

The birds are back

The hummingbirds are back. Two Salt Spring residents -- one in Fulford and one in the Vesuvius area -- reported spotting the first hummingbirds of the year last week.

This year, it seems, the birds arrived in Fulford first. Isabella Point Road resident Nell Bushby reported her first sighting at approximately 8 a.m. on March 22. She was one day ahead of Joan Hoadley, of Lakefair Drive (off Tripp Road) who spotted her first hummingbird at 11:30 a.m., March 23.

Bushby told the *Driftwood* she spotted the hummingbird at her feeder the morning after she returned from a 10-day vacation. She said the small birds may have been around for some time.

Also reported to the *Driftwood* this week was the return of the swallows to the Beddis Road area. Alice Brabrandt reported seeing the birds early in the morning of Saturday, March 24.

On with the Sea Capers show: lots of volunteers step forward

"It's a go," said Lynn Richardson, chairman of the Sea Capers committee.

Following a news item in the *Driftwood* which indicated Sea Capers lacked sufficient volunteers to be staged this year, the committee met again to discuss whether to stage a shortened version of the summer event or cancel it for this year. But volunteers came forward, Richardson said.

"Some of the volunteers have

never seen a Sea Capers," she commented, "I love it."

Problems of past Sea Capers centred on too few volunteers. The water events, for instance were organized and staged by two or three people. With the number of volunteers now coming forward, Richardson noted, each water event will have its own organizer.

The one area of concern is the refreshment garden. Richardson said the thirst quenching booth requires

the assistance of at least 25 people to run efficiently. Some people set the area up, others sell tickets, while more serve refreshments and another crew takes the garden apart and cleans the area of garbage.

For other Sea Capers, Richardson has asked an island service club for help, and got it. This year she feels they have done enough.

"I'm not going to ask anyone, anymore," she said. Interest in

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District arranges Rainbow purchase

The Gulf Islands School Board will soon be one of the largest land-owners in Ganges.

The board recently arranged purchase of two properties on Rainbow Road and are connected to the school property by a strip of land of close to four hectares.

The proposed purchase bears a subject to clause dependent upon approval from the Agricultural Land Commission and the Islands Trust. The land is zoned agricultural and requires an exemption from the ALC for the school district to build on it.

Grace Byrne, chairman of the school board indicated the new Rainbow Road site would be the location of a new secondary school.

The properties are situated just past the lumber yard on Rainbow Road and are connected to the school property by a strip of land along Kanaka Road extension.

The school complex currently covers 5.6 hectares. The school district also holds another property, of two hectares, on Rainbow Road, opposite the purchased land. If, and when, the land deal is completed, the school district holdings in the area will cover close to 11.6 hectares.

A consultant's report prepared in 1988 recommended GISS be expanded to allow for 700 students. A subsequent study, however, showed renovation and expansion would not be worth the cost.

School trustees had considered a property on the corner of Churchill and Upper Ganges roads as well as another lot at the end of Norton Road. Both sites, however, proved unsuitable.

A consistent theme in the search for suitable land involves the need for any new secondary school to be in Ganges close to the harbour. Students



One of the local branches of Continuing Education's favourite teachers returned to Salt Spring last week. Dido Morris gave islanders a taste of African drum music, and a chance to perform it.

Locals seen tangling out the beat here are (left to right): Jeremy Miller, Laura Kneass, and Mr. and Mrs. Weston.

Weldwood outlines its logging plans

Weldwood officials told a group of about 40 Salt Spring Islanders, logging on Mount Bruce would proceed as planned.

Carl Rathburn, vice-president of Weldwood, came to the point quickly.

"We did not come here to negotiate," he told the meeting.

At an earlier meeting between officials of Weldwood and islanders, an offer to purchase the Mount Bruce property was made. Islanders asked Weldwood to put a hold on logging for one year, to see if the money could be raised.

Rathburn went on to explain Weldwood was in the business of tree farming. "That's our business, he said. "We're not in this for the short term."

He told the audience he was not defending the logging practices on

operates differently, he maintained.

"Quick buck artists" make it difficult for companies such as Weldwood, he said. They purchase acreage, sell the timber which is clear-cut quickly and without care, then make a profit on the re-sale of the cleared land.

When faced with that, he noted, "I

don't know how you can live in B.C. and not see a place for tree farming."

Sandy Grey, tree farm manager for Weldwood, reviewed the history of the 300 hectares on Mount Bruce held by the company. Weldwood purchased the land in 1960, he said. Trees were cut prior to the purchase and Weldwood was intent upon

taking mature trees not touched in the last logging of the area.

Grey stressed the logging operation will cover only 50 hectares of the property. The company plans to use clear cuts in about five areas of the land. The cut will not be too visible

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Community must join together

When Weldwood officials showed up on Salt Spring for an information meeting they were met by fewer than 40 islanders.

"Where is our community?" asked Nick Gilbert, Islands Trustee for Salt Spring.

Gilbert said the Islands Trust can not get much of an idea how to represent the community if no one shows up.

"It nits the Islands Trust and other community

environment in future. If the "community can't get it act together," he said, future efforts will be losing battles.

"We really have to get together," he told the small group at the Weldwood information meeting. "We've got to do it -- very soon."

Glenn Moores, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce backed Gilbert's plea. He noted the future of Salt Spring depends to a large degree on tourist dol-

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Driftwood photo by Bill Webster

A public meeting held last week gave Weldwood officials the opportunity to explain plans to log 50 hectares of Mt. Bruce. From left are: Gerry McClintock, Weldwood forester; Carl Rathburn, Weldwood vice-president; Sandy Grey, forests manager; David Borrowman, Islands Watch Society; Glenn Moores, Chamber of Commerce; Nick Gilbert, Islands Trust; Bob Andrew, Crown Lands Use Coalition.

In the Official Community Plan

Tree farming clause does not give way to industrial logging

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from the floor of the Burgoyne Valley, but can be seen partially from the top of Lee Hill. Visitors to Mount Maxwell will have a clear view of the areas to be cut.

While Weldwood plans on taking only mature trees in this operation, replanting is to occur in the spring of 1991, and loggers will return in about 20 years to take more timber.

Operations are to begin in April and continue until September, although Weldwood realizes the forests might be closed to logging during the hot, dry summer months.

Logs will be taken from the hill through the road network set in place by Texada logging and dumped into the water at the Burgoyne Bay site. The logs will be taken to Weldwood's mills at Squamish or Port Moody, Grey indicated. None would be exported.

Weldwood has planned clear-cuts to facilitate burning of slash and to allow the replanted tree access to sunlight, he explained. Islanders would be invited to take the slash as fire wood. If any remained, it would be sold to a commercial firewood dealer with what would be left, burned.

Weldwood intends to bring its own crew to log the area although islanders could be hired for log sorting or other aspects of the operation.

Ingmar Lee, resident of Gabriola Island, spoke to the meeting about Weldwood's operations on that island. Residents were concerned about the slash left in the woods where Weldwood had been selectively logging. Grey agreed the slash posed a fire hazard but selective logging left little choice other than to leave the slash behind.

Operations are to begin in April and continue until September, possibly excluding the hot, dry months.

Lee noted the clear-cut areas, although ugly, were safer because the slash was piled and burned. He reiterated Gabriola residents concerns about the breadth of the operation there and noted no islanders were employed as loggers.

He claimed Weldwood had told islanders the cut would cover 200 hectares but had expanded. Weldwood holds 1,240 hectares of forest on that island.

Grey disputed the claim. He said

he met with residents of Gabriola and representatives of the Islands Trust. He told them the first cut would cover 20 hectares and eventually expand to include all of Weldwood's holdings.

He stressed the cut on Salt Spring would cover only 50 hectares.

Weldwood tried to utilize loggers from Gabriola but "it didn't work out," Rathburn explained.

In selective logging, trees to be taken are tagged. The Gabriola loggers didn't understand that, Rathburn said, and took trees which should have been left while ignoring trees which should have been cut.

"Locals," he said, "frankly, didn't do a very good job."

Randy Thomas, of Green Islands, charged that Weldwood is not in the business of tree farming but is engaged in industrial logging. That practice was inappropriate for Salt Spring, he said.

Grey answered by quoting from the Community Plan which states that tree farming on Salt Spring is to be encouraged as a permitted use of land.

Nick Gilbert, Salt Spring trustee and chairman of the Islands Trust, agreed tree farming is permitted by the Community Plan but explained the concept was not to be used as an excuse for industrial logging.



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Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Students could be seen throughout Ganges last week as district schools closed down for the annual spring break. Here, a group of Grade Six students "hang-out" in Centennial Park.

Contract agreement settled

The non-teaching staff of the Gulf Islands School District reached a contract agreement with the school board, calling for a 15.8 per cent salary increase over two years.

The two sides sat at the bargaining table for close to five months. The old contract expired at the end of December, 1989, and agreement on a re-

placement contract wasn't reached until early March, this year.

The non-teaching staff of the school district is represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 788, with bus driver Gord Singbeil as president.

The new contract covers the clerks, paraprofessionals, cus-

todians, maintenance workers and bus drivers and runs from January 1, 1990 to December 31, 1991.

It calls for a wage increase of fifty cents per hour on January 1 and another similar increase on July 1. A further four per cent will be added to wages on three dates in 1991: January 1, May 1 and September 1.

A fringe benefit of the contract is a Dental and Group Life Insurance plan for each employee to go into effect in July, 1990.

The expired contract ran for three years and called for a wage increase of two per cent in each year.

In a joint statement announcing the contract settlement, Singbeil and Grace Byrne, chairman of the school board noted the effect of the previous wage increases.

"This resulted in salaries falling behind those paid for like positions in neighbouring school districts."

District considering middle school idea

The middle school concept is coming to Salt Spring.

Members of the Gulf Islands School Board recently approved a notice of motion to allow establishment of a middle school on Salt Spring. The trustees are seeking opinions on the concept before proceeding further. The middle schools would cover Grades Six, Seven, and Eight and focus, for the time being, on Salt Spring.

The middle school could be extended to the Outer Islands sometime in the future. The school board will not be transferring the Grades Six and Seven students from the Outer Islands to Salt Spring.

"Each school will be looked at on an individual basis," Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools told the trustees at a recent board meeting.

Currently, the Mayne Island school is home to Grades Eight and Nine, the first two years of secondary education. A Grade Eight class is also at Pender Island school.

He stressed the middle schools as a local decision with encouragement from the ministry of education. If money is needed, for equipment or building more classroom space, the ministry would become more directly involved, he noted.

He explained the middle school could be established by September, 1992. The plan hinges on construction of a new high school on the recently acquired Rainbow Road property. The building which currently houses Gulf Islands Secondary School would be upgraded and renovated to accommodate the middle school.

If the middle school is set up for

the beginning of the 1992-93 school year, it would involve at least 320 children on Salt Spring. As of the end of February, this year, the population of GISS stood at 417 students. In September, 1992, there would be close to 80 children available for middle school on the Outer Islands.

Grace Byrne, Salt Spring trustee and chairman of the school board, told the *Driftwood* trustees had looked at middle school covering Grades Seven, Eight and Nine, but switched the focus to the three lower grades to compensate for the maturity of the Grade Nine students.

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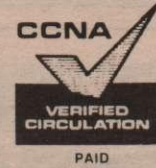
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Island must take a stand on issues

Salt Spring let itself down last week when officials of Weldwood came to explain logging plans for the trees on Mount Bruce.

Islands Trustee Nick Gilbert put it as plainly as possible when he asked where the community was that evening.

At a previous meeting sponsored by Green Islands, 75 people came out to the activity centre at Salt Spring Elementary School to hear a one-sided account of what Weldwood would do to Mount Bruce.

When the opportunity came to gain insight into the position of both sides, islanders stayed away. Only 38 people sat in the audience to listen to the Weldwood officers.

Clear-cut logging scars the earth. Selective logging becomes expensive when slash must be cleared away. And logging companies will be using either method when they come to harvest marketable timber from these Gulf Islands.

Those logging companies contemplating operations, particularly on Salt Spring, won't be paying much attention to community concerns when the community doesn't stand up for itself.

Efforts are being expended to put across the community position on Crown lands. When, and if, the government makes a decision on that issue, the wishes of Salt Spring will be available. Hopefully.

But on the issue of logging private lands, islanders appear to be standing at all compass points.

Gilbert says the Islands Trust cannot take a stand on any issue until islanders make their position known.

Groups such as Green Islands, Islands Watch Society and the Sierra Club serve the purpose of drawing public attention to perceived wrongs. Companies such as Weldwood will listen politely to what representatives of those groups have to say and go about their business unencumbered.

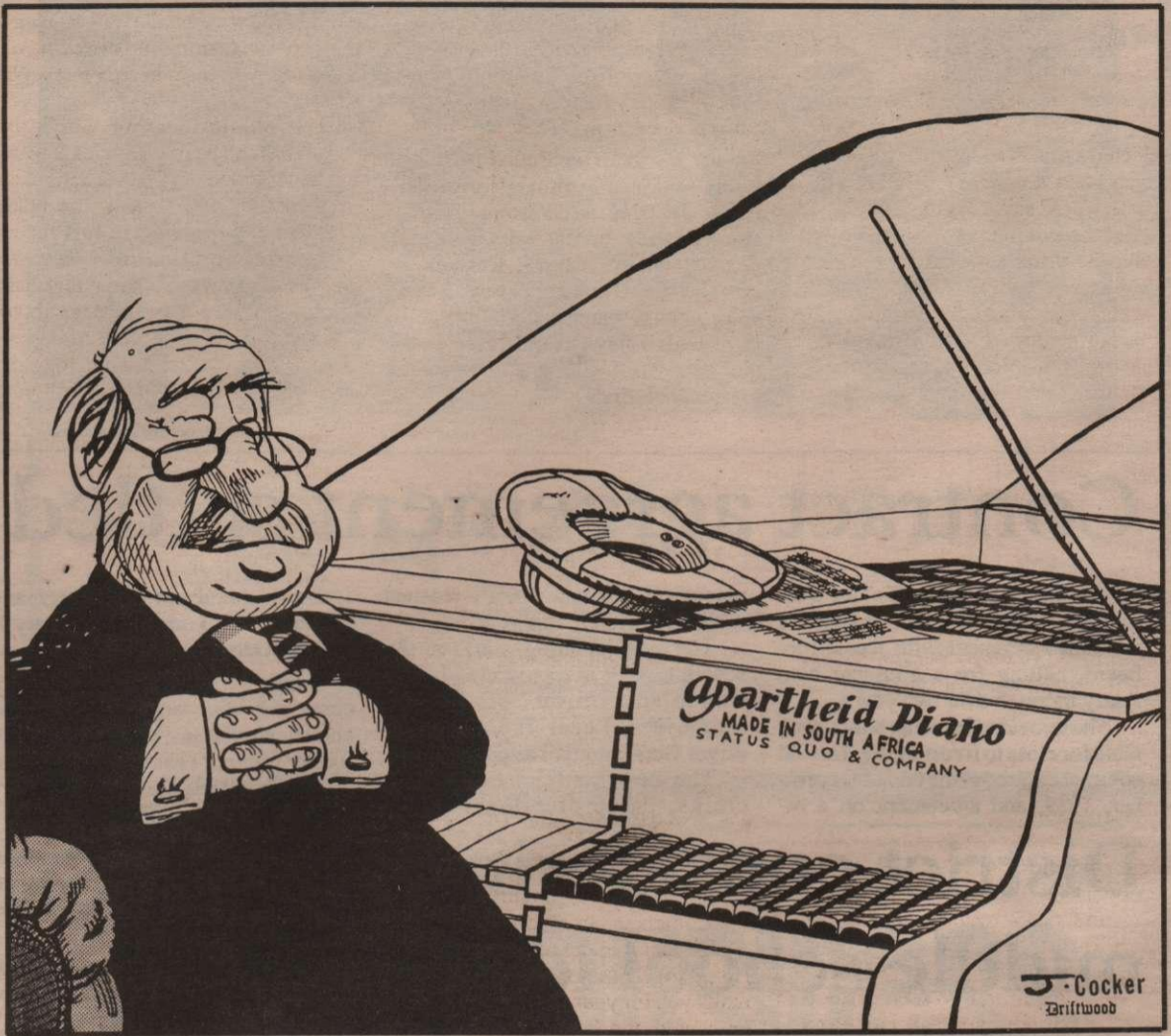
The Islands Trust, as our elected governmental body, would carry more clout in discussions centred on environmental issues. If the trustees knew what the community wanted.

Some 400 people, from a population base much smaller than Salt Spring's, attended a meeting on Gabriola Island last week. The subject was a bridge proposal, linking the island with the Mainland. With that number of people attending the meeting, expressing their opinions, proponents of the proposal knew exactly where the community stood.

Sometime ago, a mining company (Falconbridge) presented a land use proposal to Salt Spring Islanders. A united front -- a united opposition -- to the plan had positive results for islanders. Falconbridge is no longer in the headlines.

When the clear-cut areas of Mount Bruce become visible, island residents will know what is at stake here.

But when only a few people turn up at a publicised meeting to glean information and present viewpoints on an issue which will affect many aspects of the island, a company such as Weldwood won't be inclined to listen.



Letters

Unaffected by changes

To the Editor,
 One of the things that troubles me most, when listening to Corporations like Weldwood as they outline their cutting plans, is that they seem unaffected by the ecological and environmental changes that have taken place over the past decades.

It is as if their logging policies are immutable, existing in a corporate world of cyclical cash crops, distant from the reality of the destruction to the natural world that they cause. Clear-cutting Forever!

Fifty hectares of some 734 hectares of Mt. Bruce will be clear-cut this year. The remaining hectares, cut in the late 1950s will be evaluated for

cutting in 65 years or so unless, of course, their mills require otherwise.

To Weldwood, it is all very clear and simple. They own the land, hold the tree farm licences, and will log the trees when and how they see fit. They will not sell the land for they have a virtual "milk cow", a source they hope to tap for years to come. Of course, if the trees they plan to plant do not regenerate (they have not done any seedling planting since they bought the property in the early 1960s) they may well change their minds! We must wait and see.

It seems to me that, for small islands like Salt Spring, there is a new reality that our Provincial Government's forestry policy must recognize before it is too late. This new reality requires a Government capable of revoking all the tree farm licences on the Gulf Islands and, if

necessary, expropriating all tree farm lands and turning them over for management by the Island communities.

There are several reasons why such a policy change is necessary. The major ones have to do with the need to enhance and sustain our endangered environment; others to major shifts in revenue sources and investment occasioned by population shift; others to tourism and man's desperate need for natural beauty, clean water and pure air.

Many will not like it, but on these small Islands, the Corporate logger's chain saws and skidders are destined to become as extinct as many of the ecosystems they have destroyed.

L. S. HICKS
 Ganges

Apple tree may solve nightmarish moments

As I stiffly reclined in the chair, with muffled voices around me and my mouth held in a perpetual gape, I realized that no matter how painless or how necessary, I just don't like going to the dentist.

And I was only having my teeth cleaned.

It's that feeling of complete dependence. The possibility this hand, drill, wrench, pick could do just about anything in there, and here I am, sitting on the chair, my very presence giving them the go ahead.

Fillings, root canals, wisdom teeth extraction, dry sockets. You name it, the equipment has been in my mouth.

Last year it was a root canal. The greatest of several nightmarish moments occurred prior to the drilling and scraping: when the power threatened to go out.



my mouth forcibly gaping, instruments dangling from my lower lip, drill poised ominously above my head, for two or three hours, while hydro crews attended to every other outage, first.

As reminiscent of Nazi tooth torture a visit to the dentist is now, it cannot compete with the barbaric occasions of the past: needles which felt like needles; uncontrolled drooling; drilling which smelled like my father's welding machine; and a miserable little ring at the end of it all

perience.
 I vividly recall the occasion when my childhood dentist (I think he also treated my grandmother in her youth) left me in the chair for over two hours -- apparently waiting for the freezing to wear off -- before proceeding with Texan-type drilling.

He filled many of my teeth north and south (in Cat Steven's words), snubbed his nose at fluoride treatments and flossing, and persisted in questioning me while his fist rotated in my mouth.

actually looks pained himself when he puts me through tooth-torture. He apologizes.

This is a far cry from former dental-days, when I sat -- tears streaming down my 12-year-old face -- and Dr. Dentist would say: *now that didn't hurt did it?*

This same dentist decided one 18-year-old family member (a generation back) had "unfixable" teeth. He pulled them all out, except four, and replaced them with dentures. Such dental sadism leaves me with the opinion that major root canal discomfort remains preferable over taking my teeth out to clean, or dropping them in a jar at night.

But what about the chit-chat? There I sat last Monday morning, unable to defend myself as they accused me of neglecting to floss my teeth.

the television, flossing. Reading a book, flossing. Driving, working, swimming . . . and flossing. *I may want to floss between dinner and dessert.*

The mini-lecture was well taken: lack of flossing leads to swollen gums which leads to bone "sinkage" which leads to voluntary tooth extraction. This, however, I was assured, does not take place between a Monday and Friday. So I have time to *save my teeth*.

But what if she was lecturing me on bio-physics, junk food, or some other topic I just do not want to hear about? What if she decided to play rap music and I didn't have the chance to protest?

As I sat in the chair, I started thinking about the old saying *an apple a day, keeps the dentist away*. Writing about dental trauma is

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Salt Spring Sab-batical

How does one rationalize spending 376 days on S.S.I. Well I'm going to make an effort to do that right now. I could start by calling it a year and 11 days, or 54 weeks less a few too many sleeps, or just many, many moons.

Some may say that such a short time on the island would only categorize oneself as an interloping tourist. "You're no closer to being elected a true islander, than folks who have been around 12 or 13 years," some would say. Tried to tell people about the summer I spent on Weston Lake 23 years ago, but that fell on deaf ears.

Having travelled extensively in this fair country of ours, I found that one tends to pick up on the many colourful linguistic terms and expressions that make Canadian cultural exchanges so very memorable, aye. We're all familiar with the Newfoundland greeting of "are you a boy from the bay or a dear from the pier?"

Well S.S.I. is no different for having her own special flavour of terms and salty dialects. Many of these linger in my mind to this day. It's not uncommon to see two good old boys in Dagwoods sharing a few of the following quotable quotes, any three of which can make it into each sentence spoken: gun-it, Crofton, Velcro-gloves, Bufo Boreas, organic, granola, free range, those damn bicycles, bottom feeder, cling-on, what pool?, recycle, wee-dram, Captain Crunch, woolly baggers, Islands Thrust, Sea Capers . . . and the list goes on and on.

Many the time I've seen cartoon quips about how you can judge the change in the seasons on S.S.I. by the locust-like flocks of sheep and cycles which take over the many winding roads and frustrate drivers.

A major observation of mine, in judging the difference between winter and the very prosperous summer months on S.S.I. is: have you ever noticed that the freedom of movement on the toilet paper rolls in public washrooms is restricted in the winter months? Seriously, check it out!

Oh well. Lots of different views, many colourful backgrounds, folks from all parts of the world and different walks of life; all joined together with one thing in common . . . they've all got old ferry schedules jammed down their defrost ducts in their automobiles. What a life!

On a more serious note: I'd like to take this time to thank all the fine folks I came in contact with on "your" wonderful island. You all made my stay a most unforgettable experience and I'll cherish the fond memories forever.

DREW CURRY
Victoria

Get serious

To the Editor,
The following letter was written in response to *Time-Colonist* columnist Ernie Fedoruk, who appears to be in favour of another wolf-kill on Vancouver Island. The editor of the *Times-Colonist* did not see fit to publish my response:

Please, Mr. Fedoruk, get a little serious when you defend the so called experts and biologists who favour a wolf kill in the name of conservation. I suspect the lobbying conservation group you favour, prefer to kill Black-tailed deer for trophies rather than a need for the meat. You should know the animals in the trophy class are the very ones that insure the survival of the species. So that makes me wonder who is actually responsible for the decline of the deer population? Wolves are not selective in their search for enough food to survive. Their prey is usually the

ing instinctively when food sources are depleted. They are communal animals that display more national behaviour than we humans and all they require is the wilderness area which we are rapidly destroying. The truth is man is not capable of managing nature without destroying most species.

Perhaps, the "amalgamated conservation group" will get a favourable response from the Provincial Ministry of the Environment as that ministry often makes very curious decisions. They still insist the sea life in Howe Sound is fit for human consumption. However, before they make a decision, I would suggest they contact the Federal Department of Natural Resources and Parks Canada. They have volumes of research material pertaining to wolf behaviour and their predacious activity. Killing is not always the only solution.

C. S. SCARFE
Ganges

Improved quality of life

To the Editor,

At our recent Annual General Meeting a resolution was passed by our members that a letter be written expressing appreciation for the support that we have received from your publication.

Your interest in our work and your assistance in informing the public of the importance of treating animals in a humane manner can only lead to an improvement in the quality of life for the animals in our area.

On behalf of our membership, our Board of Directors and our staff, thank you for your efforts to assist the unwanted and homeless animals in our community.

LYNN WEST
Executive Director
BCSPCA

Clear and concise

To the Editor,

It's good to see that in today's troubled world, a world of muddled problems and concerns -- especially in the environmental areas -- that we have clear and concise answers to some of our worries.

The case in point: Weldwood Co. plans for the 743 acres on Mt. Bruce owned by Weldwood.

The plan: to clear-cut log approximately 55 Ha (140 acres) of Mt. Bruce.

In outlining its plans to Salt Spring -- both in a private meeting with the Trust and a small number of Salt Spring citizens and again in a larger public meeting the Weldwood representatives were asked:

1) To delay their cut plans for a year to see if the community could come up with an offer to purchase the land. The answer: No.

2) If Weldwood representatives would walk the land to determine where their cutting was to be and to see if it coincided with our mapped areas of land sensitivity (Island Trust maps). The answer: No to walking the area. They have copies of our maps of what are considered to be

sensitive areas and will consider them with their logging plans.

3) If there was a chance to leave the "Old Growth" area alone (by their calculations a small area of about 5 acres). No answer.

4) Asked if they would consider selective logging. Answer: No.

5) Asked why we were not given more than two week's notice of their plans when we were told one year ago that there were no plans for cutting on Salt Spring for three to five years. No answer.

The public meeting was very emotional and heart rendering, bringing some to tears. The meeting was on a motherhood issue -- the land. Weldwood's response to this meeting was that we are on different wave lengths, that they are sorry that Salt Spring feels the way they do about Weldwood's forest, but the disastrous efforts of clear-cut logging are simply "what happens when you log."

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When will it stop?
BOB ANDREW
Fulford Harbour

Alternative methods

To the Editor,

Many speakers emphasized the importance of keeping our trees and saving the environment at the Weldwood logging meeting last Friday, and I must say that our people did an excellent job of showing our feelings on clear-cutting. But since the Weldwood people have already made up their minds to cut 50 hectares, more time should have been spent discussing alternative logging methods.


For instance, there is an excellent Ministry of Forests book called "An Ecological Approach to organizing Forests for Woodlot Management," a study prepared for the management of Crown land lot 43 on Salt Spring, only less than two miles away from Weldwood's lot.

This study is based on a thorough knowledge of all the ecological characteristics of the forests, uses shelter wood and single tree selection regimes, and would be completely acceptable to all with selective logging in mind.

We must be environmentally conscious, but we almost must be looking for practical solutions.

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News

Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA -- Whoever sent Adam Zimmerman to Globe '90, the business and environment conference in Vancouver, ought to have his head examined.

Maybe the chairman of Noranda Forests decided on his own to put the cat amongst the environmental pigeons, but someone should have told him that all he could hope to achieve by attending the conference was to escalate the war between business and environmentalists.

But then, you can't rule out that this was the sole reason why Zimmerman shot off his mouth at the conference. He's been known to do that sort of thing, particularly where environmentalists are concerned. How else do you explain comments such as these:

"I've personally been in the trenches so long that I'm getting sick of the antagonism and the frequent statements of doom and gloom," said Zimmerman.

"I'm really fed up with the ridiculous claims of some of the environmentalists which invariably and always receive far more attention than they deserve. They amount to a kind of verbal flashing," he added.

Come to terms with ecological concerns

Fortunately, not all industrialists are Neanderthals. Contrast Zimmerman's obtuse and insensitive remarks with those of another forestry official, Phil Gilbert, a manager with the Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia.

Speaking to about 200 forestry executives at the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association's 71 annual meeting in Montreal last week, Gilbert said forest companies must come to terms with strong ecological concerns, not just here at home, but around the world.

Consumers in some European markets, Gilbert said, are beginning to wonder about the acceptability of wood as a construction material, and looking to steel, aluminum or plastics instead.

Gilbert's right. A number of European countries have become very sensitive to environmentally detrimental timber harvesting methods, particularly those practised in the Amazon rain forests. Germany has, for some time, been considering a ban on the import of exotic timber from countries that fail to practice responsible forest policies.

Didn't like what they had seen

As a first step, Germany and some other European countries, have banned the use of exotic woods in public buildings. Feelings about environmentally unacceptable timber harvesting methods ran so high when I was in Germany last year that there was even talk of taking a closer look at Canadian logging practices. They certainly didn't like what they had seen at a cursory glance.

Gilbert seems to be clued in to the problems of the forest industry, but unfortunately, he's just a COFI manager, while old Zimmerman occupies a real seat of power in the forest industry.

Zimmerman may complain all he wants to about the watchdogs of the environment, without them, our forest would have disappeared. Without the troublesome environmental groups, government would never have taken the steps they did to protect the environment, including our forests.

And we're not out of the woods yet, if you pardon the pun. All the hype about "Forests Forever" notwithstanding, there will come a time when we have run out of harvestable timber. First and second-growth timber will be gone and the new growth won't be far enough along for harvesting.

Fate of Carmanah to be decided soon

That may not happen during Zimmerman's lifetime, but happen it will. The signs are already here, or do you think forest companies are closing some mills because there is an abundance of timber? A lot of small, independent mills can't get lumber at all. Already there's a shortage in some areas.

That shortage of harvestable timber also accounts for the vehemence with which MacMillan Bloedel pursues its plans to log the Carmanah Valley on Vancouver Island.

Last week, Forest Minister Claude Richmond said the government will decide the fate of the valley very soon. He also promised a full accounting of the cost, whichever way the decision goes.

"Those figures are being compiled right now and they will be part of the announcement," he said, adding that the public will know the cost of the Carmanah decision.

The 6,700-hectare valley, home to some of Canada's tallest trees, has become the centre of a bitter controversy between industry and environmentalists. I have a feeling the government will try to forge a compromise between the irresistible force and the immovable object.

I suspect the government will allow some logging while preserving part of the valley. Were the decision for preserving the entire Valley, I'm sure the announcement would have come during the Globe '90 conference. Like any compromise, this

New postal outlet

Purchasing a 39 cent stamp from the Ganges Post Office can take up to half an hour but help has arrived.

Canada Post recently announced the opening of the first "retail postal outlet" for the village. Stan Lam of Harbour Food Market is now in the postal business.

In a message to customers of Rural Routes One and Two, Canada Post explained, "As part of Canada Post's commitment to provide improved service for our customers, (the outlet) will be opening to complement existing services at the local Post Office in Ganges."

Lam will be providing the sale of stamps and postal money orders as well as the priority courier service. RR 1 and RR 2 customers can call for parcels or mail requiring a signature for pick-up beginning on April 23.

The postal outlet will be open seven days each week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Colleen Frick, spokesman for the rural services of Canada Post, told the *Driftwood* the retail outlet was established "to improve service for Ganges."

"Ganges needed some help," she said. The retail outlet should ensure service is expanded upon, she added.

"It'll balance out nicely," she concluded.

Volunteers

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operating the refreshment garden has been shown by a couple of island organizations, she indicated. But if help, in the form of at least 25 volunteers, does not materialize, the 1990 Sea Capers "might be dry," she said.

Sea Capers is scheduled to unfold over three days in mid-June to eliminate a conflict of dates with the high school graduation events: June 15, 16 and 17.

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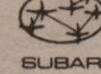
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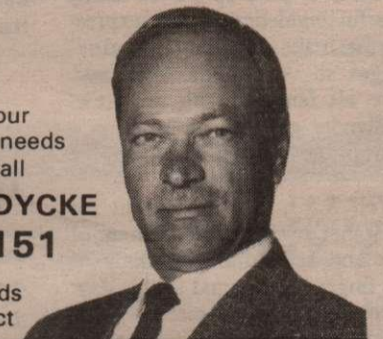
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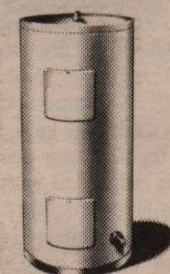
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News

Earth Day activities planned

Green Islands is co-ordinating Salt Spring Island's Earth Week, leading up to Earth Day, on April 22.

This is a global environmental event, with more than 90 countries participating, celebrating and caring for all life.

The purpose of Earth Week is to help people acknowledge individual responsibility for the current environmental crises, and to inspire action leading to the healing of the planet and ourselves.

Organizers hope all members of this community will participate in this week.

Many events are planned for the week, including such things as: Garbage and Recycling Day, Junk Mail attack, Tree Planting Day, Alternative Transportation Day, and Gardening Day.

Weekend events include a dinner, a dance, a Sunrise Ceremony and Spiritual Service, a Community Breakfast, Music and Singing in the Park, an Afternoon Tea with Poetry reading and Classical Music, culminating in an Auction of Art. Please watch the paper for the details, or phone Green Islands office at 537-4882.

As one part of the Earth Week activities, Green Islands is beginning a Garden Sharing scheme, where individuals who have garden space but not the time or ability to work it, and those who have the time or energy but no garden can co-operate.

A scheme bringing together the young or fit with seniors or the less fit, will begin on Gardening Day -- Friday, April 20, and Green Islands is compiling a registry, so those of you who are either willing to dig, or have the garden which needs work please call 537-4882.

A possible long-term mutually beneficial arrangement might develop whereby the garden-owners and the gardeners end up sharing the produce. Organizers really encourage islanders to participate in this idea.



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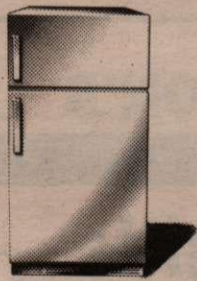
Community Centre worker Susan Noakes puts up signs in preparation for the Conference on Youth, which will be held at the Centre this Saturday. A series of lectures and activities have been planned for the conference which begins at 10 a.m.

Setting it straight

A story in the *Driftwood* two weeks ago (March 7), concerning the situation on Rainbow Road, should have pointed out that residents are upset at lack of action by the Islands Trust on a property being used by Ron Shaw of Salt Spring Auto Body to store vehicles.

The other property in question, at the corner of Rainbow and Booth Canal, is owned by Richard Murakami who has agreed to comply with a clean-up order.

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News

Wit and Whimsy

ARTHUR BLACK



*Everybody talks about the weather,
but nobody does anything about it.*

Everybody thinks that Mark Twain wrote that, but he didn't. A pretty well utterly forgotten scribbler by the name of Charles Dudley Warner penned that observation 'way back in 1897 in an editorial that appeared in the *Hartford Courant*. Somehow, history bungled it, and now the whole world thinks the credit belongs to Mark Twain.

That doesn't surprise me. Weather is a treacherous topic best untrifled with.

But the hell with it. It's a blustery, cruddy late Spring day; there's a pair of worm-lusting robins hunched over on my front lawn like a couple of winos on a streetcorner; there's a leak in my basement, a draft under the back door, my cat's got spring fever, which means I have to get up every three minutes and forty-five seconds to either let him out or bring him in . . . I feel like picking on somebody.

So let's beat up on . . . The weatherman.

Reliable as Old Man Maidle

You know what bugs me most about weathermen? Not that they're wrong all the time.

As a matter of fact, they're not. Their forecasts are reasonably accurate -- at least as reliable as Old Man Maidle's down the road. He keeps track of squirrels' acorn stashes and the thickness of caterpillar pelts. He also has a whole bunch of agricultural rhymes about the weather. Rhymes like "Crick don't flow; watch fer snow"; and "Cows in the clover, summer's 'bout over."

I figure old Man Maidle's weather poetry is dead accurate about 50 per cent of the time -- which is about the same as the guy with the Magic Marker on TV.

No, it's not the weather forecasters' accuracy (or lack of it) that bothers me. It's the fact that when they are wrong, they never apologize.

Does Mister Pompadour apologize?

It's true! They can tell you on Friday that Saturday's going to be a great day for a picnic, and you can go to the park with your little hamper of egg salad sandwiches and thermos of Freshie and wind up clinging to a floating picnic table in a deluge that makes the Johnstown Flood look like a sunshower.

You get home that night and turn on your TV and does Mister Blow Dry Pompadour apologize for his goof? Nah. He smiles and banter about the Blue Jays with the Sports Jockette and points a well-manicured (dry!) finger towards the low pressure trough over Baffin Island that is going to, he says, make Sunday a "great day for a picnic".

Once, just once, I'd like to see the weatherman pop up on my TV screen right after the newscast, all decked out in manacles and prison greys. I'd like to hear him confess incompetence for missing yesterday's blizzard, plead guilty to lousy forecasting in general, then commit the weatherperson's equivalent to harakiri-- falling on his telescopic pointer in front of the Canada Weather Map.

Didn't have a leg to stand on

It won't happen in my lifetime of course -- but I would have settled for watching TV in Britain the night after the devastating hurricane of 1987.

This really happened, folks.

Following his newscast, the BBC news anchor turned to weatherman Ian McCaskill and said, on live TV "Well, Ian, you chaps were a fat lot of good last night."

Ian defended himself meekly, pointing out that they had forecast a "rather windy, showery airflow".

"No kidding," responded the news anchor witheringly. "If you can't forecast the worst storm for several centuries . . . what are you doing?"

Poor Ian McCaskill. He and all the other British weather forecasters really didn't have a leg to stand on -- particularly when it was revealed that weathermen in France, Spain and the Netherlands had forecast the hurricane, using data obtained from the Weather Centre in . . .

Reading, England.

If only Ian had double-checked with Old Man Maidle.

Explosives breach explored

Ganges RCMP are investigating a breach of the explosives act after an open powder magazine was discovered at Burgoyne Bay last week.

Don and Dave Contracting, of Qualicum, are contractors on the expansion plans at the log sort property at the head of Burgoyne Bay. Part of the plans for the area require blasting the hillside.

Children were found playing near the unlocked powder magazine and the incident reported to police on March 18. The matter was referred to the explosives inspector in Vancouver for review and recommendation.

The Workmen's Compensation Board was also involved and a report from that group is expected later in the spring.

Police found the magazine, in an approved steel container, on a hillside near the construction site, but it was not locked. Two other magazines were found within the site itself, a breach of the regulations.

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News

Parking situation discussed

Representatives from the Fulford Business Association will be meeting with commuters on the early sailing to Swartz Bay this week asking them to use parking facilities at the Fulford Marina.

Association representative Denis O'Hara says that because early-morning commuters take all of the spaces near the terminal, people who own or use businesses in Fulford have no where to park.

He said the solution might be to either move the terminal to Isabella Point -- an idea widely discussed last year -- or have B.C. Ferries buy property which could be used for parking near the Fulford terminal.

The meeting representatives from the business association plan to have with commuters this week is the second held in the last two weeks. O'Hara said members from the group met with commuters on an early run earlier this month to discuss the parking problems and received a mixed reaction.

Since then, he added, the association has found 10 parking stalls at the

Fulford Marina. The marina is prepared to rent the stalls for \$30 a month.

He added that the Department of Highways has agreed to install one-hour parking signs on Morningside Road between the terminal and Orchard Avenue to keep the area free

Association plans to meet with commuters this week.

for shoppers and business owners.

The parking problems in Fulford are nothing new to the area. Last spring, local MLA Terry Hubert formed a committee to investigate the parking situation at Fulford and consider some of the alternatives.

When the provincial Transportation Task Force released its proposal to relocate the Fulford ferry terminal to Isabella Point last year, some

members of the Fulford Business Association saw the proposal as a possible solution to the Fulford parking crunch.

Critics of the idea said a terminal at Isabella Point would have a negative effect on the rural lifestyle of Salt Spring. They also felt closing the Fulford terminal would have a significant impact on local employment.

O'Hara says the one-hour parking signs do not come close to solving the parking problems in Fulford, although he adds that it's a step. He also suggests that if the Fulford terminal is going to be left where it is, B.C. Ferries should consider providing parking facilities for people who use the ferries.

B.C. Ferries information officer Pat Stevens says the matter of opening a terminal at Isabella Point is still a consideration. She added, however, the consensus on Salt Spring Island generally appears to be against the idea.

She added there would be no expansion at the Fulford terminal until the matter is settled.

Board will purchase a tree for each school

At least nine more trees will be growing in the Gulf Islands after Earth Day, April 22.

Gulf Islands School Board trustees recently agreed to purchase a tree for each of the district's nine schools. The trees will be planted near each school.

Wendy Wickland, a teacher at Fulford Elementary, sent a letter to the school board requesting financial help to purchase trees for the children to plant that day. Wickland was not sure of the actual cost of the trees and the trustees were not willing to spend money to buy a large number of trees.

Salt Spring trustee Charles Bazard spoke in favour of buying one tree for each school. He suggested each school should select a site and determine which kind of tree would survive and grow at that spot.

Wickland noted the activities for the week leading up to Earth Day included "having speakers and presentations, sponsoring afternoon workshops (high school), designing an Earth Day T-shirt, encouraging environmentally friendly lunches and promoting much discussion, art work and reading and writing on these topics."

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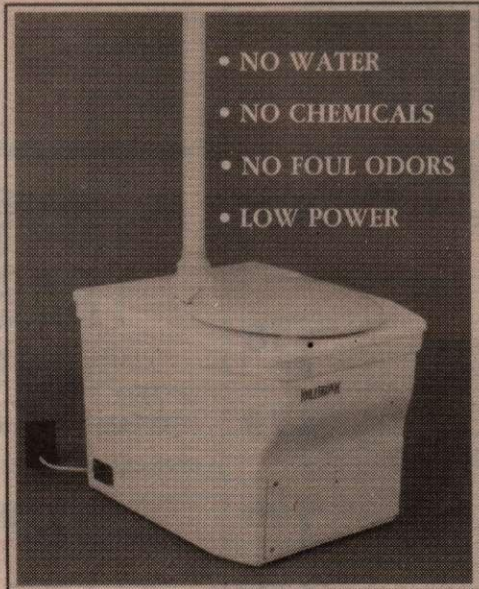
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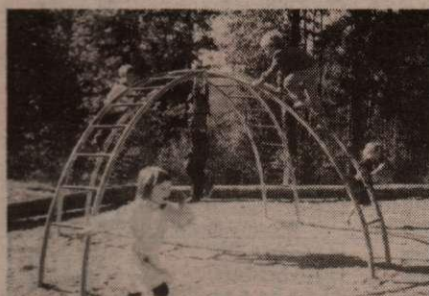


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Letters

In Hand

To the Editor,
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"Safe sex given credit as CRD's gonorrhoea rate drops"

We are reassured to note that our CRD has its problems well in hand.
A.N. BEST
Salt Spring

Thoughtfulness

To the Editor,
I was impressed by Judy Kelly-McDonald's well researched letter. The main point about propane as

a fuel, however, is not that it is "less" harmful than either gasoline or diesel, but rather that it is not harmful under optimal burning conditions!

It must be noted, though, that propane is only a by-product of the petroleum industry, and is consequently in limited supply world-wide!

This fact must have influenced our local School District's decision to invest in diesel-powered school buses!

I am certain that taxpayers would not object if these buses were equipped with a dual fuel system, with propane as primary, and gasoline as back-up!

Since gasoline would only be used in case of temporary and infre-

quent propane unavailability, the use of diesel as back-up, instead of gasoline, cannot be justified in terms of costing less than gasoline, but much more environmentally!

Propane, as a fuel, is environment-friendly! It is less expensive than either gasoline or diesel! It leaves no fumes in a school bus' wake! It is unequivocally a transition fuel into the Green Age! And it teaches our children the way of kindness toward Earth and other living things!

Does it therefore not make sense to have it run our school buses?

Judy Kelly-McDonald is a way slower in that respect, and whether or not we ride her Salt Spring Island Transit Bus, one thing we can all

thank her for is the thousand cubic metres of fresh air she leaves behind on every one of her runs!

To the extent that one of these will end up in someone's lungs by the end of the day, I would say that her choice to use propane has improved the quality of life of everyone on our island!

Thoughtfulness has many faces, and that is one of them!

FRANCOIS PHILIPPE
JAUBERT
Beaver Point

Support

To the Editor,
All of us are concerned with clear cut logging on our island, this is my

experience: While walking through the back forty one Sunday morning, I was suddenly stunned by a string of bright orange surveyors' ribbon and spray painted trees all along my back property line. My property looks on to land holdings of Texada Logging.

The next day I called up Texada Logging. One of the foresters informed me not to worry about clear-cut logging, as they are only going to do some selective thinning to clear out some root-rot trees. Needless to say, I was relieved to hear this.

I was then told that Texada had learned through experience on Salt Spring that most of the land did not react well to clear-cut logging. They felt, he said, that selective cutting was a better approach for subsequent

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Letters

regeneration.
Public environmental sensitivity was also a concern. As someone involved in reforestation for 10 years, I wish to acknowledge my support for Texada's new apparent policy.
M. NICKELS, Ganges.

Unnecessary destruction

To the Editor,
A week or so ago I was disturbed to see a mechanical monster cutting away at the verges along some of the Island roads. A pity, I thought, but maybe it is necessary to remove some of the brush if it is becoming a problem with traffic.

However, when a beautiful gorse bush disappeared from near our mail boxes at the end of a road, where it was not obscuring anyone's view or getting in anyone's way, I was saddened.

Imagine my horror then when this monster appeared early one morning along our little country lane slashing away at the sides of the road, used only by the local inhabitants and their friends and the occasional walker or jogger out to admire the view. There was no overgrowth here, only beautiful wild roses, broom and salmon berries and blackberries and ocean spray.

My husband managed to save some conifers along our fence, but the rest of the lane was a scene of

destruction. In one fell swoop, beauty, and bird and animal food and habitat had disappeared in 15 minutes.

I believe this is happening in other secluded parts of the island and I can see no reason for it. Perhaps it is to create jobs, and this seems to be no way to deal with that problem.

The debris is an eyesore and is blocking a much needed ditch, and although I know the plants will grow back in a few years, they are gone for now and I can only grieve.

If anyone can give me a reason for this unnecessary destruction of wildlife, I would like to know what it is.

NANCY HOLCROFT, Ganges.

Reasonable advice

To the Editor,
Further to the letters on the "Queen's English" -

Thomas Jefferson wrote "Whenever by small grammatical negligence the energy of an idea can be condensed, or a word be made to stand for a sentence, I hold grammatical rigor in contempt."

And Henry Ward Beecher said to one who was pointing out grammatical errors in his sermon, "Young man, when the English language gets in my way it doesn't stand a chance."

It seems to be reasonable advice that our language is intended to serve

us not bind us.
NEVILLE SMITH Ganges

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Entertainment



Photo by Michael Foster

Rare Air received a warm reception by local audiences when it played the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts two years ago. This week, the band returns for a performance at Beaver Point Hall, this Friday, March 30, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The "ever-popular" Rare Air will return to Beaver Point

Rare Air is "back by popular demand."

The group, which played the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts two years ago, was received enthusiastically by local audiences.

The result is brightly crafted, flamboyant music.

The band will perform at Beaver Point Hall, Friday, March 30, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Rare Air includes founding members Grier Coppins (bagpipes, keyboard, whistles, bombarde) and Patrick O'Gorman (bagpipes, wooden flutes) with Christian Frappier (basses, vocals), Jeff Gill (guitars, vocals) and Rich Greenspoon (drums, percussion).

Among Canadian artists who ex-

port their talent to other countries, Rare Air is no doubt a group for whom there are no boundaries. Its originality, combined with its ability to write and perform outstanding material, has won it tremendous support and legions of loyal fans from all walks of life.

Since the group first emerged in 1979, Rare Air has released 5 albums and toured extensively in Canada, the USA and Europe, performing in venues ranging from clubs to concert halls to international festivals.

The band has an instinctive grasp of what gives music its most basic, universal appeal; feeling, energy, originality and spontaneity. It achieves this through an ability to integrate a wide range of themes and musical styles into a strong personal vision.

The result is brilliantly crafted, flamboyant music, that has a stylistic range almost unheard of in these tightly-formatted times.

The sound defies categorization. It is a personal and striking amalgam

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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.

Community



Driftwood photos by Lynda Laushway

The Community Art Council's annual Showcase event opened this week in Ganges (see related story). On hand for the opening were: (at top) Illytyd Perkins, a member of the showcase organizing committee, who stands beside award winning painting by Rosamund Dupuy; (above, left) committee member Elaine Potter who holds clay mask by G.W. Thurber; (above, right) Susan Blagborne, who examines Laura Stool's earthenware vase.

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Paradise will hit the Belfry

The Salt Spring Hysterical Society hits the road again to take its play *Paradise Lots* to the Belfry Theatre in Victoria, April 19, 20 and 21.

By BILL WEBSTER
The Driftwood

The Hystericals will prime themselves for the semi-big time with two performances on Salt Spring at Mahon Hall, April 13 and 14.

The play, a sardonic look at what happens when developers and bulldozers run rampant in paradise, came to life through the Hystericals' collective talents. It was originally produced with a Canada Council Exploration grant.

Since its inception, *Paradise Lots* has been performed 17 times in front of 2,500 people throughout the Gulf Islands. Now, succumbing to the lure of bright lights and possible fame, the Hystericals take the first step toward Broadway.

"It's a gang-buster and from Salt Spring," said a Hysterical Spokesperson who requested not to be named as a hysterical spokesperson. "So we're starting off-off-Broadway."

Victoria is the first step, quoted the un-named spokesperson who is typecast in the play, on the way to fame and fortune.

"Who best could help a city like Victoria through their development crisis than people from Salt Spring?" the spokesperson queried. "They're trying to learn about development from people who know how it's done: Gulf Islanders."

A quote in a press release from the group notes: "The Hystericals include Arvid Chalmers, of Pemberton Holmes Realty, Ganges; April Curtis, director of Off Centre Stage; Sid Filkow, lawyer and bagel seller; Anne Lyon, orator and graphic artist; Shilo Zylbergold, second runner-up, 1968 Toronto Latin sight-reading contest; Michael Hayes, teacher; Sheri Nielson, chiromancer; Larry Walske, 6'6"; and Mary Williamson, who got married at the Belfry 27 years ago when it was still a church."

The group came together four years ago to produce *Comedy Night* on Salt Spring.

For those who have not seen *Paradise Lots*, it follows the antics of Toronto developer Frank Stein (Filkow) who arrives in paradise to escape stress and his wife, Fanny (Curtis) of Fit Fanny's Fitness Factories.

He meets tree-hugger Mac Mac-Donnell (Chalmers showing a hidden side to his personal character) and earth mother Rita Skripnik (Lyon).

Stein encounters weed-eater repairman Wally Ludwig (Zylbergold) and learns from real estate shark J. Milton Bottomley (Chalmers again, showing his public character) how forest and beach, when readjusted by a bulldozer, produces condominiums.

Petition-pusher Sheila Halfcock (Nielson) adds to complications while a strolling troubadour (Hayes, who wrote the songs he sings) attempts to divert attention from the scene changes.

The spokesperson urges Salt Spring Islanders to catch the pre-semi-big time performances which, he stressed, would be performed "from the stage" of Mahon Hall, Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14.

Arts

LYNDA LAUSHWAY

Showcase '90 opened last Saturday at the Salt Spring Art Gallery above the Post Office in Ganges. Sixty-eight of the 102 Gulf Island artists who entered the juried show, were accepted, for a total of 90 works on display.

I visited Showcase '90 the morning before it opened. A group of very busy people were hanging the work, arranging the displays and cleaning up, in preparation for the Saturday afternoon (March 24) official opening.

There was a real community feeling, as volunteers laboured to pull this large exhibit together, and I couldn't help but think once again of the very creative and supportive community that thrives in the Gulf Islands.

The work included in Showcase '90 ranges from wall pieces in the form of paintings, pastels, graphics and photography, to weaving, sculpture, pottery and jewellery and everything in between. The variety of styles and media truly holds something for every taste imaginable.

The quality of the work is generally high. Jurors for the show commented that the quality of the paintings was as high as a recent juried show in Victoria, but noted the quality of the crafts was better.

Many pieces worthy of mention

There are many pieces in this exhibit worthy of mention. Patricia Brown's watercolour "Radiant" is full of vibrant colour and energy. "Carnival Queen" by Phyllis Tatum is an unusual sculpture formed of brightly painted sheep's skulls and horns.

Three hand-built jugs by Laura Stool really drew my attention, with their primitive form and earth colours in matte glaze.

There's a beautiful wooden wall piece by Jeanne Lyon with a nearby placement of a nicely crafted basket by Karen Mane. Aaron Cushner of Galiano Island has an exquisite abstract painting in the show, very tiny in size, with delicate lines and use of colour.

A larger abstract painting by Patricia Larson, called "Something About a River" is filled with texture and the flowing lines and soft colours create a feeling of tranquillity. The pottery piece by Gary Chereff entitled "Black on Terracotta" is a classic work with true style and grace.

The list of special pieces in this fifth annual showcase could go on and on. Suffice to say that a trip to the Salt Spring Gallery is a must, before the show closes on April 1.

Another successful showcase exhibit

The "best in show" award is shared this year between Rosamund Dupuy, for her painting "Studio Still Life" and Lillian Shore for her quilt "Carpenter's Wheel."

These two works as well as a graphite drawing entitled "Friends" by Lorraine Sullivan, will be included in the "Images and Objects" province-wide show, taking place in May in Saanich as part of the B.C. Festival of the Arts.

In the junior division, eight-year-old Lydia Zamorano won the "best in the Show" award.

Another showcase exhibit has been successfully drawn together and displayed.

I felt a good deal of satisfaction to once again be amazed at the arts and crafts being created in a quiet way in various nooks on the Gulf Islands. Congratulations to the Showcase organizing committee for a job very well done. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily until April 1.

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Entertainment



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Arvid Chalmers (left), head of the fundraising committee for the Centre for the Arts Society, poses with Waterfront Gallery members Judi Borbas, Rita Cumming, Doris Cook, Melanie Dick, Merle Box and Christine Drake.

Gallery members each donated a piece of work for a raffle on Saturday, March 24. The total proceeds from the raffle (\$700) will go to the Centre for the Arts Society.

"Get Happy" this weekend



Amy Newman

Amy Newman is one of several performers in the "Get Happy" presentation, opening this weekend at Mahon Hall.

The ACTIVE PASS presentation of works by Harold Arlen and collaborators will take place Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, and April 6 and 7.

Sue and Tom Bowler, of Club Mongo fame, Newman and Lynda Jensen will be backed by Virginia Newman on the piano, Stu Salmond on the bass, Bill Smith on the drums, and Ray Newman on the sax, clarinet and vibes.

Staging will be cabaret style with ring-side tables for early arrivals. Liz Martin will handle the lighting effects which she and Tom Bowler created.

Tickets for the event are \$6 and \$8 at et cetera.

Hagen paintings displayed

Paintings by Ute Hagen are now on display at the Gulf Jewels Gallery.

A newcomer to Salt Spring but not to painting, Hagen had her first public exhibition in Oberursel, West Germany in 1959. She was 15-years-old at the time.

Since then, she has lived in Montreal, the United States and West Vancouver.

Hagen has participated in numerous shows and her work is in many private and corporate collections.

Hagen describes her paintings as an emotional response to the world she has lived in and travelled through: each work is a "footprint" along her way, she says.

Hagen's paintings can be viewed at Gulf Jewels Gallery, 112 Hereford, until April 17.

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NOTICE OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00 pm Wednesday, April 18, 1990
at the Centre

Nominations for Council will be accepted from the floor.

The following proposed additions to the constitution and bylaws are requested by the B.C. Housing Management Commission in order that the Society and its McGoldrick Residence Project will conform not only to the Society Act but also to the National Housing Act.

CONSTITUTION ADDITIONS

2(j) To operate a charitable institution (without profits to its members) for the purpose of constructing, providing, maintaining, leasing, owning and managing one or more housing projects.

5. The councillors shall serve without remuneration, and the councillors shall not receive, directly or indirectly, any profits from their position as councillors, but may be paid expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. This clause is unalterable.

6. The Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its member(s), and no part of any income of the Society shall be payable or otherwise available for the personal benefit of the member(s) thereof, and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes. This clause is unalterable.

7. The Society shall carry on works exclusively of a charitable nature. This clause is unalterable.

BYLAWS ADDITION

Article V—Council

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News

POLICE REPORT

Charges against two Salt Spring youths are being processed by Ganges RCMP as a result of investigation into a break-in at Salt Spring Elementary School.

Under the rules of the Young Offenders Act, the youths cannot be identified.

The individuals allegedly broke into the elementary school and took at least two music cassettes which were subsequently sold. RCMP say the money was spent.

Minors in possession

Local RCMP, acting on a complaint of youths drinking on the ferry, went to Montague Park on Galiano Island.

The officers found a quantity of beer, liquor and cooler at the camp site and the seven youths from Maple Ridge were charged with being minors in possession of alcohol.

The incident occurred on March 21.

Series of accidents

RCMP were called to check a motor vehicle accident on Beaver Point Road, in the early morning hours of March 23.

The vehicle, with three occupants, swerved on the road and rolled into the ditch. No one was injured. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$1,500.

The driver was charged with failure to confine the vehicle to the right side of the road.

Later that same day, police checked another accident, this time on Stewart Road.

A vehicle driven by a Salt Spring youth sustained extensive damage when the soft shoulder of the road gave way and the vehicle tumbled down a steep embankment.

Damage was estimated at \$1,500 and no one was injured.

No charges were brought.

At 5:15 p.m. that same day, March 23, a police patrol on Vesuvius Bay Road watched two youths from off-island driving erratically on motor bikes.

One of the youths glanced back to determine what the police vehicle was doing and drove the motor bike into the ditch.

Charges of driving without due care and attention were brought against the youths.

Impaired driving

Charges are pending against a Salt Spring man as a result of an incident at 7:45 p.m. on March 25.

A police patrol followed a vehicle onto a Ganges parking lot and when the vehicle was checked, a quantity of liquor was seized.

The driver of the vehicle refused to take a breathalyzer test. He was charged with impaired driving and refusing to supply a breath sample.

Texada upgrades site

Work on improving the log dump site at Burgoyne Bay on Salt Spring is continuing.

Frank Rainsford of Texada Logging, which owns the log dump, explained what has gone on and what might occur at Burgoyne.

"A lot depends on what the regional board will let us do," Rainsford said of the tentative plans for the site.

A portion of the bay, between the headland and the point where the log sort warehouse is located, has been filled. The approach to the log dump has been improved and part of the hill has been blasted away to create more space at the dump site, and create a new access road to property beyond the log dump.

Until the new road was blasted out of the hillside, residents and property owners had to cross the log dump property close to the dump itself.

Rainsford explained they have surveyed the area and are in the process of studying the options available. Texada holds the lease on the foreshore in the area and Salt Spring Log Sort runs the operation on a management basis.

The Burgoyne log dump, as well as the log dump facility on the south shore of Burgoyne Bay, are the only dumps available on Salt Spring.

The level portion of land fill could be used as a site for a marine machine shop, a site to unload barges of gravel or asphalt or to store logs awaiting sorting, Rainsford speculated.

The work was needed, he said, to compensate for the age of the facility. The scow, which had been used for storage, and the wharf were old and decaying, he added.

Logs dumped into Burgoyne and sorted there are destined for various mills on the coast.

Upgrading at log dump leaves family stranded

While Texada Logging proceeded with plans to upgrade the log dump at Burgoyne Bay on Salt Spring, a family living beyond the site found it difficult to get home.

Penny Eriksen rents a Texada-owned house on the bay. She and Lucky Hayes share the house with two children. To get to the property, they drive through the log sort property to reach the road to their house. Hayes left the island on personal business more than a month ago.

The disregard for complaints is what irks him the most.

The couple, at that time, were told construction at the log sort site would inconvenience them for a couple of weeks. Hayes returned last week to find access to the house almost impossible. He complained to the contractor, to no avail. He complained to Texada and work on the by-pass road was started.

All the while he was away, Hayes said, Eriksen had complained about conditions of the new access road.

Nobody listened and no work was done to ease access. Hayes said the disregard for complaints from a woman with two children is what irks him the most.

Workmen at the site attempted to level the road but could not spend an adequate amount of time on the task. The new access road skirts the hill above the log dump and is constructed with rock blasted from the hill side. Large rocks jutted out of the surface of the new road until gravel was spread to cover them.

At one point, when Eriksen found the road to her house blocked, she parked her pickup truck and walked the 2 kilometres to home. Workmen had blasted the hillside that day and the cracked rock was piled near the blast site. Sometime during the night, the rock slid and badly dented the box of the pickup. Efforts by Eriksen to have someone admit responsibility were futile. She was eventually told the truck would be repaired.

When Hayes returned from his trip, the pickup still bore the dents. He complained about that matter and the repairs were carried out quickly.

"I went away on the pow-wow trail," he said, "and came home to go on the warpath."

Finally after close to two months of inconvenience, the family can drive to the house.

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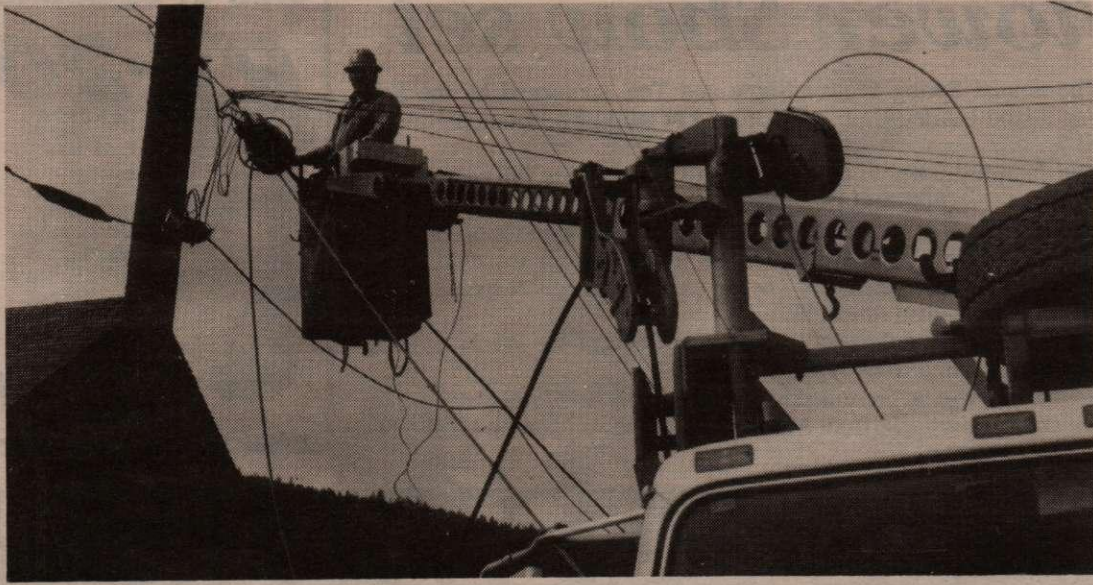
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Financial advice on agenda for freebie money seminar

Money Magic or "How to Save Tax, Invest Successfully, and Retire Richer, Whatever Your Age" is the theme for a money show to be presented by well-known financial manager Mike Grenby.

Tickets are now available at the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* for the event scheduled for April 26 in Ganges. There is no charge for the evening which is being co-sponsored by the newspaper and Island Savings Credit Union.

However, to ensure everyone gets a seat in Mahon Hall, tickets will be required. A maximum of 150 people can be accommodated for the 7 p.m. presentation on Thursday, April 26.

Grenby, an award-winning business writer and financial planner, is the author of a money column which appears in more than 50 newspapers across Canada as well as three books

on managing money.

He has developed a reputation for his ability both to pinch a penny and manage a million.

In his seminars, he explains why personal financial planning is more "personal than financial."

He says most people spend their time and energy dealing with everyday life; the never-ending challenges and crises at work and home.

"So when it comes to managing your money, asking for help can indeed make dollars — and sense."

Some of the topics covered in the seminar would be financial planning, ensuring the plan fits the person, saving tax, RRSP contributions, capital gains, bargaining with your bank manager, how to pay off debts and stop being a creditaholic, talking about money with mates and family, investing, insurance, estate planning,

and Grenby's Top Ten Money Tips.

Grenby puts his 25 years of experience out for his audience in a humorous and informative manner.

It could turn out to be the best freebie ever for those who come in to pick up a free ticket at the *Driftwood* office.



The Canadian Red Cross Society

Schedule announced

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club has released its April schedule.

All excursions leave from Centennial Park at 10 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

APRIL 3

Easy Walk: Le Page Road area. Leader Norah Ray.

Walk: Duncan area with Lorna Clark. Take 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

Hike: Dukes Road area with Brian Radford.

APRIL 10

Interest stroll: Central and Baker Road area, led by Ivan Mouat

Walk: Mt. Belcher area. Leader to be announced.

Hike: A strenuous hike on Mt. Prevost with leader Bob Robertson.

Take 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

APRIL 17

Easy Walk: Toynbee Road area, led by Madge Kimball.

Walk: Tzuhelm area, leader Joan Lott. Take 9 a.m. ferry from Vesuvius.

Hike: due to limited parking space there will be a choice of two options:

- Crown lands parcels on south slope of Mt. Tuam. Leader Fiona Flook.

- Mt. Bruce from Musgrave Road. Leader Don Flook.

Meet at Drummond Park, 10:15. Car-pooling advised.

APRIL 24

Walk: Siskin Trail, leader Nina Wichmann. Meet at Drummond Park

at 10:15.

Hike: a repeat of April 17 hikes. Meet at Drummond Park at 10:15

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The trypewriter ain't superstitious but he advises (advices? advizes?) those who are, to ignore the dateline on the front page which states - boldly: Thirty-First Year, No. 13.

A dictionary defines superstition as a belief or practice resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, or trust in magic or chance. Another dictionary defines it as a belief that events can be influenced by certain acts or circumstances that have no demonstrable connection with them.

Everyone knows the individual who takes a wide detour rather than cross the path of a black cat. Friday 13, rates as a day to stay in bed. Ladders are for climbing, not walking under. Trees should never be cut down.

And speaking of trees.

Cruising the Pat Bay highway on a return from spending dollars in Victoria ranks as a challenge to island drivers. Safety and security demand full attention but then the driver crests the hill near the farmers' market and views Mount Tuam in its bald beauty.

Anger, anguish, frustration fume through the vehicle and attention to traffic wanders dangerously.

Condition of land evokes nausea

Meanwhile back on the island, the trip to Fulford from Ganges becomes boring and a detour along scenic Stewart Road demands consideration. Arnell Park exists as an example of nature unspoiled. The view from the bluff in the park is spellbinding. But the condition of the land south of the park evokes nausea.

Logging transforms a property to ugly. Care exercised in a logging operation renders some sites less ugly than the gung-ho approach of damn the consequences, cut, slash and get out without cleanup.

The trypewriter bewails the examples of timber rape on Salt Spring.

Yet while the wailing echoes to silence, he objects to tactics such as performed by some erstwhile tree-saviours. These misguided souls brilliantly drive nails into trees, misguided by the theory the nails will damaged the chainsaws. What the nails do is kill the tree.

Where does it stop?

We read about the hue and cry of Mac Blo infringing upon Carmanah Valley in its early logging of the area. Later we discover that not to be the case. Mac Blo desists from activity in the valley of ancient trees and yet the group who want to save the pristine beauty feel free to build "observation platforms" high up in the giants.

Come on now.

Where does it stop? Where is the line between lunacy and common sense. Can't a compromise be reached without resort to childish pranks on one side and lies and deception on the other?

We see an example of enthusiasm outrunning common sense in the dispute centred on Weldwood's plans to log portions of Mount Bruce. At a meeting called by Green Islands, speakers spoke of the devastation wrought by Weldwood on Gabriola. Listeners cringed and shouted such desecration must not, will not be allowed on Salt Spring.

Later, at a public meeting on the same topic, a visitor from Gabriola spoke, not of devastation, but of a serious problem of selective logging. Slash left behind can be a fire hazard. Certainly areas of Gabriola were clear cut and the slash burned. But somehow between the rhetoric and the reality, devastation became clear cuts and desecration became a fire hazard in the discarded slash.

We live in forests. Trees produce building material, pulp for the paper used in a wide variety of pursuits. Houses in the Gulf Islands require heat in the alleged winter and, for the most part, that heat comes from wood stoves.

Replanting should be mandatory

The emotions displayed at the public meeting with Weldwood will not save one tree. The anger which flared will not persuade them to stop and desist. Indeed as Sam Lightman put it, "How can we persuade them this is war when the troops won't show up for a battle?"

Logging forms part of West Coast life. It's there and we depend upon it, directly or indirectly. What must be done is for a method of logging to be devised which does not rape the land. Government should put some teeth into laws which govern the cutting of trees, not just on crown land but especially on private land.

Replanting should be mandatory. A fir grows to maturity in 50 years and after the first couple of years, the site won't look ugly, just short.

While Weldwood officials might not be concerned about Salt Spring objections to their logging plans, they should be put on notice that deviations from the announced plans will be opposed.

Until the forestry laws have teeth, the only thing to do is

Flower Show set

The annual Spring Flower Show and Tea, sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Garden Club, will be held at the United Church Hall on April 7.

The Saturday event will run from 1 to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted that day between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

There are no fees for entries into any of the 24 categories open to exhibitors. However, participants will be asked to join the club. Club members receive the newsletter *The Grapevine*, hear guest speakers and attend garden-oriented functions.

Containers for exhibits will be provided except for special classes and entry tags will also be available.

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Sports

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By PAULA BEDFORD
Driftwood Contributor

Here are the updated bowling scores:

Mon. 5: Golden Agers

Bill Baker, 285, 226, 660, Penny Hague, 225, Bunty Lees 223, Millie Young 224, Margaret Baker 203, Jean Haines 202.

Mon. 12: Golden Agers

Jean Haines, 224, 602, Sherry Mehnert, 241, Peggy Bean (Birthday Girl) 218, Bob Davidson 209, 203, Margaret Baker 205.

Tuesday Afternoon Golden Agers:

Ed Allen, 237, June Webb, 208.
Circus League: Monday & Tuesday Night

Marg Baker, 260, 188, 258, 706, Val Hughes, 242, 217, 233, 692, Tash Hewitson 293, 294 - 749.

Thursday Golf Ladies:

June Webb, 211, 208, 607, Shirley Parsons, 233, Marguerite Meharey, 246, Jean Haines, 200, Lorraine Toller, 226, 231, Thelma Carey, 218.

Friday Golden Agers:

Jim Jefferies, 202, Margaret Baker, 220, Madeline Jory 211, Bill Baker, 233. Charlie Bean got five headpin splits so he wins a gallon of paint from Kevin Marks Painting & Decorating. Thanks Kevin.

March 7, Jr. & Sr. YBC:

Eric Taylor, 203, 220, 612, Amy Schwagly, 196, 180, 155, 631, Kathleen Cagna, 150, Rachel Gooding, 176, 223, 505.

Pee Wees

Jennifer Keating, 98

Banthams

Allison Heater, 84, 85. Johah Marshall 121, 93, 95, 309, Joshua Marshall 106, Christian Nicholson, 86, Jeremy Keating, 161, 93, 109, 363, Heather Worden, 108, Brad Johnson, 155, 138, 153, Lisa Cagna 86, 151, 117, 354.

March 17: Jr. & Sr. YBC:

Amy Schwagly, 197, 373, 144, 714, Melissa Moore, 221, Norman Borland, 136, Stephan Marcotte 178, Kathleen Cagna, 125, Lisa Cagna 111, 100, 112, 323, Candace Miller, 153, 208, 244, 605, Rachel Gooding, 144, 138.

Our top scores for the week are:

Monday, Golden Agers:

Dick Young 217, 233, 622; Goody Goodman 260, 611; Jean Haines 249; Dorothy Armstrong 236; Bob Davidson 211; Margaret Baker 210; Max Mehnert 200.

Tuesday Afternoon, Ladies:

Josie Bergsma 244, 223, 665; Irene Mostad 314; Helen 230; Deanna 222; Mary 217, 201; Lesley 214.

Tuesday Golden Agers:

Flo Kavanagh 234; June Webb 223, 232, 653; Vander Winstone 246; Murray Anderson 208; Reg Winstone 209.

Wednesday Ladies:

Josie Bergsma 311, 240, 238, 789; **Friday Golden Agers, a.m.:** Shelly Menhart 263, 603; John Richardson 218, 236, 604; Goody Goodman 241; Jim Cook 201. **PM:** Gene Graham 213; Nel Herbert 211; Jim Jeffrey 204; Dave McRoberts 202.

Remember Ladies to sign up for "Queen of the Lanes" with gifts and prizes from local merchants.

Great soccer effort doesn't do the job

Salt Spring F.C. 0/Victoria Elks 1
Salt Spring F.C. saved one of its best efforts of the season for their last league game in a 1 to 0 loss to the Elks.

By MALCOLM LEGG
Driftwood Contributor

It was a big game for the Elks as they could clinch the third division title with a win and a determined Salt Spring side was going to make that achievement difficult, as they had their game in top form.

Goalkeeper Ken Marr was in top form in the opening half as he stymied the Elks, and Chad Little was just as solid in the second half, even though Elks did score once.

The defence looked very stable after Todd Tamboline was the man-of-the-match at centre-back, playing probably his best soccer of the season. He combined with Jonathan Oldroyd, who also looked very good, to shut down the vaunted Elks offence for most of the match.

Only a matter of time before a torrent of goals happens

Full-back Graham Etheridge, Graham Tweedle and Johnny Villadsen combined with Todd and John to give F.C. a more typical F.C. defensive effort. In mid-field Doug Pearson, Alan Webb, Mike Brown and Dave McColl all came up with good games, playing their quick passing game. Doug in particular played excellently as the "Codger" could be seen popping up time and again both defensively and in attack.

In front, the F.C. contingent of Darren Strong, Corbin Scott, Kenny Walker and Ken Duke created some great scoring opportunities but failed to capitalize mostly due to poor accuracy in the shooting. Darren was particularly prominent with his non-stop hustle and drive, to the point where the Elks actually triple-teamed him at times.

It was a great finish for F.C. in a season of ups and downs and should weigh well for next season. The team's problems have centred around players attendance and scoring ability.

There is no doubt when F.C. gets a solid attendance of all its players it can compete with anyone. Too often the line-up looked different from week to week and consistency suffered.

As far as scoring, the team can only practice and practice this weakness to get more shots and better finish. The team not only needs a better spread in their scorers but a lot more goals from their mid-fielders.

For the moment, the team will

work towards a possible match up against Athletics Over 30s this Sunday at Portlock (still possible) and then the Eric Springford Challenge Cup on the May Day weekend. Who knows, with a continued effort like last weekend it is only a matter of time before a torrent of goals happens.

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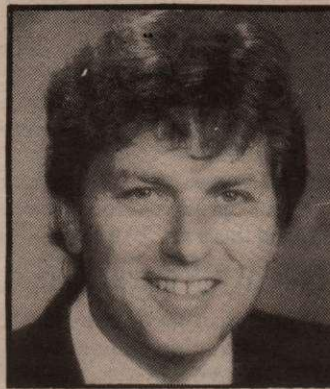
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SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT Annual General Meeting

TO BE HELD

Tuesday, April 3, 1990, at 8 pm
in the Fire Hall, Ganges

AGENDA:

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

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Down Through The Years

Thirty Years Ago

- *Driftwood* began publishing a newspaper for Salt Spring Island and the Gulf Islands which came out on Thursdays. Editor Woody Fisher had come to the island for a month five years before and stayed.
- A chimney fire at the home of Miles Acheson on St. Mary Lake attracted the attention of the Salt Spring fire fighting volunteers. The fire truck from Fulford arrived at the scene before the truck from Ganges. Actually, both trucks were in Ganges for a practice session and the Fulford truck managed to get a head start. No damage was caused by the fire.
- A golden wedding anniversary was celebrated in Vesuvius when friends gathered to honour Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Duke. The couple had been married in Vancouver in 1910 and had lived there until moving to Salt Spring and their home in Vesuvius. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Sharland.
- Young pianists from Salt Spring brought back honours from the Cowichan Music Festival in Duncan. Doris Crofton, the piano teacher, took eight of her pupils to the festival. Heather Anderson took top spot for the 14-year-old class and managed 170 of 200 on sight-reading to top all participants. That effort won her a special prize as well as first place for sight-reading in her age group.

Twenty Five Years Ago

- A dog destroyed six lambs on Col. Des Crofton's property in Ganges. He heard the sheep bawling through the night and next morning discovered the lambs were missing. A check revealed the carcasses in the bush. RCMP gave him clearance to shoot stray dogs on sight.
- Clam-digging machines should not be allowed because of the large number of clams taken. The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce was prepared to write a letter of protest against the use of the machines. President Tom Portlock noted that letters of protest would go to provincial and federal authorities.
- The assistant fire chief retired from active duty with the Salt Spring Fire Department. Ben Greenhough had spent 16 years with the volunteer brigade and members of the fire department gathered to award him an honorary life membership and

present him with a suitably carved totem pole.

- The Salt Spring Seals met their match when they played a basketball team from Saanich and they lost by a score of 47-34. Top scorer for the Seals was Glenn Woodley who hooped 20 points. The next game was on Salt Spring and the Saanich team edged the Seals 39 to 33.

Twenty Years Ago

- Members of the Outer Islands Advisory Planning Commission were named. Joan Purchase, regional director for the Outer Islands, would be on the commission with Ralph Sketch of Pender, John Rainsford of Mayne, Dr. H. Scarrow of Galiano and Lorraine Campbell of Saturna.
- A 4-H Club for the youth of Salt Spring was being organized. David Roberts of Beddis Road was planning various projects involving goats, sheep and calves for young people aged 10 to 20.

Fifteen Years Ago

- The proposed sewer system for Ganges had been stopped when the Pollution Control Board rescinded the permit for the outfall into the

harbour. Capital Regional District director George Heinekey reported to the Islands Trust committee that all development in the village had been put on hold until a solution to the problem could be found.

- Papajohn reported from Saturna that the Lion's Club Pot of Gold draw had been won by Bucky Crooks.

- When the final rounds were played in the chess tournament in Duncan, three pupils from Salt Spring Elementary School were there. Lara Truscott lost out in the Grade One finals, while Brian Wheeldon in the Grade Six class also lost.

Ten Years Ago

- The B.C. Supreme Court ruled that the provincial government did not have the right to overrule decisions of quasi-judicial bodies which it had set up. The decision, said Capital Regional District chairman Jim Campbell of Saturna, could mean a delay in construction of the Ganges sewer.

The case had reached the high court on a dispute over a proposal for a sewage outfall into the Esquimalt Lagoon.

Five Years Ago

- A bill allowing the ministry of municipal affairs to appoint Islands Trust staff was tabled in the legislature -- a move the Trust considered a "major blow." Salt Spring Trustee Nick Gilbert suggested the bill was a "cover-up" for an attempt by the government to "destroy the autonomy of the Trust."

- Local RCMP raided two homes on Salt Spring and seized 130 pounds of marijuana. Possession for the purpose of trafficking and cultivation charges were brought against two men from Prince Rupert.

- The debate over the spelling of

Salt Spring Island erupted again after a 15-year hiatus, this time within the pages of the *Victoria Times-Colonist*. A letter sent by *Driftwood* editor Tony Richards thanked the *Times-Colonist* for its coverage of a local issue and finished by chiding the paper for spelling Salt Spring as one word.

Life-long resident Johnny Bennett, noting that the paper had said the one-word spelling was adopted in 1905, wondered why it took 65 years for "that official spelling to come into use." He also said records at the Victoria land registry office used the two-word spelling.

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