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## Ministry may not make lands decision for years

A representative with the Ministry of Crown Lands said the ministry will not accept any applications for the 2,000 acres of crown land on Salt Spring until the "opportunity" study is done.

He added that any applications received, would have to be referred to the Islands Trust.

While the Trust's approval would not necessarily be needed to transfer

or sell the land to another group, Mike McGrenere, a development officer with the ministry, said it would not be appropriate to transfer the land unless the transfer was approved by the Trust.

He said the Trust would have to approve subdivision of the land into smaller parcels. Furthermore, the land would have to go through the

regular rezoning procedures before it was put to any use.

McGrenere told the *Driftwood* it could take years for the ministry to reach a decision on use of Salt Spring's Crown Lands. The opportunity study, currently being undertaken by an independent consultant, is only the start of what he expects to be a long process.

The results of the study will be

shown at a public meeting on March 27.

In the meantime, McGrenere added, the opportunity study will likely document several recommendations for each site. Parcels and applications will be looked at individually.

The ministry representative further stated it is more likely it would turn the land over to another provin-

cial ministry before giving it to a local body.

The Crown Land Use Coalition will meet again this week to consider some of its options before the March 27 open house.

Pat Byrne, who chairs that group, says what comes next largely depends on the consultant's report and the ministry's response to it.



Salt Spring Islanders Ryan Robley (left) and Henry Bade feed various pieces of brush into a crackling fire as they clear a local

property. The feeling of spring in the air has initiated numerous home and land improvement projects throughout the Gulf Islands.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

## Capers faces the axe

Sea Capers is in danger of foundering.

Organizers held a meeting March 12 to see if the annual Salt Spring celebration can be saved. Only a few volunteers have come forward to help stage the kick-off to summer on the island. This year's event is tentatively set for June 15, 16 and 17 this year.

Lynn Richardson, chairman of the 1989 event, said that while some islanders have volunteered to organize events, there are far too many events needing assistance. She asked those at the Monday night meeting if they thought a shortened version of Sea Capers would float.

"That's the choice," she told the committee. "Do we salvage what we can or do we pack it in?"

The committee decided to delay one week before making the decision of whether to cut back on events or cancel Sea Capers entirely.

The lack of volunteers is symptomatic of the fact the same people have been setting up the various events for several years now. Some are unwilling to commit themselves to do it again.

Richardson cited the Lark In The Park activity as an example. She noted the event is staged to allow younger children — 10 years of age and younger — to have fun with face painting, on-the-spot art endeavours and other amusements. The same woman has set up and organized the event for children each year.

Richardson said she hesitates to ask the woman to do it yet again.

"There has to be someone else out there," she said of the need for an organizer. "It's someone else's turn."

Sea Capers began in June, 1978 as celebration of the bicentennial of Captain James Cook's arrival on the West Coast of Canada. The first year it carried the name "Captain Cook Bicentennial Salt Spring Sea Capers."

The first celebration centred around the school board office and Mahon Hall. Water events included bath tub races, sabot and rowboat races as well as the walk-on-water event. Bingo was held in Mahon Hall and the beer garden was situated in the area behind the school board office which, at that time, was a tennis court.

The parade began at Lady Minto Hospital and wound its way through the village ending at the school

## Island Art Centre Society completes deal to purchase two McPhillips area parcels

ArtSpring took a major step towards the creation of an arts centre on Salt Spring last week.

The Island Art Centre Society completed a deal to buy two lots on McPhillips Avenue in Ganges. The lots, at the south-west corner of McPhillips and Jackson avenues, would be added to the five lots of Mouat Park to form a community park where the proposed arts centre is to be located.

Arvid Chalmers, director of the society, described the purchase as the first step in the process.

The society has applied for a grant from the federal government, but approval is hinged on approval of a grant from the provincial government. At the same time, the parks department is hesitant to release the five lots in Mouat Park to the Capital Regional District (CRD) for a community park until its use is confirmed as the location of the arts centre.

The CRD is moving slowly until

the zoning of the area is straightened out.

Chalmers told the *Driftwood* his real estate firm, Pemberton Holmes, had handled the real estate deal and

## RCMP arrest suspect

Ganges RCMP have arrested a 24-year-old woman in connection with an armed robbery last week.

Brenda Maureen Dillon, who recently moved to Salt Spring Island from Surrey, was arrested at her temporary home on Upper Ganges Road early yesterday (Tuesday) morning.

Dillon has been charged with robbery, after she allegedly held up a Salt Spring taxi driver and made off with approximately \$80 in cash.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:20 p.m., Thursday, March 8, when a local taxi driver picked up a woman near the Salty Shop in Ganges.

The passenger requested the driver take her to Vesuvius.

Once at the Vesuvius Inn's lower parking lot, the woman placed a sharp object on the taxi driver's neck and demanded his money.

She was last seen fleeing on foot towards the Sea Side Kitchen.

An extensive search of the area, which included the use of a police dog and handler from Colwood, failed to find the suspect.

was willing to waive the real estate commission on it. The commission totals close to \$10,000, he said.

"I believe in the arts centre and would like to see it through," he said.

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# THE WEATHER

**OUTLOOK:** For the week beginning Monday, March 12

**HIGHS:** 6 degrees C.

Sun turning to rain by mid-week. Rain should taper to showers by Wednesday. Precipitation expected throughout the weekend.

**LOWS:** -1 degrees C.

Chance of precipitation 70 per cent Wednesday through Sunday.

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## Commission seeks more field property

The chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission said the board is "inches away" from finding more property for park space on Salt Spring Island although she added she did not know when an agreement would be reached.

Speaking at a regular commission meeting last week, Kellie Booth said the board recognized the need for more park space and said that one of the main problems is finding more money. She added that the board is currently looking at what grant money may be available to the group.

Booth was responding to a question from Roger Chernekoff, president of the Salt Spring Island Softball Association, who said that the association expects 240 children aged five to 18 playing baseball this year. He also said that "the pressure is on" to form a girl's softball league which could attract another 300 members.

Chernekoff noted that the group will not be able to use one of the fields that was available to them last year making it hard to find time and space to play. He suggested that another playing field would help alleviate the problem.

Booth noted that the parks board expects to hold a scheduling meeting with representatives from all of the leagues soon and added that the board is hoping to provide another playing field this year.

## Fernwood school teacher wins a computer award



Joy Brownsword

A Grade Seven teacher from Fernwood Elementary won first place in a computer competition sponsored by a computer magazine and company in the United States.

Joy Brownsword was one of 100 teachers from Canada and the United States to enter the contest earlier this year. She walked away with a Macintosh SE computer complete with hard drive and printer.

She expects the computer to arrive in the next few weeks.

Brownsword said the competition called for the submission of a teacher lesson plan using part of the program put out by the Microsoft computer company.

In January, she entered a lesson plan on spelling and spread sheets which could be used by students in their own work.

She received a phone call from New York last week telling her the good news.

It was the first contest of its kind Brownsword had entered on her own.

## Helpers must come forward

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grounds. Parking was at a premium.

Every year Sea Capers donates profits from the beer garden and the dance to various community activities.

The committee discussed the possibility of telling community groups that if they expected a donation from Sea Capers, they should be willing to help organize the events.

The committee would like to see the entire slate of events go again this year. Sea Capers usually begins Friday evening with a dance. Saturday morning presents the annual parade, followed by various events which begin in Centennial Park and the boat basin by Mouat's.

On Sunday, the focus shifts to Vesuvius Beach for the sand castle competition and treasure hunt.

In the 11 years of Sea Capers, the event has become a tradition on Salt Spring.

Volunteers are needed to keep the celebration going. Lynn Richardson can be reached at 537-2339.

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Peter Gzowski made a short visit to Salt Spring last weekend.. Speaking to a small group at Volume Two bookstore Saturday night, Gzowski discussed his thoughts on the Meech Lake Accord. He also read a few pages from his new book *The Private Voice*.

## Arrest made

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Police, who indicated further charges are pending against the accused, recovered two knives in the Tuesday morning arrest.

## Single group needed

The head of the Rotary Club says a major problem on Salt Spring is the lack of a co-ordinated effort to oversee spending of the small amount of money available for youth programs.

Speaking to a handful of people who attended a meeting about youth at the Community Centre last week, Rotary president Art Tremblay said there is only a limited amount of money available for youth programs and service clubs have trouble knowing where to channel that money.

He said the island needs a single organization to co-ordinate the allocation of those funds to ensure the available money is well spent.

Tremblay was one of fewer than 20 people who turned out to the meeting called specifically to address the needs of youth on Salt Spring. Susan Krug, a counsellor from the centre who chaired the group, said more than 35 people were invited to attend.

One of the key recommendations to come out of the Tuesday meeting was a need to take an inventory of the programs and services available here and bring in a recreation director.

Speaker Gordon Sloan suggested there is no shortage of hall space. The space is not, however being used well. He also one coordinating group might help alleviate the problem.

Trish Nobile, youth and family counsellor at GIPSY, also said there is a need for a facility or home where youth can go to simply get away. The problem, however, is the lack of money available for that type of facility.

In the meantime, the Community Centre is planning to hold a conference on youth on March 31. Some of the topics include a presentation on "Growing up with your Kids" by Dr. Don Knowles from the University of Victoria and a discussion on "Youth on Salt Spring" in the afternoon.

## Students want a say in grad celebrations

Plans for a dry after-grad party are proceeding, but some of the students are not happy about the way the event is being organized.

In past years, the after graduation party has attracted numerous older gate-crashers. It has been characterized by the abundance of drunken people in attendance. Last fall, several parents of students in the class of '90 decided it was time for a change.

Several parents and other community representatives decided to sponsor a dry after-grad party, with only the students of the class and their escorts being allowed to attend. Named *A Night to Remember*, the party is to be held on board a ferry cruising local waters.

Parent Sharon Crouse told the *Driftwood* that meetings of parents and student representatives have been held once a month since November.

Members of the grad class, however, are upset that planning of the event does not seem to include them. They are concerned they are being told, not asked for, their opinions.

All of the members of the grad class, 55 students, are interested in attending the dry after grad party. They are concerned, however, that other members of the Grade 12 class, who are not graduating for whatever reason, will not be allowed to attend the party.

They are concerned friends who travel off-island to school and who

the members of Grad '90 grew up with will similarly be barred from the event.

The organizational group asked the school board for \$3,000 as a start-up budget, but was turned down.

In a letter to the parents' group explaining the reason, school board chairman Grace Byrne noted: "The Board of School Trustees are most supportive of your objectives. However, the trustees decided unanimously that post-graduation celebrations should be the responsibility of the graduating students and their families."

Min Wendel, of the parents' group, said the money would be raised through donations. "That's where it has to come from," she said.

The event carries a \$10,000 price tag. Fuel for the ferry has been donated and ferry crews have volunteered to serve for the night.

Crouse indicated the parents' group will be talking directly to the grads. She admitted their could be a "lack of communication," but stressed that not all the plans for the party have been confirmed.

And the grads, although concerned about the seeming lack of communication, agree the dry party is a good idea.

As one student explained, this one night is special in their lives. They can party any weekend of the year but "this one night is important, so it should be different."

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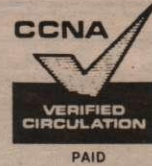
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## Need for facility gains importance

There are close to 200 children registered for softball this year and others signed up for soccer. A survey done a few years ago showed that close to 850 children and adults were involved in softball on this island alone.

A shortage of playing fields combined with problems at Portlock Park means a heavy rainfall can leave these people with nowhere to go to work off excess steam.

Building a recreational complex here and bringing in a full-time recreational director may mean taxpayers will have to dig a little deeper into their pockets.

But if it gives people the opportunity to be engaged in positive activities, payment of those extra taxes could be worthwhile.

In the next two weeks, a representative from the Juan de Fuca Parks and Recreation Commission will speak to local commission members about some of the funding avenues available to assist construction of a new recreational complex.

This is not the first time the need for a recreational facility has been addressed. However, the need for discussion is probably more important now than it ever has been. And its importance will continue to grow.

Population demands and an increasing number of youth-related problems on Salt Spring will not disappear. It is time to take a step forward and once again seriously consider construction of a recreational complex.

It will cost money, but the short- and long-term benefits will outweigh those costs.

## Sea Capers event calls for volunteers

Salt Spring Island has an amazing number of generous people who are quick to organize fund-raising events, send Christmas cards to a young boy, and offer their time, energy and money for a variety of positive activities.

It seems unbelievable that a tradition on Salt Spring — an event which brings people of all ages together — is threatened due to lack of volunteer help.

Sea Capers has kicked-off the summer on Salt Spring for many years. It is the product of many hours of work — something benefitted by all

Those who have contributed countless hours of volunteer time in the past should be congratulated for their efforts. Perhaps it is now time for others to offer their time and energy.

We encourage the community to get behind Sea Capers and make it happen in 1990.



### Letters

The following is an open letter to Dr. Terry Huberts, MLA, Saanich and the Islands, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Dear Dr. Huberts,  
 I ask your active support in our quest to gain community control over the Salt Spring Island Crown Lands, for the benefit of all islanders and equally for those who visit our island. Placed in private hands, these small and scattered lands will undoubtedly fall victim to the profit motive. Once privately acquired, the

trees become the focus for "return on investment."

All too often, on Salt Spring Island, entrepreneurship has become just an euphemism for clear-cutting and the well-known "quick buck artist" — the only type of "artist" we would all like to see leave the island.

Admittedly, the community skills needed to protect and preserve publicly-held lands and to develop appropriate community woodlot management capabilities are a recognized challenge.

Given the opportunity, however, I think Salt Spring Islanders are well-placed and well-equipped to ensure that the highest and best use of our island's Crown Lands will be achieved. Conversely, placing these lands in private hands would remove our last chance to protect them, for all time!

Please do what you can to provide us with much-needed support at this pivotal moment.

**LOWELL S. HICKS**  
 Ganges.

## Blizzard, downpour and a mis-directed singer

It was a dark and stormy night . . .

No. Actually, it was a plain, grey March evening. G and I and two younger female passengers, fired up the Volvo, waved goodbye to the despondent men in our various driveways and blasted to the Vesuvius ferry.

Visions of snow-covered hills and chair-lifts danced in our heads.

After one stop for a quick Mac-Meal, we glided into Courtenay just before 9 p.m. The night — spent at G's parents' home — was marked by barely contained excitement. At 3:30 a.m. I began waking up and checking my watch at least once an hour, waiting for the magic moment when it was time to go.

The morning light, however, foreshadowed disaster: snow on the ground.

This did not dampen my early morning optimism: "My Volvo can handle snow." I assured my snow-

### Off the Record

**SUSAN DICKER**



a mandatory chain-up.

Mr. We'll-rent-you-chains-for-an-exorbitant-fee took one look at the Volvo's back tires and informed me chains would probably take out the fender. "But maybe not," he added, just to force me into making a decision.

We had exactly 1.5 seconds to decide to leave the car and take the bus, which was revving its engine preparing to leave. G grabbed her pack-sack, I whipped enough money for rentals and a lift ticket from my wallet, stuffed my purse back into the car and flew, with the others onto the bus.

the bus did not leave the mountain until 4 p.m. This meant we'd make the last ferry from Crofton only if the bus made it down the mountain by 4:30 and we really hustled.

*C'est la vie*, we decided. We were here!

Our first two runs in the raging blizzard dampened (froze) our enthusiasm. Prepared for spring skiing, none of us had goggles. It was impossible to ski without them.

G and I sat glumly in the cafeteria. The ski store wanted \$25 each for goggles: \$100 for the four of us. Between us, we had about \$21. The rest of our money — and our cheque

resourceful. After the last trace of caffeine disappeared from our styrofoam coffee cups, G cut out the bottom of her cup. She held it to her eye. Hmmm, a little saran wrap at the end . . . she digs through her pack-sack . . . and socks to hold it all together!

I had a better idea. "We'll try charm first," I said. "Then we'll plead desperation, and beg."

In the end, charm and begging were unnecessary. The Lost and Found regularly lends out its contents. Equipped with goggles, neck warmers and a really absurd toque for one of us, we attacked those slopes.

The snow continued to fall all day, leaving a thick layer of glorious powder snow. Such a cushiony landing to wipe-out on!

4:05 p.m.: the bus finally pulled out of the parking lot. It takes one hour and 10 minutes to hit the parking lot.

The mountaintop blizzard turned

the type of rain where the windshield wipers at full speed do not clear the glass. The type of rain that obliterate the lines on the road and makes driving a two-person job.

Suddenly we realize we are in danger of missing the last ferry from Sidney as well.

In Parksville, the full service gas attendant chooses her phonecall over us. In Nanaimo, a ferry dumps a load of cranky drivers into our path. In Duncan, Phil Collins sings *Ooh, and I wish it rain down. . .*

"He's never lived on the West Coast," G mutters.

We make the ferry with about nine minutes to spare. Everyone in the line is incredibly blasé. We are totally giddy. We feel like jumping from car to car, shouting our victory.

We drive the last leg home, crash into our beds and wake the next morning to brilliant sunshine. The word from Courtenay is sun. The word up and down the highway is

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## Letters

### Oversight

To the editor,  
Due to an oversight, two students were not mentioned or pictured in the report on the winners of the recent School District 64 Recycling Logo Contest. Amber Holman and Adrian Elliott, both from Fulford School, also received Honourable Mention certificates. There were over 50 entries in the contest and Aaron Marcano's winning design will soon appear on all of the School District's blue boxes.

WENDY VINE,  
for the School District Recycling Committee

### Cash them in

To the Editor,  
Mary Collins, Minister of the Status of Women (who called John Crosbie a National Treasure, and if that was so I'd say let's cash him in) answers to cuts of \$1.6 million for women's centres is that there is no magic source of funds.

Too bad she can't access Brian and Mila's magic source of funds. The one that allows them to travel to foreign lands in the style of royalty. Their latest happy trip abroad cost taxpayers \$750,000.

I think Brian should be dismissed on the grounds of being unaffordable.  
B.E. ARISS,  
Ganges.

### More than usual

To the Editor,  
My thanks to the *Driftwood* for giving us *Salt Spring Stars*. Bronwyn Elko writes a most unusual, entertaining column of astrology, her well-informed explanation of how we are affected by the planets at birth has much insight and her analysis of our enchanted isle truly inspires.

We are very privileged to have much more than the usual sun sign column, and my friends and I eagerly look forward to her next witty astro output. Is there any chance of it being weekly?

LOUISE NYE,  
Ganges.

### At own risk

To the Editor,  
I have recently noticed several letters to the editor in the *Times-Colonist* complaining of lost mail through the post office.

The latest letter, published on March 8, 1990, mentions a letter mailed December 1, 1989 to Windsor, Ontario which has never arrived. The lady who wrote the letter suggests that Canada Post display a sign "mail at your own risk". She also wonders if anyone else is experiencing the same problems.

I too had this experience originating here in Ganges. I mailed a parcel from our local post office on January 4, 1990 to Calgary, expecting it to arrive there within at least two weeks. When it didn't arrive at its destination, I made a local inquiry and was told it could take up to a month to arrive. The reason I was given was that they were short-staffed.

Three weeks later I again inquired and was told it should have arrived there in at least ten days. I was then advised to complete a tracing form which appeared to be in triplicate. I did not receive a copy of the form, nor have I received any word of the lost parcel to date.

I have since heard of another person who mailed a parcel from here to Langley, B.C. which also never arrived at its destination. Eventually, the Langley addressee tracked down the parcel herself by called at various privatized postal stations. It is my understanding that the operator of this station had simply put this parcel aside as they were unfamiliar with the address.

increased rates and rotten service ever since the so-called privatization of postal service was instituted, although we never seem to have any trouble having junk mail delivered.

It would be interesting to know of any other similar incidences we could report to the Postmaster General (if there is such a thing). Meanwhile, I would suggest that "mailers beware."

C.S. SCARFE,  
Ganges.

### Quantum step

To the Editor,  
I wish to commend *Driftwood* for taking a quantum step by publishing Bronwyn Elko's column *Salt Spring Stars*. The information was not only accurate, humorous and a pleasure to read, but the quality level was light years ahead of the usual "horroroscope" one finds in newspapers.

Astrology has had the reputation of being a fortune-telling fatalistic medium for gullible people. This attitude has been perpetuated by the superficial generalizations which focus on events, predictions and over-simplified character analysis. Such notable astrologers as Kepler, Copernicus, Galileo and Newton would of course be appalled that this incredible science/art has been so maligned.

Anyone who seriously investigates astrology (as C.J. Jung did) will soon discover, through its rich symbolism, the scope and depth of meaning it has to offer. As one looks at the incredible pattern of energy of their own unique chart, one can begin to understand the challenges and paths they have set for himself.

The more conscious we are, the more we can live fulfilling and useful lives. To quote Jung: "The psychological rule says that when an inner situation is not made conscious, it happens outside, as fate."

I prefer to be in control of my own fate and I use astrology to help me. A weekly column by Bronwyn Elko would be a most welcome and useful addition to *Driftwood*.

GLORIA NYE,  
Ganges.

### Out of balance

To the Editor,  
The essential point of all community planning on the Gulf Islands has been population density. Everyone concerned in this area knows this. It is obvious that the proposed extended development at Bedwell Harbour will throw the population numbers completely out of balance.

During the past 40 years, lots were bought by people with a view to eventually live here upon their retirement. It is amazing how many achieved this end. So it has come about that residential construction used up the land. Further development can only over-stress the environment.

What were once summer camping grounds have now become permanent residences. And the old quiet, sheep-grazing life on the islands has gone. But though much is taken, much remains. Perhaps we can help to preserve what is left.

I was present at the first meeting at which the proposition of the new owners of Bedwell Resort was explained. A big point in the presentation was that this company was fully financed — that there would be no problem about available capital to do everything properly to provide "world class" facilities at Bedwell.

Indeed, we were almost threatened with \$20 million worth of development at Bedwell Harbour. Some of us wondered just how much damage \$20 million dollars could do!

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Residents of North and South Pender may well feel that insult has been added to injury in this transaction.

One hopes that resentment felt on both of these islands will find effective expression.

JOHN SMITH,  
Pender Island.

### We'll all suffer

To the Editor,  
Several weeks ago a friend of mine was cleaning out all his recyclable junk and went to the Blackburn dump to dispose of it. He paid his \$5, was told to follow the signs and to dump anywhere.

One sign warned to please not dump toxic chemicals, etc., which was reassuring, but after dumping his garbage, he noticed a large assortment of pesticides, herbicides, solvents, cleaners, batteries, etc.

His first reaction was to attempt to gather up what he could, but after a while he realized there was too much to remove and he was only seeing the surface. Realizing the enormity of the task, he gave up.

Although there are signs aimed at preventing the dumping of toxic chemicals, this experience demonstrates they are not being followed.

After hearing this story I began to wonder how much of these chemicals are soaking into the Cusheon Lake watershed. We discussed this and thought how practical it would be to have a paid or volunteer person to collect harmful chemicals on a daily basis, or to police the dump site. Although the signs are in place and the law is set, if there is no one to regulate dumping we will all suffer the consequences of contaminating our watershed.

K.A. MacDONALD,  
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# Capital Comment

## HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — Racism and intolerance is on the increase in Canada, according to a recent survey. For further proof, read the papers or watch the TV news.

Racism comes in many guises. It tries to pass for humour in so-called jokes; it masquerades as "an economic measure" every time some town council votes in favour of English-only; it is more obvious in the debate over whether Sikh members of the RCMP should be allowed to wear turbans, and it appears at its most disturbing in anti-Semitic activities.

The League for Human Rights of the B'Nai B'rith reports a total of 176 anti-Semitic incidents for 1989, the highest in eight years and up from 112 in 1988. The six most serious incidents involved the desecration of synagogues.

Other anti-Semitic activities included attacks and the drawing of swastikas on Jewish buildings, threats against Jews and the distribution of hate literature. Most of the incidents occurred in larger cities, including Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.

B'nai B'rith spokesman Ian Kagedan blames the increase partly on the Alberta Court of Appeal's recent decision to overturn Jim Keegstra's conviction for promoting hatred against Jews. That ruling has now been appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

### Joining white supremacist groups

Kagedan says that more and more young people are joining white supremacist and neo-Nazi organizations. Last year, for instance, skinheads in Ottawa stormed a bingo hall, grabbed the microphone and started shouting obscenities against Jews.

The English-only decisions by a number of town, most of them in Ontario, aren't exactly enhancing Canada's reputation for tolerance either. I also doubt whether anyone believes their claim that the decision is based on economics.

The English-only controversy is nothing but a backlash against Quebec's French-only sign law. It is unfortunate that many western Canadians perceive the former to be a justifiable response to the latter. It isn't.

Insisting on French-language signs in Quebec makes sense. A small, French-speaking island in a vast sea of English-speaking North America, Quebec would not be able to retain its uniqueness for long without special protection of its language and culture.

### Respecting rights of a minority

Furthermore, Quebec's English minority is well-treated and well-looked after. Two English universities are just one example of the French majority respecting the rights of a minority.

Whether shop signs are in English or French won't make a bit of difference to sales, but it makes all the difference to the character of Quebec's cities and towns. I fervently hope the signs will stay French only.

Next we come to the question of whether Sikh members of the RCMP should be allowed to wear turbans. Lest there should be any doubt on where I stand, I think they should.

Opposition to the change in the RCMP dress code has been mainly on grounds of tradition and pride in Canadian institutions. Some critics would have us believe that the RCMP hat is about the only national symbol Canada has, one without which we will all be tossed into yet another identity crisis.

### Traditions deeper than uniforms

Stewart MacKenzie of Quesnel made some pretty good points against these sentiments in a recent letter. Referring to himself as a fourth generation white Scots-Canadian, MacKenzie expressed his "disgust and contempt for the prejudice and racism" that has marked the issue of turbans in the RCMP.

"Obviously many people are using this issue to vent their hostility towards others, under the guise of preserving Canadian traditions," he said, adding that he believes Canadian traditions go a lot deeper than police uniforms.

MacKenzie also drew attention to some other RCMP pastimes such as barn-burning, illegal surveillance, strike-breaking, harassment and discrimination towards native people, traditions we can well afford to leave behind us.

Couldn't have said it better myself, and I'm sure MacKenzie will hear from a few of the bigots whose toes he stepped on. Point is, he's right. If we depended on a police uniform for our national pride and identity, we'd be in deep trouble.

The RCMP hat is no more than part of a uniform, and while it's important to preserve traditions, uniforms have always been subject to change. Compare the Canadian soldier's uniform of the First World War with that of the Second World War. Hardly the same. Why then should the RCMP uniform be inviolate?

To the Sikhs, however, the turban is more than just part of a uniform. It's a religious symbol, and an important one. Telling Sikhs they cannot wear a turban, whatever the circumstances, is tantamount to limiting their religious freedom.

Unless we accept others as they are, not as we would like them to be, our reputation for tolerance will soon be undeserved, no matter how loudly we proclaim to stand on guard for thee.

## Letters

### Congratulations

To the Editor,

Chris Schmah has to be congratulated for the excellent article he wrote in the *Driftwood* on February 28, 1990. Multiple use land management offers a harmonious and ecologically sound option. The words "damage of the soil and erosion control" especially impressed me.

The management from the Farmers' Institute would be advised to read this article. Building four out-houses the old-fashioned way, a hole in the ground on the edge of a seasonal creek, is not very good for watershed protection or water quality preservation.

I am happy, with advice from the health inspector, that the management from the Farmers' Institute is planning to remove the four out-houses.

AUDREY J. BUITENWERF,  
Ganges.

### Mums the word

To the Editor,

Your photographer knows a pretty maiden when he sees one — two, in fact (*Driftwood*, February 21, Section B), better than he knows his flowers, me think it. Those carnations look suspiciously like chrysanthemums to a Galiano Garden Club veteran!

ALISTAIR ROSS,  
Galiano Island.

### Hats off

To the Editor,

The fate of all B.C. homeowners is now firmly in the hands of the Sacred constituency executives for Saanich North and The Islands. The decision to nominate either MLA Terry Huberts or Finance Minister Mel Couvelier as their candidate in the forthcoming provincial election will determine the extent to which "property tax reform" is implemented during the coming months.

If Terry Huberts is nominated then say goodbye to property tax reform. Huberts has done nothing visible, and said nothing to support or promote tax reform — and this despite the fact that he has been approached on the subject by over-taxed homeowners.

On the other hand, if Mel Couvelier is nominated, the tax reform process already set in motion by him following the Property Tax Forum which toured B.C. last fall will continue. The Minister of Finance has listened to homeowners and already the school tax situation has been deftly dealt with by making school boards more accountable.

There has been much moaning and groaning by the NDP and their bedfellows (the teachers union and many school trustees) about the referendum system. For those homeowners who have been "ripped off" by the assessment system (based on the value of their homes) to pay the exorbitant school tax of the past few years, considerable property relief is on the way this year. We have to wait for full details in this year's provincial budget.

In the meantime, as they say in the navy, "hats off to Mel Couvelier". He listened and he acted!

As a final comment, it is interest-

ing to note that the NDP have no policy on property tax reform. They are simply banging the drum and trying to take credit for the actions of small groups of taxpayers province-wide, who took their concerns directly to the government ministers responsible for taxation, because elected officials who were approached for help just sat on the fence!

C. ADAMS,  
Colwood.

### Equal treatment

To the Editor,

At one time, the Islands Trust was what the name implies. That, however, was a much earlier time with

quite different members. Lately I've been properly shocked at the biased decisions of its members.

In accordance with our Charter of Rights, each citizen is entitled to equal treatment. This is not always the case on our island.

Members of the Islands Trust, it seems, listen attentively to whichever group they happen to favour, but fail entirely to hear what opposing groups contend. There should be no such discrimination. All residents, regardless of race, creed, colour or political persuasion should be treated equally and in the best interests of this island.

Too bad this is no longer so.

LILLIAN HORSDAL,  
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News



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

Wayne Taylor's Salt Spring Elementary School Grade Five class planted trees in the Ganges Linear Park last week. The trees were donated by Foxglove to Kathy Reimer of the Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society.

## Rainbow Road residents upset with zoning bylaw infractions

Zoning infractions on two Rainbow Road properties are shattering the sense of community in the area.

John Stepaniuk, Islands Trustee for Salt Spring told the *Driftwood* this week that the anger created by the situation has resulted in "neighbour watching neighbour."

And the neighbours are upset.

Rainbow residents had protested, in writing and at public meetings, about a rezoning application made about two years ago to allow an auto repair and vehicle storage operation to function legally.

The application was rejected. A resident complained that the auto repair and storage operation continues. He had written a letter of protest against the operation two years ago but has not yet sent another letter to the Islands Trust to complain about the zoning infraction.

"We expected when the rezoning was turned down that would be the end of the problem," he said. "Why is it necessary for us to complain every six months?"

While the Islands Trust is aware that the zoning restrictions in the area are being infringed upon, nothing can be done until someone complains in writing.

Stepaniuk said the situation is a classic example of people being upset at what is happening to their neighbourhood but also being unwilling to commit themselves in writing.

Nick Gilbert, Islands Trustee for the island, said "I'm not surprised they're getting concerned about it (the zoning infractions) again."

Richard Murakami owns a parcel of land at the intersection of Rainbow and Booth Canal Roads. He allows Ron Dewar to operate a used auto parts operation from a portion of the lot.

Dewar said he had removed the used auto batteries from the area. He had been told to remove the tires which are stacked in a fence line to block views of the property from the road.

With close to 1,000 tires to dispose of, Dewar cannot find another site. He noted that companies on Vancouver Island who specialize in handling and disposing of used tires are not interested.

Neighbours expressed concern the tires would be a fire hazard and could, if ignited, cause problems such as was experienced in Ontario recently when almost 4 million tires caught fire. That blaze required major effort and more than three

fire hazard lined up as they are, than if piled in a heap. He would prefer the tires remain as they are, he told the *Driftwood*.

Murakami applied to have the property rezoned to allow auto storage but neighbours complained

and the Islands Trust turned the application down. There are currently approximately 50 wrecked vehicles on the lower portion of the lot awaiting the car crusher when it visits the island.

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News

*Wit and Whimsy*

**ARTHUR BLACK**



It's been said before, but it bears repeating: these are fabulous times for millions of fortunate folk in Eastern Europe. The tyrannical yokes of evil despots from Eric Honecker to Nicolae Ceausescu have been shucked off and slung in the cobble gutter of history. Many a heart bubbles over with the heady froth of freedom.

Most particularly the thoroughbred hearts that beat within the patrician breasts of Michael, Otto, Alex, Nicholas, Simeon and Leka.

The aforementioned chappies constitute a royal six-pack, currently drumming their fingers, whistling under their breath and marking time in various five-star hotels and blue-blood spas around the world.

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- Michael is King Michael of Romania.
- Otto is Archduke Otto Von Hapsburg.
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**Blueblood bozos of history**

Since then, they've been rulers in absentia, marking time in exile, casting wistful glances at their rightful kingdoms.

Strange thing, this royalty business, when you think about it. What perverse quirk of human nature compels some nations to single out a family of mortals and give them semi-divine powers?

It's not as if the royals are ennobled by the preferential treatment. Look at some of the blueblood bozos of history — we've had winners like Pepin the Short and Joanna the Mad, Charles the Simple and Karl the Fat. Not to mention Ethelred the Unready, and of course Ivan the Terrible.

Bright? Henry III slept with raw veal chops on his cheeks, his hands lathered in pomade so that they would be white in the morning.

Sane? Prince Otto of Bavaria barked like a dog and once kept his boots on for two months.

**Sane? Cultured?**

Cultured? Carlos II of Parma collected pornographic watches.

Tasteful? King Leopold of Belgium wore a black wig, a feather boa, rouge and shoes with three-inch-thick soles.

Then of course there are the royal losers thrown up in this century — the gluttonous King Farouk, the reptilian Shah of Iran, the dithering Dagwoodian Duke of Windsor.

Truth to tell, the six Men Who Would Be Kings now poised to reclaim their birthrights in Eastern Europe seem to be more equipped for the task than the average royal.

Only Leka I of Albania shows definite signs of the loopy, off-the-palace-wall behaviour we've come to expect from kooky kings. He's nearly seven feet tall, lives in South Africa, likes to walk around wearing a pistol and a dagger and is given to making pronouncements that begin: "We, King Leka and I...."

Vintage imperial looniness.

Which is maybe the only real job description that out-of-work sovereigns have a reasonable shot at these days. To quote an expert: "Royal personages are like clowns. They amuse the people, even with their funerals, and keep them contented."

I didn't say that — Marie did.

Queen Marie. The last Queen of Romania.

# Islanders meet to consider Weldwood logging options

Saving Mount Bruce from the chainsaws will not be an easy process and it could cost money to ensure the trees stay.

That was the message received by approximately 50 people who showed up at the Activity Centre in Ganges last week when Green Islands held a public meeting to discuss ways to stop the logging on the Fulford mountain. Weldwood, an international forestry company, has recently indicated logging of at least one-third of its 300 hectare holdings on the mountain is under consideration.

"We can't sit here and say no logging," warned Randy Thomas of Green Islands. "It's private property and the community has to come up with some sort of compensation."

The meeting heard various ideas of how to stop logging or at least lessen the impact of the venture. In the end, individuals agreed to having a delegation meet with Weldwood manager Sandy Grey to discuss the matter. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 in Ganges.

Fulford resident Bob Andrew noted the mountain had last been logged in the early 1950s. Evidence of that logging effort can be seen by the presence of alder on the mountain side.

Weldwood land begins at a point in the notch between Mount Bruce and Mount Tuam with the line running diagonally up Bruce to the peak and across to a point above Burgoyne Bay before angling back to the line across the mountainside to the beginning.

Weldwood logging crews maintain a poor reputation, Andrew noted, and he would like, if logging is to occur, "to talk them into a more sensible logging job."

Sam Lightman concurred. He told the group Weldwood usually made plans then talked to the community about what they would do. He added that the company would say if logging did not proceed, the land would have to be sold.

"That's a blackmail position," Lightman said, "We have to pre-empt that position."

Thomas reiterated the poor reputation of Weldwood. He noted the company had promised care in its logging of Gabriola Island but residents of that island were continually faced with destructive clear-cutting.

The company, based in the Eastern United States has been accused of polluting Burrard Inlet and "criticized for its logging practices, worldwide."

Linda Laushway, also of Green Islands, described the runaround she received while attempting to find information from various government ministries. The Ministry of Forests does not control logging on private land but the Ministry of Municipal Affairs does. And yet, she said, no one in government seemed to know what can or cannot be done to control such logging.

Nick Gilbert, Islands Trustee for Salt Spring, told the meeting the property could carry a price tag of at

least \$1 million.

A check with local realtors confirmed the value of the property to be at least that much and as high as \$1.5 million.

Lightman urged an "honest market appraisal" of the property and the meeting agreed with Andrew when he suggested Weldwood undertake a full inventory of the area, including a check of the relative value of the trees, soil samples to ensure the stability of the slope when

the trees are cut and a count of the wildlife of the mountain.

Mount Bruce, along with Mount Tuam, historically has been considered sacred ground by native people. It is considered to be a sleeping god and they would not settle the island in fear of waking the sleeper. Thomas noted that the slopes of Bruce may harbour rock carvings of historic value. A check of the slopes will be made to ensure the location of such carvings is known.

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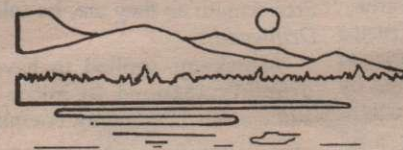
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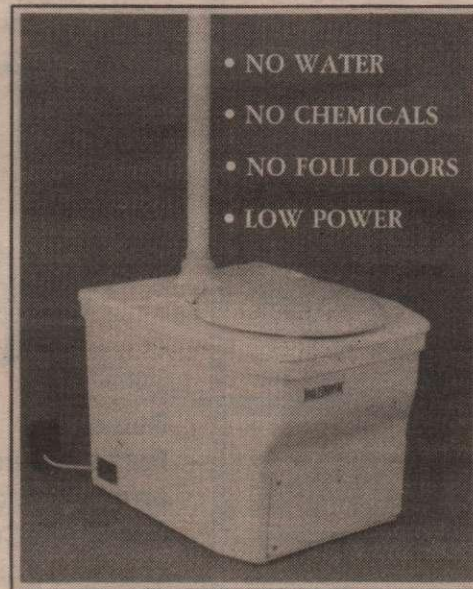


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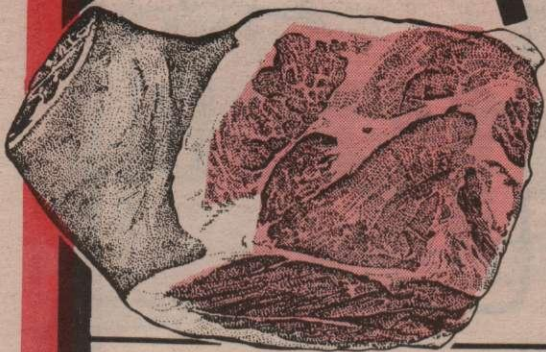
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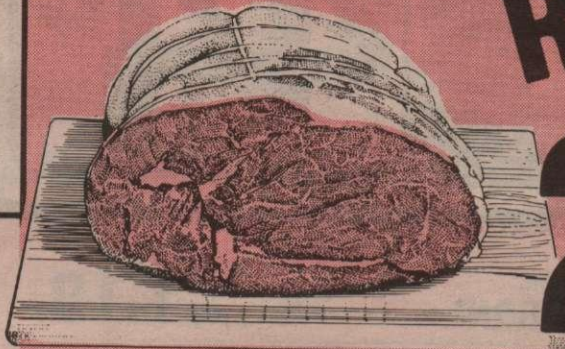
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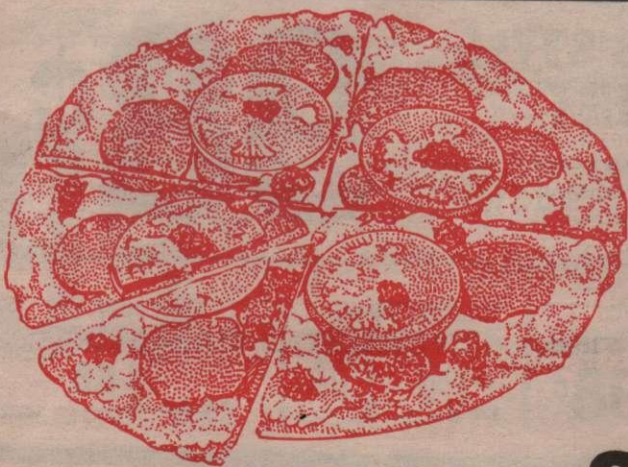
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Community



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Ducks Unlimited recently staged its annual fund-raising dinner. Les Ramsey (left) picks a number from Bruce Flander. The draw distributed a number of prizes.

## Ducks Unlimited raises \$\$

By the time the evening's activities ended for the Salt Spring contingent of Ducks Unlimited, Saturday, the group had close to \$9,600 to aid its cause.

The evening's festivities were organized by the local group's chairman Tom Hosie. Activities included a dinner, a silent and a live auction as well as draws for various prizes. The event is the annual effort of the island chapter of Ducks Unlimited to raise money.

The money is sent to the Ducks Unlimited headquarters in Winnipeg for use in the conservation of wetlands for duck habitats.

Ducks Unlimited began in the

midst of the depression era in an effort to stem the loss of wetlands, where ducks breed.

Three hundred other species of birds and more than 70 types of mammals call the wetlands home. Yet despite the efforts to conserve and improve wetlands, more acreage each year is lost to industrial parks and residential subdivisions.

Ducks Unlimited do not buy the properties. They reach agreement with the owners or with various levels of government to have the land left in its natural state.

The money is used to improve unstable wetlands — areas which flood in winter and dry out in summer

— to provide a better year-round habitat for wild life.

Since its inception, Ducks Unlimited has spent more than \$300 million on conserving more than 3,500 wetland habitats covering almost four million acres across Canada. The major effort focuses on the Prairies where at least 70 per cent of waterfowl originate.

The group's goal is to add 3.6 million acres to the total of the conservation areas by the turn of the century. But the 7.6 million acres of preserved wetlands would only stabilize the current waterfowl population.

## GISS Honour Roll is announced

**Grade Eight:** Gitte Baker, Sarah Bevan, Shannon Bidwell, Marc Borbas, Mandy Bryson, Stanley Burns, Sarah Deas, Natasha Eyles, Katherine Hack, Jenny Hill, Lianna Hingston, Yvonne Lam, Rita Phillips, Hamsa Polden, Jaya Polden, Paula Proctor, Gretchen Prystawik, Andrea Rondeau, Andrea Satzinger, Jamie Sharp, Tia Stevenson, Jenni Thomas, Kevin Walde, Karina Wickland.

**Grade Nine:** Cathy Akerman, Michael Becklake, Leah Bowerman, Rod Brownsword, Gwynnie Gardam, Julie Gilbert, Keith Hack, Angela Hamer, Ariana Jacob, Jenny Lomas, Ian McLachlan, Jeffrey Neilson, Alwyn O'Brien, Melanie Stafford.

**Grade 10:** Tracy Cunningham, Heather Denton, Dana Hohmann, Irene Lam, James Laughlin, Jessica Maron, David Marshall, Candice Miller, Derek Montrichard, Christine Noble, Stacy Proctor, Isabel Prystawik, Adrienne Richards, Celle Rikwerda, Caroline Rowley, Tanya Slingsby,

Jordy Soames, Neil Somerset, Shawn Spain, Miranda Swift, Lianne Weisner, Vania Williams.

**Grade 11:** George Bevan, Meggie Coombes, Amrit Crowther, Ryan Davies, Kate Gilbert, Grace Graham, Nick Hock, Kris Luker, Elizabeth McClean, Willie McGuire, Shandra Platts, Alison Proctor, Kella Sadler, Nadine Shelly, Justin Tompson, Kirsty Walde.

**Grade 12:** Kim Anderson, Valerie Biju, Julie Cunningham, Trinity Donnelly, Rosabel Graham, Suzanne Jacques, Lisa Koski, Bridgette Lord, Tara Martin, Heather Thomson, Penny Vanderwekken, Toby Watson.

**Principal's Honour Roll:** George Bevan, Grade 11; Tracy Cunningham, Grade 10; Gwynnie Gardam, Grade Nine; Lianne Weisner, Grade 10.

The following students were inadvertently omitted from the November, 1989 Honour Roll: Meggie Coombes, Grade 11; Alison Proctor, Grade 11; Ian McLachlan, Grade Nine.

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For copies of instructions to bidders, specifications & tender documents please contact Frank Sutherland, Supv. of Works. Only contractors registered with RCABC & able to undertake the work between June 29 & Sept. 5, 1990, need apply.

Contractors unknown to this school district must supply letters of reference with their sealed tenders which will be received by the undersigned until 15:00 hrs. on March 30, 1990.

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- ★ KINDLING: Neatly bundled kindling from Roy, 537-4189, or the Achievement Centre, 537-9909.
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- ★ AFTER HOURS CRISIS LINE: Dial "0", ask for Zenith 2262.
- ★ WANTED: people interested in puppetry and children's shows. Phone Jan at 653-4668.

## Invitation to Tender

In accordance with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways Act, Section 49(1), sealed tenders are invited for the following:

Contract No.: 61-90-001  
Location: South Island District  
Project Description: Traffic Control, South Island Highways District including Victoria, Sooke/Pt. Renfrew, the Cowichan Valley and Salt Spring Island, 'As and When Required' to March 31, 1991.

Sealed tenders, completed in accordance with the Conditions of Tender on the forms provided, will be received by the Ministry of Transportation and Highways at #103-4475 Viewmont Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5K8, until 2:00 pm (local time) on March 26, 1990, when tenders will be opened in public. A security deposit/surety bid bond will not be required (in accordance with the conditions of the tender).

Tender documents complete with envelope, plans, specifications and conditions of tender are available from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, #103-4475 Viewmont Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8Z 5K8, between the hours of 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, except holidays. For further information contact (604) 387-5264, or fax (604) 387-4197.

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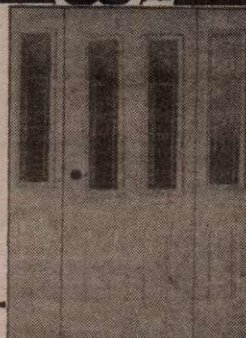
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Celtic music will be the theme of a concert by The Great Wave, scheduled for Mahon Hall on March 24. The performance is part of a ten day tour through the Gulf Islands.

## The Great Wave plays hall as part of Gulf Islands tour

Celtic musicians, Nathan Curry and David Papazian from Ottawa, who have banded together to form "The Great Wave," will play at Mahon Hall next Saturday (March 24).

That performance is part of a 10-day tour through the West Coast which starts at the Hollyhock Farm on Cortes Island this Friday and will take them into Victoria, Duncan, Hornby and Salt Spring.

The two folk concert enthusiasts will bring with them a variety of instruments including their Irish pipes, fiddles, a guitar and cithern.

In addition to playing a wide variety of folk instruments, Curry also makes most of what he plays. He also likes to weave his vocal performance with stories that have been handed down to him through his Celtic roots.

After the main concert, the pair

hope members of the audience will pitch in and play along on some of their own instruments which they are invited to bring along.

Curry says he is especially interested in meeting others from the island who share his interest in and enthusiasm for folk music.

Next Saturday's performance will begin at 8 p.m. and finish with a pot luck dessert. Tickets cost \$6 and are available at the door or from *et cetera*.

## Hysterical Society plans return

You just can't keep comedians at home.

The Salt Spring Hysterical Society took a break after last fall's hectic touring schedule with their hit play, *Paradise Lots*. But now they're back with an all-new Comedy Night this Friday, March 16, at Off Centre Stage's new location in Mahon Hall.

Society's birthplace at Off Centre's old theatre.

Tickets for Friday's show are available at *et cetera*.

The show travels to Gabriola Island the following day, Saturday, March 17.

The Hystericals are also tuning up

*Paradise Lots* for a run at the Belfry Theatre in Victoria April 19, 20 and 21. Islanders who managed somehow to miss the show the first, second and third times around have their chance finally to see it when the new production previews on Salt Spring April 14 and 15 at Mahon Hall.

By ANNE LYON  
Driftwood Contributor

All last year, on the long ferry rides to faraway islands, and staying up till four in the morning, billeted like cordwood in strangers' living rooms, they kept coming up with crazy ideas that just didn't fit in with *Paradise Lots*. Some of them found their way onto Shilo Zylbergold's pocket tape recorder, and ended up as neatly typed stacks of recycled paper.

All winter the material fermented, and now finally it's being let loose on stage for Comedy Night. You'll see why it didn't fit in anywhere else.

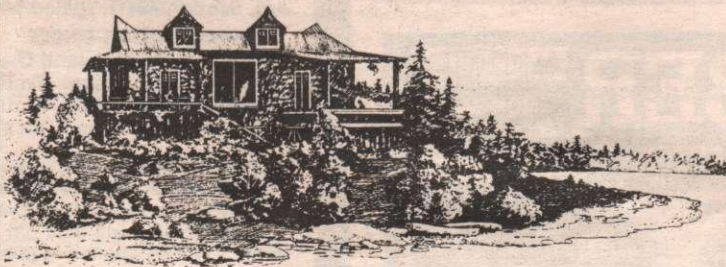
"One skit is based on an actual guy we stayed with on, no, we can't say which island. He had a whole wall of books — all paperbacks — all colour-coded," says Zylbergold.

Other skits include shocking new explanations for English literature and the air traffic crisis, some surprising uses for small power tools, legal ramifications of reincarnation and useful hints on personal hygiene.

Off Centre Stage director April Curtis says a temporary stage will be

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The show will open to the public at 1:30 pm Saturday, March 24. An opening tea will be served from 3-4 pm, when the show will be declared officially open and jury awards made.

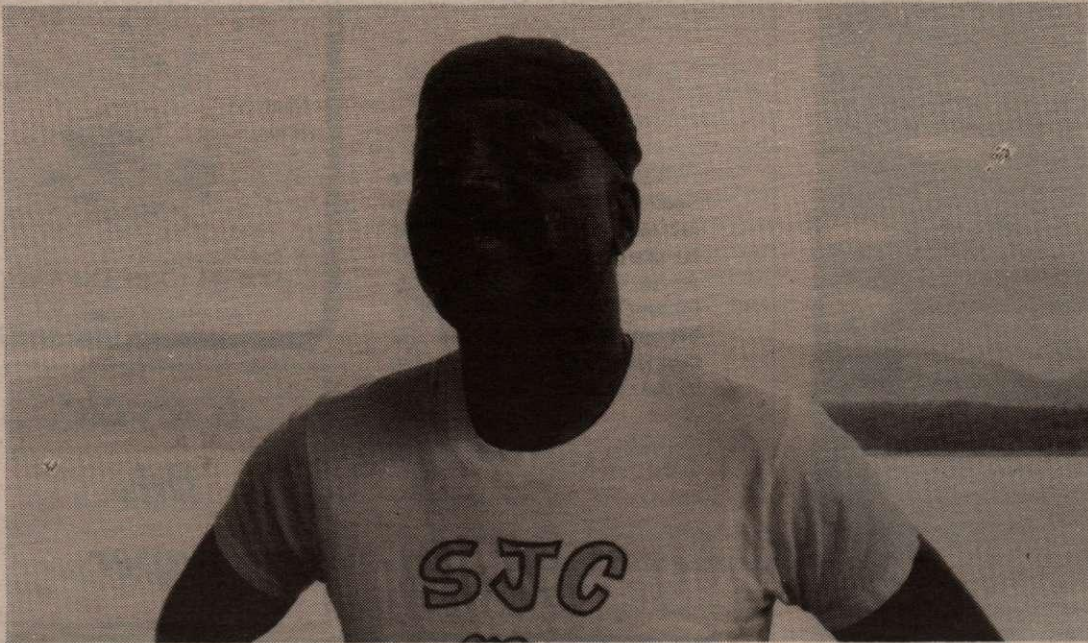
All entrants and friends are invited, as are all Arts Council members and interested public.

### ARTISTS & CRAFTSPEOPLE:

Entry forms available from Matt's Meats, *et cetera* and the Waterfront Gallery.

Enquiries: Illyd Perkins, 653-9392.

Entertainment



Drummer Dido Morris

## African drum course scheduled for island

Continuing Education on Salt Spring is welcoming the return of popular musician Dido Morris.

Morris will give an African Drum workshop next Sunday (March 25) at Mahon Hall. He will also present an African dance workshop.

Morris brings with him over 50 authentic drums for a hands-on workshop.

Those interested in participating should contact the Continuing Education office at 537-2822 and pre-register by Thursday afternoon.

## Events for writers planned

Gulf Islands writers should sharpen their pencils or polish their computer keys and prepare for activity in the next couple of months.

Writers will have the opportunity to enter a writing contest and attend a seminar on writing in Victoria.

The Burnaby Writers' Society is sponsoring a short fiction contest. Deadline for entries is April 30 and

the contest is open to all B.C. residents.

The BWS contest requires a \$5 entry fee with each manuscript submitted. Prizes range from \$100 for top entry, \$50 for second best and \$25 for the third place entry.

To determine submission requirements and other entry fee details, write to Contest Committee, c/o

1210-8825 Hudson St., Vancouver, B.C., V6P 4M9. Entries which do not abide by the contest rules will be rejected.

Meanwhile, the Federation of B.C. Writers will be holding a conference in Victoria, Saturday, April 7 and Sunday, April 8.

Judith Padley, program co-ordinator, hopes the conference name, B.C. (W)rites, "is vague enough to evoke a wide range of responses from the participants." Scheduled during the two-day event are several workshops and readings as well as the annual general meeting of the writers' federation.

Susan Musgrave, who served as writer-in-residence at the Gulf Islands Secondary School recently, will be among the writers reading from works.

For more information on fees and times call the Federation office in Victoria, 385-0357, or visit them at Room 506, 620 View St.

## Young Salt Spring pianist takes two first place spots

Local pianist Geoffrey Davidson placed first in two divisions of the Cowichan Music Festival.

At the event which concluded last Friday in Duncan, the 15-year-old played a Pescetti "Prelude" to win the Baroque under 16 class and Bartok's "Evening at the Village" to win the 20th Century Class.

Davidson, a pupil of Susan deBurgh, is the current recipient of the Virginia Finch-Noyes Memorial Bursary from the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

## Setting it straight

In part two of Reg Ashwell's article on George Hunt Junior (*Driftwood*, Feb. 21, 1990), an unsigned, beautifully designed and painted Sea Eagle Drum, by the brilliant master carver Calvin Hunt, was mistakenly ascribed to be the work of George Hunt Junior and Eugene Hunt.

Further, George Hunt Junior's Indian name, Nas-u-niz, which means "The light between the world", is a West Coast (Nootkan) name stemming from the maternal side of the artist's family, and is not a Kwa-gulth name, as erroneously stated in the article.

Both the *Driftwood* and writer Reg Ashwell regret these errors and sincerely extend their apologies to the artists involved.

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Entertainment



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# Arts Centre directors asked to clarify money questions

While directors of the proposed art centre on Salt Spring continue to seek advice from potential users of the structure, financing the venture has raised several questions in the community.

At a recent information meeting organized by the Chamber of Commerce, Island Art Centre Society directors Laurie Niesh, April Curtin and Bill Curtin explained how the centre would be financed and what the monetary impact on the island could be.

Curtin told the meeting each dollar spent to showcase the arts spills over through the community, resulting in at least \$1.80 to \$2.50 more being spent on other things.

He gave as an example the combined budgets plus audience spending of \$5 per head for the Festival of the Arts, Off Centre Stage, the Community Arts Council and Artcraft which came to \$486,162 last year. Using the spill-over figure of \$1.80 for each \$1, Curtin said, the four cultural endeavours brought a further \$875,144 to the Salt Spring community. This resulted in an estimated total expenditure of \$1,361,336.

This figure does not consider such efforts as the Jazz Festival, Sea Capers, concerts and other craft fairs, he added.

The operating budget of the proposed arts centre calls for a balanced income and expenses for the first year of \$135,000.

The directors explained the income would be generated through membership sales of \$30,000 and grants of \$10,000. Program receipts would bring in a further \$65,000 while gifts (\$5,000) and bank interest (\$3,000) add to the income. The final

figure is reached through rental of the arts display hall and \$12,000 for theatre rentals.

The prospectus for the arts centre outlined the budgets of the C.A.C., Festival of the Arts and Off Centre Stage. The three groups combined to generate \$1,431 from membership sales. The newly formed society offers individual memberships at \$10 and family memberships at \$25. To reach the projected figure of \$30,000, they would have to attract 3,000 individual members or a high combination of both family and individual members.

**The proposed centre would be geared mainly for local use, but could be made available for touring professional groups. The centre could also be used for conferences and seminars.**

According to the operating statements of the three organizations, they gathered a combined total of \$52,631 in government grants to meet operating expenses. The groups also combined to generate a total of \$61,994 in gate receipts.

To meet the proposed income for the theatre, the society would have to rent it at least 300 days of the year at

\$40 per day. The hall would have to be rented, for art displays, shows or craft fairs, at least 360 days per year at \$27 per day.

The one aspect of the expense account which has drawn criticism is \$30,000 proposed for the salary of the centre's director. Neish explained that the figure included all expenses required to run the management end of things such as office supplies and such. He indicated that the director would also be charged with ensuring that memberships and monetary gifts to the centre flowed regularly thus ensuring that the salary could be met.

Off Centre Stage is run on a semi-professional basis. According to the financial statement for the 1989 fiscal year, salaries accounted for \$28,000 with supplies for the office taking a further \$1,300.

Curtis told the Chamber of Commerce meeting that the proposed centre would be geared mainly for local use, but could be available for touring professional groups. The centre could also be available for conferences and seminars.

While the various figures included in the proposed operating budget can be disputed, Neish explained that it is within reason. For instance, he pointed out that the CAC had, in the past eight years, paid out more than \$64,000 to maintain Mahon Hall. That group also covered the cost of most of the renovations for the hall, he stated.

With indications of support from a wide cross section of islanders, the Society will proceed with its plans. A centre for the arts has been bandied about several times in the past. This attempt is probably the most comprehensive effort to date.

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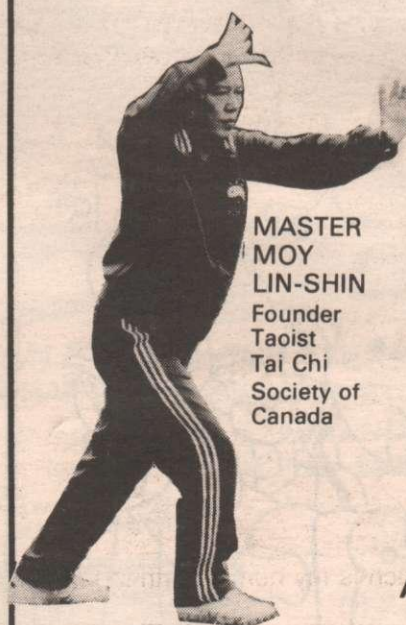
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# Driftwood

## Sports



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Blustery March winds create the perfect environment for sailing, as indicated by this photo, taken from a Salt Spring Island viewpoint.

## F.C. loses to Prairie Inn

Salt Spring F.C. 1, Prairie Inn 3  
Salt Spring F.C.'s regular season seems to be dragging out.

By MALCOLM LEGG  
Driftwood Contributor

Last weekend the club travelled to Victoria for its third from the last league game of the season. Unfortunately, the team dropped another tough contest, losing 3-1 against a team it should have beaten under normal circumstances.

Normally teams play games on grass fields but it seems every time F.C. has to play in Victoria, we end up at the gravel pit called North Beacon Hill Park where, at the end of the game, players reclaim parts of their anatomy they lost while sliding on the surface.

So far in 1990, F.C. has played four games, three at Beacon Hill, all of which were losses and one on a grass field, resulting in a 6-1 victory.

It would appear we certainly prefer grass, but who wouldn't. Most referees are normally impartial in

their officiating and it appeared this would happen at the recent game. The referee cautioned both teams he would call a tight game on the rough surface. However that was the last time he was impartial because his only calls were made against Salt Spring. It was almost as though Prairie Inn was not on the field.

Salt Spring usually fields a relatively strong side, but a change in scheduling from Sunday to Saturday left the team short in some positions because of injury, suspension or work commitment.

With Dave Toynbee and Corbin Scott out of the offensive line, F.C. had lost its one-two scoring punch. David McColl's absence was an integral part of the mid-field gap and the back wall was minus some major talent in Arne Hengster, Todd Tamboline and Mark Nordine.

This is not to say the players who played last Saturday did not give a full effort, but lacking depth and talent, the Prairie team eventually wore us down.

For most of the first half, it looked as though Salt Spring might take the game as striker Darren Strong and the mid-field of Alan Webb, Doug Pearson and John Oldroyd created some excellent chances. But a late goal gave Prairie Inn the lead and two quick goals after half-time sealed the win for the opponents.

Mid-way through the second half, Strong scored F.C.'s lone goal. The team tried to rally but it was unable to strongly test the goalie and tally any further markers.

The team has another game next weekend.

### Golden Agers:

Flo Kavanagh 238, Murray Anderson 219, June Webb 206, Nellie Hebert 223, Ed Allen 213, Gene Graham 212, Edie Gear 200.

No scores were received from the YBC although information was provided that Lisa Cagna had three strikes in a row and Rachel Gooding had four in a row.

Three bowlers won tickets to the next performance at Off Centre Stage for getting five strikes in a row. Hughes also scored single games of 242, 251 and 229 (764) for a Wednesday set.

## DOWN THE GUTTER

Results of bowling action at Leisure Lanes this week includes:

**Tuesday Afternoon Ladies:**  
Deanna 267, 214, 212 (693); Lesley 254, Mary 237 and Irene 201.

**Tuesday Night:**  
Val Hughes 341, 211, 212 (764)

**Wednesday Night:**  
Val Hughes 252, 251, 229 (722)

**Golf Ladies Afternoon:**  
Tash Hewitson 221, Dorothy Armstrong 222, Jean Haines 200, Mildred Gurney 217, Maxine Whorley 202, Lorraine Toller 218, Marie Hopkins 226, Shirley Parsons 257.

## BRIDGE REPORT

Gulf Island Bridge Club winners on March 5 were as follows:

**NORTH-SOUTH**  
Bill Buckler and Noel Fowles; Robert Bradford and Conhor Hunt; Isabelle Richardson and John Sarginson.

**EAST-WEST**  
Kay Javorski and Mildred Gurney; Jean Herring and Anne McConnell; Don and Nina Thompson.

Tuesday night winner were:

**NORTH-SOUTH**  
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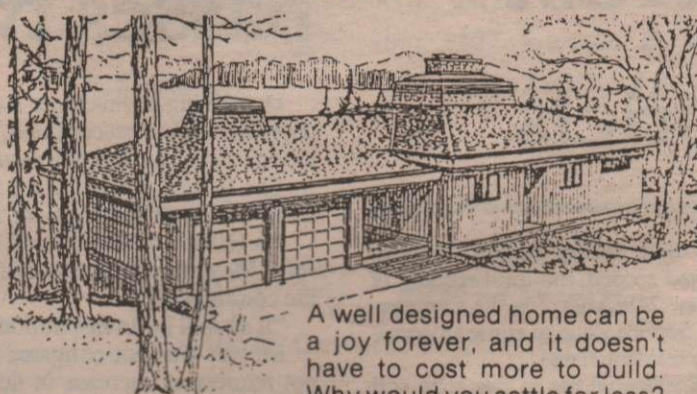
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News

# Islands Trust prepares for inaugural meeting

The premier, several provincial ministers and former Islands Trust chairmen are among numerous people to receive invitations to the Islands Trust's inaugural meeting, April 1.

At the meeting, scheduled to take place at the Ramada Inn in Victoria, trustees representing 13 islands will enact the necessary bylaws and become an autonomous body in accordance with provincial legislation passed last summer.

Islands Trust chairman and Salt Spring trustee Nick Gilbert is pleased with the new legislation, noting the community asked for a stronger Trust and the government has granted it.

And while it doesn't do everything trustees had hoped for, Gilbert told a recent Community Planning Association meeting, it marks a major break through.

The new legislation gives the Islands Trust Council (consisting of the 26 elected trustees) authority to determine policies, review bylaws,

act as an appeal agency, set its own staffing levels and create a budget.

Gilbert said taxpayers now have a "direct pipeline" through their elected trustees as to how local planning evolves.

"If they want better planning service, they can have it."

Gilbert said things will happen faster now in terms of planning: the object is not to speed up development proposals, he said, but to move ahead with long-term planning.

Autonomy does not come free of cost, however. As Gilbert told the CPA meeting, much of the cost of local control will be borne by the local taxpayer.

The Islands Trust is currently waiting for approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on its proposed \$1.7 million budget.

Perhaps the most tangible item to

emerge from the new legislation, Gilbert said, is the opportunity to get the Trust Fund "up and running."

The Trust Fund allows the Trust to receive donated money or land. It also gives the Trust the power to enter into an agreement or covenant with property owners to protect a special area of land.

Under current legislation, local bylaws are voted on by local trustees and up to three members of the executive committee (consisting of a chairman and two vice chairmen, elected by the Council). The bylaws are then sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for approval.

Under the new legislation, local trustees, joined by one member of the executive committee, vote on a bylaw. The bylaw is then sent to the executive committee which approves

or rejects it, according to the Trust's policy statement.

If the bylaw is appealed by local trustees, it will go before the Council as a whole. If the decision is appealed again, the bylaw will go before the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Gilbert believes the presence of an executive committee member in local bylaw hearings will help determine — at the lowest level — whether or not the proposed bylaw is in accordance with the policy statement.

Creation of the policy statement will be a top priority for the Trust after April 1. Gilbert said the Trust's current policies will act as a useful guide in creating the new policy statement.

The new legislation, Gilbert said, "Gives (the Trust) an opportunity as a local government to move environmental concerns into direct policies and bylaws in a manner which is acceptable to the province."

"It means the jurisdictional hassles still faced by others in the province will not be true in the Trust area," he added. "And this means a lot, considering the confrontations in other years."

## Islands Trust gains autonomy, April 1

## Development bylaw passes two readings

Describing a developer's co-operation with the community as "exceptional and unprecedented," Salt Spring Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert moved the Trust approve second reading of Bylaw 261.

The bylaw, discussed at a March 1 public hearing, establishes a new comprehensive development zone in the Bulman Road area.

As Gilbert moved second reading of the bylaw, he noted developer John Meyers had donated trails and a significant piece of park land to the community.

"It should be an inspiration for other developers," he said.

Meyers was not obligated to dedicate the trails or park area. He did not request an increase in density; however, the new zoning does involve a density transfer.

Meyers met with the community at the early stages of planning and attempted to meet concerns through the trail and park dedication, Gilbert said.

At the public hearing several people expressed concern over the trail system, which does not continue through lots two, three and four, leaving a blank in the trail.

The Park and Recreation Commission requested the Trust withhold reading of the bylaw until the system is complete.

However, as Meyers pointed out, the lots in question were pre-sold under an earlier subdivision plan. The purchasers have rights, he said: one cannot insist they allow linkage of the trail through their properties.

The developer agreed to discuss the situation with the property owners in question.

Trustees approved second and third reading of the bylaw and agreed to send it to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for ministerial approval.

## Central Hall Committee names new executive, honours Walters

The annual meeting of the Central Hall Committee, held March 11, elected a new executive and honoured the outgoing president.

The new officers are as follows: John F. Volc, president; Ray Popkin Clurman, vice-president; Nedine Sims, secretary; Anne Popkin Clurman, treasurer.

The following directors were also elected: Dorothy Sloan, Jessie Wagg; Sy Sloan; Myrtle Holloman; Hilda Graham; Edith Owens; Thelma Wallace.

Outgoing president Bevis Walters has been appointed as honorary advisor to the board for life. This took place in recognition of his many years of dedicated work in the community.

## Trust briefs

• Salt Spring Islands Trustees moved second and third reading of Bylaw 248, amending the Commercial Service Zone to allow an accessory residential use.

Residential use in this zone will only be permitted on parcels of land greater than 6,000 square metres, or 1.48 acres.

The Advisory Planning Commission noted its approval of the bylaw at the March 2 public hearings.

The bylaw did not prompt any discussion at the hearing, and trustees John Stepaniuk and Nick Gilbert agreed the amendment should go forward.

• Despite a general resistance to awarding bonus densities, Salt Spring Island Trustees agreed Bylaw 249 should receive second and third reading.

Trustee Nick Gilbert said the bylaw — which amends a Community Plan goal statement to support the gradual development of a parks and trail network throughout the island — is a "very fair policy." He noted it encourages conservation and preservation of park land.

The bylaw allows for a small increase in density in return for significant park or trail dedication. The extra density will not exceed a one lot bonus, unless larger acreages are being dedicated.

At the March 1 public hearing, Islands Watch Society spokesman David Borrowman said the society supports improvements to the trail network, but is concerned about eventual "horse-trading." Borrowman said the bylaw puts the "wrong foot forward," and should provide for the Islands Trust to specify what trails it wants.

Gilbert noted, however, developers are not required to make the make the dedication. He added that the land donated for trail or park use must be suitable to receive the bonus density.

• A bylaw establishing setbacks and a minimum parcel size for dog kennel use obtained the approval of Salt Spring Island Trustees last week.

Trustees gave Bylaw 247 second and third reading at their committee meeting March 2.

The bylaw amends the Rural One Zone and Upland and Forest Zone.

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# Typewriter of BILL WEBSTER



Thursday, past, passed with scant notice of international women's day.

The United Nations sets aside various days each year to allow scrutiny of various problems of the world. And only the people inhaling too many fumes from Crofton hold the opinion that women don't have problems.

A litany of transgressions against women — by society, men and other women — would last much, much longer than the 24 hours allocated by the U.N.

Delving into the deep past, one sees women as being held in respect and given honour because of their unqualified ability to ensure the continuation of the species. But a funny thing happened as mankind adopted the pose of being civilized. That very ability became a liability and was used to subjugate women.

"Original Sin" in its various guises in various cultures became the vehicle for men to gain superiority. The situation, given a few modifications here and there, has stayed that way until now.

Women, for many centuries, were considered chattels to be done with as was needed. We view in the early history of Canada, a virile man subduing nature and hewing civilization from the wild continent. When the urge struck, he sent to the home country, England, Scotland, France, where ever, for a bride: his choice, her obligation.

### Freedom dances tantalizingly close

Politics offers one measure of the extent of freedom for women. Money marks another. Both, combined with other factors, leads to an inescapable conclusion that freedom for women dances tantalizingly close but exists behind a barrier of thought and action which, if not willingly dismantled, will be destroyed through force and violence.

Canada began in 1541 when Cartier founded the first settlement. As the nation grew, democracy found its way into the fabric of life. Democracy - one man, one vote. Close to 375 years after that first settlement, women were allowed to participate in the process and actually cast a vote. 1917 was the year and the franchise was given to women; but only if they were serving in the armed forces or were close relatives, such as a wife, of a soldier. The following year, universality came to the franchise for women.

In 1917, Louise Kinney managed to win a seat in the Alberta legislature and by 1923, Canadian voters, of both genders, set Agnes McPhail to Ottawa as the country's first woman member of parliament.

### Court ruled women not persons

Even then, a dispute raged over the issue of whether a woman qualified as a "person." The British North America Act stated that only persons of standing in the community were eligible to sit in the Senate. The Supreme court of Canada, that august body of legal wisdom in our nation, ruled, in 1928, that women were not persons and therefore could not hold elected or appointed office. Emily Murphy and four of her friends from Alberta pursued the matter to the British Privy Council, which, in 1929, agreed that indeed women were persons.

The list of first for women in Canada forms a disheartening example of the real position of women. We scour reference sources to find a list of first for men, futilely. Somehow it is assumed that such a list is not needed.

To offer an example of the problem, a look at statistics released by the provincial ministry of education serves well.

Education is a field deemed acceptable as a career for women. When talk about the teacher flows, it is assumed that the teacher is female. Why else do we have the appellation: man teacher?

At the district staff level, where employment can influence the direction of education in the district, we find fully 58 per cent of the staff as male. Women, making up 42 per cent of the staff, take home 12 per cent less in pay than do the guys.

### Money talks and men have the loudest voice

In the classroom, 61 per cent of the teachers are female. They take home 10.4 per cent less than their male counterparts. But interest perks when looking at the division at the administrative level. Combining principals and vice-principals as a group, only 18 per cent are women. They earn six per cent less than the men.

A note of optimism can be found in the Grade 12 graduate figures. Only 71 per cent of students actually get through the year. Of the ones who do, females make up 52 per cent of the total and close to 75 per cent of the females who enter the year are around at the end. Males form 48 per cent of graduates and only 67 per cent of those who pick up books in September are around in June.

Money talks and society has arranged for men to have the loudest voice. Ontario passed a law that work of equal value should be paid equally. For the past two years, they have been sorting through pay checks to make sure that women gain compensation equivalent to men.

Its been a long time coming but there's a long way yet to go. When the 20th Century ushered in so many endings and so many beginnings, women were paid only 55 per cent of what a man would earn — in the same job. Today the average runs from 65 to 90 per cent.

Yet even as equality of opportunity and wages grows for women, the struggle for dignity will continue. As long as women are considered fair game as outlets for violent urges or sexual frustration, dignity for women will remain a quixotic

## Market vendors reach agreements

Vendors at this year's Market have agreed to pay the Parks and Recreation Commission \$3,000 to clean the park after the weekend fair.

That was one of the agreements which came out of a Vendor's meeting on the 8th of this month and attended by an estimated 50 people. Another was that spacing priority would first be given to farmers, then to arts and crafts people from Salt Spring and finally to the S.S.I. Tools and Miscellaneous Vendors.

Any remaining space will be offered to off-island vendors.

Users at the market this year will be asked to pay 50¢ a square foot for space and will be restricted to a maximum 16 feet. Charging will begin on the May 24th weekend.

One of the main topics of discussion was the shape the market should take considering its growth and the fact that the parks commission has indicated the market could use more of the available park space.

Participants at the March 8th meeting agreed that the vendors would work toward creating a cosmopolitan atmosphere and that the booths would be set up close to the plaza's outside edge to allow for a better traffic flow. To solve some of the congestion problems, the group agreed that vendors selling produce and having small tables for crafts would set up in the middle aisles. The suggestion is that vendors selling produce will leave once their goods are sold.

It was also suggested that off-islanders could use the parking area of Gasoline Alley, where set-up restrictions would not apply.

Some of the other agreements that

came out of the March 8 meet included: -hiring someone to collect rent -asking the Parks and Recreation Commission for a loading zone for two parking spaces in front of the park from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

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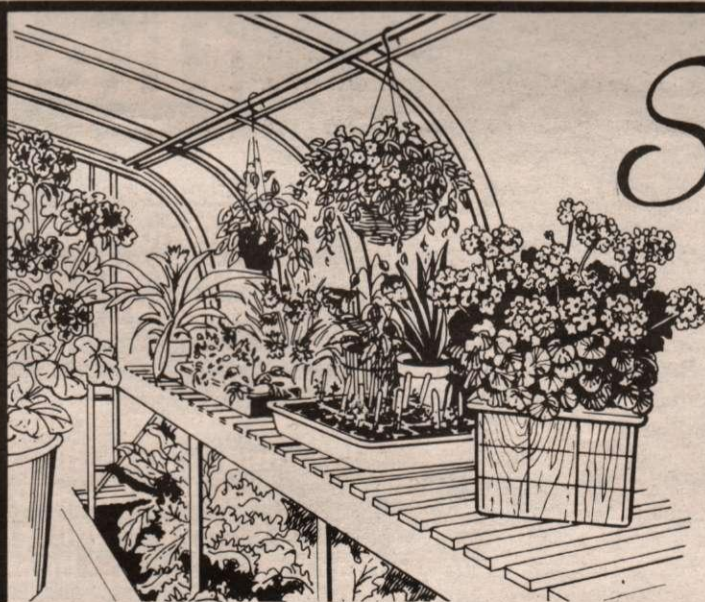
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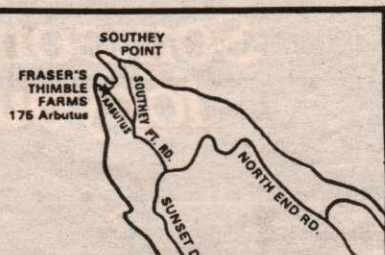
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# Some seasonal tips on growing asparagus

To jump right into things this week, I've had several inquiries about asparagus growing, so here we go on that noble long-lived, delectable springtime treat, *Asparagus officinalis*.

Asparagus is a perennial vegetable which can be expected to yield its abundant crop of delectable spears for 20 to 40 years, therefore it is prudent to take some time to properly locate the asparagus bed in the garden. When choosing a location for the bed, ensure it won't be in the regular vegetable beds, nor in the way of any expansion plans for some decades to come.

You don't want to have to move it after a mere 10 or 15 years. A full sun situation is the best, and early spring sun will encourage the plants to come into production as early in the season as possible. Try to keep the rows running parallel with the prevailing wind to minimize wind breakage of the stems, as this can affect production.

The soil must be well-drained and ditched or mounded so that there is no standing water at any time of the year, as just a few days with the crowns under water will bring on rots and certain demise. For soil, a rich, sandy loam with a pH of 6.5 is ideal, and when mixing soil amendments in, aim for 25 per cent sand content (if not already present) and 25 per cent manure, compost or other organic matter.

Dig out the trenches for the beds one foot deep and three feet wide, keeping the soil from the excavation stockpiled around the sides where it won't be in the way and yet close enough to be at hand for backfilling as the plants grow. After you've dug the trench out, cultivate and work the soil for another spade depth and mix in the amendments and manure. While the asparagus roots will grow down and up, the majority of the rooting will take place laterally or sideways, so this lower zone is where you should do most of your amending and fertilizing.

Once the bed has been prepared, set the plants on two inch high cones, mounds, or ridges of soil, so that the long roots are fanned outward and slightly downward from the crown. If planted this way the crowns will be set 10 inches below the final soil surface of the bed. The plants should be spaced two feet apart in two staggered rows, and then covered over with two inches of screened soil. As



the young plants grow and gain strength, backfill with additional soil until the trench is backfilled.

Determine the length of the trench and the sizes of the beds by assessing how much asparagus you want to eat. The rule of thumb is to allow 20 plants (20 feet of bed length) for each person, and if you want to get an all season crop then you will have to double your plant numbers, growing one bed for the regular spring crop and the other for a later summer harvesting.

Asparagus can be grown from seed, direct sown in April or started indoors in March, or to skip two years, they may be purchased as two year old crowns. Martha Washington is the preferred variety in our region, as it is productive and resistant to asparagus rust, but a strong contender

is the Jersey Giant with larger spears and heavier crops on all male plants. The only problem here is the greater cost and shortfall in availability. Regardless of how you start, no harvest should be taken until the plants are four years old, and then only a two week cutting period is recommended. The following years when the plants are strong, you can harvest for up to eight weeks. Don't use a knife to cut spears as you might damage the crowns or hidden, emerging spear tips. Harvest by snapping off the spears by hand, at or just below the soil surface.

If you want blanched spears you will have to mound up screened soil or sand to prevent the sun from encouraging the development of chlorophyll and hence green asparagus.

In the wild, asparagus favours a sandy soil, most often growing in coastal regions where there is some salt content in the soil and the water supply. It often finds its niche there because competition is minimized by the salt, and asparagus doesn't grow well with weed competition. You should keep the beds weed-free all of the time, and mulch them annually with straw, leaves or sawdust to control weeds, help conserve moisture, and help maintain organic matter content of the soil.

As the growth of fronds starts to turn brown, cut the top vegetation down and burn it to control the asparagus rust spores, and also to kill the asparagus aphids, and asparagus beetle eggs which will be residing on the foliage. In the growing season, asparagus beetles can be controlled by using rotenone. So there you have it, the first fresh vegetable of the year, a bit of work to start, but well worth the effort in the long run.

On other matters in the garden this month, shrubs, fruit trees, shade

trees, and ornamental flowering trees should be fertilized. Use a near-balanced fertilizer such as 13-16-10 or 17-17-17 at roughly one pound of fertilizer per inch of stem diameter. Try to spread this evenly over the entire root area which extends approximately to the reach of the branches, also often referred to as the drip line.

If there are shrubs, groundcovers or grasses which will be competing with the tree roots, then you might choose to fertilize at a little higher rate, or alternately to get the nutrients down to the tree roots, you can use a pipe, pinch bar or wrecking bar to rod evenly spaced holes to an eight inch depth, and then drop in the proportional amount of fertilizer. The nutrient will soak in with the spring rains, and be available for uptake by the plant roots by the time it's needed.

We'll have more seasonal news next week, but for now, Happy Gardening.

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