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Weldwood plans to begin logging

Weldwood Canada will begin logging Mount Bruce on Salt Spring this April, the company's forestry manager Sandy Gray announced this week.

Gray travelled to the island March 13, with Gerry McClintock, tree farm supervisor for the international timber company, to talk about plans to log Mt. Bruce.

"Weldwood has owned 300 hectares on Mount Bruce . . . since 1960," he told the meeting. The company plans to log close to 50 hectares this year.

The mountain area held by Weldwood was last logged in the 1950s by a previous owner. Much of the 300 hectares is immature trees and Weldwood intends to wait for 15 to 20 years before harvesting the wood.

Islanders at the meeting included representatives of the Island Watch Society, Green Islands and the Salt Spring chapter of the Sierra Club.

Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert and Chamber of Commerce president Glenn Moores were also there.

They were shown photos of the mountain and plans to indicate where the logging would occur.

Gray maintained the logged areas, in strips, would not be too visible because of the topography of the land.

In a press release concerning the meeting, Islands Watch Society spokesman Sam Lightman disagreed.

"While visual impact from the valley bottom was minimal," Lightman noted, "from Lee Hill and Mt. Maxwell it would be significant."

Gray also indicated Weldwood would bring in their own logging crews. He offered criticism of the logging methods of islanders, noting the "mess" on former MacMillan Bloedel land which has been logged.

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Island's Arts Centre will receive funding

ArtSpring, the proposed arts centre for Salt Spring, will receive a Windfall grant of \$200,000.

Julia Atkins, Capital Regional District (CRD) director for Salt Spring, broke the news to a meeting of the Island Art Centre Society last Thursday (March 15). She said the money will be made available when the rezoning application for the land is completed. The Islands Trust is expected to deal with the rezoning issue at a meeting in late April.

"I am supportive of the arts centre," she told the meeting. "And I have been all along."

Atkins reviewed the history of Windfall, noting Hugh Borsman, who had been CRD director when the fund was established early last year, had set stringent requirements for any application for a grant from the fund.

Each proposed project had to be of benefit to the island, be financed to avoid becoming a tax burden and be supported by a significant number of islanders.

Atkins noted that she had taken "a good hard look at all the projects to make sure the funds (were) spent for the public good."

When the 16-member Windfall Committee presented its report late last year, the granting of funds had been tied to a stipulation that all funding for the projects be in place by April 1, 1990. Atkins said that because she came into the game late, she would not hold to that deadline. She was elected director in October.

Part of the process used to examine the arts centre proposal was to

quantant questioned various individual items of the budget, they agreed it was within reason.

Atkins explained that it was not an easy matter to give away public funds but she is confident ArtSpring will succeed.

"I believe it is a good project and will benefit Salt Spring," she said. "They won't have any problems getting funds."

Seasonal pull-out featured

Spring officially hit the Gulf Islands at 1:19 p.m. yesterday (March 20).

With it come blossoming trees, warmer nights and thoughts of sunny days ahead.

For those who look to spring as an occasion to clean, renovate or merely spruce up the home, the *Driftwood* has included its "Springtime" supplement in this week's edition of the paper.

Inside the 28-page pull-out, readers will find a variety of tips on building, renovating and spring cleaning in the Gulf Islands.

Photographs in the supplement feature local workers in the construction industry, plus a few springtime snaps.

"Springtime" is an annual *Driftwood* supplement, distributed each March.



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Spring has arrived! Beth Cherneff (left) and Marilyn Schmah of Foxglove garden centre surround themselves with geraniums as the store prepares for the planting season ahead.

School referendum is not necessary

Gulf Island taxpayers will not be facing a referendum on school funding.

The school board, which met last Wednesday (March 14), approved a tentative budget of \$12,045,250 for the 1990/91 school year. The figures must now go to the Ministry of Education for approval.

In setting the amount to be spent next year, the school board stayed within the approved figure set earlier by the ministry. The ministry decreed that any amount over the basic block funding must be approved by taxpayers in referendum.

Under the new education funding formula the school district is allowed to spend up to \$10.8 million on local education. The difference between the block funding and the school board figure covers debt services which are a local responsibility.

Debt services pays the capital expenditures for new buildings or major repairs and includes interest on

block." In addition, the school district is granted \$48,309 to cover the costs of authorized textbooks, \$17,000 for accreditation and a further \$79,702 for shareable capital allowance.

The shareable capital allowance is split between the school district and the ministry on a 60-40 per cent basis. After various factors are considered, the share usually works out close to 50-50 per cent.

The capital debt for School District 64 amounts to \$1,156,012 with a further \$85,538 added to cover servicing the debt. The service charge is added to the ministry estimate of debt servicing set last year and covers borrowing needed to pay capital cost over and above the ministry estimate incurred during the school year.

Repayment of the capital debt is a local matter and while the debt is spread over a number of years, certain amounts are due each year and collected from taxpayers

News

Terry Huberts decides against seeking local MLA nomination

Terry Huberts announced he would not seek nomination as Social Credit candidate for the new riding of Saanich North, The Islands.

By BILL WEBSTER
The Driftwood

The announcement came as a surprise for many after his earlier indication of a desire to seek the nomination. Huberts has served three and a half years as member of the legislature for Saanich and The Islands, along with Mel Couvelier.

Despite being a rookie MLA, Huberts served in the cabinet as Minister of State and Minister Responsible for Parks. He was striped of that responsibility in a recent cabinet shuffle. Speculation at the time centred on him provoking disfavour in cabinet for his opposition to mining and logging in provincial parks.

Huberts statement read in part, "After careful consideration and discussions with my family, friends and supporters, I have decided not to seek re-election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

"This decision was not an easy one to reach, but it is what I believe to best for my family, and the Social Credit Party."

Huberts explained the importance of his family and noted that his sons "are at an age when I feel they need to see their father much more than they have in these past year.

"I do not believe that I can offer them the family life I would want, while seeking re-election to an office which demands such commitment of time and energy."

Huberts said his decision to not seek re-election was not made to

avoid a possible split in the local Social Credit Party ranks.

Both he and Couvelier, who is Minister of Finance in the Social Credit government, each said they would seek the Socred nomination in the newly formed riding of Saanich North, The Islands. They serve as the dual members for Saanich and The Islands.



Terry Huberts

Redistribution to avoid dual-member ridings created two constituencies from Saanich and The Islands: Saanich North, The Islands and Saanich South.

Huberts, who did not mention Couvelier by name in the press release announcing his intentions, said, "It is also not my wish to be part of an internal political struggle, the end of which would result in one incumbent member for the new constituency of Saanich North and The Islands being nominated at the expense of the other — and, I believe, at the expense of unity of the Social Credit Party in the constituency."

He assured the people of Saanich and The Islands that he would continue to represent them until the next

election and urged Social Credit supporters to continue to back their party.

In his term of office, Huberts has assisted Gulf Islanders in many projects. While minister of state he was in the process of setting up a committee to attempt to settle the long-standing dispute between island residents and B.C. Ferries. Huberts noted the committee was put on hold when he was "shuffled out" as Minister of State.

He set up a liaison committee on Galiano to bring all sides of the controversy over logging on that island together. He felt it would be beneficial if the three factions and government talked instead of fighting.

For Mayne Islanders, he was instrumental in the creation of Diner Bay Park and help with the funding efforts for the Pender Library and fire hall.

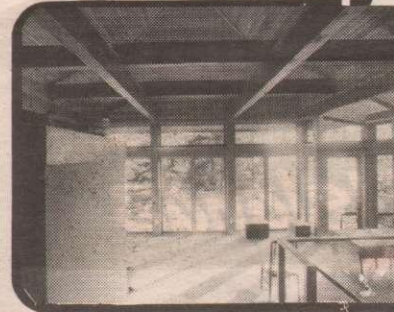
On Salt Spring, Huberts helped guide the request for use of a portion of Mouat Park for the proposed arts centre. He set up a grant of \$81,000 for the seawalk and worked to bring pressure on Fletcher Challenge to clean up the dioxin spills at the Crofton Mill.

Huberts noted, "I tried to be there as the MLA, to sit and talk with the people personally."

As for his decision to quit, Huberts explained, "I thought it through an awful lot. Where ever I looked, it pointed to my family." That was the guide in his decision to step aside and avoid a battle in the new constituency.

"It's been a rewarding experience for me," he said. "I'm really sad to leave politics."

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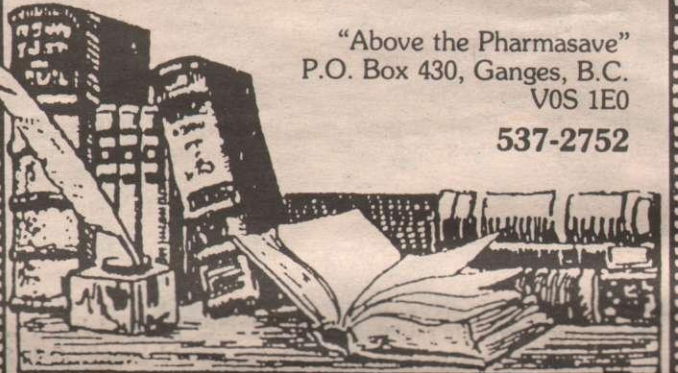
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Jarrood recovering after surgery

Jarrood Booth is expected home from the Children's Hospital in Vancouver this Friday after undergoing surgery to remove a brain tumour early last week.

Cindy Booth said 90 per cent of the tumour was removed and Jarrod is doing well. She added that the family hopes to have Jarrod home for his birthday Saturday.

The surgery occurred close to a week after Jarrod's return from a 14-day trip to England where he met with officials from the Guinness Book of Records and learned he would be entered in its

1991 edition.

That entry comes following a Christmas card campaign that started last October and resulted in more than 200,000 cards being sent to Jarrod from all over the world.

Jarrood's mother, Cindy Booth, said her son was taken to the hospital for a routine exam last Monday (March 12). Surgery was performed the following day.

She said Jarrod is listless and there is some paralysis. However, this is expected to clear as his condition improves.

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week beginning Monday, March 19

showers.

Cloudy with sunny periods through to Wednesday. one hundred per cent chance of rain Thursday. Outlook for the weekend is clouds and

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News



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Mainland students look at impact of change on island

Sixty-five students from the Surrey school district were on Salt Spring last week participating in a four-day study on "the social and economic impact of change on a small community."

The students, all of them in senior high school, were selected as the top performers in either the math, humanities or performing arts fields.

Norm Mackenzie, a vice-principal from one of the secondary schools involved, says the important aspect of the project was how the students worked with all of the information they received. He said these students did in four days what it would take students in regular classrooms a month to do.

The 65 students who came to Salt Spring were selected from between 800 and 1,000 other students considered in each of those three fields.

Mackenzie said the project forced the schools to establish criteria from which "gifted students" could be picked.

The students arrived on the island last Sunday and a group met with representatives from various political and special interest organizations the following day to gather information about the island.

Following another two days of research, which included interviews with well over 100 people on the island, the students participated in an all-day debate and information sharing session at the Waterside Bistro.

Mackenzie said the math students did a statistical report on how growth would affect the island; the humanities group debated whether change would benefit Salt Spring; and the third wrote a musical history of the island using original choreography, script and music.

Mackenzie said it wasn't so much the packages the groups put together which was important, but the learning process itself. He said students today are having to deal with so much information now that it's become important for them to learn how to process -- rather than memorize -- the

information they receive.

He also said the experience gave the students the opportunity to meet others who shared their interest and, for some, the chance to see things they had not seen before.

One of the students, he said, commented that she had not seen sheep before coming to the island.

Mackenzie added that another group will probably be here next year conducting a similar type of project.

Logging plans outlined

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He informed the meeting jobs would be available to islanders as scalers, dump and boom crews as well as tree planters. Weldwood's plans include reforestation when the cuts are completed.

"Weldwood's intention is not to log and leave the area," Gray said. "We are tree farmers and we are planting and planning for our company's future requirements in all areas that we hold."

Any logs taken from Mt. Bruce would go to Weldwood mills at Squamish of Flavelle, Gray indicated.

Lightman noted the cut would produce 30,000 cubic metres of timber which would suffice for a fibre supply for two months at the

Squamish mill.

Gilbert suggested the land to be logged, if acquired by the community, would allow for the creation of a community woodlot. The amount of timber to be harvested would keep island loggers and mill operators busy for 10 years, he claimed.

Weldwood could sell the property to the Islands Trust, for community use, with the trees standing, Green Islands suggested.

Moore's noted the company could get a "100 per cent tax write-off" on such a sale. Gray told the meeting he would take the suggestion back to company management.

A public meeting is slated for Friday, March 23, at 7:30 in Mahon Hall to give Weldwood a chance to explain its plans to islanders.

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Time to start hiring those most qualified

Two changes in the RCMP official uniform were announced this week.

One has caused a great deal of controversy across the country over the past few months; the other has come about with very little, if any, mention.

Sikh RCMP members are now allowed to wear turbans.

In fact, the change is not narrowly confined to Sikhs.

The RCMP commissioner has been given the power to change the official dress code to accommodate the religious requirements of any applicant. Each request for exemption will be reviewed on its own merit.

The change will allow the RCMP force to recruit qualified personnel from any group, including visible minorities such as Sikhs, who were acceptable candidates in all respects except for their religious adornments.

The move follows a similar one in the armed forces which came into effect four years ago. White turbans are worn by Sikhs in the navy, blue by those in the air force and green by army personnel.

Dark blue is expected to be the chosen colour for the RCMP turban with the force's crest featured prominently on the front.

Because the government took so long to come to a decision on the issue, strong anti-turban feelings manifested in many areas of the country.

Now that the decision has been made, the important issue is to have the best qualified applicants serving with the force, regardless of their head gear.

Bring on the new recruits, train them and let them do their jobs to the best of their abilities.

Oh, yes, the other change in official uniform mentioned earlier.

The skirt has been eliminated as part of the official RCMP dress. Female officers will now wear the same uniform as men.

Fiscal responsibility

Monies have been released for the proposed art centre.

With the \$200,000 Windfall amount in hand, a dream will become a reality.

It is time for all those in favour of the project, including those with some reservations, to work together to ensure the best for everyone. The concerns raised were valid ones as the on-going costs will be much greater than the construction costs.

Our arts centre must be a monument both to artistic endeavour and fiscal responsibility.

Salt Spring soon will have a showcase for the myriad of talents encompassed within its environs as well as neighbouring islands and those from afar.

Its time has come.



Letters

Privilege

To the Editor,
 As an immigrant (and Canadian citizen since 1972), I strongly disagree with the government's decision to change the RCMP's uniform to accommodate the Sikhs.

I still feel privileged to live in this country with its beautiful nature, little air pollution, socialized medicine and free speech. As immigrants to

Canada, we have gained so much in life and we only have to give a little. I keep my culture and language in my own home, but will not impose my traditions and beliefs on Canadians.

Why should Canadians give up one of their few traditions, such as the Mounties' traditional appearance? I know from experience that it is not good to be too benign in life, at times one has to stand up for one's own rights and beliefs.

The government's decision will

allow a handful of Sikh RCMP officers to wear their turbans, but make many Sikhs and other immigrants even more unpopular.

At the moment, Canada is already in a state of division and turmoil about the disagreements on the Meech Lake accord. We need a government that will strengthen the unity of our country and listen to the majority of its people.

MARJOLYN VAN ZANTEN
 Salt Spring

Public speaking: it's prime nightmare material

They stood before me -- one after the other. Seven brave women, courageously, fearlessly performing a terrifying and daring act.

It's not that I'm chicken: I've white-water rafted; I've flown in a plane with no door; I've been signed up for sky-diving at least twice; I've jumped back on a bucking horse and I've flown in an Ultra Light.

I like wild sailing seas and fast motor boats.

But these women undertook my worst nightmare: they stepped forward from the audience, sauntered up to the podium and gave a speech.

And they smiled as they did it.

How many university classes did I drop because the course outline said: oral presentation required?

Off the Record SUSAN DICKER



called on to speak?

I do not recall the origin of this fear, just the symptoms: dripping palms, shaking limbs, quavering voice and a face the colour of a tomato.

In high school, I was half way into my Western Civilization course before I discovered a Talk was required.

"I really can't do this," I informed my teacher. "I'd rather write a 7,000

ever, I did solve the problem. I decided to speak on the correlation between the changing times and changing music of the 1960s. I wrote out the lyrics to about eight songs, displayed them on an overhead projector and played the music as part of the presentation.

The entire procedure took place in the dark.

I got an A. I went through four years of

The course outline had warned me of the pending presentation. But it was the only class I could fit into my schedule and I didn't want to come back the next semester.

So I decided to skip the presentation and forfeit the marks. I sat at the back of the class, made myself as inconspicuous as possible and merely neglected to sign up for presentation time.

Unfortunately, the professor discovered me on the second to last day of my post-secondary experience. He squinted at me, looked slightly perplexed and asked when I would be honouring the class with my oratory presentation.

"But I've gone four years without having to do this," I told him.

To bad he informed me.

sweater and leaned against my desk for support. I went cross-eyed focusing on a water stain across the the room. Nothing saved my trembling hands.

The Thursday night speech contest conjured up these forgotten terrors.

I was sick with nervousness for these poor women. And I hardly knew half of them.

They were brilliant. They took command of that podium. They smiled. They made it look like a piece of cake.

Many people are now going to suggest I take out a membership in the Salt Spring Speakers.

"Confront your fears," they'll tell me.

Personally, I'd rather go to Reirut

Driftwood

Letters

Thanks

To the Editor,
The Salt Spring Hysterical Society wants to thank all the wonderful people who attended our radio comedy night on Friday.

Next time we hope you can see us too. What can we say? It was a lot easier to see the stage in the afternoon without all those heads in the way.

We'd also like to thank the helpers who made it possible: our stalwart sidekick, Dietrich Luth; strong back Jack Speed; head cook and bottle washer Wendy Norton and helper Ilana Singer and lighting technicians Liz Martin and Michael Curtis.

Thanks also to Michael Hayes who came over from Victoria to fill our ranks when Arvid Chalmers was suddenly called out of town.

For those of you who were wondering: the oil spill ducks were ceremonially washed, roasted and eaten after Saturday night's show on Gabriola Island. And we're all still alive.

So we'll see you all—and you'll see us—next time!

ANNE LYON,
Salt Spring Hysterical Society.

Fitting, realistic

To the Editor:

It is difficult to understand the recent decision to prohibit golf courses on agricultural land in light of the School Board's attempt to purchase land at Central for a new high school.

If land is to be used for purposes other than housing it must be available for other uses. In a pseudo-rural environment like Salt Spring few uses are more fitting and realistic for agricultural land than golf courses:

- its natural acres of trees and grass are far less exploitive than most farm crops;
- its use of machinery less extensive than farming;
- its creation of gentle pastoral-like walking areas welcome and easily accessible.

Inflexibility and an unwillingness to make small compromises in the past have resulted in large areas of our island being developed or exploited more than they needed to be, had less strict interpretations been practiced.

Are our representative bodies going to now permit the large buildings, extensive pavement, and increased traffic that a school will bring on agricultural land at Central. Are we going to have a building that, next to the hospital, is the largest producer of sewage outside the sewer area.

This is an area where only a few years ago, a teahouse was prohibited because it would adversely affect a watershed.

It would be helpful if the location of a new school was to be the subject of a bit more public discussion. The property on the corner of Beaver Point Road and Stewart Road stands as a testament to the School Board's poor choice of property in the past. Maybe such a mistake can be avoided in the future with more public input.

JEFF SAVIN
Ganges, B.C.

Editor's Note: The Islands Trust's Bylaw 259 does not necessarily prohibit the use of agricultural land for golf courses. Under the previous bylaw, golf courses were a "permitted use" within the Agricultural Land Reserve, meaning those wanting to establish a golf course on agricultural land could do so without applying for a rezoning change.

If Bylaw 259 receives fourth reading, individuals will have to go through a rezoning and public hearing process to establish a golf course, anywhere.

Orchestra pit?

To the Editor,
The Salt Spring Hysterical Society's presentation on Friday past sounded wonderful, but staging on the floor rather than on stage made it impossible to enjoy the visual exchanges and expressions that are so much of the troupe's appeal.

Should the Hysterical Society present an evening of entertainment in the new arts centre, wherever and whenever built, hopefully they will not mount their production from the orchestra pit.

VALDY
Fulford Harbour

Learn to Live

To the Editor,
A recent cartoon summed up the storehouse of opinions on population growth, resource depletion, environmental deterioration and world poverty. This to me fits the mentality of the go-get-it developer entrepreneur. It reads: "Eventually we will run out of food to feed ourselves and air to breathe . . . this is something we must learn to live with!"

Columnist Charles Birch writes, "Total spiritual confusion prevails in the modern world, about the relationship of humanity to nature in a technological culture . . . our way of life is tied to anthropocentric (human self-centred) ethic that sees the non-human world as simply the stage on which the drama of human life is performed. All other creatures have no more than instrumental value to us."

"Western religious thought is

most weak in a biocentric ethic where the ache of the world is most strong. The whole of creation cries out in agony for liberation. Can religions remain silent on this agony and still stay intact any longer?"

"Are we willing to pay the price of the redemption of the Earth in terms of a revolution in values, in life styles in economic and political goals, and even in the nature of science and technology we practice? The stage is set. Whether the play can be performed before the theatre burns down remains to be seen."

Charles Birch was named winner of the 1990 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion. The timing is right for a return to the sacred not to be confused with the religious. As Mr. Birch has queried, how long can religions remain silent in this regard with justice for all. An economic system that would eliminate the injustice of poverty by letting everyone, rich and poor grow in wealth by resource depletion, air and water abuses. This, scientists call the "impossibility theorem."

Yet the silence from the pulpits continues. In fact many who sense the sacred abuses of the planet are being categorized as "new age," inspired by the devil.

The return of the sacred, into a world which cries out in agony to the caretakers of the garden, placed here to "dress and keep it."

GARY LUNDY
Ganges

Take more time

To the Editor:

Despite all that has taken place, I still have mixed feelings about ArtSpring's plans for the proposed Salt Spring Centre for the Arts.

In part, because I think the proposed site is less than desirable; in part because, in light of other Island needs, I think the project's intended absorption of one-half of the much-bruited Windfall Fund is excessive and partly, also, because such a large percentage of the Centre's projected costs will be, for all practical purposes, publicly funded, yet, without continuing, direct public accountability for its future operations.

However, what I found most interesting at the March 15 open meeting was Grace Byrne's outline of the School Board's current plans for extending the Elementary and High School facilities, westward, and her indication that Mahon Hall would, consequently, continue to be available for various community purposes, as in the past.

This raises, it seems to me, some interesting alternatives. If memory serves me right, the property on which Mahon Hall and the School Board offices are located was ac-

quired, some time ago, by the School Board, for a dollar. In the light of the School Board's current expansion plans in the other directions, perhaps it is now time for the School Board to take a quantum step and turn the property back to the community for the proverbial dollar.

This property could provide the venue for a much-needed community/workshop/recreation centre and, perhaps, even as an alternative, and in my view, preferable, site for the proposed Arts Centre.

Would it not be prudent to slow things down a bit and evaluate the possible acquisition of this property for broad community purposes? Would any benefit be derived for the Arts Centre project if the property were made available? Could some of the Windfall Funds find their way into other hands for other community uses, as a result?

It seems to me that there is still room and time for alternative courses of action.

L. S. HICKS
Ganges

Crown Lands

The following is an open letter to the Honourable David Parker, Mini-

ster of Crown Lands, filed with this newspaper for publication.

I am writing on behalf of the Crown Land Use Coalition of Salt Spring Island. The membership of the Coalition includes the following Salt Spring Island organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Parks and Recreation Commission, Community Planning Association, Farmers' Institute, Green Islands Society, Historical Society, Salmon Enhancement Society, School Board, Sierra Club, Trail and Nature Club, and Water Preservation Society.

Our CRD Regional Director, Ms. Julia Atkins, has been informed by Mr. M. McGrenere of the Vancouver Island Office of the Ministry of Crown Lands that the Ministry will not entertain applications from the CRD for land on Salt Spring Island for parks until the Islands Trust Fund is fully operational. Will you assure us that until the Islands Trust Fund becomes operational, the kinds of uses for which it can hold land established, and the necessary infrastructure to manage the lands in place, you will not sell or lease the Crown Lands on Salt Spring or allow them to be logged.

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- Minutes
- Financial Report
- Chairman's Report
- Report of Volunteer Firemen
- Election of Trustees
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- Appointment of Auditor
- Any other business

Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA -- "I will not be intimidated. Journalists ought not to be muzzled," *Vancouver Sun* columnist Nicole Parton recently told the weekly news magazine, *British Columbia Report*.

Parton's ire had been raised by the reaction of some of her colleagues to a number of her columns, which pointed out there are two sides to the Carmanah Valley controversy.

In its Media section, the March 12 edition of *British Columbia Report* devotes a whole page to what it headlines as "The Get-Nicole Parton Campaign." The sub-heading reads, "Her defence of Mac Blo sets off a war in the *Sun's* newsroom."

Upon further reading, one finds out that four *Sun* reporters allegedly sent a memo to the newspaper's editor-in-chief, Nick Hills, demanding that Parton correct several inaccuracies. That, it seems, was all the magazine could verify, although it hinted darkly that, according to "trade gossip," the memo "went much further."

To get a proper perspective on this tempest in a journalistic teapot, it's important to know where *British Columbia Report* is coming from. It doesn't take the reader long to conclude that the magazine sees its mandate in seeking and exposing left-wing and or atheistic plots, no matter whose beds they may be under.

Writing columns is supposed to be hard

An off-shoot of *Western Report*, published in Alberta by Ted Byfield, whose political views are somewhat reminiscent of Attila the Hun, *British Columbia Report* misses no opportunity to please its Alberta master. Thus, the Nicole Parton article is peppered with descriptive phrases such as "the fashionable, left-leaning *Sun*."

The magazine quotes Parton as saying, "this has been extremely hard for me."

Has it now? Pay attention, Nicole, writing columns is supposed to be "extremely hard." So what's all this whining about unwarranted reaction to a few columns?

Apparently Parton has just discovered that environmental groups are apt to use and manipulate the media. I wonder what's taken her so long to find that out. Let's face it, everybody else is trying to use and manipulate us, why not the environmentalists?

The Green Party, she said in one of her columns, offered courses in civil disobedience. What's wrong with that? Civil disobedience has been used for some very noble causes, ever since Ghandi introduced the concept.

Again, what's wrong with that?

She wrote about how Sierra Club of Western Canada chief, Peter McAllister had advocated the duping of the media. Stress the David-versus-Goliath aspect of the fight for the environment. Blame the multi-nationals and make the little environmentalist look good, McAllister apparently tells his troops. Again, what's wrong with that?

Parton wrote about A Western Canada Wilderness Committee newsletter describing a far northern area as "ice age wilderness . . . sheer grandeur . . . wild river surrounded by a wild landscape," all of which was endangered and could only be saved by an international conservation effort," according to the WCWC.

Not so, said Parton. The only thing planned was one road into a small corner.

Nasty treatment from the good guys

As for Parton's lament that defending MacMillan Bloedel's position on the Carmanah controversy got her nothing but grief, maybe she ought to consider getting into another line of work. A columnist is supposed to get heat.

Perhaps what's got Parton so spooked is that, for the first time, she is getting nasty treatment from those whom she used to consider the "good guys," the people who spend most of their time talking about the protection of the environment.

True, it's far safer and less stressful to attack Premier Vander Zalm's pro-life policies, which she has done with great gusto, than defend a big company against the environmentalist movement.

I got a taste of that when I came away from a trip into the Stein Valley convinced there's nothing wrong with logging part of it. I wasn't particularly surprised when all hell broke loose on the environmental front. The fallout included one of the nastiest letters to the editor I ever got, from none other than David Suzuki.

The moral of this tale is that columnists shouldn't go whining to the public about the terrible things the same public says about them from time to time. But least of all, they should unburden their souls to *British Columbia Report*. Getting favourable mention in that publication should give any journalist cause for concern.

Last but not least, I'd like to tell Parton that getting hell comes with the territory, even if it comes from the advocates of a pristine environment.

And welcome to the real world in which not every company, not even every multi-national company, is bad, and not every environmentalist is necessarily a good guy.

Letters

Weed now

To the Editor,
The principal rule of tending the garden, I was reminded this past weekend while preparing some soil beds, is weed early and often. Problems that are eradicated more easily now will become difficult to deal with as the summer wears on.

This brought to mind a meeting held on the Bowen Queen last Friday morning with the commuters and representatives from the Fulford Business Association, concerning parking in the village for those working daily in Saanich and Victoria.

I would like to thank the commuters who attended our hastily called gathering for their willingness to address the growing problem of parking in the Fulford Village, and for their forbearance of confrontation in favour of finding a workable solution.

The irritation generated by the presence of so many vehicles in springtime will be compounded when summer traffic patterns emerge. This is clearly the time to establish alternative solutions.

We thank the concerned commuters for agreeing to deliberate on this matter, and look forward to our second early morning discussion.

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News



Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

The ladies of Burgoyne United Church offered tea and sold baked goods to raise money for church renovations. Hazel Paterson (left) buys some bread from Mona Warren. The event took place in the seniors' meeting rooms at the Fulford Hall.

Provisional CRD budget tops 70.6 million dollars

The provisional budget of the Capital Regional District tops \$70.6 million this year, an increase of close to \$10.1 million above 1989 costs.

Directors will approve a final budget figure at the regular board meeting next Wednesday (March 28). Last year, the CRD spent \$60.5 million with property taxes accounting for \$28.84 million of that amount.

For 1990, property taxes could amount to \$33.4 million, a 15.93 per cent increase. Under the CRD structure, all members pay a share for certain services plus a share of the programs participated in.

For instance, Salt Spring does not cover the costs of regional parks because the island does not have any. Island resident do, however, fund the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission which, among other duties, takes care of the Salt Spring parks.

That group is asking for \$163,330 compared with \$141,530 which was covered by taxes last year.

On Saturna, community recreation is seeking \$1,500 for 1990, a \$30

increase above 1989. On Mayne, parks and recreation could cost taxpayers a total bill of \$300 this year because of a surplus from 1989 of \$13,000. Parks on the Penders hold a tentative budget of \$10,000 to go with the 1989 surplus of \$7,160.

Each Gulf Island requests CRD funding

The South Pender activity centre is looking for \$600 while the North Pender centre is seeking tax funding of \$6,460. The activity centre on Galiano won't cost taxpayers this year due to a \$1,890 surplus. Salt Spring's activity centre will cost taxpayers \$6,330.

Grants-in-Aid for the Outer Gulf Islands has been set by CRD director Vern Roddick, of Pender Island, with no tax requisition based on a surplus from 1989 of \$33,500.

Julia Atkins, Salt Spring CRD director, is seeking \$19,880 for her grants-in-aid account, an increase of \$820 above the 1989 figure.

The 1990 bill for fire protection will allow \$40,390 for North Pender and \$17,200 for South Pender. On Galiano, the south end fire district will have \$37,430 available.

Sewage disposal and water supply will be added to some tax bills of some islanders. Residents of Magic Lake Estates on North Pender face a bill for the sewer system of \$183,650 and a further \$142,930 for water.

At Maliview, on Salt Spring, the sewer will require \$8,840 in 1990 while the Ganges sewer needs \$18,680 to help meet operating expenses.

Water in Fernwood costs \$48,940 and the Highland water district is seeking \$94,240. On Saturna, water costs \$64,390.

Other items are added to the Gulf Islands CRD tax bill such as animal control, building inspection, noise control and a share of the general costs of running the CRD.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Under By-law 49 of the *Municipal Act*, the Galiano Island Advisory Planning Commission will hold a meeting to elect three (3) committee members. Written nominations will be received by Sandra Froese, recording secretary, on or before March 23rd, 5 pm. Further nominations will be taken from the floor Sunday, March 25, 1-3 pm.

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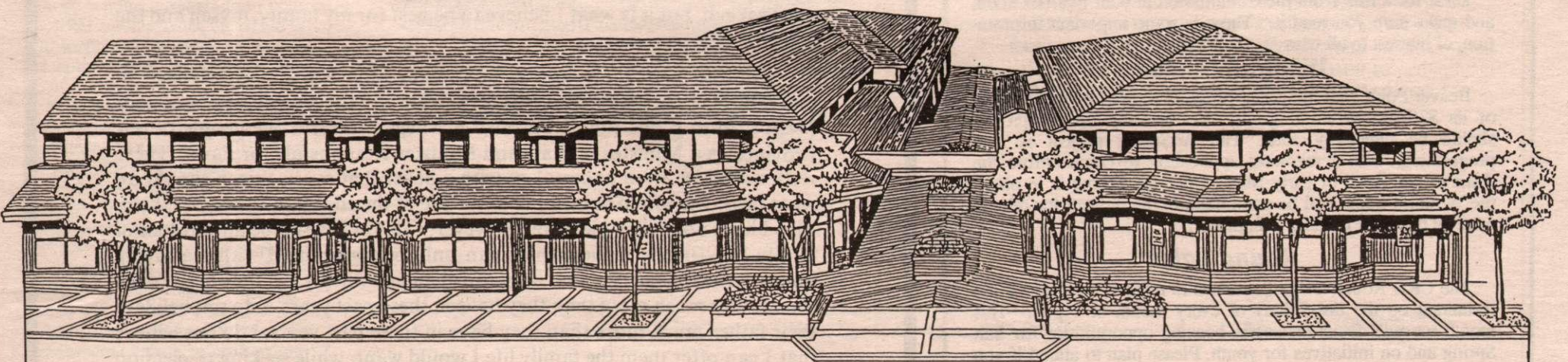
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News

Director's Report

JULIA ATKINS

The last month has been my busiest to date, with several new initiatives underway.

I have been meeting with representatives of various health care agencies, including Lady Minto and Greenwoods, and we have decided to form a "Community Health Council".

The main purpose of this council is to facilitate communication and co-operation among health care providers and to act as an advisory body to the Regional Director on health care issues.

At the present time, the Regional District as a whole is moving towards more community outreach programs (like the Quick Response Team, Hospital in the Home, etc.). Salt Spring could take an active role in this movement, but we need to develop some action plans which fit the needs of our community.

I would like to hear from groups or individuals who are interested in this area and who feel they might have something to offer to the Council.

Crown Lands

The Crown Lands issue is "heating up," with more community discussion of the fate of the 2000 acres of public land. Both the CRD and the Islands Trust are willing to represent the community's interests in this matter.

So far the message is clear: we want to keep these lands in community hands. Just how this might be accomplished is not clear, but we can be sure that strong community support for a joint CRD-Trust initiative will be required.

There is an open house at the Harbour House Hotel on Tuesday, March 27 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the consultants for the Ministry of Crown Lands who are preparing an "opportunities study" on Salt Spring's Crown Lands. Please try to attend.

Right now, these lands are "our lands." Let's keep them that way.

Solid Waste and Recycling

The Solid Waste and Recycling Committee is still working hard to find a solution to our solid waste problems. We have formed a Society, the Salt Spring Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal Society, which will be applying for grants to operate a curb-side recycling program and a transfer station.

We are hopeful that, with the grants, we may be able to build the necessary facilities and run the recycling program for the first three years without cost to the taxpayer (no referendum). We have decided that the garbage portion of the program will be run on a user-pay basis, and as tipping fees at Hartland have now been raised to \$40 per tonne, this will not be cheap.

(Hartland still has the lowest tipping fees of all of the larger municipal landfills.)

We have some assurance that the CRD and the Ministry of Environment will contribute to a study of the Blackburn dump which will identify leachate problems and suggest a plan for closure and reclamation. The study should commence later this spring.

The possibility of an on-island landfill is still under consideration, but we would all like to see the Blackburn dump closed as soon as possible.

Ganges Sewer Commission

I am happy to report that Kathy Reimer has agreed to serve on the Ganges Sewer Commission. Kathy's education and experience will be a great asset to the Commission.

Look for a flier from the Commission in your mailbox soon, and make sure you read it. There is some important information, of interest to all islanders in the flier.

Windfall Update

Beaver Point Hall has received the first instalment (\$10,000) of its \$30,000 Windfall grant. Construction on the project should be underway soon. The ArtSpring project is also progressing, with a rezoning application to come before the Trust in late April or early May. Once the zoning is in place, the Windfall funds will be committed to the project, for release once all the other funding is in place.

Round Table

The CRD Round Table continues to meet at the Fulford Inn restaurant on the last Friday of every month at 1 p.m. This month we will focus on social housing opportunities for Salt Spring and on initiatives for youth. Please plan to attend if you are interested in these topics. Everyone is welcome.

Police seeking input

Vancouver police are seeking information about the murder of a former Salt Spring woman.

Diane Mangala Corkum, 35, was found slain in her Vancouver apartment last October 29. Police are asking for any information which may throw light on the tragedy.

Corkum lived for several years on Salt Spring before moving to the Mainland. She was active with the Salt Spring Centre on Blackburn Road and displayed her acting ability with the Salt Spring Players. She was a trained midwife.

The city police have interviewed many people about the slaying. She lived in a rear first floor apartment in a converted house in Vancouver. The murder occurred at approximately 10:45 p.m. on October 29. Police speculation centres on the fact no forced entry was found. Corkum apparently knew her assailant. It was not a random assault, police spokesman said.

Corkum leaves three children, Ariel, 11; Caleb, eight; and Allan, three. Several Salt Spring residents who knew Corkum have arranged for the establishment of a trust fund through the Islands Savings Credit Union for the children.

"it's a very tragic thing," said the police spokesman. He urges anyone with any information which may be of benefit to call 665-2165.

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REVIEW
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Time: 3:30 pm-7:30 pm

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The Ministry of Crown Lands is sponsoring an **OPEN HOUSE** to review the potential uses for Crown Land on Salt Spring Island. The consultants hired to undertake this study will be on hand to explain their findings and receive your comments. You will also be able to complete a questionnaire addressing your concerns. Information received from residents during the Open House will be incorporated into the final report.



**An Open Letter
from
Terry Huberts**

Dear Constituents:

After careful consideration and discussions with my family, friends and supporters, I have decided not to seek re-election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. This decision was not an easy one to reach, but it is what I believe to be best for my family, myself and the constituency.

For the past three and a half years I have had the privilege of representing you, the constituents of Saanich and the Islands, as one of your MLA's; during this time I was also privileged to serve the people of our Province as a Minister of State and Minister Responsible for Parks. These responsibilities were undertaken with a belief that every citizen should do what he or she can to contribute to the life of the community around them. This I have done with pleasure. However, I also believe in the importance of family life—in the values which can only be transmitted within a loving home environment. My two boys are at an age when I feel they need to see their father much more than they have in these past years. I do not believe their father much more than they have in these past years. I do not believe that I can offer them the family life I would want, while seeking re-election to an office which demands such commitment of time and energy.

Although I will continue to serve you as your MLA until the next general election, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and confidence. Many of you have given freely of your time, talents and energy to assist me during these past three and a half years. Your love and support made this decision all the more difficult to reach. However, I trust that you will understand my decision not to seek re-election. Please be assured that I will continue to fulfill my responsibilities to all of you, and be available for you in the months ahead.

Yours sincerely,

**Vandals strike schools:
three windows broken**

Vandals struck the schools in Ganges over the past weekend. The elementary school was entered twice.

The first break-in occurred when a plexiglass window was melted. The second illegal entry occurred through a window at roof level. RCMP report nothing stolen or damaged.

Rocks were thrown through two windows at the secondary school. One rock broke the window of the principal's office while the second shattered the window in the guidance counsellors room.

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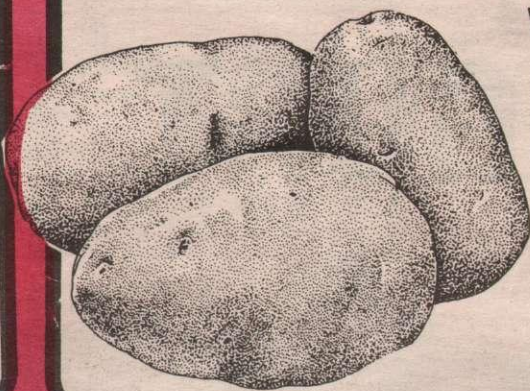
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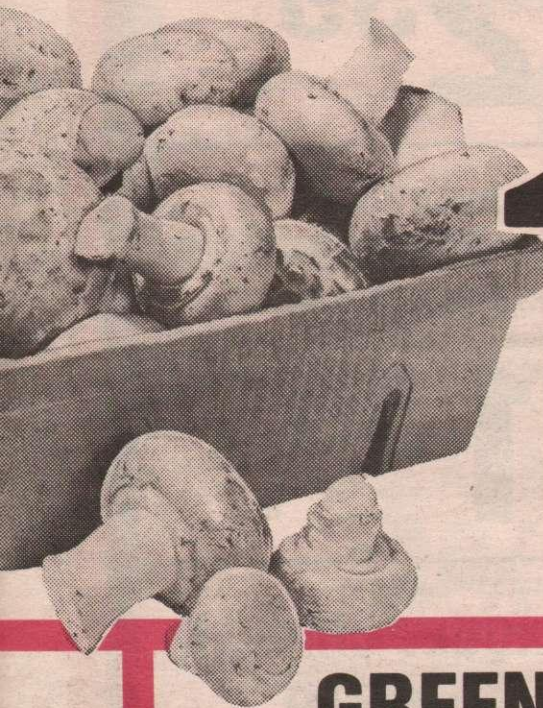
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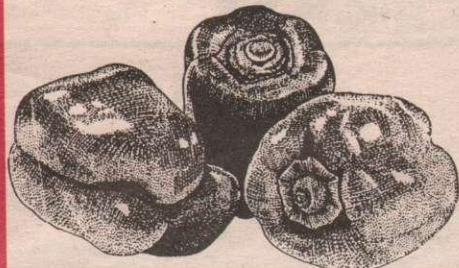
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Groups look to improving acquisition chances

CRD, Trust prepare to meet with ministry

Representatives from the Island Trust and Capital Regional District (CRD) will approach the Ministry of Crown Lands early next month to determine how they can improve chances that the 2,000 acres of Crown land on Salt Spring are turned over to the community.

Pat Byrne, chairman of the Crown Land Use Coalition (CLUC), says Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert and regional director Julia Atkins will approach the ministry in April to find out what Salt Spring can do to acquire tenure on the Crown lands.

At this point, two representatives from the Parks and Recreation Commission have prepared land-management plans for most of the 12 parcels which will be submitted to the Ministry of Crown Lands along with applications from political groups on the island. Originally, the CRD was going to apply for tenure on all of the land.

However, CLUC has decided to wait until after a consultant's report -- now being prepared for the ministry -- is released before any applications go in. Which group will apply -- the CRD or the Trust -- will also be decided after that report is done.

The ministry said last week that the Trust, which has a mandate to preserve and protect, would have to approve subdividing the land and having it rezoned for development.

It has also been suggested the ministry might be more willing to turn the land over to the community through the new "Trust Fund" which will be established under the new Trust Act which comes into affect April 1.

(Under that act, the Islands Trust will become an autonomous body in accordance with provincial legislation passed last summer. The Trust Fund, which comes into affect along with the new legislation, has been set up specifically to receive donated land or money.)

Atkins says local representatives will meet with the ministry early next month, on April 5 or 10. This will be after the March 27 open house at which the "opportunity" study now being completed for the ministry will be shown to the public.

This study is to contain a list of recommendations outlining how the sites could be used. It will be compiled from information gathered by the consultant and provided by local interest groups.

Byrne says CLUC decided to send local representatives to the ministry because it appears obtaining tenure will be more complicated than the group originally thought. He says that by sending officials from both the CRD and the Trust, the island is also sending the message that political opinion here is united on this issue.

"The feeling is that it doesn't matter who gets it (the Trust or the CRD) -- if either gets a parcel, it will be held for community purposes."

Last week, ministry spokesman Mike McGrenere said the process of deciding who gets the Crown land on Salt Spring could take several years. He also indicated all 12 pieces will be considered individually and suggested the ministry would look at turning the land over to another government ministry before handing tenure over to a local group.

Of primary concern to CLUC is

that some of the land will be sold to logging companies, and "irresponsible" logging companies in particular. It's been suggested that two logging companies have already expressed an interest in some of the land and Byrne notes that the community would have no control over the land

once it was in the hands of a private logger.

He adds that CLUC would be in favour of logging if it was done selectively and by a community-run organization.

The group is also concerned some of the land could be sold to

developers who may want to build marinas or other large-scale facilities. CLUC hopes as much of the land as possible will be left in its natural state.

Byrne says community participation at the March 27 open house is important if the land is to be left in

local hands. He says that while it was necessary for the public to let the CLUC know what it wanted done with the lands, it will be equally important to pass the information to the consultant.

A representative from CLUC will be on hand to answer questions from the public. Members of the coalition will meet directly after the open house to decide whether any immediate action is required.



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Entertainment



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Capacity crowd in hysterics

The Salt Spring Hysterical Society exposed itself to Salt Spring again in what, for the most part, proved to be an enjoyable evening.

By BILL WEBSTER
The Driftwood

The six people involved moved hysterically through several skits and monologues during the evening, to the delight of the capacity crowd.

The highlights of the event proved to be two monologues by Mary Williamson. Her low-key delivery proved devastating in an explanation of the condition of education.

Williamson used the words of students to show that education may not be teaching young people quite enough. Student statements such as

one noting that Francis Drake circumcised the world left the audience in stitches.

Later in the show, Williamson proved the effectiveness of comedy as a weapon against stupidity. She read the salutation from a St. Patrick's Day greeting card. When she finished with the syrupy words, Williamson destroyed the day with the comment "And this from a country at war for (laughter) years."

Comedy stands as an exacting science. Pacing, timing and delivery are all. Humour should present a mirror of burlesque to allow the world to see its fallacies.

The Hystericals proved the strength and the weakness of comedy in one skit. Anne Lyon set the scene at the Vancouver airport control tower to focus on a widely-held fear about the safety of flight. A frantic

voice begged the control tower for guidance to help a crippled aircraft. The stage was empty.

To this point, the skit was hilarious. Then the Hystericals went too far. They introduced a recognizable Salt Spring individual who deserves sympathy and understanding, not ridicule, and the skit fell apart.

The Hystericals -- Lyon, Sid Filkow, April Curtis, Shilo Zylbergold and Mike Hayes, who filled in admirably for Arvid Chalmers -- presented a creditable evening of silliness.

A word to performers: pointing out that another individual blew a line introduces an unnecessary sense of discomfort to the audience.

Stagecraft demands an unbroken sense of fellowship amongst the performers and forgotten lines should be covered without fanfare.

Pacing proved a problem. The time between skits, on occasion, stretched. Some of the skits proved too lengthy while others were too short.

The performers chose to present their acts from the floor which was tremendous for those people sitting in the first four rows. Anyone further back saw little or nothing of the action.

"It was a mistake to go on the floor," commented a Hysterical while adding a caution to audiences "But we'll be back."

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

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Entertainment

ACTIVE P.A.S.S. production

"Stormy Weather," "Blues in the Night" and "That Old Black Magic" are just a few of the many Harold Arlen songs to be performed in *Get Happy*, an ACTIVE P.A.S.S. production set for the weekends of March 30 and 31 and April 6 and 7.

Two of the performers are 20-year Salt Spring Islanders Virginia and Ray Newman.

"The idea for the show came from Lynda Jensen who acquired the music and historical information which we are arranging and organizing," Ray Newman said.

"Arlen's music is fun to work with," Virginia Newman added, "and much of it is well-known throughout the world. But we'll be doing a few of his lesser-known songs, too, for a bit of variety."

Each cast member will have solo spots and sing with the others.

The presentation will not be limited to singing - the quartet will have a go at a couple of numbers and Sue Bowler and company will be dancing.

The cast for *Get Happy* includes director Lynda Jensen, Sue and Tom Bowler, Amy Newman, Stu Salmond and Bill Smith. Liz Martin and Tom Bowler are in charge of lighting for the set, which will have a cabaret-style motif.

Tickets for the event are now on sale at et cetera.



Ray and Virginia Newman

10-week medical course offered

Medical Terminology, the Camosun College course that opens the door to many para-medical programs is being offered through Continuing Education on Salt Spring Island starting April 2.

This 10-week course covers the basics of anatomy, physiology, and physical functions. It is the foundation for courses in dental hygiene, nursing and other related programs.

The instructor, Susan Blagborne, was formerly the Public Health Nurse on Salt Spring Island; she is currently involved in care for cancer patients and holistic medicine. Before she came to Salt Spring 13 years ago, Blagborne taught clinical nursing at the University of British Columbia.

"We are hoping go with eight stu-

dents this term," said Maggie Warbey, Director of Continuing Education. "At \$235 per student, including the text, we see each student saving almost \$200 of the cost of commuting to Camosun - even more if the student has to stay overnight or hire a babysitter.

"Most important," added Warbey, "this is, we hope, just the first of many Camosun College transfer courses that will be offered on the Gulf Islands, and taught by our own exceptionally well-qualified residents. We are working on plans to bring Camosun College to our doorstep. A plan that will encourage both our young people and our mature residents to take advantage of educational opportunities and educational options starting right at home."

Anyone interested in joining the Medical Terminology course is encouraged to contact Continuing Education at 537-2822.

Assertiveness training

Another in a series of courses being offered at the Salt Spring Community Centre is set to go March 28. This class is intended to teach teenage girls assertiveness skills; it will help them learn more about who they are.

Liz Wood, one of two counsellors leading the course (the other is Linda Goode) says it will be especially good for teenagers in the 14 to 18 age group. She says the overall purpose is to help teenagers come to terms with who they are.

"It's the age when kids are discovering who they are as people, separate from their families," says Wood. "There's a lot of pressure to be like their friends, to be like this or look like that."

One way women learn more about their identity is by being assertive. By learning to be honest and clear about their own needs, teenagers are in a better position to set goals and directions which are right for them.

that on their own."

The course will be offered at the Community Centre Wednesday afternoons beginning at 3:15 p.m. There is no charge for the class.

Wood suggests teenagers interested in the program should contact her through the centre at 537-9971 to discuss whether the class is appropriate for them.

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Showcase opens Saturday

Showcase '90, the Community Arts Council's annual juried show, opens on Saturday, March 24 at the Salt Spring Art Gallery in Ganges (above the Post Office).

An opening tea and presentation of awards will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 24.

Awards will be presented for "Jurors' Choice" in adult and junior categories, and an announcement will also be made of the three works selected to proceed to the Province-wide "Images & Objects" exhibition.

This show is part of the B.C. Festival of the Arts, and will be held this summer in Saanich and Victoria. A "People's Choice" award in adult and junior categories will be presented at the conclusion of the show. All visitors and participants are encouraged to cast their votes for their favourite works.

Following the opening, the show is open daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It closes on Sunday, April 1. There is no charge for admission.



Raku masks by Nancy Vanpattern are entries for Showcase '90, the Community Arts Council annual juried show.

Orcas Art Centre director gives some operating tips

The proposed arts centre on Salt Spring compares favourably with a similar centre at Orcas Island, a meeting of the Island Arts Centre Society was told.

Sue Mallins, director of the Orcas Art Centre in the American San Juan Islands, spoke to a public information meeting, held last Thursday night, about that facility.

She said the Orcas Centre had been the culmination of a 15-year dream to build a focus for that island which — although similar in size to Salt Spring — contains about half the population.

"Obviously this cannot be all things to all people," Mallins said, offering words of caution to local society.

The arts centre has been in operation for four years, she said, and the facility is in use "almost all the time." It has become such a part of community activity, Mallins noted, people question what they did before for space or something to do.

"This is where the community communicates with itself," she said.

The Orcas Art Centre does not carry a debt from its building costs, she said. It does run a small deficit each year but that is the choice of the board of directors, she added.

For instance, in 1989, the centre spent \$147,000 on operations with an income of \$146,000. The board of directors is not concerned about a profit from events such as classical music presentations, which require bringing performers from off-island.

The board also spent \$9,000 last year when it held dinners twice each week for senior citizens. The meals did not generate any revenue, but the directors are "willing to sponsor such non-profit events if they are good for the community."

Mallins cautioned the Salt Spring Art Centre Society about planning the facility by committee.

"Obviously, this cannot be all things to all people," she said. The plans which have been used as a basis for the centre seem adequate for it, she added. The proposed operating budget seemed "well thought out and conservative," she said.

The Orcas Art Centre holds

theatre, 213 seats, features six to eight plays each year as well as at least 38 concerts.

The board of directors utilizes five committees of volunteers to cover all aspects of running the centre. The budget is prepared "from the ground up," and the board uses a system to monitor expenses and income quarterly.

The purpose of the Art Centre is to serve the community and not to make money, she stated. The monitoring process is in place to ensure the centre does not lose money, she added.

While the Orcas Arts Centre operates with a small yearly deficit by choice, any shortfall can be covered through an annuity fund which was established when the operation began.

She said the society raised close to \$40,800 in memberships in 1989.

"People won't give if you don't ask them," she said. A sure way of raising money is to ask people to give in areas which are important to them,

she explained.

The Orcas centre provides exhibition space for artists to display their work, she said. There is no workshop space in the centre, she said, and it offers minimal support to artist and yet has been a "boon as a central location for artists."

When the centre opened, it ran into initial opposition from the Orcas business community, particularly the art galleries. The directors and the business owners talked about the problem and have developed a situation of being "mutually supportive and co-operative," she said.

The gallery owners found that the artists who show at the centre, for the most part, are not represented in the galleries.

Mallins offered encouragement to the supporters of the Salt Spring proposal but warned them "not to do too much, too fast." Success in the venture is possible if it has a community focus and, she added, volunteers would be key to that success.

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News



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

The Farmers' Market at Centennial Park started up again last Saturday, as a handful of vendors set up their wares. Within the next few weeks, the outdoor market will become more active.

Events will focus on youth

Youth will be the focus of an open house and discussions at the Salt Spring Community Centre, Saturday, March 31.

Susan Noakes, organizer of the event, invites Gulf Islanders to visit the familiar white house on Ganges Hill "to attend any of the panel discussions or stay the day and take in as much as they like."

The day is planned, she said, to allow islanders to see what the Community Centre is all about. She wants people to see other aspects of the work carried on at the centre such as the Achievement Centre.

That aspect of the centre will be illustrated by a puppet show starring

life-sized muppet-puppets. The show reveals a different side of disabled children.

The focus of the events of the day will be youth. The panel discussions are planned to explain to adults how to talk to youth on a variety of subjects. The keynote address, to be given by Dr. Don Knowles, should set the tone by placing emphasis on how parents can grow up with their children.

The day begins with the keynote address at 10 a.m. Dr. Knowles is a psychologist with the Faculty of Education at the University of Victoria.

At 11:15, three events are

planned. Rick Laing, recycling coordinator for the island will explain the concept of recycling and composting. Gary Hogan, alcohol and drug counsellor at the centre will talk about "Youth and Addiction." In the Achievement Centre, Ed Waddell and Terry Swing will present a slide show.

The "Kids on the Block" perform at 12:30.

At 1:15 p.m., various panel discussions commence. The subject is "Youth and Sex." By 3:15, the day winds down with a summary of the conference being held.

Noakes urges residents of the Outer Islands to attend. Billets and transportation are available. A call to Margaret Morris, 537-9589 between March 24 and March 30 will arrange things.

Mischief nets fine

Causing damage in the cells at the Ganges detachment led to charges of mischief against two Salt Spring men.

Don Morrison and Ricky Black entered guilty pleas to the charges when they appeared before Judge Hudson, March 13.

When the offense occurred, the pair were in custody and being held overnight for being intoxicated in a public place. They blocked the toilets in both cells, causing water to flood the detachment floors.

Judge Hudson imposed a fine of \$100 against each man and ordered them to share the cost of clean-up which came to \$40.

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DENTURES VS NATURAL TEETH

The dental profession has long been promoting the slogan "Teeth for Life", and with good reason. Although dentures may fit more comfortably today and have been refined so that they can look very natural, they still only function 30% as effectively as natural teeth.

Teeth extraction is irrevocable, so before making that decision, I hope you will take the following information into consideration. As one gentleman wrote in a letter to the B.C. dental association, "...it sure would have been helpful to know, beforehand, what the after effect is, once your teeth are gone."

The attitude of a new denture wearer is very important. Many people have too high expectations of what a denture can do and have difficulty accepting its limitations of fit, stability and comfort. A dentist can adjust dentures to improve the fit and remove sore spots, but it is the patient who must adapt to wearing the oral prosthesis. Both perseverance and patience are required in learning how to use the device for eating and speaking.

Many people think that full dentures spell the end of dental problems, treatment and costs. In fact, complete denture wearers have simply entered another phase of treatment requirements. Regular dental checkups - about one per year - are advised. After a general oral health checkup, your dentist will check your denture's fit. Gum and bone shrinkage accompanies aging, but once your teeth are removed this process will increase. As a result, dentures will need to be adjusted, relined and eventually replaced, to accommodate these changes. A poor denture fit can jeopardize your general and oral health.

Sleeping with your denture in place can increase problems, especially for nocturnal teeth grinders. This action can wear down the ridge that your denture sits on, making the denture unstable and difficult to retain.

In the past, many of our seniors had no options to dentures. When expectations haven't been too high, most have adapted to these teeth replacements. However, dental patients today are encouraged to have their teeth restored rather than removed. When some teeth must be removed, dentists will preserve all teeth possible so that a partial denture or bridge can be used to replace the missing teeth. These are much more stable than a full denture.

There are a lot of good reasons to keep your natural teeth, but in essence, you'll never get anything better!

This column is provided by B.C. dentist, Dr. William McNiece. Information within is not intended to diagnose or plan treatment; readers should consult their dentist for individual dental care. Readers' questions are welcome. Please write: Word of Mouth, College of Dental Surgeons of B.C., Suite 500, 1705 W.

News

Guilty plea nets three month jail term

A Salt Spring doctor was sentenced to three months in jail after he pleaded guilty to impaired driving causing bodily harm.

Chief Judge David Campbell, of the county court of B.C., also suspended Dr. Malcolm Cass's drivers' licence for 18 months.

Cass, 43, was charged with im-

paired driving causing bodily harm after he collided head-on with a vehicle driven by 37-year-old Frank Mazzei last May 3.

Mazzei and his 10-year-old son, Ben, were driving on Fulford-Ganges Road, returning from a little league baseball game, when the collision occurred.

Mazzei suffered injuries to both his knees and a dislocated right shoulder. He missed two and one-half months of work; however, some of that time he'd been planning to take off. Ben Mazzei suffered a sprained ankle and missed four weeks of school.

A blood sample taken from Cass

three hours after the collision, showed .18 per cent alcohol in his blood -- more than twice the legal limit.

The Judge said the incident was an "isolated fall from grace" by an accomplished man who had made contributions to society.

Ganges provincial court hears defence on three traffic tickets

Fighting a traffic ticket in court saved one Salt Spring man the cost of the fine, but two other residents will have to wait to see if they pay.

Timothy Archbold, 20, of Wildwood Crescent, objected to a traffic citation for driving too fast for road conditions. He received the ticket following an accident on Howell Lane last November 26. He lost control of the vehicle at the sharp curve on the road and the car flipped into the ditch.

Archbold argued the road was not marked with a centre line, there was no warning sign of the sharp curve and a driveway at the curve made it difficult to judge where the shoulder of the road was. He claimed to be travelling about 25 kilometres per

hour at the time.

Judge Hudson agreed with Archbold's account of the incident and dismissed the traffic ticket.

Lawrence Bresson, 48, of Ganges, will have to wait for judgement in his case to see if he avoids the traffic fine.

Bresson purchased a car to replace his van which would not run. He placed the licence plates from the van onto the car, believing he had 10 days to change the registration.

At the corner of Blain and Lower Ganges Roads, Bresson was involved in an accident. When he could not produce the proper papers for the car, he was issued a ticket for driving an uninsured vehicle. He later showed the ownership papers to the RCMP at the Ganges detachment, but was told

the ticket would stand because the licence plates for the van were not valid for the car.

Judge Hudson reserved judgement on the case until a search of various statutes showed proof for or against Bresson.

Stanford Hopson faced a traffic ticket for crossing a solid line in an effort to pass a vehicle. Judgement on this case was reserved until the traffic marking lines at the scene were checked.

Hopson was in the traffic heading for the Fulford ferry on October 18, 1989. He was in the process of pulling out to pass a car in front on a stretch of road at the bottom of Lee Hill.

Karen Eckstein, of Ganges, was driving the car Hopson tried to pass. She told the court the line was solid therefore passing was not allowed. She pulled her vehicle to the left close to the centre line, put on her turn signals and honked the horn.

Hopson disputed the matter. He claimed not to have seen turn signals nor heard the horn. He did agree Eckstein's vehicle moved close to the centre line. He maintained the line at that point was broken, making passing permissible.

Judge Hudson reserved judgement to give the Crown counsel and Hopson time to drive to the site to determine the condition of the traffic markings on the road.

From Burgoyne Road at the bottom of Lee Hill, the road is marked with a double solid yellow line for 200 metres. The line breaks for a distance of 200 metres indicating south-bound traffic could pass. The double solid line resumes for a further 100 metres when it breaks again for 200 metres to allow north-bound traffic to pass. The double solid line resumes at that point.

Sentenced to one day

Forging a signature on three deposit slips cost a Salt Spring man one day in jail and a criminal record.

Eric Wilson, 20, of Swanson Road, appeared in Ganges provincial court last week to answer charges of forgery. He had, over a three day period last November, forged a signature on three deposit slips at the Islands Savings Credit Union. The amount withdrawn through the forged slips came to \$190.

The account owner later questioned the amount left in the account and the forgery was discovered.

In sentencing Wilson, Judge Hudson noted that the crime could have resulted in a jail term of 14 years for each offence.

He sentenced Wilson to one day concurrent for each of the charges and placed him on probation for one year, stipulating completion of 50 hours of community work. He also ordered restitution of the money to the Credit Union.

Probation is ordered

A pre-sentence report presented a favourable picture of a Salt Spring man who appeared in Ganges provincial court last week, facing punishment for a breaking and entry charge.

Darren Muir, 21, of Maliview, pleaded guilty to the offence at a previous hearing. He was charged with the offence, following an incident at Dagwood's Restaurant when a window in the rear of the premise had been broken.

Acting on the favourable pre-sentence report, Judge Hudson imposed a suspended sentence on the young man. He warned him a violation of probation would result in a return to court to face a stiffer sentence.

Muir was placed on probation for one year and ordered to make restitution of \$50 to pay for the replacement of the broken window. Part of the probation order requires Muir to attend the John Howard Society program, Connections.

The fight against driftnet fishing will employ military surveillance

The battle against driftnet fishing in the Pacific took a military turn recently.

Australia and New Zealand will use their air forces to set a surveillance net over the Tasman Sea with increased surveillance in other areas around the two countries.

The joint announcement noted that the operations will take effect immediately to cover the fishing season this year.

Both countries were signatories to the agreement recently hammered out by many South Pacific countries to end the use of driftnets. The agreement also calls for action against supply ships which aid the driftnet fishermen.

Driftnets, known as "the wall of death," are set to catch, primarily, albacore tuna. Bu at 80 kilometres (50 miles) long and reaching to a depth of 50 metres (170 feet),

comes when one breaks loose. It floats on the tides catching everything in its path. When the net becomes overloaded with catch, it sinks. Everything in it dies and is eaten by other marine species. The empty net then surfaces to continue its tour of death until found and taken in by fishermen.

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News

Green Islands representatives want forests minister to resign

A local environmental group is demanding the Minister of Forests step down following a report last week that there had been overcutting in the Carmanah Valley watershed.

Linda Laushway, a member of Green Islands, says that a study done by Salt Spring Island land surveyor Philip Swift, verified there has been overcutting in at least one area in the Carmanah.

She said the group suspects there has been overcutting in five areas — last week's study focused on one of those.

Laushway says that any intrusion

into the watershed, even if it's only six inches, is too much: if MacMillan Bloedel is going to err at all, it should be on the side of caution. She said that even a slight intrusion into the watershed is enough to significantly alter conditions in the area.

Laushway added that Green Islands plans to find out whether it can take any legal action.

The ministry, in the meantime, has denied any cutting in the watershed.

Cutting within the Carmanah was prohibited by a ministerial order brought in in 1987.

Speaking on the issue late last week, Green Islands representative Randy Thomas noted there "are overcuts all the time, but it doesn't make it right. When there is a ministerial order, (overcutting) is very serious."

Laushway said MacMillan Bloedel should be forced to compensate for the overcutting. Any further cutting, she said, should be strictly prohibited.

In the meantime, representatives from a variety of environmental groups demonstrated in front of the Princess Mary Restaurant in Victoria yesterday (Tuesday) where Claude Richmond was speaking.

She said the group demanded there be no further cutting in the watershed. It also asked that the Carmanah be saved.

Laushway told the Driftwood Richmond should be asked to step down considering the "deceptive" information which has come from his office.

Richmond is expected to announce soon how much logging MacMillan Bloedel will be allowed to do in the Carmanah under the tree farm licence it holds there.

At this point, MacBlo is proposing to log all of the valley except for 538 hectares (or seven per cent) which would be set aside as a reserve area for one of the few remaining Sitka spruce stands in the province.

Board seeks approval

The school trustees also approved a deficit for the 1989/90 school year amounting to \$160,000. Mike Marshall, Gulf Islands superintendent of schools, explained that the deficit came about with the growth of the school population since the 89/90 budget had been set. The extra money was needed to cover costs of extra teachers and other related expenses.

The deficit forms part of the new school budget.

The school trustees will meet again on April 5 to discuss various aspects of the 1990/91 budget. The ministry must pass judgement on the proposal by April 25.

With the changes in the method of school funding, uncertainty prevails over how much local taxpayers will have to kick in to cover education costs. The final determination will be announced when the provincial budget is announced.

From Page A1

Wit and Whimsy



ARTHUR BLACK

Every day when I walk to work I have to go past the mansion, and every time I do, it makes me think about the split-up and I feel bad.

Not so much for the man and the woman. They're adults and there's plenty of loot to go around, so no matter what kind of a financial arrangement the legal weasels hammer out, neither of them will go without breakfast.

I don't feel bad for the kids from the former marriages either. They're all grown up and on their own -- and from what I can see, none too fond of the bickering couple anyway.

No, I don't feel sorry for any of the adults involved. It's the kid, T.C. Every once in a while when I'm going by the mansion, I'll see one of the household retainers taking T.C. for a walk. Sometimes they'll pass right by me, and little T.C. will look up at me with those big grey sad eyes and as if to say, "Hey, mister ... what's going on? Can you tell me what's going on?"

Did I say "little" T.C.? Well, that's not quite accurate. T.C. may be just a pre-schooler, but he'd go about 150 pounds stark naked. Which is what he is when I see him out for a walk -- barefoot and stark naked -- if you don't count the leash.

Yes, leash. T.C. is a dog. He's as doggy a dog as the most carnivorous card-carrying canine ever to case a mailman's ankle.

Canada's answer to Caesar and Cleopatra

It's T.C. Puck I'm talking about. He's a six-year-old fluffy white Bouvier des Flandres. He is also the adopted ward of Harold and Yolanda, Canada's answer to Caesar and Cleopatra, Conald and Ivana.

Or maybe just Punch and Judy.

In any case, I do get to walk past Maple Leaf Gardens several times a week which is where, off and on, I get to see T.C. Puck padding along from fire hydrant to fire hydrant, towing one of Harold Ballard's two-legged minions behind him.

I don't know if it's inherent in the breed or a result of his current family situation, but T.C. is the saddest looking mutt I've ever seen.

And that shouldn't be. After all, in addition to being a Bouvier, T.C. belongs to that other elite species of dogdom -- Canus Hirsutus. Also known as Shaggy Dog.

You know about Shaggy Dog stories don't you? My dictionary defines them as stories in which the punchline is totally irrelevant -- or, any joke involving talking animals. This may well be the Classic Shaggy Dog story:

"W-What's your problem?"

A man walks into a cosmetic surgeons office and takes off his high top hat to reveal a full-grown chihuahua sitting on top of his bald head. Startled, the surgeon says "W-what's your problem?"

The man stares steadily at the surgeon. The surgeon looks nervously at the man . . .

The chihuahua says "Doc, I want you to get this man off my rear end."

Okay, okay . . . it's not the greatest Shaggy Dog joke ever told, but I'm going to whisper it to T.C. Puck the next time I see him in front of Maple Leaf Gardens.

He looks like one Shaggy Dog that can use all the laughs he

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Driftwood

Down Through The Years

Twenty Five Years Ago

• A public meeting to discuss the possibility of having a new sewer system in Ganges was called by the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Whitbread of the Greater Victoria Board of Health will speak on the issue and a committee formed to further investigate the matter.

• The Lions Club sponsored a day of bowling for 60 participants to raise money for the Pioneer Village project. Top bowlers were Chuck Davis and Jean Vodden. Walter Brighden won the hidden score prize.

• The students of Esquimalt high school presented the play, Love Rides the Rails, to help with a fundraising project initiated by the Ganges student council. The troupe entertained a full house at Mahon Hall.

• Boy Scout Week is celebrated on Salt Spring when the Cubs and Sea Scouts hold a father-and-son banquet. About 100 people join Scoutmaster Don Lawley and Cub Akela Cp. Fred Rhodes for the feast.

• The RCMP issued a reminder that businesses in the Gulf Islands are required to possess a trade licence under the Trade Licence Act. The licences were available at the provincial assessor's office in Ganges.

Twenty Years Ago

• Results of the planning survey show that 1,015 people, including 235 high school students, answered the questionnaire. The results from the survey which was guided by Salt Spring architect Hank Schubart will help the Capital Region prepare a community plan for the island.

• Two officials from B.C. Tel explain toll-free calling to Victoria from the Gulf Islands at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Ganges. There will be no savings for at least four-fifths of the residents the meeting is told. Only 15 per cent of the people having phones on the islands phoned Victoria more than four times during the two-month study.

The idea is to increase the basic levy and do away with toll charges for Victoria calls.

• Papajohn reports from Saturna that the community club met for an annual meeting and election of officers. The new president will be Rev. Jack Dangerfield with Papajohn as vice-president. Others chosen were Myrt Maskow, secretary, Marg Blaine, treasurer; and James Campbell, Jim Money, Benny Bergon and Uncle Art Ralph as directors.

• The Chamber of Commerce on Salt Spring was raising money for two local projects. It intended to create a boat-launching ramp by Centennial Park and a look-out at Peter Arnell Park on Stewart Road. They had gathered \$700 of the \$1,500 targeted, reports T.E. Harcus, parks committee chairman.

• The Red Cross fund-raising drive on Galiano topped its \$400 quota. Once again, the island was the first in the province to beat its goal. The nine canvassers, directed by Mrs. D. New, collected \$430.

• A travelogue shown at Mayne Island allows residents to tour the province at home. Dick Randall showed slides from various places in B.C., including one of showing MP Tommy Douglas talking with the *Driftwood's* Frank Richards.

Fifteen Years Ago

• Kanaka Road in Ganges will not be closed, transport minister Graham Lea says in a letter to the Gulf Islands School Board. Residents in the area had opposed the plan to close Kanaka which bisects the playground at the Ganges schools complex. Dr. E.R. Dixon urged parents to speak up to ensure safety for their children.

• The permit for the sewer outfall into Ganges Harbour is cancelled by the Pollution Control Board. The reason is a concern that discharging

• The Galiano Housing Society has found a four-acre lot opposite the fire hall. The site will be used for a low-rent housing project for senior citizens. Al Lantinga, club treasurer, will head a committee to find an architect for the project.

• The Gulf Islands School Board is considering putting in facilities for two Grade Eight classes on the Outer Gulf Islands. Parents from Saturna and Galiano favour Mayne Island but those from Pender Island did not want their children to travel. A committee set up by the school board will hold more public meetings on the issue.

• Minor baseball on Salt Spring is organized for the year by Glenn Woodley and Don Piperno. They wanted children to participate in Babe Ruth, Little League and Minor League teams. Girls would be allowed to play for the first time.

Ten Years Ago

• The foreshore lease at Welbury Bay is denied by the provincial government and log dump operator Larry Quesnel indicates he might appeal the decision.

• The Coast Guard will have a permanent base at Ganges when the CB 122 finishes sea trials. The officer in charge of the operations will be Frank Wilkins who had been stationed at Kitsilano. Previously the Coast Guard had been at Ganges during the summer months only.

• The Galiano Ladies Service Club heard about activities from the

director of diversional therapy Pamela Taylor.

Five Years Ago

• While reviewing the 1985-86 budget of \$5,012,049, Salt Spring school trustee David Williams suggests the ministry should be taken to task for its restraint program. Williams says a covering letter should be sent to the ministry along with the approved budget stating their concerns about shortfalls in the fiscal framework.

• A proposed fitness centre for Gasoline Alley is dropped. "Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, the proposed sports facility project has been cancelled," says David Wilkinson who had been pushing the idea. The proposal called for squash-racquetball courts, a weight room, sauna and daycare centre.

• The Gulf Islands School Board buys five acres of land on Rainbow Road which it intends to use for the secondary school agricultural program.

• A petition bearing 143 names and calling for full-spectrum lighting at Fernwood School is turned over to school board trustees. However, a letter from Dr. Paul Nuson who has been studying various lighting for the Victoria School Board says "I would consider it inappropriate . . . to make any recommendation for or against a particular type of lighting given the amount and validity of information available at this time."



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