical credits as producer, director, scenic designer, choreographer, artistic director, theatre manager, and occasionally as an actor, Don has worked in operas, musicals, dramas, cabarets, television, and ice shows. With this extensive background he was able to bring to his teaching assignments some very unique skills that resulted in fully staged musical productions of *Oliver*, *The Mikado*, *Salad Days*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat*; as well as his fresh, exciting and highly motivating approach to reading, Readers Theatre.

Readers Theatre is the fastest growing innovation in art and education although it is not new. It may have had beginnings in the classical Greek theatre. Companies of players of considerable stature — Raymond Massey, Charles Laughton, Agnes Moorehead, Charles Boyer, Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Judith Anderson, Tyrone Power and others — toured Canada and the United States presenting their dramatic readings to enthusiastic audiences wherever they played. It has been — and still is — alive and well in drama departments at most universities. Several universities in the United States offer doctoral degrees in Readers Theatre.

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Tuned Air performs at Orpheum for 900

Thirty-six people from Salt Spring Island stood on the Orpheum stage May 7, and gave a performance they will never forget to an audience of about 900 people. Tagged the "choir from overseas," Salt Spring's Tuned Air was one of 16 choirs that performed in Sunday's Parade of Choirs at the Vancouver theatre.

"What was really interesting was the variety of choirs," said singer Willow Stevenson. The bill included a men's barbershop choir, an all-Chinese choir, which performed a classical Chinese number, and four children's choirs. Tuned Air, which was formed under the conductorship of

Bruce Ruddell last year, sang "A Welsh Lullaby," familiar to some as a theme song from the movie *Empire of the Sun*.

The local choir was the only group at the Orpheum not from the Lower Mainland area. The Parade of Choirs was organized by the British Columbia Choral Federation (BCCF), which Tuned Air joined last fall. Participation in the federation gives the group access to special workshops and conferences.

Sunday's event gave the choir a "great opportunity to sing in such a wonderful building, and become part of its history," said Stevenson.

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Nuclear family

String of Canada goslings paddling after their parents off Ganges spit, by the Salt Spring Sailing Club, are captured by determined, web-footed Driftwood photographer.

Readers Theatre

All age groups can participate

From Page A16

We have not seen much of this art form in the past 20 to 30 years because it does not lend itself well to film and television which rely primarily on the visual component. But the high cost of fully-staged productions has had a very positive effect on the increasing popularity of Readers Theatre as an art form.

It relies almost totally on the literary component and appropriate use of voice. One attends a production or concert to hear a performance rather than see one, much as one attends the symphony, or as one listens to a radio play but watches a television show. It provides an aesthetic experience for the readers and audience alike.

Sometimes called "Theatre Of The Mind," this style of performance possesses the power to engage an audience in ways that even fully-staged productions may fail to do. Players can immerse an

audience in the text through suggestion, economic use of the face and the body, and an expressive voice, providing some of the main ingredients of a rewarding theatrical presentation. The audience completes the experience with the involvement of its imagination.

Performers working in this art form do not require the same intensive training as the generalist "actor." Fluent readers with distinctive and expressive voices willing to devote some time to the study of the specific skills of oral interpretation can become a member of a Readers Theatre company. Furthermore, there is never any need to memorize a script. One needs, of course, to be fully rehearsed and to develop an in-depth understanding of the passage and the inter-relationships with other players, but presentations are always done with script-in-hand or from lecterns or podiums.

Physical stature and age are seldom of consideration in casting a Readers Theatre production. With emphasis on the quality and flexibility of the voice, casting of a production is more often dependent on the demands of the role. A Readers Theatre company should be made up of players of all ages — juveniles to senior citizens — there are no limits.

Off Centre Stage invites all those interested in being a member of such a Readers Theatre Repertory Company to attend information meetings on Thursday, May 18 or Saturday, May 20. The May 18 meetings will be held as follows: Seniors, 1:30 to 2:30; juniors, 3 to 4; teenagers, 4 to 5; adults 7:30 to 8:30. The Saturday meetings will be at 1:30 and 3:00 for all ages. For more information call Off Centre Stage, 537-5211, or Don Boyes at 537-2517.

— Article contributed.

Margaret Mayo is president

Members of Miriam Temple, Daughters of the Nile, from Nanaimo, Duncan and Victoria came together with the local Madrona Club for their annual installation ceremony, conducted by Queen Anne Baines.

The meeting was preceded by a luncheon at the Fulford Inn.

Elected were the following: president, Margaret Mayo; vice-

president, Marion Andrew; secretary, Muriel Leash; treasurer, Elizabeth Morgan.

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by gary cherneff



Not long ago there was a documentary on CBC television's "Pacific Report" which recorded an artist's expedition to the Comox Glaciers. The idea was to create some public interest in environmental concerns by having high profile artists create art works inspired by the experience on the glacier.

In principle, it was a worthwhile undertaking for artists, environmentalists and media people alike. However, in practice, the CBC faltered badly in its attempts to relate in a serious way the mechanism by which the works of art were actually realized.

Oh yes, the CBC and host Terry Glecoff did a creditable job in explaining the logistics of the expedition. We got ominous weather reports and great shots of Canadian Forces Base helicopters doing their heroic resource operations. We saw the wonderful job CFB Comox did in setting up base camp with gourmet cooking facilities. But in comparison, the coverage of the artist's role in the whole escapade was at best incomplete and at worst, shallow, uninformed and non-investigative TV journalism.

Yes we saw Toni Onley paint the stark mountain face nudging through the blanket of ice and snow, and we heard artist Alan Wood talk of just beginning to understand the B.C. landscape. But we didn't see them really working through their ideas in a rigorous manner when they returned to their studios.

What CBC recorded was only the initial encounter with the stimulus. There was no follow-up in depth on the artistic process. In the end, all we saw of the final work was a pretty hokey reception in Comox, where trite comments were made about the cut that was barely visible on the TV screen.

Artists love to goof around in the snow

What the CBC told the public about artists was that they are out of good physical condition, they love to goof around in the snow, and can be terribly flippant and ridiculous in front of a TV camera. I think the CBC owes one to all the artists who were offended by this bad production.

Are you interested in computer arts or design photography? Or how about the fundamentals of video and filmmaking? Emily Carr College of Art and Design has a summer school which runs from the beginning of July to August.

Computer Arts One is a basic course which introduces the student to the microcomputer as a visual arts tool. You can learn to use the paint program and digitizer to create images and capture images from other media.

The animation course introduces the basics of animation: motion, tempo, production for image and sound, purpose and design.

Many Salt Springers may remember Doug Biden, who came to the island several years ago with the Emily Carr Print Mobile. He is offering instruction in expressive print making at the ECCAD summer school.

Other courses at the college include: screen printing; landscape painting; drawing the human figure; ceramic sculpture; papermaking; bookmaking; and ceramic tableware.

More information is available from ECCAD, 1399 Johnston Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3R9 or phone 687-2345.

Working Girl nominated for several awards

This week's movie presentation at Island Cinema gained much favourable attention from critics and was nominated for numerous Academy Awards.

"Working Girl," showing Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14 at 8 pm, received Academy Award nominations for best picture, best actress, best supporting actress and best director. It took the Oscar for best original song.

Combining excellent direction, quality performances and a clever script, "Working Girl" tells the story of a secretary who dreams of rising to the top in the brokerage business. Played by Melanie Griffith, Tess is able to do just that by impersonating her viperish boss (Sigourney Weaver).

Harrison Ford plays the movie's love interest, as a nervous and gawkily charming business man.

This film is a very smooth, light comedy, with enough modern-day feminine realism, to make it credible.

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Ballerinas to perform

The Salt Spring branch of Continuing Education is inviting the public to attend a dance recital at Mahon Hall.

On Wednesday, May 17, at 7 pm, Sue Bowler's ballet and tap classes will perform classical and contemporary dance routines, demonstrating skills acquired through the Continuing Education dance program.

These ballerinas — aged four and up — have been practising for this recital since September. The performance will culminate the year's dance classes.

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down the years

Thirty Years Ago

The ice-breaker "Camsell" arrived in Ganges Harbour yesterday bearing Department of Transport officials and other dignitaries on an inspection trip of some of the docking facilities in this part of B.C. The officials met for a short time with Gavin Mouat, president of the Gulf Islands Ferry Company, and Des Crofton, director of the ferry company.

The "Camsell," under the command of Capt. A.F. Davidson, was named in honour of Dr. Chas. Camsell, former deputy minister of mines, commissioner of the Northwest Territories and renowned explorer of the Canadian Arctic. The 223-foot-long vessel will be leaving for the western Arctic Ocean in July where it will be on duty for three months.

The staff residence at Lady Minto Hospital was the scene of a presentation to Mrs. Nels Degnen, former matron of the hospital. Mrs. Degnen resigned after serving as matron for 16 years. Dr. Francis presented her with a watch as a gift from the staff of the hospital, and expressed thanks and appreciation for her many years of service.

Twenty Five Years Ago

Weather observer H.J. Carlin reported a very dry April, with only .38 inches of rain. However, it was also colder than average for this time of year, with a high temperature of 62 degrees on April 24 and a low of 31 degrees on the 18th. The maximum mean temperature for the month was 54.1 degrees and the minimum was 38.9 degrees.

Dave Maxwell of Morningside Road celebrated his 91st birthday this week. Born on the island in 1873, Mr. Maxwell now says he "does what he pleases." Growing up on the old Maxwell farm at Burgoyne Bay, he fondly remembers his chores of those days: cutting wood, bringing in the cows and shearing sheep.

An adventurous Irishman, his father walked from Pittsburgh to California for the gold rush of '49. When he heard about the subsequent gold rush on the Fraser, he came north. The cold weather disagreed with him, so with another Irishman he bought a sloop and came to settle on Salt Spring. Mr. Maxwell said his family would travel to Victoria twice a year for supplies. Flour by the half ton and sugar by the barrel, most of their other supplies, other than coal oil, were grown on the farm.

Marshall Sharp was startled last week when a letter arrived at his house just four days after it had been posted in the eastern United States. What is even more interesting is the letter was misdirected on the trip and ended up in Seoul, Korea, and then came back to Ganges. The letter was posted on April 26 and landed in Marshall's mail box on May 1.

Twenty Years Ago

Two men have drowned this year around the Gulf Islands. On May 5 the body of Walter James Edgell, 82, was recovered from

Ganges Harbour. Earlier in the year, on April 19, Bertil William Grunberg of Burnaby fell out of his boat while fishing on Magic Lake on Pender Island and drowned. The coroner stated that the cause of death was asphyxiation due to accidental drowning.

May Queen for the Fulford May Day festivities would be Nicola Toynbee. Her princesses would be Fiona Seward and Patricia Deas. The three girls were chosen by the students of Gulf Islands Secondary School and would preside over the May Day festivities.

Papajohn reported from Saturna that while reading a book he came across a Latin word which described Dr. Parfitt's 16-sided cottage. The word is sextodecimo. He also reported that 24 children from Pinel, California, visited the Saturna free school.

The die-hards of the Ganges Legion bowled 1,007 to set a record for high score in one bowling game. The team of Jack Lamb, Kitty Lamb, Rowena Dixon, Howard Byron and Ken Dods turned the trick.

The Sechelt Queen has been refurbished and returned to duty in the Gulf Islands. She would replace the Queen of the Islands which would be transferred to a route with lighter traffic.

Fifteen Years Ago

The Islands Trust Act is of no value to those islands which are already mature and well-developed. In such cases it is duplicating the function of the regional districts, already capable of handling all the functions of the proposed Islands Trust.

Public meetings held in Ganges this week endorsed that summary of the act and unanimously opposed the new legislation. A meeting was called by the Salt Spring chamber of commerce to hear MLA Hugh Curtis speak on the legislation and to enable him to hear islanders' opinions.

A dance held in Ganges on Friday night turned into the streakers ball when a totally naked man "streaked" through the dancers. He ran unimpeded from one side of the dance floor to the other and disappeared into the unoccupied areas of the building.

Response to an opinion survey on the international park proposal was very impressive, noted Driftwood. Hundreds of islanders filled out and returned the ballot which had been printed in the newspaper. The replies were sent to the federal government to show how islanders felt about the issue.

Ten Years Ago

To innumerable Salt Spring Island musicians, piano players and music lovers, the death of Mrs. Doris Livingstone Crofton of Ganges represents a loss that may never be filled. She passed away on May 1. For 45 years she taught music on the island. Her pupils are all over the province. Her younger students learned music while her older students spent part of their time learning something of her philosophy when they were studying music. She was active in many different phases of island life.

A log dump in Fulford Harbour was rejected by the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee. Outer Bay

with driftwood

Logging Company had applied for permission to use the Cudmore dump. A petition signed by 130 south-end residents opposed the proposal.

The building fund for the Salt Spring Island library had grown to \$49,000. The amount represented \$11,000 in private donations, said library board chairman Don Kertland. \$1,000 had come from the Parks and Recreation Commission and \$37,000 from the provincial lottery fund.

Five Years Ago

A former Salt Spring Island parish priest, Rev. Francis Sutherland, died in Vancouver last week. He had celebrated his 84th birthday the day before his death. Rev. Sutherland was in charge of the two Salt Spring Island Catholic churches until he retired eight years ago.

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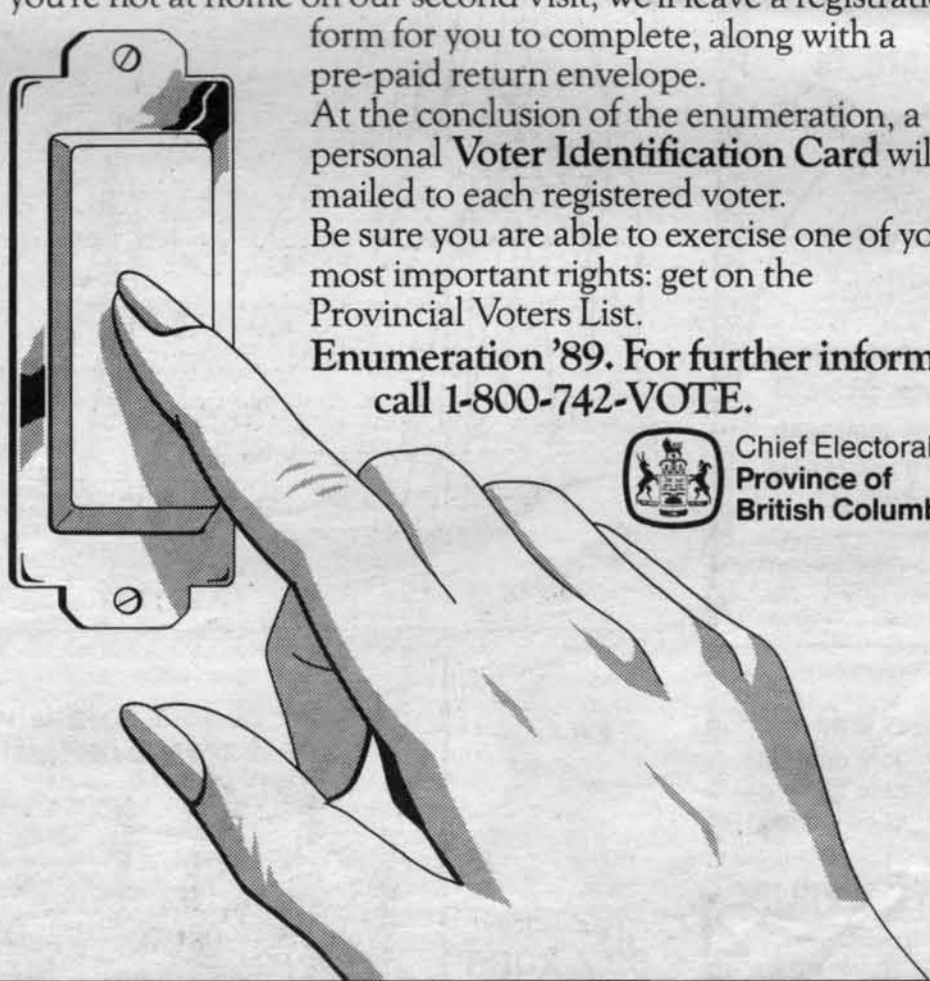
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The Salt Spring Island Club sailors will be competing for the Marshall Sharp trophy. However, this year a new feature has been added with Carling O'Keefe Breweries providing the "Fosters Light" trophy for the overall winner as well

as assisting in the social arrangements. In addition, there will be prizes awarded to the winners for each of up to four classes.

Registration will take place at the Club House (foot of Douglas Rd. off Beddis Rd.) Friday, May 19, between 4:00 and 9:00 pm, at which time race information will be provided. The Club floats are located on the west side of Ganges Harbour, just past Waller Spit. The entry fee is \$15.00 for skipper and boat plus \$3.00 for each crew member.

There will be a "Happy Hour" at the Club during registration (with chill provided) and following the race there will be the awarding of prizes plus a burger and beer brunch commencing at about 12 noon, May 21. The registration fee covers the costs of these social events.

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