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GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Greens Islands wants entire valley saved

Local environmentalists lobbying to prevent cutting in the Carmanah Valley say the announcement by Forest Minister Claude Richmond last week that half the valley will be saved is a step in the right direction.

However, Greens Islands representative Lynda Laushway said protesters will continue their work until the entire valley is saved.

Laushway said that since Richmond's announcement Tuesday, environmentalists have held two demonstrations, one outside the legislature Wednesday and a second at MacMillan Bloedel's head office.

A third rally has been planned for in front of the legislature next Thursday (April 26).

In an interview with the

Driftwood Monday, Laushway noted that Richmond's decision to save half the Carmanah and log the other half following an impact study by MacMillan Bloedel (the company holding the tree farm license on the valley) is a long way from what environmentalists want.

Environmentalists hope to save the entire valley.

However, she added, when logging was first proposed two years ago, the initial suggestion would have seen only two per cent of the valley saved.

In its last submission, MacMillan Bloedel offered to set seven per cent of the valley aside for park, saving one of the few remaining Sitka spruce stands in B.C.

The government plan would see 50 per cent of the valley saved.

Laushway suggested it was "absurd" for the province to give the logging company the go-ahead to do its own environmental impact study. At the very least, she said, the forest ministry should be given the money

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Spring has definitely sprung as indicated by the wealth of flowers dotting the Gulf Islands. Here, Mallika Hutchings (right) purchases a cactus from Ester Hengstler. Brilliant yellow daffodils in the

foreground and pink blossoms behind are a colourful reminder spring is here.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Bedwell quarrel heats up

The Community Action Coalition of North and South Pender Islands is calling for a public inquiry into attempts by developers of Bedwell Resort to obtain a controversial \$1,000,000 government loan.

By BOB WHITE
Driftwood Correspondent

The call comes after a civil suit was launched last week by the owners of Bedwell against the South Pender Island Trust. Damages are being sought for a "malicious conspiracy" to persuade the federal regional development ministry to repudiate the loan.

The low-interest loan — repayable at 2.5 per cent per year — was sought jointly from the provincial and federal governments and, says the Coalition, would be tantamount to a gift of taxpayers' money to a private developer to build a resort complex that will damage a rural environment and lifestyle.

The Bedwell resort, proposed for South Pender Island, is in an area protected by the Islands Trust Act, legislation which, the Coalition says, the provincial government attempted to subvert by agreeing to offer financial support to the proposed hotel-condominium complex, against the wishes of the community.

In its statement, the residents' Coalition expressed hope that the loan offer has indeed been withdrawn. It also noted a concern that it will be reapplied for.

The Community Coalition is seeking a full public hearing under the Inquiries Act into the history of government dealings with investors of the Bedwell complex, and for full disclosure of the terms of any agreements for government financial aid.

The developer is proposing a retail complex, a 30-room hotel plus some 82 strata-title condominium-style homes, which if allowed to proceed, could quadruple the population of South Pender Island.

The owners have described it as a "Whistler-type" resort complex with a bistro, exclusive boutiques and a conference centre.

Island swimming pool committee hopes to raise additional \$8,000 within week

The swimming pool committee is hoping to raise an additional \$8,000 by the end of next week to pay for the outdoor pool expected to arrive on Salt Spring April 30.

Committee member Wayne Taylor says his group has managed to raise \$12,000. The pool is expected to cost \$20,000, including the cost of bringing it here from Smithers, B.C.

Taylor says the committee met

Pool to arrive April 30

sibility of placing the pool in Portlock Park.

He says that while the committee would have preferred having it in or closer to Ganges, it had trouble finding a site which could accommodate a pool that large plus provide neces-

he says, adding the existing change rooms might also need to be modified. Taylor says, however, that another option could be moving trailers onto the site.

In the meantime, Taylor says the group will be approaching various

an end to the pool.

The committee hopes to bring to Salt Spring the heated outdoor pool which has been used as a community pool in Smithers for the last five years. The hope is that swim classes and programs previously given at private pools and often through the recreation commission, will be offered at this pool.

The five-member steering com-

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THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK: For the week beginning Monday, April 16.

Sunny with cloudy periods and chance of rain Thursday. Outlook for the weekend is cloudy with showers.

HIGHS: 18 degrees C.

LOWS: 6 degrees C.

Chance of precipitation 20 per cent Monday through Thursday, 60 per cent throughout the weekend.

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"MB should not undertake study"

it needs to do a proper study on its own.

Ideally, Laushway feels the study should be done by an independent firm.

Giving MacMillan Bloedel the go-ahead to undertake the study is like telling Midas to gather his own gold, she said.

"It's absurd. You do not ask the company to do a major environmental study."

Laushway said the issue is not just about the Carmanah, but about logging practices throughout B.C.

"People are standing at Carmanah and saying we will not accept this anymore. I see it as a stepping stone.

"People are gaining momentum, not losing it."



Lynda Laushway

Pool group considers site at Portlock Park

From Page A1

will be local while others will be hired out of Victoria. The last interview for the supervisor's position was conducted earlier this week.

Initially, the committee only plans to operate the pool four months a year — from May until the end of August. Taylor says, however, nothing is "carved in stone" and the com-

mittee would like to have it open in time to offer swim times and programs for students this spring.

Taylor says the group does not plan to leave the pool at Portlock indefinitely, but rather until a more central location is found. He adds that if the committee gets the go-ahead to put the pool in Portlock, other work may have to be done to upgrade the sewage system there.

Trustees vote against television transmitter

Thumbs down was the decision on a television transmitter at Fernwood Elementary School on Salt Spring.

The trustees of the Gulf Islands School Board rejected the proposal, citing lack of space at the school site. An area of at least 36 square metres, fenced, would have been needed for the building and tower to house the transmitter.

The request came from the Gulf Islands Television Society of Galiano. That group wanted a UHF rebroadcast transmitter to pick up the signal from the tower on Mount Parke on Mayne Island to improve reception along the west coast of Galiano.

The school trustees sent the idea to staff for study and the report to the school board centred on the lack of space on the school grounds. The study did not get as far as consideration of the relative safety of the transmitter.



Proposal contrary to plan

From Page A1

The CAC has expressed concerns about adverse effects the proposal would have on pollution and traffic density on the Pender Islands, as well as a general concern that the scale and scope of the development is contrary to the objects of the Islands Trust Act.

The act mandates the Islands Trust to "preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment for the benefit of the residents of the trust area and of the Province generally."

Residents of both islands — which are connected by a bridge — have presented their views to various government approval officers, elected officials and members of the official opposition in the legislature, and have received little response from most of them, the Coalition said, although local MLA Mel Couvelier advised members he would express to government agencies the "profound opposition" of residents to the project.

The writ of summons filed April 12 by the developer claims damages from the South Pender Island Trust, general trust chairman Nick Gilbert, and South Pender resident (and member of the CAC) Steve Wright for wrongfully inducing a breach of the loan agreement and maliciously conspiring to injure its business. Wright is a South Pender contractor and consultant and former island trustee who has expressed opposition to the scale of the development.

The CAC says that not merely one island is affected by the action, but the entire Trust area, and has invited residents of other Trust islands and of British Columbia generally to join in its opposition to the "destruction of the environment and rural life-style of these islands."

The Action Coalition says it welcomes the court action as an opportunity to test whether private developers have the right to override the objects of the Trust and the wishes of the community.

In its statement the Action Coalition said: "On islands on which many pensioners, farmers and working people are facing substantial federal tax increases and find themselves hard-pressed to maintain an income, it is astounding that the two senior governments would offer what is essentially a gift of taxpayers' money to developers to build a hotel-condominium resort for private benefit, and which will injuriously affect the rural character of the Pender Islands.

"Despite the court action the Coalition will not be silenced in the democratic exercise of residents' rights to voice vigorous opposition to the "loan" and will continue to call upon the governments not to re-offer financial aid.

"The CAC will also continue to support the South Pender Island trustees' plans to amend zoning bylaws to restrict developments of the scale proposed for Bedwell Harbour."

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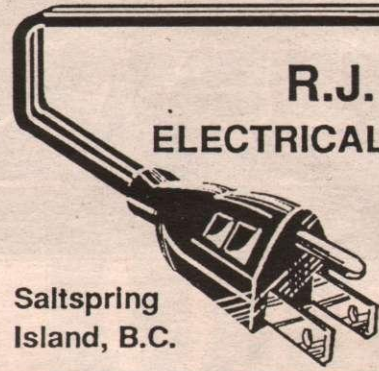
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News



Driftwood photo by Joyce Carlson

The focus was on Easter bonnets last Wednesday as members of the OAPO group gathered at Central Hall. Winners were: (back, left) Mary McGregor (prettiest), Mable Holtby (most Easter-like), (front, left) Wynne Edwards (most original), and Ted Avis (bravest).

School board seeks input on construction proposal

Overcrowding at the schools in Ganges, now and in the future, has prompted the school board to consider construction of a new secondary school, a public meeting learned last week.

The board holds options on two parcels of land, 3.6 hectares, to be added to the 4.4 hectares of land currently owned by the school district.

Priorities to ease overcrowding and ensure best use of land.

At a recent public meeting to explain the options facing the school board, Salt Spring school trustee Charles Bazzard, noted the population of the Gulf Islands Secondary School currently stands at 420 students. Although the Ministry of Education has rated the school capable of holding 540 students, finding suitable classroom space has necessitated the use of portable classrooms.

By 1994, space at the secondary school will be at a premium.

Down the hill at Salt Spring Elementary, the school holds 334 students. The ministry rating calls for 350 pupils in Grades One to Seven. Allowing for a minimum increase in the numbers of children at the school of three per cent each year, there could be 387 pupils in classes by September, 1994.

Recently the school board approved the concept of a middle school, Grades Six to Eight, for Salt Spring. There are currently 292 students who fit into the middle school category and there would be 383 such students by 1994.

The ministry agreed to allow construction of a new secondary school and suggested the current high school be used as site for the proposed middle school.

Plans for construction have been placed on hold until the Agricultural Land Commission approves the use of the two properties as a school site. When the ALR renders its decision, the school district, if given the green light must approach the Islands Trust to gain a zoning change for the two properties. The land is currently zoned agricultural.

The meeting was called to allow public comment about the proposal. Bazzard asked for comments and ideas to be submitted in writing to the school board.

"Our optimistic objective is to have the new secondary school operational by September, 1992," Bazzard said. "To achieve this we need to start planning right now.

"As soon as we have received the necessary approvals to purchase the new land and funding for planning, we will engage an architect-planner to commence preparation of a site plan.

"There will be opportunity for further public input prior to finalisation of the site plan."

Bazzard also explained the school board is seeking proposals for joint community-school use for the three schools in Ganges.

He agreed the joint-use concept initially agreed upon for the activity centre in the elementary school has not panned out as expected. But, he noted, any joint use agreed to now would be carefully spelled out.

When Salt Spring Elementary School underwent expansion several years ago, the ministry of education, at that time, would not approve funds for a gymnasium. Money was raised in the community to build the facility

with the agreement the community could use it when the school was not. In practice, use by community groups of the activity centre has proven to be difficult to obtain.

Bazzard listed the priorities the school board has set to ease over-

crowding and to ensure best use of the land available. The first priority goes to construction of a new secondary school with the renovation of the present high school for use as a middle school in second place.

The third priority calls for the relocation of the elementary school as well as the school board office, the maintenance facility and the bus compound to different sites.

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That part of Amies Road, Section 18, North Pender Island, Cowichan District, shown on plan deposited at the Victoria Land Registry Office as Plan 14758, is hereby renamed "CORBETT ROAD".

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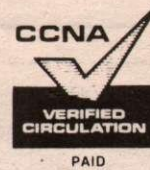
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Focus is on alternative means of transportation

Last Saturday Salt Spring Islanders had a taste of what is to come.

Vehicles jammed every available parking space in Ganges. Pedestrians sauntered across "downtown" roads, often oblivious or uncaring of oncoming traffic. Crosswalks were ignored, parking tickets issued.

It was the first taste of summer in Ganges.

Letter writer Lowell Hicks makes several good points in a piece found elsewhere in this paper. Hicks wonders how efficiently emergency response events, a place for visitors and residents to enjoy").

This would undoubtedly solve much of the problem and should vehicles will be able to negotiate their way through summertime congestion in Ganges.

Hicks wonders what steps can be taken to relieve this congestion and render the Ganges core safe for pedestrians, motorists and police, fire and ambulance crews.

There are several possible solutions. One, as Hicks suggests, is to move the Saturday Farmers' Market out of Centennial Park. This, he says, would help relieve the congestion and allow the park to return to its originally intended use ("a meeting place, a place for children, a place for public

be considered for the future. This solution is not, however, likely to meet immediate public approval.

Another solution is found in the focus of today's Earth Week

activities: alternative transportation. Where possible, islanders should consider car-pooling, walking, cycling, or taking the bus. If it is necessary to bring a vehicle into town, try parking it

somewhere on the outskirts of Ganges

Leaving the car behind will help save our environment and our summer.

Threat can be diffused if we look for solutions

Something simply must be done and done it will be if the past history of Salt Spring Island can be used as a reference for the Ganges Seawalk controversy.

Two weeks ago the *Driftwood* stated in an editorial the seawalk in its current state threatens to become a community embarrassment. That threat is real but like all threats there is a possibility of it being diffused.

This community newspaper has a history of supporting community projects such as the seawalk. It continues to support the seawalk and hopes a resolution can be reached.

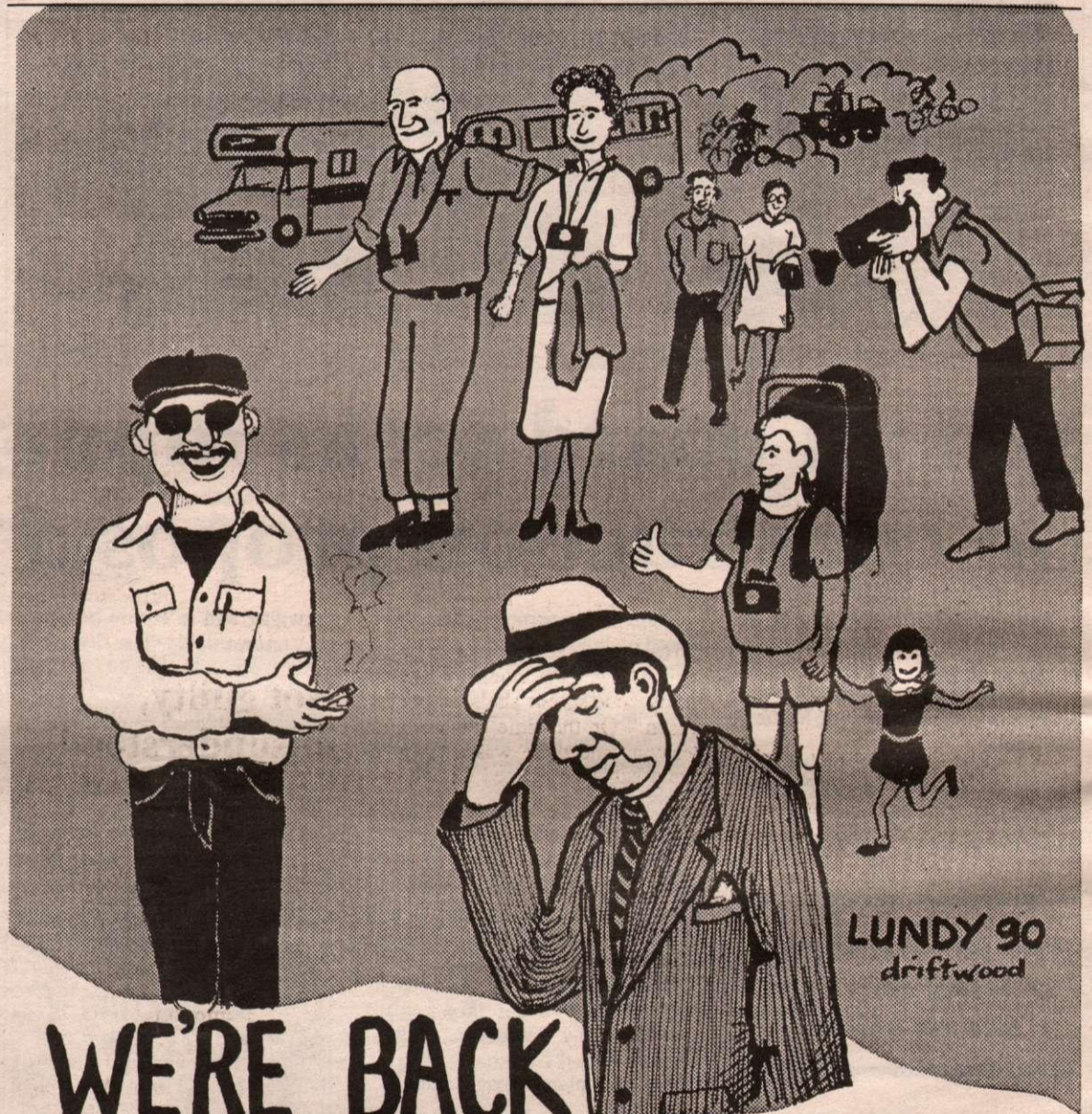
Along with that support is a responsibility to its readers to outline concerns raised by others not involved with the everyday details of the project. People will talk and there is nothing more dangerous than an unconfirmed rumour. It's much better to have it written in black and white so it can be responded to as quickly as possible. Words floating on air are difficult if not impossible to counter.

Many people have spent countless hours helping the project to its current state and there should be no slur on their efforts.

However the gaps in the project are a visible affirmation of gaps somewhere along the way — conceptualizing, planning, implementing. Where in the process did the gaps occur? When did those non-participating uplands owners decide not to proceed? Have they made that decision a firm one? Is there room for negotiation?

And the biggest question of all for the community. Where do we go from here to solve the dilemma in which we are all caught?

We need to stop pointing fingers and start pointing out solutions.



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Lawsuit against Trustees viewed with dismay

Public service has always had its risks. Long hours, with little or no reward; criticism from those who say you are doing too little, too much, or both; late night phone calls from people who need help, information, or who merely seek to give somebody a hard time.

By BOB WHITE
Driftwood Correspondent

However, if you try to genuinely represent your constituents' best interests there is one hazard you need not anticipate — a lawsuit. Thus, the writs of summons served by the owners of South Pender Island's Bedwell Harbour Resort against Island Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, the South Pender Island Trust, and Steve Wright for doing what they perceived to be their duty, can only be viewed with dismay.

It has been suggested that the suit has been launched primarily as

generally viewed as an undesirable development, to enable the company to more easily obtain low-cost government money.

If this is the case, the company should be made aware that such silence is dearly bought, and will be circumvented by others as they, too, take up the cause.

It will be up to the court to decide the merits of the case, of course, but that does not preclude others from commenting on aspects of this proposed development which they find objectionable. For example, the granting of a million dollars of taxpayers' money at a heavily-subsidized rate of interest insults a public which is being exhorted to further belt-tightening in order to reduce our frighteningly high national debt.

And there will continue to be awkward questions levelled at Mel Couvelier, MLA for the Islands, for his support for a project that has an entire community hopping mad. His part in this affair needs full

GUEST COLUMN

matter. It is to be hoped that Couvelier will remind himself of the not-quite-yet-announced provincial election, and practice what his government so frequently preaches about "open government," and wholeheartedly support this inquiry, and not just go through the motions of doing so.

He would also be well-advised to show up at the public information meeting which has been called on Pender Island May 5.

Another aspect of this development that has attracted comment and speculation involves the present provincial government's flirtation with the concept of permitting gambling casinos in "destination resorts" such as Whistler and Bedwell Harbour.

bling tax, the possibility of the government permitting such an activity (whether or not it forms part of this particular proposal) must be viewed as a distinct risk. Big resorts have always had trouble in these islands as the moneyed set heads for sunnier climates as soon as the monsoon arrives every winter.

The temptation to grant extra subsidies of taxpayers' money, or special concessions such as gambling, finds ready favour in the bottom-line minds of some senior government politicians. And we certainly cannot count on the corporate good-citizenship of this particular company to not establish such an operation, should it be permitted by government. Indeed, it has shown itself only too eager to

community's desires.

One million dollars of development money for the tourism industry, should the provincial and federal governments suffer an overwhelming need to disburse it, could no doubt be well employed by existing island businesses. Indeed, such a sum would help all the B&B's, lodges and hotels on all the islands.

These businesses are owned and operated by island residents and are far more compatible with island communities than a huge resort can ever be. And their guests tend to be ordinary people who are at least as worthy as the jet-set that "destination resorts" hope to attract.

If Mr. Couvelier and the other principals of Bedwell Harbour Hotel Ltd. think that their recent move will improve prospects for them, they should disabuse themselves of the notion forthwith, because that fantasy will no doubt be forcibly replaced by reality at the Saturday, May 5 meeting co-sponsored by the Community Action

Driftwood

Letters

Relocated

To the Editor,
Avid readers of the *Driftwood* Classifieds will be well aware that the Recycling Depot has now taken up residence at the entrance to the dump on Blackburn Road.

The large blue drop-box — accepting newspapers, tin cans and glass bottles and jars — has been moved to the Ganges Village Market parking area. Both sites have particular advantages and the property owners are to be congratulated on their community spirit and in their recognition of the necessity of recycling.

Many thanks to Saltair Farms for the use of their land - it was a perfect spot to attract "business" and recycling participation has more than doubled over the past year.

The Depot will continue to accept: Corrugated cardboard boxes, unwaxed and flattened; white and coloured ledger/writing paper and computer paper; clean rigid plastic (margarine tubs, milk jugs, bleach and oil bottles etc.).

Don't defeat the whole purpose of recycling by driving three miles to the depot with a bag of plastic containers, reduce and re-use them, then stack, squash and store them until you can combine several errands in one. Don't drop off styrofoam, plastic bags, cereal boxes, magazines or garbage of any kind. The depot will maintain the same hours as the dump 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Saturday, closed Sunday.

The drop-box will continue to accept: newspapers, include all inserts; tin cans, flattened and labels removed; glass bottles and jars, remove caps and lids but not the labels, separate by colour. Do not include window glass, ceramics, china, pyrex etc.

When recycling, two key points must be kept in mind: there is a fine line between recyclables and garbage so avoid contamination by reading carefully the signs at the depot and on the drop-box.

One hundred per cent recycling is not going to save our hides but substantially reduced consumption and sensible packaging might. Consumers must insist industry make its packages non-toxic, compostable or readily recyclable (plastic is none of these) and give real meaning to the buzzword "sustainable" environment.

RICK LAING
Ganges

Appreciation

To the Editor,
On behalf of the members of the Salt Spring Island Council of the Catholic Women's League I wish to express our sincere appreciation of the coverage given to our organization during the past year.

ELSA DRUMMOND
Fulford

Remarkable quality

To the Editor,
I was moved by your piece on Luke Harrison and would agree with the descriptions of the man, particularly with respect to his inability to complain.

A most remarkable quality of character, almost totally absent from the healthy and wealthy found mostly in the so-called sick and the poor. The latter have the ability to plumb deeper levels of being where their riches and health are abundant. Transferring sympathy and pity on them I think is a disservice. I know Luke would tell you where to go if you tried it on him.

I had the privilege of cutting Luke's hair twice a year whether he needed it or not. His twinkling mis-

Luke remembered

To the Editor,
Someone asked me to pass on my remarks from the recent funeral for Luke Harrison:

"Almost everyone on the island learned something from Luke — my ol' buddy. In his art of embellishing stories, he could change direction faster in the middle of a story than anybody I know (even in the middle of a sentence) depending on who just walked in the room. And he enjoyed misleading me more than anybody I know. I consider him one of my vital "sources" of information — being politically and community minded — so I would "consult" him regularly.

For example, when I mentioned that Falconbridge was considering opening a mine here, he assured me that was nothing, an islander was already doing exploration work digging holes for them. When we called the individual he referred us back to Falconbridge for more details . . . and on it went!

Luke could be uncannily accurate from time to time. He advised me to check out some media event up the hill. I ignored him and later discovered it was the best organized little media event at the daycare centre.

Then there was the oil spill in Ganges Harbour. Knowing I was all "het up" about these spills, one evening when there was a firetruck parked nearby and the timing right, he dropped word there was a small oil spill. I phoned the Fire Department and they said they already had an expert biologist working on it! Such collusion!

He had a certain "way with women," i.e. "she wouldn't bag no beauty contest, but she's the nicest person." Or the time we went to Vesuvius and there was a table of lovely ladies he greeted with "How are you ol' Queens doing today?"

But his good taste was reflected in his wife Phyllis.

He said if he was ever reincarnated he'd like to come back as a bull. And he loved nature — with his sheep (trained to go through a little drill at feeding time) the goose and dog (his alter ego).

He did a lot of kind deeds, delivering water, or firewood for free when needed. When he asked me to paint his water truck, I painted Luke the Hoser. Later I heard he was signing his cheques that way.

The only time he ever agreed with me was last week. I asked him what he thought of Weldwood, being an old logger. It got kind of lively and after a while Luke pronounced "the Fulford Valley's been logged before, but it's never been clear-cut."

When I asked if he was actually agreeing with me, he said, "Well I couldn't let that other guy b.s. you."

He seemed to have a sixth sense about him too. Last Sunday he got up, put on his Hong Kong suit, had coffee with Rod and made him promise to come by with cheese wizz and liverwurst later, then came home and shortly after passed away with a heart attack.

We think he had it all planned that way . . . it was April Fool's Day. Not that Luke was a fool . . . it says somewhere that "God uses the wisdom of fools to confound the wise."

His horoscope today says "the burden is lifted, there's cause for celebration . . . and popularity" I'm sure he's here in spirit!

As Mark Twain said "The seeds of what we are already in us, but somehow those who make jokes in life are covered with a higher grade of topsoil and a better kind of manure."

And as Jeff told his kids — "Grandpa Luke isn't in pain anymore . . . now he's walkin' tall."

Fortunate

To the Editor,
We are fortunate indeed to have our Lady Minto Hospital. The nursing staff is excellent and helpful as are all other members of the hospital staff. It isn't the usual sort of impersonal, disinterested treatment that is so prevalent in other such institutions.

We have lost an excellent doctor. I think an investigation is in order. Will we have one? I wonder.

LILLIAN HORSDAL
Fulford Harbour

Amusing

To the Editor,
I found the photograph on Page A15 April 11, 1990, very amusing.

The photo of a Green Islands volunteer playing some rhythm and blues, with a cigarette hanging out of his mouth.

Is that recycled paper you roll with? Is it filtered? Is it a smokeless cigarette?

It's very interesting to see so many people running around for the cause and yet most still continue to smoke, and drive gas powered vehicles. Some even drive vehicles that burn regular gas and burn oil too! Puff, puff, puff!

Has any thought been given to "if you start by changing yourself, miracles will happen?"

Just something for all of the Green Island members and volunteers and other environmentalists to think about, people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

D. BARRY
Victoria

Not guilty, misunderstood

To the Editor,
I appreciate Rev. Jim Caruso's view that teenage sex is a moral issue. His letter is an offering of goodwill. I do not, however, agree with his opinions. I believe that the professionals in our community are being honest. They are looking for ways of working with teenagers to improve the phenomenon of AIDS and teenage pregnancy.

I do not know what the reality of teenage sex was in "the good old days" when AIDS was unheard of, but I do know that teenagers experience sexual feelings and that we want to feel that expressing our sexuality is a normal and healthy part of growth and learning.

Many parents are no longer saying "no" to their children because we as humans are realizing that sexuality is simply human. To suppress a basic human desire is confusing and frustrating for us teenagers who are trying to feel comfortable with who we are. It is very beneficial for everyone if parents try to understand and accept all aspects of their children. We do not need our hands slapped when we want to reach out and connect with someone else. We need guidance and support in dealing with sexual and relationship problems.

We do not feel embarrassed about buying condoms because our conscience is telling us it is "wrong" to have sex. We feel embarrassed because we see that there is still a community which insists on making judgments of teenagers who have sex.

We do not feel "guilty," we feel misunderstood.

I, as a teenager, appreciate the effort being made by local professionals to provide condom vending machines. It is an idea that will work. Thank you.

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Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — Environmentalists aren't exactly overwhelmed and MacBlo isn't very impressed either, but with apologies to both, I'm quite happy with the decision on the future of the Carmanah Valley and so, I suspect, is the majority of British Columbians.

The compromise decision will result in the creation of a new 3,600-hectare, class A park, in the southern half of the valley. The park will surround and protect the groves of giant, old-growth Sitka spruce trees.

It is those magnificent trees that sparked the controversy over the Carmanah, a watershed valley on Vancouver Island. The battle raged for more than two years, as the combatants tried every trick in the book to get public support for their cause.

On the one side were the environmentalists who wanted the entire valley preserved. On the other side was MacMillan Bloedel, which originally wanted to set aside only a puny 530-hectare ribbon containing the giant spruce, and log the rest. Loggers who feared for their jobs sided with the company.

Caught in the middle were the politicians, Socreds as well as New Democrats. The government's problem was that there was no solution that would satisfy everybody. A classic compromise was clearly called for, and that's what we got.

NDP faces image problem

The NDP faced a different problem, one of image. On the one hand, the NDP fancies itself the party most sensitive to environmental concerns; on the other hand, it can ill-afford to alienate loggers, whom it considers among its most ardent supporters.

And while the government has crossed the major hurdles, as far as the Carmanah issue is concerned, the NDP, isn't out of the woods yet, so to speak. In a wonderfully Machiavellian move, the Socreds will try to nail the opposition's collective hide to the wall.

Rather than simply declaring the area a park, which it could have easily done, the government decided to do it by way of legislation. The difference is that a cabinet order establishing the park would have been the final act, while legislation is subject to debate in the House. And that's where the Socreds hope to embarrass the NDP.

Watch for some fancy footwork

Forest Minister Claude Richmond says the issue is so important that every MLA should have a chance to speak to it. Sure, Claude. The decision to go the legislative route wouldn't have anything to do with the NDP's dilemma of wanting to be pro-environment without getting some of their biggest supporters mad at them, would it?

Watch for some fancy footwork, as the NDP will try to steer through this nasty little minefield. So far, the NDP plans to oppose the bill that is to create the new park, a position that's not going to go over too well.

Opposition leader Mike Harcourt keeps talking about his proposed environment and job accord, according to which all the players in the land-use game should sit down and work out solutions. In fact, he uses the accord to avoid a direct answer to the question of what he would have done with the Carmanah Valley.

Noble as the accord idea sounds, it won't fly, not here in British Columbia. There's simply no way our hard-nosed environmentalists will ever be able to come to an agreement with Jack Munro and his boys. Both want all or nothing.

Good chance no trees in valley will be cut

Meanwhile, MacBlo keeps hammering the government for having caved in to the environmentalists, and maybe it has. There's a good chance that no tree will ever be cut in the entire Carmanah Valley.

Stan Coleman, manager of land use for MacMillan Bloedel, says he fears that future conflicts will be solved in a similar manner, taking more and more productive forest land away from his company.

The commitment to allow logging in the northern part of the valley may be ultimately meaningless because the government says no logging will take place until further studies are completed. Richmond says logging will proceed only if no damage results to the park. And to make sure that there's no damage, the process will be monitored by a public advisory group.

As for the public, the great unwashed, the people who have no direct stake in the Carmanah or any other watershed, the government's solution was the only one that makes sense.

Inherent in any compromise, a problem-solving mechanism in which Canadians are supposed to excel, is the disappointment of those who have extreme positions. The majority, however, always benefits from a compromise, and this one is no exception.

Canada's biggest trees, the giant Sitka spruce, are safe, British Columbians get another beautiful park, the cause of environmentalism has been somewhat advanced and MacMillan

Opinion

Good stewards

To the Editor,
If you see strange hordes of island locals wandering the highways and byways, jumping in and out of ditches, or diving into bushes, on Saturday April 21, do not be alarmed! In fact, we would be delighted to have you join us. We shall be needing help.

Young and old, sprightly or lame, optimists, pessimists or just plain curious folk are need to clean up our lovely island. April 22 is Earth Day, even though for us on Salt Spring, Earth Day is every day as we count our blessings for this very special place. Let us be good stewards by doing as much as we are able, alone, with a neighbour or two, or better still with the whole neighbourhood.

Weary stragglers may need a ride home, a forgotten box or bag may need to be salvaged or perhaps an encouraging word might be just what is needed for a back, bent double, to reach down and pick up one more empty chip bag.

A few litter spears have been donated and can be picked up at Pro Hardware, but it's easy to make your own, with a stick and a nail beheaded.

Only clean bottles and cans should be recycled at the central depot or returned in for refund. Any problems regarding disposal of other collected garbage should be referred to John Herbert of Green Islands 537-5163. He and his team are doing wonders to organize the project, but they need all of us to make it a job well done.

See you on Saturday, April 21.
SALT SPRING ANGLICAN PARISH
Ganges

Move market?

To the Editor,
Someone noted recently that the volume of traffic passing in and out of Ganges has reached the level of alarm. The figure I heard was in the neighbourhood of 10,000 vehicles a day!

Anyone trying to get through town on Saturday morning, Easter week-end, got a taste of what it could be like when the tourist flow hits Salt Spring this summer.

A number of questions come to mind. What if our Fire and Rescue teams needed to get through? What if our Ambulance crew were urgently needed? How could our handicapped cope? What steps need to be taken to relieve the congestion? Would traffic control by the police help, especially during peak hours?

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Of course, one fairly obvious way to relieve the week-end congestion would be to do the unthinkable; yes, to move the Saturday market to the open grounds of the Elementary School, once school is out for the summer.

Pedestrian and vehicle traffic in the core would be reduced and Centennial Park could continue to fulfil its intended purpose, seven days a week. I think Centennial Park really was intended, not as a market place, but rather, as a meeting place, a place

for children, a place for public events, a place for residents and visitors to enjoy.

Unfortunately, Ganges is no longer a quaint little harbour village and Salt Spring is no longer a quiet little island. Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce and others should address this matter before the tourist deluge renders downtown Ganges unusable, except for the courageous and fleet-of-foot.

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News

Former chairman recalls seawalk process

The controversy centred on the seawalk in Ganges continues.

In a recent series of articles on the seawalk, the *Driftwood* has outlined the position of several of the property owners, the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the Capital Regional District. The financing of the project, through government grants, donations and the contributions of land owners has been looked at.

In that respect, considering the portion of the board walk crossing property owned by Mouat Bros. Trading, *Driftwood* reported the cost to the Ganges company as being \$110,000. The cost to Mouat's, said manager Tom Toynbee, was \$44,000 for the 110 metres of seawalk which was constructed along the company property.

Neville Smith, who was chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission at the time the seawalk was begun, also took exception to reports on the position taken by the current commission.

Smith, issued a statement to explain where the commission he headed stood on the seawalk and to further explain how the matter had been outlined to them.

"Your paper (the *Driftwood*) recently printed the statement that the Parks and Recreation Commission was not kept informed of the design

development of the Ganges Seawalk. The Commission was, in fact, fully informed by the Seawalk Committee of all design aspects of the seawalk as the project developed.

"The previous Regional Director stated in a *Driftwood* article that upon completion of the seawalk, the CRD will be asked to take possession, including responsibility for care and maintenance, and also, the CRD would accept responsibility for liability. Until that time the CRD, and of course the Parks and Recreation Commission, have absolutely no responsibility for the seawalk. They will, inevitably, be concerned that the construction is such that maintenance will be at a minimum.

"In accordance with this directive the Commission had no involvement with the funding or construction of the seawalk. Nor did the Commission have any involvement with negotiations with adjacent land owners. The Commission's concern was limited to the seawalk design.

"Following a comprehensive presentation of the conceptual design by the seawalk Committee to the Commission, the Commission passed a formal motion to accept responsibility for the seawalk after its completion provided that the design was safe and maintenance funds were provided. At every subsequent meeting of the Commission they were in-

formed of progress on the seawalk design.

"To ensure that the Commission had input on the design the full Seawalk Committee attended a design review meeting with the full Commission. The Seawalk Committee then responded to Commission requests by improving safety of the railing, deferring construction of a dinghy dock, deleting a proposed pavilion, and pressure treating all wooden members of the walk except the decking. The decking was not chemically treated because of an expressed concern about pollution and the possibility of infecting children's bare feet.

"A complete set of construction documents were presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission including detail drawings, material specifications, material volume and proof of liability coverage during the construction stage.

"As previous Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission I was very impressed with the effective and professional manner in

which the Seawalk Committee has undertaken the design and construction of existing sections of the Seawalk.

"The sole problem with this project has been the difficulty of finalizing arrangements with some upland owners.

"It would be counterproductive to form another committee at this stage of the project. The Parks and Recreation Commission had two representatives attend the last meeting of the Seawalk Committee and this enlarged Committee is the most effective body to complete this exciting project."

The design of the project and its potential value to Ganges has never been in dispute, according to interviews with uplands owners who are not currently participating in the project. What has irked various individuals is the seeming lack of concrete information.

Smith has in his possession, a concept drawing showing the location of the seawalk in relation to the shoreline of that portion of Ganges

Harbour. An island contractor explained to the *Driftwood* that a conceptual drawing, if it contained gross measurements could be used as a basis for construction although detail drawings would be best. Detail drawings would illustrate various portions of the project with absolute measurements and such.

Smith also had a drawing showing the proposed locations of the various pilings upon which the seawalk was to be constructed.

Details were given for the landfill at the commercial parking lot end of the seawalk. The specifications showed a berm of rip-rap, large regularly shaped rocks, piled as a breakwater with the land side filled in with smaller rocks and covered in gravel.

The landfill in place is composed of large boulders dumped across the entire area from the water to the shore side. Gravel has been spread on top of the large boulders to level the area. The specifications also called for a storm drain for the area but it has not yet been installed.



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3. continue to issue permits to commercial clam diggers to overharvest and pollute our recreational beaches;
4. continue to offer tax incentives to clearcut, through lower taxation to managed forests, and through increased assessments on small private holdings of standing timber;
5. continue to encourage industrial logging in the Trust area;
6. continue to commit massive funding to automobile-oriented transportation projects — highways, bridges, bigger ferries — when communities do not want them, and need rapid transit alternatives to the urban centers;
7. continue to require urban-style road building to destroy the rural character of our islands.

**Let's cut this out right now
Saltspring Island wants local government to make local decisions
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They told us that they had found the fresh tracks of five bustard round the well, and tracks, two days old, of others in the Sands nearby. Zayid turned to me and said, "God willing we will eat bustard tomorrow."

—Thesiger, Arabian Sands

Thesiger, who was once a big game hunter, ended up as a conservationist when such a belief was considered eccentric instead of essential. In his lifetime, he witnessed the extinction of numerous "game" animals and the violation of habitat in Arabia through the application of technology for the temporary enrichment of a few Arabian, and Caucasian, sheiks.

On Salt Spring this Earth Day the attitudes of tree farmers and land developers imply if not an actual desert, certainly one of the spirit. The latest feeding frenzy in real estate values has threatened to turn these islands into Coquitlams-With-Moats.

In reaction to this I was led to consider the plant everybody hates and which nobody sees any reason either to protect, or to exploit.

I thought about nettles.

Quiche "netele" with vats of mead

It was appropriate. The word nettle was coined by the Anglo-Saxons, the authors of so much unnecessary phonics and destructive economics. No doubt after holiday weekends spent hammering indigenous tribes with a catapult they rejoiced in a quiche "netele" washed down with vats of mead.

Since print had not yet been invented then there is, fortunately, no record of their comments as they gathered the succulent, vicious spring nettle leaves, but you can still hear the echoes on the playing fields of the Gulf Islands.

The Romans, who swore more imaginatively, called them urticate (by the Left Unmentionable Pendant of Zeus) and added mushrooms, cheese and coriander to their version of quiche. They also cooked a mysterious and frightening dish called sea nettles which I suspect was really a recipe that required a few mispronounced sea urchins for its piquancy.

Every April the members of local running clubs collect their obligatory quota of stings as the new crop of nettles covers the running trails and the great expletive tradition continues.

But stop! What other excellent food receives so much abuse? Nettles are free, bountiful and healthful. Perhaps this is the explanation. They are despised because their appearance on this coast does not require the expenditure of fossil fuels on American highways to transport them, as it does for spinach and lettuce every spring.

Hated to share blocks in kindergarten

For the twisted, or indoctrinated, among us it is difficult to value things that do not cost the earth, or another person, anything. They are the ones in kindergarten who hated to share the blocks and, when they could read, collected Uncle Scrooge comics and looked forward to adulthood when they could sell them for a cool profit to people who had lacked their appreciation for the law of supply and demand.

For these individuals, nettles remain irritating weeds and they have no commercial interest in them. This is an excellent state of affairs for the nettles, who, the moment they attract the notice of a food czar, are doomed.

Before long a geneticist on the take will rearrange their genes and remove the stings. A cunning yet glitzy advertising blitz will splash across the pages of magazines like Runner's World and Harrowsmith.

In the markets of the nation

Then these new, "improved" nettles will be stuffed in refrigerator trucks and whisked across the continent in clouds of diesel smoke. Packages of fortified, enriched, homogeneous nettles will sit next to the bottles of Evian Water in the markets of the nation.

More forests on the valley bottoms will be slaughtered to make a killing off the cultivation of this new product. When the soil has been exhausted by the meddling of chemists whom the nettle farmers employed to keep up with the demand for this wonder food, the land will be turned into golf courses and more fortunes made by selling holidays to Japanese businessmen who can't afford the "green" fees at home.

The government will make millions in taxes and kickbacks out of this and the Prime Mismanager will appoint the C.E.D. of Nettle Inc. to the Senate.

A naturalist will observe that a weed is in fact a plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered. With any luck the people in the business of food won't catch on to the salubrity of nettles. That's the paradox concerning urticate and a number of other unappreciated plants: only a torrent of blistering Anglo-Saxon will assure their place in the world.

Cream of Nettle Tops Soup

1C nettle tops, steamed and chopped finely / 2T melted butter / 2T flour / 1/2C milk / 1/2C cream / 1C stock / 1/2t coriander / some crushed rosemary / hint of basil / salt and pepper

Make the cream soup base, season with coriander, rosemary

An Open Letter to the Gulf Islands Driftwood and the Citizens of Salt Spring Island from the Chamber of Commerce Seawalk Committee

The series of articles and editorials in recent weeks on the current phase of the Ganges Harbour Seawalk has compelled the writing of this rebuttal of some of the information they presented.

The project is far from being a "complete failure" as words such as "fiasco" imply. The existence of stretches of completed structures bears witness to its current success. Nor has the Chamber of Commerce allowed the project to "go sour" but is actively continuing to pursue its commitments.

It will be surprising if this and other local projects do not experience difficulty in reaching completion if the kind of distortions, grossly inaccurate statements and negative focus recently presented in our local press continue. Our community has an excellent reputation for fulfilling its commitments to government-grant agencies. Articles such as those we refer to destroy the credibility of the community and put the acquisition of future grants in jeopardy. In the following paragraphs we present, for the community's benefit, certain facts and considerations surrounding this complex project.

A meeting was held in 1988 attended by the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission (the Commission), a representative of the Ministry of Crown Lands, the Director of the Capital Regional District (CRD) and the CRD Planner. Subsequently the Commission formally agreed to assume responsibility for the proposed Seawalk upon its completion. By way of a Board Resolution from the Commission and a Letter of Direction to the CRD Planner, all requisite applications were made, and licences of occupation in the foreshore obtained by the Capital Regional District.

On a positive note, a letter has recently been received from the Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission (Mrs. Kelly Booth) confirming the Commission's responsibility for the public portions of the Seawalk, and its desire to see the private sections completed. The letter further supports the ongoing efforts of our Committee and appoints two members of the Commission to facilitate liaison. Contrary to a publicized statement attributed to Mrs. Booth, we emphasize that the Chamber of Commerce and its Seawalk Committee have fulfilled all their commitments and now stand ready to assist the private sectors in order to see the completion of the project.

During both planning and implementation stages drawings illustrating the plans, details and specifications were provided to individuals and at meetings with the Parks & Rec Commission, the Advisory Design Panel (Islands Trust), the CRD Planner, the Ministry of Crown Lands, the CRD Building Inspector and at public meetings. Prior to commencement of the Seawalk, formal approvals were obtained from the Ministry of Highways, Federal Fisheries and Oceans, and all but two of the upland owners (Mr. Cudmore and the Farmers' Institute), as well as the above-mentioned agencies.

The question of safety was given considerable attention. After meetings with the Commission, Building Inspector, CRD Planner, the Fire Chief and groups of concerned citizens, it was agreed to add a third railing to reduce risk to small infants but in such a way as to avoid increasing risk to slightly older children. This third rail will probably become a standard for our walkways. The question of lighting has also been addressed and was included in the plan at an early stage. It has been discussed with the RCMP and the Advisory Design Panel and is only deferred until funds can be raised for its installation.

The alleged statements concerning the "dismantling" of the Seawalk are both frivolous and provocative. Mr. Fraser is either misquoted or misinformed as detailed plans were provided to the Commission at all stages. It is the firm position of the Seawalk Committee that the Walkway structures built thus far offer a very high level of safety to members of the public and that those sections, where practicable, should be opened for access and enjoyment as soon as possible.

As to the privately owned portions of the harbour frontage, progress is being made toward the overall Seawalk plan as the individuals' own agendas unfold. To date Mouat's Trading Co. has expended some \$44,000 (not the \$110,000 as 'reported' in the Driftwood) on its section of the Seawalk. We believe that Mr. Cudmore has always supported the concept of the Seawalk plan, and that his concerns lie with the Ministries of Crown Lands and Highways over the extent and limit of his boundaries. It is expected that an agreeable resolution of those concerns will soon be reached. The Farmers' Institute owns property (approx. 3 m wide) on the harbour. It is the Committee's understanding that the Institute supports the concept of the Seawalk provided it is shown to have public support. No expense to the Institute was assumed in the plans for that section of walkway. The Gulf of Georgia Timber Co. reports having expended approximately \$50,000 on their completed section of Seawalk.

The Ganges Marina has committed, by letter to the Committee, to spend \$35,000 in construction of the Seawalk on the section fronting its commercial structures around the Marina Pier. Thus far it has installed some pilings over this area. A good deal of discussion and co-ordination between government and other authorising agencies has gone into assisting Ganges Marina in obtaining its permits to build its section of the Seawalk. It is hoped that arrangements can be made that will allow construction to go forward. The stairway which was recently boarded shut by Mr. Brown of Ganges Marina, presumably until the question of liability is resolved, is believed to be built on Crown Lands, and was constructed there after the visit of the Regional Director of Highways (Mr. Byers) in which he toured the project site.

The owners of the Kingfisher development have promised to contribute towards the Seawalk project. We understand that the Saltspring Marina will construct their own portion of the Seawalk.

The Seawalk Committee continues to maintain its sensitive regard for the private residence at the head of the harbour and has no plan to construct any portion of walkway which would adversely affect the privacy of the Johnson residence.

The publicly owned portion of the Seawalk, which apart from the rock infill at the south end is complete, was built with funds in excess of \$200,000 contributed by both federal and provincial governments. These funds, along with a UIC labour grant, local donations of labour, materials and services, have been expended solely and entirely on this public section. A legal survey of the new park areas ("Chu-an" in the north and the "Ganges Maritime" in the south) and the entire easement and licence between, will be undertaken when all the links have been completed.

This phase of the Ganges Harbour Seawalk has already received the compliments of residents and visitors alike. Representatives from other small communities have expressed admiration and congratulation on Salt Spring's ability to construct such a handsome structure (entirely without having a local tax base) despite the complicated jurisdiction and other competing interests. Projects of this complexity always move in stages toward a Master Plan. The new parks, the wheelchair ramp, staircase access and all the completed sections of walkway in between are the foundation for the unique character and ambience of a developing Ganges Seaside Village rapidly coming of age.

The Seawalk Committee firmly believes that there is wide and enthusiastic support for this concept among not only the citizens of Salt Spring Island but also all the levels of government. The Ministry of Crown Lands sees this project as a model for other communities on the coast.

We urge our local newspaper to support this and other community efforts by providing creative, positive and above-all accurate reporting. Further, we strongly urge all citizens, private interests and levels of government to continue to work together in support of this project which will bring generations of Salt Spring residents and visitors unsurpassed enjoyment in a traditional Westcoast style.

The Chamber of Commerce Ganges Harbour Seawalk Committee

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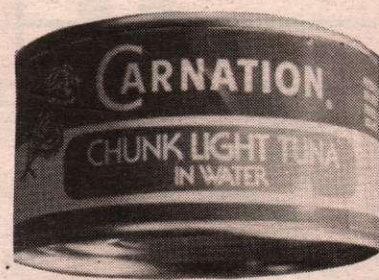
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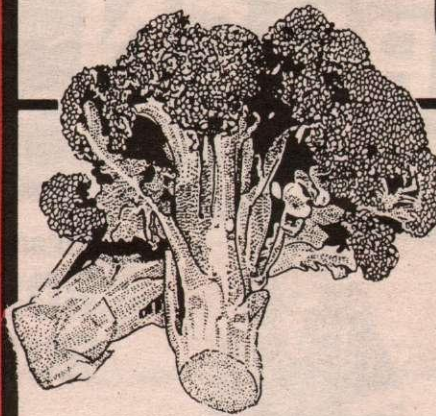
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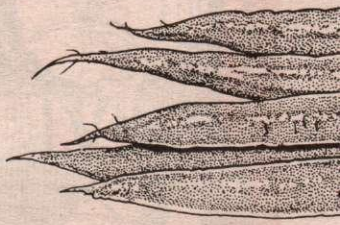


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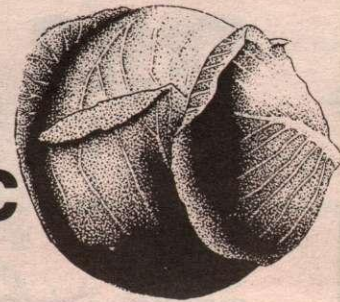
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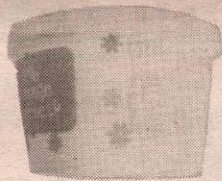
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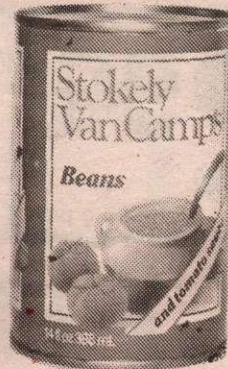
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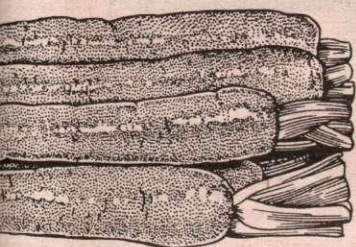
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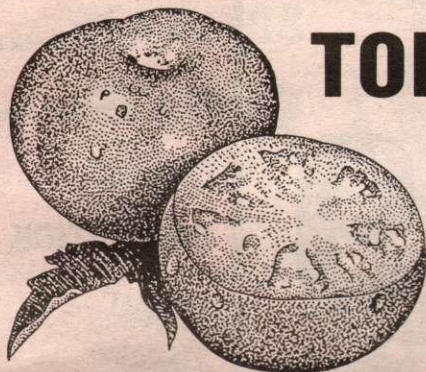
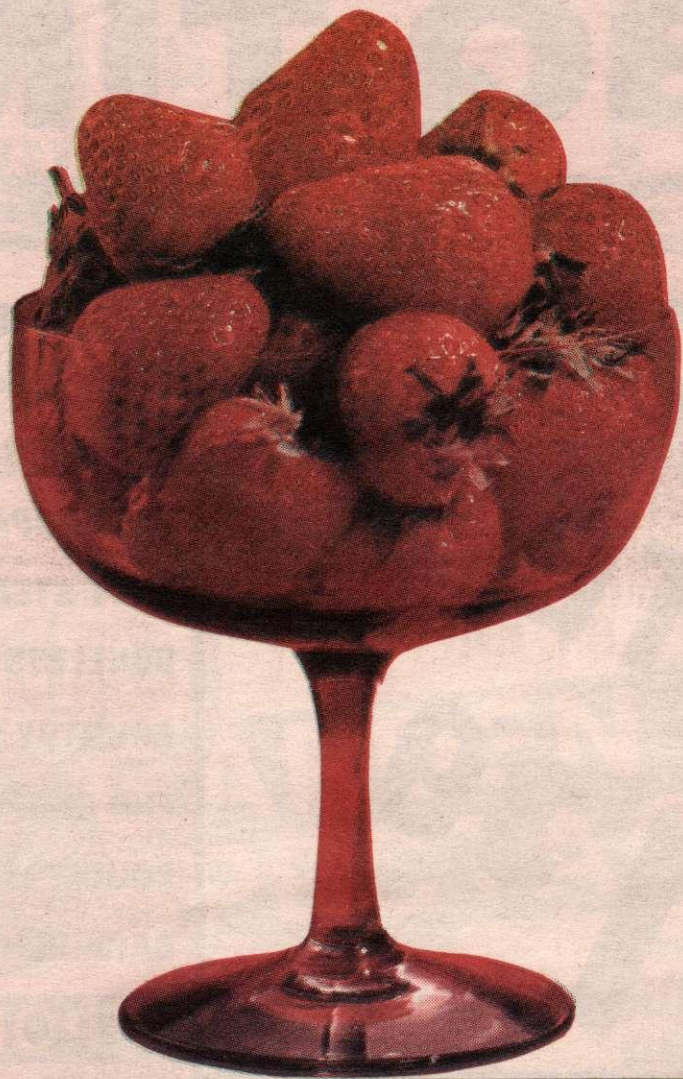


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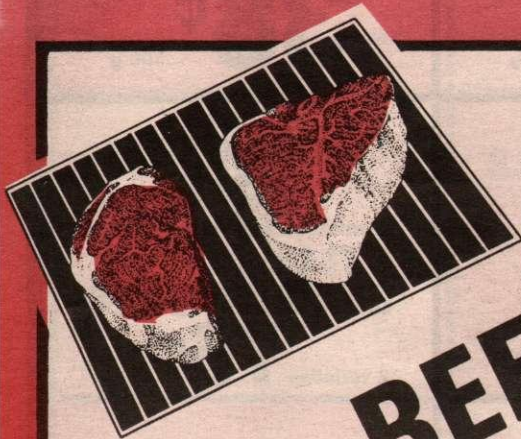
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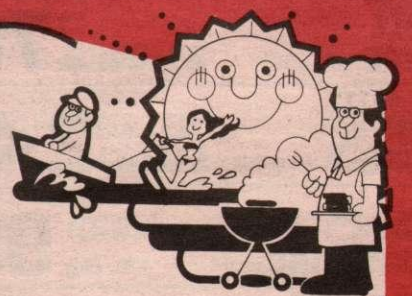
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News



Driftwood photo by Susan Dicker

Earth Week Art Auction organizer Patricia Brown displays some of the items available at the Sunday event. Close to 40 islanders have contributed artwork to the auction.

Slate of Earth Week events focus on the environment

More than 150 million people in over 134 countries will be in tune this Sunday, as they dwell on the environment.

On Earth Day — April 22 — people all over the world will consider taking responsibility for their part in saving and protecting the Earth.

On Salt Spring — as in other parts of the nation — individuals will spend several days gearing up for Sunday's celebrations: Earth Week activities are now well underway, with today's (Wednesday, April 18) events focusing on alternative transportation.

Those motorists who decide to drive today should be aware of cyclists participating in the Bike-a-thon. (Cyclists will ride either a 10- or 20-kilometre route between Centennial and Portlock parks. The Bike-a-thon gets underway at 3:30 p.m.)

Those who choose not to hop in their cars will be part of a large group of people, considering other — less environmentally harmful — means of transportation.

In other Earth Week events, a number of businesses will be giving "tree deals" tomorrow (April 19) as the Earth Week focus turns to Plant-A-Tree.

Thimble Farm on Arbutus Road will give a free Norway Spruce Seedling to every purchaser. (Thimble Farm is also offering 20 per cent off all tree sales throughout the week.) Green Valley Nursery on Fulford-Ganges Road in the Fulford Valley will also provide a free seedling with every purchase.

Hallman Orchard and Nursery on Old Divide Road is offering 25 per cent off all trees purchased this Satur-

day and Sunday, April 21 and 22.

Foxglove Farm and Garden Supply on Lower Ganges Road is offering free fir and pine seedlings (no purchase necessary) on Tree Day, as well as April 21.

Tree Day activities will also include tree-pruning at the Farmers' Institute.

More than 1,000 tree seedlings have been donated for Earth Week. Elementary school children will be planting some trees on Stewart Road sites, and the Achievement Centre will plant trees at Peter Arnell Park.

Individuals, business all helping out for Earth Week

Further information on where members of the public can plant trees will be available at the Green Islands table in Centennial Park.

On Gardening Day (April 20) islanders will consider the "bounty and beauty" of the earth.

One of Friday's highlights will be the "Day of Dialogue on the Environment" conference, scheduled for 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the high school gym. The event will include 22 workshops, plus a presentation by Vicky Husband of the Sierra Club.

Between 2 and 5 p.m., individuals can stop by Mansell Farms and view a large working farm, vegetable garden and a compost building demonstration.

On Saturday, April 21, the focus turns to garbage, as individuals are

encouraged to clean neighbourhood roads. Garbage bags can be left in piles at the junction of major roads.

(The Department of Highways will collect this garbage. Green Islands requests the community respect the service offered and not treat this as a general garbage pick-up.)

Saturday will wind up with a community potluck dinner and dance at the Fulford Hall.

Following the 6 a.m. sunrise earth healing ceremony in Centennial Park on Sunday, April 22 (Earth Day), a number of singers, musicians and speakers will perform throughout the day. Entertainment will include Barb and Kevin, The Raging Grannies, Terry Warbey, the Bah'ai children's choir, Randy Hooper, Rich and Famous, Randy Thomas, Aftermath, Wolfhound Twist, James Wilkinson, Johanne Perkins, Equal People.

At 10 a.m., the United Church is hosting an inter-faith celebration with guest author Dr. Bruce Elkin and the Tuned Air Choir.

An afternoon tea at Mahon Hall (beginning at 2:30) will feature poetry readings by Nadine Shelly, Phyllis Webb, Daphne Marlatt, Alison Jacob, Matthew Coleman, Telly Johnston and others.

Green Islands will operate an information table in Centennial Park throughout the week.

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NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 8:00 pm on Monday, the 24th day of April, at St. George's Church Hall, Ganges, B.C.

As required by the Letters Patent of the District, the Annual General Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- To receive from the Trustees a report on the condition of the works and a statement of the financial condition of the improvement district;
- To discuss with the Trustees any matter relating to the works or finances of the improvement district;
- To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the ensuing year;
- To elect one trustee for a term of three years; and
- To elect the auditor for the ensuing year.

NOMINEES FOR TRUSTEE ARE:

Mr. Donald Storr Mr. Peter Jacquest Mr. Ira Tepper

Copies of the 1989 Financial Statement are available to the Ratepayers at the District Office.

M. Larmour, Secretary

Art auction planned

Close to 40 Salt Spring artists and craftspeople have donated artwork to an Earth Day Art Auction.

The auction, scheduled for 4 p.m. in Mahon Hall, will offer a variety of pieces, including sculpture, paintings, glass and wood products and jewellery.

Auction organizer Patricia Brown says funds raised from the auction will help Green Islands meet Earth Week organizational costs. She says in total, the donated items are worth approximately \$4,000.

Items for auction include two Robert Bateman books, a three-quarter life size sculpture by island newcomer Kathy Benter called "Sleep," a photo etching by Lynda Laushway, and numerous original watercolours.

Brown said she was amazed at the generosity of local artists, who so willingly donated their work. A total of 37 local artists and craftspeople

Driftwood

Entertainment



Roy Forbes will be joined by Valdy

Annual writers' celebration includes song-writing class

This year, the fifth annual Salt Spring Celebration of Canadian Writers is adding a new twist — celebrating writers of songs as well as writers of books.

The first event will be a song-writing workshop with Roy Forbes (formerly known as Bim) and Valdy.

Roy Forbes grew up in Dawson Creek and began playing the guitar at 14; he moved to Vancouver in 1971 and has continued to write songs and perform. His latest album, "Love Turns to Ice," and its predecessor, with Connie Kaldor, "A Christmas Album" have both been highly regarded and successful.

The Toronto Star says Forbes is "a craft-conscious writer who

remains one of the truest troubadours in the Canadian mosaic."

Juno award-winner Valdy is well known to Salt Spring, having lived on the island since 1976.

"Writing Songs" will feature Roy Forbes and Valdy

He was born in Ottawa, moved to B.C. in 1966 and had his first hit single, "Rock & Roll Song" in 1972. Since then he has had a long string of

popular albums, his songs and music have been used in movies ("Paper Moon") and TV, and he hosts a weekly series of B.C. music for CHEK-TV.

The Salt Spring Celebration of Canadian Writers takes place on Saturday, April 28 at Central Hall.

"Writing Songs," with Roy Forbes and Valdy starts at 10:30 a.m. Afternoon events are "A Writing Life" with Edith Iglauer, and "Fantasy and Science Fiction" with Eileen Kernaghan.

Tickets are \$4 for each event, or \$10 for all three, available at et cetera, Parkside News and Volume Two, or at the door.

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The Salt Spring Island Elementary Schools Concert held on April 11 was a great success. Groups from Fernwood, Fulford and Salt Spring Elementary Schools performed to an enthusiastic and appreciative packed house.

Happenings this week:

Date	Time and Place	Event
April 18 and 19	Fernwood Salt Spring Fulford Elementary Schools	The Robert Minden Ensemble will be performing at each of the island schools. These musicians play the most unusual assortment of instruments - from hand saws to wine jugs and more! They bind their musical performances together through storytelling.
April 17 through 20	Ganges Village Market; Post Office; Rodrigo's	Art Displays continue from all island schools this week. See what's happening with art in our schools!

Take Note

OF THESE DATES...

APRIL 18: Green Islands Earth Week Bikeathon, 3:30 pm

APRIL 18: 'The Dying Process—A Buddhist Perspective'. 7:30 pm, 854 Rainbow Rd.

APRIL 19: Seniors for Seniors Drop-in Luncheon, 11:30-3:30, Upper Ganges Centre.

APRIL 19: Weavers & Spinners Guild Slide Show, 10:30 am, Mahon Hall.

APRIL 19: Salt Spring Speakers ITC meet 6:30 pm, Harbour House Hotel.

APRIL 19, 20, 21: Eleemosynary, 8:30 pm, Luigi's Hide-away, McPhillips Ave.

APRIL 21: Earth Day Celebration, Fulford Hall. Dinner 6 pm; Dance with Bob's Your Uncle 8:30 pm.

APRIL 21: S.S.I. Tennis Association Spring Meeting & Dinner, Golf Club, 6 pm.

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Entertainment

Musical concert slated

A spring musical extravaganza at the Gulf Islands Secondary School has become a tradition: its sixth annual performance will take place on Friday, April 27 and Saturday April 28.

In 1984, the talents of several young music students at the high school inspired music director Dwayne Prosk to produce the first student showcase, "Puttin' on the Ritz." Its immediate success has continued yearly and the show has become a high-point of school activities.

Organizers believe a community event such as this offers an ideal opportunity for students, professional artists, parents, teachers and audience to participate with each other.

School programs are enriched by active involvement of local professionals. This year the set is being created by John Kavelin, former Disney designer now based on Salt Spring.

A videotape of the show will be produced by video artist Paul Marciano and a crew of six students. Sound and lighting demands will be covered by local technicians Ken Soles of Sculptor Sound, Tom Bowler of T-Bop Productions and Liz Martin from Off Centre Stage with hands-on experience for interested students.

Island performer/choreographers Sue Bowler, Anna Haltrecht and Robbyn Scott, presently involved part-time in the newly created school dance class, are extending their time and expertise to stage six dance pieces accompanied by the school band. Specialized piano accompaniments are being provided by Chris Kodaly and Gary Lundy.

Overall staging and artistic direction is the responsibility of April Curtis who has teamed with music director Prosk in producing four of the past productions. This year they have developed a vocal component including soloists, a choral ensemble, and a cast choir within the show.

Curtis is also coordinating with drama teacher Mary Rockcliffe to create feature scenes for the drama students. Art teacher Sandra Locke will facilitate a gallery display of student work on the theme.

"When You Wish Upon A Star" will provide a diverse variety of entertainment enjoyable for the whole family. Advance tickets are available at et cetera or the door.



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Students at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) are practising daily for their "musical extravaganza", scheduled for later this month. The presentation will involve individuals from all areas of the Fine Arts program.

Tony Eng on Salt Spring

Magician will raise funds for baseball

Magic amazes and famed magician Tony Eng comes to Salt Spring to help raise money for the minor baseball league.

Eng brings 30 years of experience to the two shows he will perform, May 5 at the Activity Centre in the Elementary School.

Magic for children as well as adults, Eng offers *Escapology* in which he escapes from ropes chains and trunks. His *Mentalism* experiments with powers of the mind as he reveals psychic phenomena. In addition he performs *Sleight of Hand Close-Up Magic* to amaze and baffle his audiences.

The evening of prestidigitation is sponsored by the Salt Spring Volunteer Firemen.

Show times are 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and children. Tickets are available at et cetera and the *Driftwood*.

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Entertainment



Bob's Your Uncle in Fulford

Salt Spring Festival of the Arts in collaboration with the Green Islands Society is bringing back Bob's Your Uncle for an Earth Day Celebration Dance at Fulford Hall on Saturday, April 21.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a community pot luck dinner (please bring your own plates and cutlery) and the dancing starts at 8:30 p.m. with a local rock and roll band warming up for Bob's Your Uncle.

Bob's Your Uncle is an eclectic 5-piece band from Vancouver, B.C.

The "Bob Sound" is a combina-

tion of the stylistic harmonica work of Peter Lizotte, Sook-Lin Lee's rich and versatile voice. James Janger and Bernie Radelfinger on guitar and bass respectively add their textured vocal harmonies, while John Rule on drums leads the band rhythmically from light happy swing to heavy jungle rhythms.

Musically, it is a collaboration of styles blending funk, jazz, blues, reggae, and rock to form a unique brand of upbeat pop that presents a combination of energy, intelligence and fun.

The past three years have seen the group proudly produce four videos, three cassettes and one mini LP and establish a firm national fan base (thanks to four separate coast to coast tours).

In July 1989 Bob's Your Uncle was one of four bands to be selected by a panel of music industry insiders to perform at the prestigious Canadian showcase at the New Music Seminar in New York City.

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Refreshments

Annual Spring Fling

On Saturday, May 19, Centennial Park will be the site of a lively and colourful fairground as it houses the second annual Salt Spring Fling.

Free ice-cream, helium balloons, the fragrance of barbecued Salt Spring lamb and other edible treats, a Tug-O-War and outdoor Beer Garden are a few examples of some of specialties planned for the park that day.

Musicians, jugglers, singers and others who dabble in the arts are invited to bring their instruments and what ever other equipment they need to perform on the fairgrounds that day. The Fling Committee is asking Salt Spring talent to contact Mernie Irwin at the Cedar Beach Resort, 537-2205 to book their performance.

Local chefs can enter some of their own specialty dishes in one of three categories — salads, hot dishes or desserts — set up for this particular contest. Anyone who thinks they have an award-winning recipe and is interested in submitting a favourite dish is asked to call Dee Kinney at 653-4266 or the Chamber of Commerce at 537-5252.

The Chamber suggests the Salt Spring Fling will be a fun and entertaining way to promote local businesses. Anyone who operates a business here and would like to be involved is invited to contact the chamber.

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News



Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Marky Hilton bites into a sugary treat as he watches soccer action at Portlock Park. The youngster was spotted watching Saturday's soccer tournament. The island's youth soccer league season winds up next Saturday.

Group hopes to raise funds for one stretch of bike path

A group of islanders hopes to raise enough money from this week's bike-a-thon to build the first leg of a safety path on Salt Spring Island.

Kathryn Macdonald, co-ordinator of today's (Wednesday) ride and the safety path committee, says the group hopes to raise enough money from Bike-a-thon pledges to get a good start on paying for the cost of the extension.

She says the group is not sure how much the "safety path" will cost but hopes most of it will be paid for by donations and volunteer labour.

The committee plans to build shoulders on both sides of the highway between Central Hall and Ganges — considered to be one of the more dangerous areas for cycling on the island.

Macdonald says a number of committee members met with representatives from the highways department to discuss the situation last month. They were told that while

highways would not pay to build the shoulders, it would cover maintenance and liability once they are complete.

Not sure how much the safety path will cost, but hopes most of it will be paid for by donations and volunteer labour.

The cost of building the shoulders is expected to be high because they must be built to meet highway standards. This means the paths must be covered in asphalt and able to support the weight of a regular automobile.

Bob Andrews, who sits on the organizing committee, says the group considered building bike paths separate from the road. However, Highways' regulations stipulate that any paths build on highway right-of-ways — which extend 15 feet on either side of the road — can only be built within 1.5 kilometres of a school.

B.C. Ferries reports that more than 3,588 cyclists came to Salt Spring from the Swartz Bay terminal between April 1, 1988 and March 31, 1989.

Andrews says after the Bike-a-thon, the committee will submit a proposal to Highways showing where the group plans to build and how that will be done. He also says that building the first shoulders will give a good indication of how much it will cost to widen roadways elsewhere on the island.

Campaign collects \$3 million

With all the money collected and counted, the United Way of Greater Victoria — including the Gulf Islands — raised close to \$3 million which will help 35 programs.

Figures released last week show the 1989 campaign to raise money for the organization gathered \$2,962,000.

The United Way supports non-profit agencies which provide health and community services to assist one in three residents of the Victoria area.

The Salt Spring Community Society is a member agency to

NOTICE OF AN INFORMATION MEETING

to be held by the

Advisory Planning Commission

1203 Grace Point Square

APRIL 26, 1990 2:00 PM

Concerning discussion of two rezoning applications by the School Board for non-conforming use of agricultural land, comprising two lots totalling approx. 8.77 acres, located on Rainbow Road, directly north of Windsor Plywood, the purpose of which is to permit construction of a new high school and appropriate playing fields.

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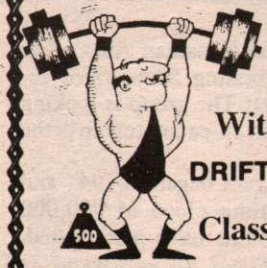
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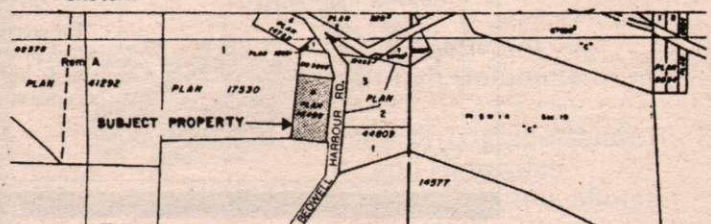
North Pender Island Trust Committee

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the following proposed bylaw will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the matters contained therein at a Public Hearing to be held in the NORTH PENDER ISLAND SCHOOL, NORTH PENDER ISLAND, B.C. on SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1990, commencing at 8:00 P.M.

In general terms the intent of the following proposed bylaw is as follows:

- Proposed North Pender Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 50, cited as "Zoning Bylaw, North Pender Island, 1978, Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1989", would add "public schools", "museums", "libraries" and "non-profit group activities" to Section 6.A.1, *Uses Permitted*, in the Community Service Zone (CS). Proposed Bylaw No. 50 would change the zoning classification of Lot A, Plan 14409, Section 18, North Pender Island, from Public Recreational Zone (PR) to Community Service Zone (CS). The area subject to rezoning is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1106 Cook Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 957(2)(v) of the *Municipal Act*, an additional copy of the proposed bylaw may be inspected at the Post Office, North Pender Island.

Community

The Royal Canadian Air Cadets will be celebrating 50 years of activity in 1991. The group is looking for any and all ex-cadets to join in the fun.

The program began in 1941 and since that time close to 900,000 Canadian youths have participated.

Call is out for ex-Air Cadets

Not included in that total are the many adult volunteers, parents and friends, who have helped in the program.

The RCAC want to hear from anyone who was part of the program. They want to know what ex-air cadets are doing now and where they

took their training. The RCAC also seek memorabilia for the archives.

Contact Richard Logan at the Air Cadet League of Canada to pass

along information or to gain information about the anniversary celebration.

He can be reached at (613) 991-4349 in Ottawa, Ontario. The address is Air Cadet League of Canada, 2323 Riverside Dr. 8th Floor, Ottawa, Ontario, K1H 8L5.

Carmanah Park To Protect The Giants A Balanced Proposal

■ In 1988 interest in the "Carmanah Giant", the tallest known tree in Canada, initiated a public controversy over how best to protect this giant Sitka spruce tree and groves of other giant old growth spruce trees in the lower Carmanah Valley.

On the one hand, the old growth forest in the lower valley is home to some of the tallest trees in Canada, the majestic Sitka spruce. On the other hand, many people depend on the forest for their livelihood—timber harvesting forms an important part of the economic base of local communities.

Creating a new provincial park in the lower valley will guarantee the protection of old growth Sitka spruce. Timber harvesting will be permitted in the remainder of the valley once an integrated resources plan, based on additional technical studies, ensures that there will be no detrimental impact on the unique values of the proposed park.

It's a balanced proposal designed to work for the common good.

The Sitka spruce should be protected

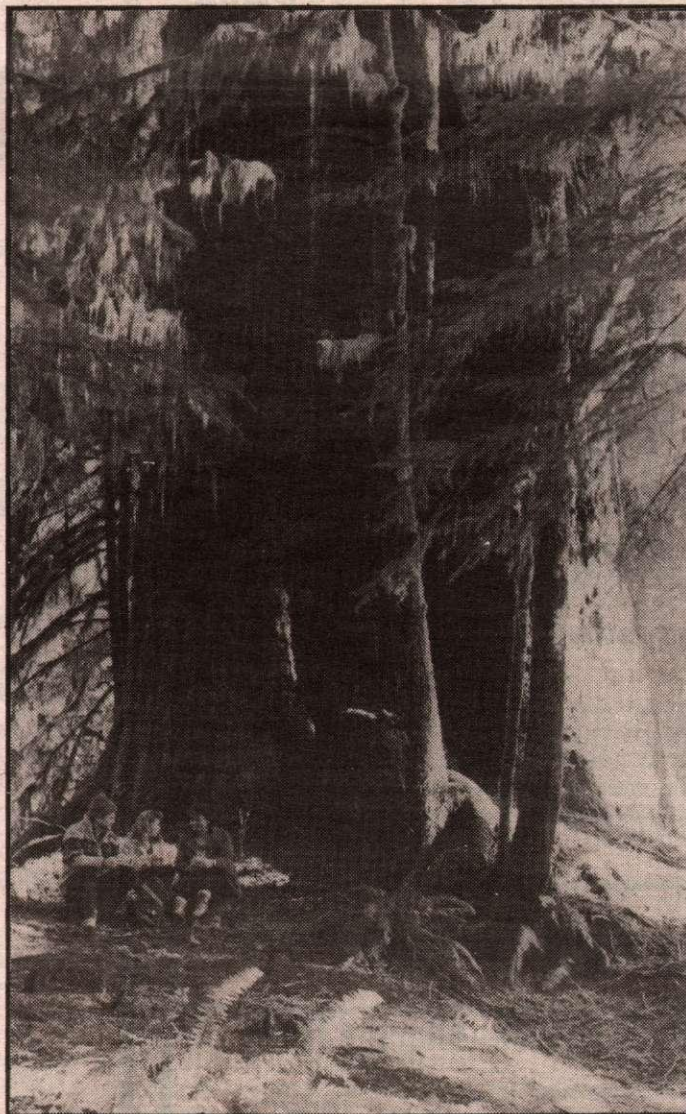
That's why we have decided to guard the future of the entire lower Carmanah Valley—a total of 3,592 hectares—by law. Under the proposed legislation, there will be no timber harvesting or mining permitted in the park area.

The proposed park provides a massive buffer zone for the Sitka spruce—36 square kilometres or more than 8 times the size of Vancouver's Stanley Park. In fact, these trees occupy just 1/35th of the area set aside. So British Columbia's largest Sitka spruce—including Canada's tallest tree, the 95 metre high "Carmanah Giant"—will always be protected in a park.

The people who earn their living from Carmanah should be guaranteed a future, too

The Carmanah Valley is more than beautiful. Its timber resource is extremely valuable as well. For the sake of the many people whose livelihood depends on the forest, the economic benefits of harvesting in the upper valley cannot be ignored.

That's why we will permit controlled harvesting in the upper valley to provide an economic base to nearby communities.



There is a price to be paid for this park

In protecting the Sitka spruce, the government is safeguarding British Columbia's natural heritage. And frankly, these values can't be measured in dollars and cents.

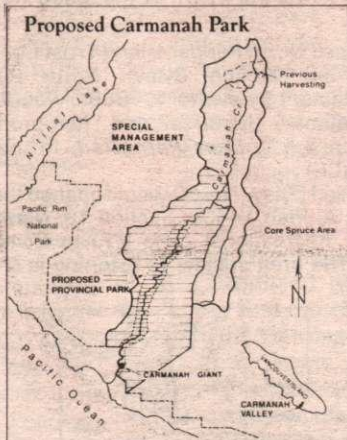
But this proposal does have a cost. The park area will be removed from MacMillan Bloedel's tree farm licence. Government must negotiate compensation to the company and the cost could amount to millions of dollars. As well, the government will forego future forest revenue of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, forever.

Where do we go from here?

Further field surveys, technical studies and planning will be completed before any harvesting in the upper valley is approved. We need to determine how to control harvesting in the upper valley in a manner that does not affect park values.

The future of the Carmanah Valley is a shared responsibility

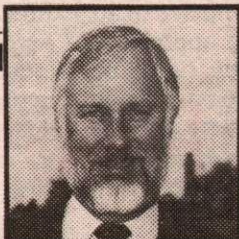
We want British Columbians to have their say in the future of the valley. Therefore, as part of the legislation, an advisory group will be established, including public, industry and government representatives. This advisory group will monitor the integrated resources plan and timber harvesting in a special management area outside the park.



The Carmanah proposal is an investment in our future

"The proposed legislation reflects the importance with which British Columbians regard the Carmanah Valley. Our decision to introduce legislation was reached after an extensive public process which included input from

members of the public, interested associations and the forest sector. It will ensure that the lower valley's old growth Sitka spruce will be protected for generations to come, yet it permits controlled harvesting after careful planning, based on detailed studies. We believe it is a fair and balanced proposal."



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News

Focus on primary program

Parents may be wondering what an ungraded Primary Program means for their children.

The Gulf Islands School District's existing Kindergarten program and Grades One, Two and Three classes have been renamed the Primary Program by the Ministry of Education.

The school district feels some of the words used in connection with the Primary Program may be confusing. It hopes to clarify their usage.

The term "continuous learning" refers to the fact a child's learning

begins at home. The school builds on that learning and recognizes each child learns at his or her own rate.

To facilitate continuous learning, the "artificial boundaries" imposed by the grading system will no longer exist.

"Continuous learning legitimizes the not-so-new notion of the child as the centre of the curriculum."

The district also wishes to clarify the meaning of the term "dual entry." This system gives parents the opportunity to make choices about when their children enter school.

If a child's fifth birthday falls between November 1 and April 30, he/she may enter school in January. If the child's birthday falls between May 1 and October 31, he/she may enter in September.

However, parents have the option of deferring school entry for up to two entry dates from the time the child is eligible to enter.

Fulford Elementary School will be the site of a provincial conference on the new Primary Program on April 21.

Wit and Whimsy

ARTHUR BLACK



The lesson today concerns euphemisms. Linguistic muzak. The pretty words and punchless phrases we use to cushion and deodorize our thoughts.

"Passing on" is a popular euphemism. So much softer and unfinal than "dying", "croaking" or "biting the dust."

"Expecting" — there's another dandy euphemism. It's vague and sexless, unlike such straightforward vulgarisms as "pregnant," "in calf" or "carrying a bun in the oven."

The military world is a veritable compost heap of euphemisms. They're the folks who gave us the "anti-personnel device" (read lethal explosive designed to shred flesh and pulverize bone). And who can forget "nuclear deterrent" (read annihilation of life coupled with long-term planet poisoning).

There's another euphemism currently making the rounds. It's a real late-twentieth century cutie. Sanitary landfill.

Nice, clean inoffensive adjective

Roll it around on your tongue once or twice. Sanitary Landfill. Might almost be the name of a new complexion cream. "Sanitary" — nice, clean, inoffensive adjective... "landfill" — something to enrich the soil and eradicate all those unseemly pocks and craters.

It sounds almost as if we're doing the world a favour.

In fact, we're unloading our crap.

Shrink wrap, old Loblaws bags, bald tires, rusty bedsprings, breakfast crusts, kitty litter — not to mention greases, solvents, acids, alkalis and a mad chemist's brew of toxic, cancerous gunk too various to catalogue.

And if we can believe the headlines, we're running out of places to bury the stuff. The City of Toronto, that megalomaniacropolis on the barely flowing Humber, is currently dispatching outriders to most of the townships and counties within garbage hauling distance of its borders. They hope to strike a deal with somebody — ANYbody — who will agree to take Hogtown's garbage.

Can see the garbage piling up

Toronto's not alone. There's not a Canadian city or town of any consequence that has to look too deeply into its municipal crystal ball to see the garbage piling up.

And this is in Canada — an underpopulated country with nearly four million square miles of back yard!

Makes you wonder what they do in less capacious countries. Is Portugal sinking under the weight of its trash? Is Belgium up to its eavestroughs in Glad Bags? What about England?

Actually, we don't have to wonder about one city in England. An ex-citizen of Nottingham recently wrote an explanatory letter to the editor of a Toronto newspaper.

The letter-writer, one Ben Banham, recalled walking to school past a building known as The Destructor. Inside the building, "the waste was dumped on conveyor belts and sorted by hand. All metal was first removed, except cans, and sent to scrap metal yards. Butcher bones were sorted out and finished as bone meal for gardens; bottles and glass jars were removed and recycled. The remainder went through the furnace and finished as ashes and cans. The cans were boiled and went to steel mills.

Result: Nothing wasted

That left tons of ashes which had two uses. They were mixed with cement and made into cinder blocks "(which) were used to line the inside of the brick-built houses, also as partition walls inside, and plastered..."

"It would be fair to say," writes Mister Banham, "that scores of the numerous soccer stadiums in the country used tons of the ashes for several inches of drainage under the turf. Result: Nothing wasted."

Indeed, Mister Banham says The Destructor handled and disposed of all the garbage of Nottingham, an industrialized city of 300,000.

But Mister Banham is wrong on one count. Something was wasted: the lesson we ought to have learned from Nottingham.

Ben Banham is a senior citizen and The Destructor is a hazy memory.

All the facts and figures cited above were true only when

Impaired charge nets fine

Josue Laboucane, 21, of Salt Spring, entered a plea of guilty to an impaired driving charge when he appeared in Ganges court last week.

The court heard Laboucane was seen driving a vehicle erratically through Ganges village on February 28. When apprehended by RCMP, his breath sample proved impairment above the legal limit.

Judge Hudson fined him \$450 and suspended his driver's licence for 12 months. Judge Hudson added a default of 14 days in jail for failure to pay the fine within two months.

Youth charged with theft

When the two youths showed up by boat in Ganges, last June 1, members of the RCMP were waiting to charge them with theft.

One of the youths, who cannot be identified under the Young Offenders Act, pleaded guilty in Ganges provincial court last week, to stealing the boat.

The youth admitted to taking the 4.8-metre boat with an outboard motor from a wharf in Sidney. The youths were attempting to get to the Gulf Islands.

Judge Hudson, taking into account a favourable report of the young man, fined him \$100 for the offence.

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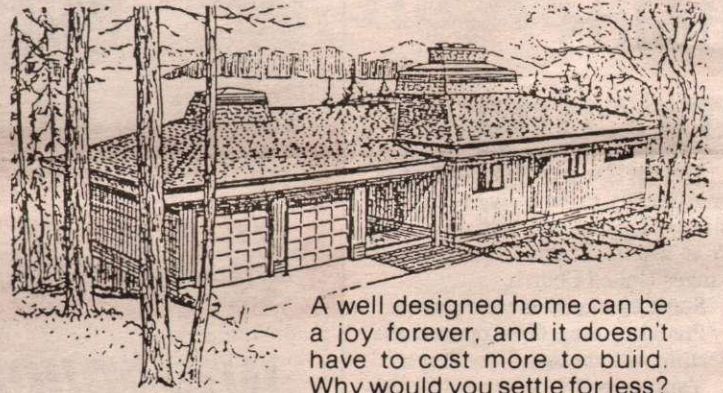
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Drop In Centre thriving

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The cheerful premises also house the Seniors For Seniors offices, resource file and drivers group headquarters.

The centre is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all Salt Spring islanders of all ages are invited to drop in and visit. Funding is provided through provincial and federal grants and through generous private donations. There is no charge for membership.

While the weekly Thursday hot homemade soup and sandwich lunch is growing in popularity, people are welcome to drop in any day for cards, games, conversation or to use the facilities. Beverages are always available. Bring a bag lunch, a friend, a family member or come as you are. Call the centre at 537-4604 for information.

Auxiliary holds meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was held on March 26 at 2 p.m. in the Upper Hall of Ganges United Church.

Some 49 members were present. President Bea Carr opened the meeting with the Auxiliary Prayer.

Various reports were read by the corresponding secretary which resulted in a question and answer period. The meeting was advised that the Hospital Administrator, Ms. Diana Horovatin would attend our April 23 meeting.

Once again the Thrift Shop is appealing for clean saleable articles.

The meeting then adjourned and tea was served.

BRIDGE REPORT

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on April 2 were as follows:

NORTH-SOUTH

John Sarginson and Isabelle Richardson; Noel Fowles and Bill Buckler; Helen Shandro and Bunny Jordan; Sue Bradford and Dawny Scarfe.

EAST-WEST

Mildred Gurney and Kay Javorski; Kay Sinclair and Alan Steward; Fred Struve and Peter Jacques; Nina and Don Thompson; Edith Owens and Bill Hyder.

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on April 9 were as follows:

Conhor Hunt and Rob Bradford; Isabelle Richardson and John Sarginson; Bob and Althea Morrisette, Edith Owens and Lois Johnson.

Tuesday night winner were:

NORTH - SOUTH

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