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Revival in store for land council?

The original forest and land use council for Salt Spring fell apart but a consensus of members holds that it should be resurrected.

Ken Renaud had served on the council. He explained the walk-out of four members "left all the so-called right wing property owners stunned."

Linda Laushway of Green Islands, David Borrowman of the Island Watch Society and retailer Randy Hooper resigned from the committee and Kathleen Horsdal, representing the South Salt Spring Ratepayers, was withdrawn by that organization.

With the resignations, Renaud said, the council was a "dead duck."

Horsdal indicated she would urge the ratepayers to be part of a new council if it represented a balanced cross-section of the community.

Laushway expressed similar thoughts. Any new council should represent the community, she noted, and it should have support from the Islands Trust as well as the Salt Spring director to the Capital Regional District.

Borrowman labelled the original committee as a "brave attempt" to solve a contentious issue which divided the island. The council, although representing the polarity of the issue of logging, worked while a balance was maintained, he said.

He urged the Salt Spring Islands Trustee to appoint a representational council to carry out the original mandate. The original council was created "to define community issues with respect to forest lands and recommend a public process for dealing with those issues."

Nick Gilbert, one of Salt Spring's two Islands Trust representatives and the chairman of the Trust Council, is

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Children at Fernwood Elementary School found a messy but enjoyable way to eat jello, at the annual fun fair held at the school last Wednesday. Eating contest was one of many

events at the fair, which was organized by the parents' group; money raised through the event is used to buy more playground equipment for the school.

Travellers face ferry congestion

Travellers using B.C. Ferries over the long weekend got where they were going — slowly.

Bob Anderson, Gulf Islands terminal agent, said traffic was heavy on all sailings, but that no one was left behind on the various Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands runs.

Travellers from Swartz Bay to Fulford, however, experienced delayed sailings and several overloads, which are "not unusual for a holiday weekend," Anderson said.

The *Queen of Nanaimo* carried 200 vehicles and 950 passengers for the noon sailing from the mainland to Salt Spring, he noted, and was

only 35 minutes late on arrival at Long Harbour.

The next-heaviest sailing occurred Monday afternoon, when 900 passengers crowded the vessel. He explained that only a couple of spaces for vehicles were empty on that run.

The *Queen of Burnaby*, however, ran 55 minutes late for one trip from the mainland to Gulf Island terminals before arriving at Swartz Bay.

The sailings, Anderson summarized, carried heavy holiday traffic and were delayed because of the volume.

Masculine, feminine values at odds in tree debate

By ROSEY SINEY
Special to Driftwood

Call it culture clash; while the public is clamouring for an environmentally sensitive Alan Alda, the forest industry is clinging to its tough-guy, John Wayne image.

Advocates on opposing sides of the forestry debate are literally speaking different languages. And that's part of the problem: although they have a lot in common, they can't communicate because they don't respect each other's values.

The forest industry's culture is based on the values it took to build this country. "Go west young man" is a North American cliché.

achieved, not how they achieved it.

For more than two centuries our western industrialized society has been involved in continuous industrial progress. Typical activities included conquest of other nations, wars, increasing ability to control natural forces, and efficient exploitation of resources. The values we admired were those that could support an ever-increasing industrial productivity and an improved standard of living: aggression, domination, efficiency, individual achievement and the acquisition of material goods.

The history of B.C.'s resource industries — particularly forestry — is the ultimate realization of this pro-development period. It's high praise to call a man "a Bull of the Woods";

community of Mackenzie. These values are reflected in the language of the forest industry. The business is laden with jargon such as extraction, liquidation and exploitation — negative-sounding words that mean something positive in the technical sense in which foresters use them. Foresters speak of a resource, not a forest. They talk of fibre, not trees. They boast of rising resource utilization and productivity levels. They describe the resource in terms of use and numbers — cubic metres, board feet, dollars.

But times have changed. Environmental values are now fashionable in our wealthy, modern, secure society. We care more about sustainability, conservation and lifestyle than about dollars and jobs.

no longer appropriate. We have seen the breakdown of great political empires based on domination and colonization — first Britain, and now the Soviet Union. And we've seen the rise of lobby groups in the civil rights, women's rights and anti-nuclear movements. These were grass-roots movements based on common values, common fears.

We can characterize these two sets of values as developmental versus sustainable; the industrial age versus the information age. But they take on a different feel if we view them as masculine or patriarchal versus feminine or matriarchal.

If the forest industry is culturally at one far end of the patriarchal spectrum it may help explain why

This masculine/feminine paradigm may also help explain why some people in the industry find it easier to dismiss the arguments of preservationists as "hysterical" than to listen to them with respect. It may also shed light on why the industry criticizes in masculine terms and why these attacks are so devastating.

Society views aggression, domination and achievement as masculine. Feminine values include nurturing, caring and conserving; they emphasize consent and co-operation.

While environmentalists are emotional, industry spouts facts and figures. Environmentalists say emotionalism is the essence of humanity; industry says you can't make business decisions based on sentiment.

It's a clash of values.

News

THE WEATHER

OUTLOOK for the week beginning Monday, July 2:

WEDNESDAY: Cloudy with a chance of rain. Low 10, high 18.
 THURSDAY: Cloudy with showers. Low 11, high 19.
 FRIDAY: Cloudy. Low 11, high 19.
 SATURDAY: Sunny. Low 10, high 20.

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Organizer needed for Terry Fox run

A volunteer is needed to organize and oversee this year's Terry Fox Run on Salt Spring Island.

Damaris Rumsby, organizer of the fund-raising event in each of the last two years, is unable to continue the commitment in 1990.

This year's Terry Fox Run will be held September 16. Ideally, Rumsby said, an organizer should be in place by no later than the end of July.

The organizer would be responsible for co-ordinating the efforts of at least 16 local volunteers, arranging for support facilities and services, and liaising with the provincial Terry Fox Run headquarters.

The Terry Fox Run is a major fund-raiser for cancer research efforts across Canada. The run held each year on Salt Spring, under the sponsorship of the *Driftwood*, is one of the more successful in B.C. — last year, it raised slightly more than \$13,000; in 1988, it collected about \$18,000 in pledges and contributions.

Anyone interested in taking charge of this year's run should contact Rumsby at the *Driftwood* (537-9933).

Hospital, Community Centre to study possible partnership

A joint committee will be set up by Lady Minto Hospital and the Salt Spring Community Centre (SSCC) to study the possibility of establishing a community partnership program on the island.

The hope is the funding that might be made available through that program would allow for the hiring of a mental health worker to serve Salt Spring and the Outer Islands.

Speaking at a meeting of the hospital board last week, SSCC executive director Barbara Jordan-Knox said a mental health advisory committee set up two years ago applied to the Victoria Health Project for funding but learned recently that the request had been turned down.

She said the Community Centre is currently providing services to both in- and out-patients at the hospital, but the heavy caseload of workers there prevents them from providing the full range of mental health services needed by the hospital and the community.

The centre currently has one mental health nurse on staff who primarily deals with chronic psychiatric

patients. Jordan-Knox said there is no one available to deal with acute-care and quick response situations. She added that it is hard to have patients admitted to the Eric Martin Hospital in Victoria on short-term notice, and that psychiatrists will not come to the island because they are not compensated for their travelling time or expenses.

Jordan-Knox estimates it would cost approximately \$65,000 to hire a mental health worker and provide other related mental health services on the islands. The hospital may be eligible to receive .5 per cent of its budget (or approximately \$17,000) in "new" money from the Ministry of Health through a partnership program — money which would be matched by the Ministry of Mental Health.

Hospital administrator Diane Horovatin said the hospital is also considering a second partnership program which would provide dietary counselling on the island. She noted that many residents have been going off-island for that help.

Hospital survey results studied

The Lady Minto Hospital Board says it has not decided how much information will be released to the public from a survey done by a consulting physician from Victoria. The information was presented to the board last week.

Hospital board members say the 134-page document, which cost \$12,000 to produce, will help the hospital in its long-range planning.

Three hundred people, including a number of health care professionals on the island, were interviewed for the study which was conducted in the first three months of this year.

Gordon English, vice chairman of the board, says the survey was done to determine how islanders rated the current delivery of local health care services, and what they would like to see in the future. He added that most of those interviewed rated health care services, and those provided by the hospital, as "good" to "very good."

A significant portion of the results, he said, will likely be made available to the public and be discussed at an information session the board hopes to hold later this year.

Arts Centre given funds

A spokeswoman for Mel Couvelier's office said late yesterday (Tuesday) that a GO B.C. grant for almost \$400,000 has been approved for the building of an arts centre on Salt Spring Island.

A formal announcement is expected to be made soon.

Bill Curtin, vice-president with the Island Art Centre Society, said that the group applied for the grant a year ago.

Isobel Mackenzie, the minister's executive assistant, said the grant — worth \$376,667 — is conditional on the society finding the other \$900,000 needed to build the facility.

So far, Curtin says the group has raised almost all of the remaining \$900,000 — with the exception of about \$80,000. Altogether, the facility is expected to cost \$1.3 million, \$200,000 of which has so far come from the Capital Regional District through a Windfall grant. Another \$250,000 was raised in pledges of land and donated services, and \$36,000 contributed through seat sales.

The society has applied for another \$200,000 from the federal government's communication department which, if approved, will be used to buy lighting and sound systems.

Tuesday's announcement comes two weeks after the Islands Trust rezoned seven lots on McPhillips and Seaview Avenues which will allow for the building of the centre, if it goes ahead. The society also bought two lots adjoining Mouat's Park which it donated to the CRD.

Council to be revived?

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on holiday. His fellow Trustee, John Stepaniuk, told the *Driftwood*: "There is a desire on the part of members (of the defunct council) to reactivate the forest council."

But he questioned how the council would be structured and how the effort would be funded. Help and information would be available from various agencies of the federal and provincial governments, Stepaniuk noted, as well as from the forest industry.

He suggested the committee members should be selected with care to avoid the extreme polarization which marked the first council.

"That's not the way to solve the problem," Stepaniuk said.

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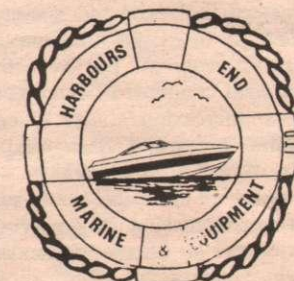
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News



Face-painting was but one of many games, treats and entertainments offered last Sunday at the North Galiano Jamboree, that island's annual celebration of

Canada's birthday. A good turnout enjoyed the festivities of the July 1 party, which is described in fuller detail on Page C1 of this week's edition.

Capital Regional District

CRD Director Julia Atkins will be on holiday through July and August. Ian Fraser, Alternate Director, will take all enquiries — telephone 537-9849.

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Hospital reviews bid for surgical privileges

The Lady Minto Hospital board is reviewing an application from an obstetrician in Duncan who has applied for hospital privileges.

Board vice-chairman Gordon English said the services that would be provided by Dr. Duncan Price, who has asked to perform minor surgery at the hospital, would help improve the overall services here.

The application comes just a few weeks after a delegation from the community asked the board to extend privileges to another female physician. The board said then that user privileges would not be given to another doctor until one of those currently using the hospital either resigned or retired.

The board has maintained that the eight physicians using the hospital now exceed the physician/patient ratio set out in both provincial and federal guidelines, and that the practices of seven of those are "open" --

meaning they can take new patients on fairly short notice.

(The only closed practice is that of Dr. Janet MacPhail, who only takes new patients in special circumstances.)

The board has also said that while another woman doctor cannot be given hospital privileges now, serious consideration would be given to extending privileges to another female physician once a vacancy did occur.

A number of islanders have suggested that many women who prefer to see female doctors are going off-island for help. They also suggest that some women are not comfortable discussing some of their more intimate concerns with male physicians.

Extending user privileges at the hospital is considered to be the only way to encourage another physician to start a practice on the island.

Parks and Rec wants long-range needs plan

The Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission will be preparing a long-range plan of island needs.

Commission chairman Kellie Booth said the study will "establish the current availability and use of all existing amenities, including joint use of school and other shared use facilities as well as projecting potential future needs and priorities."

The study will help determine parkland, recreational and cultural needs of Salt Spring for a ten-year period.

Members of the commission will be talking to residents, groups and others who use various facilities on the island. The emphasis will be on how activities can be tied into shared use of the proposed new school complex in Ganges.

Cost of the study, expected to be completed by October, will be kept to a minimum, stressed Booth. The preliminary work will be handled by commission members and volunteers from the community. Compiling the study in a report form might cost the commission, but, said Booth, even that will be done at as low a cost as possible.

The commission will use the initial studies as a discussion base for more information from the community. Anyone with ideas or plans should talk to Booth (653-4678) or Peter Lamb (537-4859).

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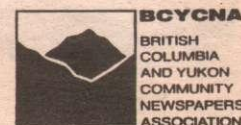
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Crisis review shows leadership gap

The crisis we called the great Weldwood logging debate is over, at least for the time being. Now what we are safely in its wake, islanders would be prudent to review what happened and why, and search for ways the community can prepare to avoid a repeat performance.

Make no mistake: the Weldwood debate was a crisis, with elements of the community literally at loggerheads. Heated words, emotional confrontations, an agonizing search for an all-too-elusive middle ground. A shared feeling that this time, the stakes were simply too high.

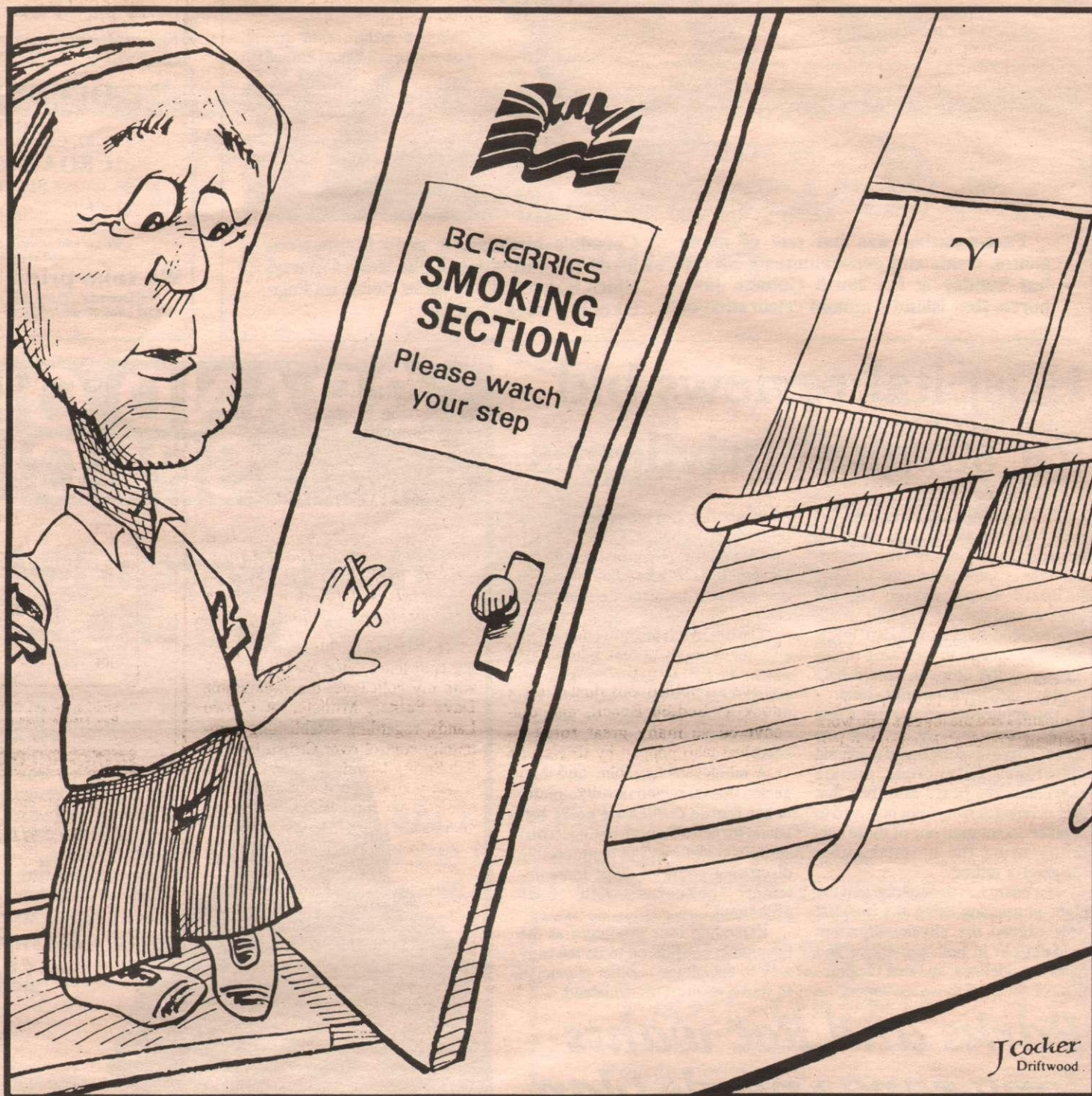
It did not have to be that way. Two years ago, the storm warnings were clearly visible, as the fallout from the MacMillan Bloedel land sale beget the Murray Cyprus skirmish, which in turn fathered Sons-of-Cyprus controversies on other local parcels of forestland.

Oh, some efforts were made to resolve the pending clash of values. Our local Trust Committee created an Upland and Forests zone, then suggested (and just as quickly scrapped) a tree-cutting bylaw to regulate private-land-logging. At the Trust Council level, an area-wide policy to cover logging was drafted, debated, re-drafted and debated again. And so it went.

The seeds of the Weldwood crisis were sown at that time, when no appreciable steps were taken to close the growing rift between pro-green and pro-stump factions. Under the guise of searching for consensus, we did little more than argue about the proper wording for appropriate bylaws and policies. Even at that, we had difficulty speaking the same language.

No wonder, then, that when Weldwood arrived as promised, we were unprepared as a community. To make matters much worse (if that was at all possible), we suddenly found ourselves bereft of local leadership. Our two trustees bolted to opposing camps and handed the task of resolving the dispute to an ad-hoc citizens' committee made to sit in the eye of the storm.

(The surprise is not that this 11th hour committee failed to breach what was by now an ideological gulf, but that it managed to endure beyond a perfunctory first meeting.)



That was the rub: at a time when they were expected to lead, our trustees delegated to others a task they have been asked to shoulder for two years.

In simple terms, we had a system failure; we saw how two trustees can stalemate each other, and leave the community to assume responsibility for making a decision that was by rights theirs to make.

And was it really necessary to refer

yet again to the community? In the two years leading up to the crisis, hadn't our trustees seen the same positions staked out again and again, and heard it all said before, *ad infinitum*? Two years is time enough for digestion.

Now we sit in the lull before the next storm. A perfect time to ask our two trustees to examine their performances during the Weldwood debate and honestly decide if they are capable

of demonstrating the abilities — jointly or singly — this community will depend on to resolve the crises yet to come in the 1990s -- the Green Decade that promises to bring us so many more value clashes.

Our trustees should ask themselves if they have the diplomacy, the vision and the decisiveness we need to not just survive another Weldwood debate, but to progress as a community.

Nice to be back -- and not as a 'dead clam'

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

One year ago this week, I left *Driftwood* for what was supposed to be a temporary respite from the editor's desk and duties. It became a permanent break almost as an afterthought, when fresh opportunities suddenly evolved elsewhere.

It happened this way. I was homeward bound after several months spent wandering up and down the West Coast, then into the Rocky Mountains and parts of Eastern Canada. While passing back through Vancouver, I received an un-

I said goodbye to Salt Spring and hello to the big city.

Except there never really was a goodbye to Salt Spring. The parts of my life that remained here, especially the good people I came to know during four years spent at this desk, were just too strong to be filed away or kept at a distance.

Thus, round-trip ferry receipts soon piled up on the floorboard of my truck, and long-distance telephone charges regularly threatened the stability of my chequing account.

It was as if I was living in some strange kind of netherworld, physi-

GUEST COLUMN

forth travelling, and with my possessions on one side of the Strait and my heart on the other side, no place really felt like home.

Then came the lowest of low blows. On one excursion back to these shores, word of my transitory whereabouts prompted one wag to declare that I had been dropped

on, I was a common "weekender" at best.

(Still, I was told, it was much better than holding either of the two lower ranks, "tourist" or "dead clam.")

Which brings us to the answer to the question I am most often asked these days. Why, after everything that has transpired, have I returned for three weeks at this desk while Susan Dicker enjoys some time off? A yearning to rediscover the peculiar joys of journalistic stress? A lust to enjoy wielding the power of the press, such as it is? A desire to once again sample donuts with my morn-

There are two reasons. One is the much-appreciated opportunity to re-plant myself into a community I care so much for, no matter how brief the planting may be. It's a change to see and speak with a lot of people I might not normally bump into, unless they happen to be waiting in the same ferry lineup.

The other reason is more subtle but, in its way, a trifle more important. It's that for three weeks anyways, I can regain much-coveted "islander" status.

It may not seem like much when

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Letters

Urgent appeal

The following is an open letter to Mr. Richmond filed with this newspaper for publication.

Recently I joined the delegations from Salt Spring and several other Gulf Islands when they took their concerns about clear-cut logging on private lands to the legislature.

In view of the present global environmental crisis and the provincial government's refusal to address the problem, I shared with the islanders feelings of outrage, disgust and frustration when you, and later your fellow cabinet members, pushed your way through the group, refusing us even a few minutes for dialogue or any answers to our questions.

We felt a great lack of respect for our rights as citizens. You called us law breakers, but I would like to point out that we were not breaking any laws. If the exercising of rights is seen by government as law breaking, then this is not a democracy we are living in.

You write us off as an extremist fringe which you can ignore at will. Are you unaware of the greatly increased public sentiment against such practices as those being carried out by Weldwood Canada on Salt Spring Island? Communities all over the province are facing division, confrontation and disharmony precisely because of the growing awareness that forestry as practiced in B.C. is an environmental disaster, one which, incidentally, is attracting international attention.

Your government ignores letters, petitions and appeals from the public, including a general call from virtually all sectors for a Royal Commission into forestry practices. Instead, this government sits back and watches the campaigns of hate and intimidation being waged by multinational companies and the loggers who work for them. You don't just watch either; you actively support and aid them. You issue Orders in Council to permit logging and mining in previously protected areas, but you refuse to consider an Order in Council which would place a moratorium on cutting of old growth forests.

You make it illegal to spike a tree but not to cut one down. The courts issue injunctions to foreign based logging companies to implement devastation in our communities, while members of those communities themselves can be arrested and put in jail for trying to protect their local surroundings, their way of life, and the heritage of future generations. Present law is on the side of big business, not people, communities, or the environment.

The islanders are people who have a clear vision of the global situation as well, and they see the prospects for the future of our planet as very dim indeed unless we change. They are concerned about a whole lot more than "my job today" or "my re-election tomorrow," and are ready to sacrifice for the sake of vital changes. But without leadership from government to bring about major changes in industry, all our small, personal sacrifices will not be enough.

If you had been willing to listen to the islanders, you would have heard an urgent appeal for this government to act in mediating, listening and negotiating the many land use disputes which are tearing our communities apart.

Please stop the denial and avoidance. This is your opportunity to act before it is too late.

CAROL LATTE,
Duncan, B.C.

Message clear

To the Editor,
I sometimes wonder what has to be done to get a message to the Capital Regional District? Last October the residents of Salt Spring Island voted well over 90 per cent in favour

Director, Julia Atkins, states that our garbage must be hauled off-island because it will be expensive to open the proposed dump on Mt. Bruce. She also states that it would be user fee only, no taxes, at \$3.50 per bag. Well that will raise my current disposal to \$182 from \$72. It is also stated that if we open the new dump it will cost \$250,000 to close the old one and reclaim the land and that the CRD is not interested in paying the bill.

Well if our garbage is to go to Hartland Road then I would like to know who is going to do what with the old dump; where our garbage will really go since all reports say that the Hartland Road dump is finished; what it will cost to relocate, engineer, approve and open a new dump in the Regional District.

So, Julia Atkins, you tell us to "open our checkbooks" as it will be expensive to keep our garbage on Salt Spring, well I bet it will be a drop in the bucket to what it will cost to haul it off.

ELLEN L. BENNETT,
Ganges

Good spot

To the Editor,
Re: Garbage. So there doesn't seem to be any place suitable for a dump. Well then, how about using some of that real estate? Hee hee, ha ha and ho ho.

KEITH MACHATTIE,
Ganges

Wonderful

To the Editor,
Thank you Salt Spring!
What a wonderful bunch of people we've found!

We assembled and floated off a dock at Beddis Beach, and discovered so many great folks — Stephen who popped by to visit on several occasions, John and Mary and daughter who kindly made a phone call for us; Debbie, Chris, Jill and husband, who showed such a friendly interest; Andy, Jane and Paul who taxied and brought refreshments as we worked; Sam who saved some lumber that was afloat one night; and so many other dog-walkers and local strollers of the Beddis Road area.

Thank you all for making our "dock-doing" such a wonderful time!
MARGO AND HERB,
Secret Island

Heavy losses

To the Editor,
\$100 million a year! That's the estimated loss in timber productivity in B.C. due to soil degradation. Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA) reports #25 and #38 and B.C. Land Management Report #56 all deal with the horrendous price we are paying for current forestry practices.

Soil degradation is a term used to describe the loss of productivity caused by soil disturbance resulting from forestry practices employed during road building, tree harvesting and reforestation.

This 1988 report examined only the 10-year period from 1976 to 1986 to arrive at these figures. This study did not attempt to quantify the value of lost productivity due to soil degradation that took place prior to 1976. What has happened since 1976 is frightening enough.

Soil degradation created by forestry practices over the 10-year period from 1976 to 1985-86 is presently causing an annual loss to the provincial economy of approximately \$80 million, and that this is increasing by \$10 million a year. By the year 2000, soil degradation could be creating a loss of over \$200 million annually." (FRDA Report #38, P.2)

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that only clear-cut logging will work. It's time for an independent, third party, cost-benefit analysis. Clear-cutting may be profitable for the forest companies, but it's costing our children their future.

JIM PINE,
Victoria

Call me

To the Editor,
Letter to the people of Salt Spring Island via Driftwood Letters to the Editor section.

Your transportation committee has been pursuing the various matters we were formed to take care of. Unfortunately, we are still getting nowhere with the ferry corporation, the Islands Trust continues to undermine us, the government ignores us, and it has proved impossible these past several months to get our local newspaper to print any of the results of our labours.

Therefore, if anyone wants to contact me to discuss the ferries or road safety or other transportation matters, please write to me at Box 771, Ganges, or phone me at 653-4577.

DANNY EVANISHEN,
Chair individual,
Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee

Identification

Editors note: the following is a response to a letter sent to MLA Terry Huberts by Salt Spring resident Lowell Hicks, filed with this newspaper for publication.

I have taken the liberty of discussing your letter dated March 8, 1990, with my colleague, the Honourable Dave Parker, Minister of Crown Lands, regarding establishing community control over Crown land on Salt Spring Island.

As you are no doubt aware, the Ministry of Crown lands has recently undertaken a Crown land opportunity study in an effort to identify potential uses of the various Crown land parcels located on Salt Spring Island. This study is the initial step ensuring that these lands are used to the optimum benefit of all British Columbians and, in particular, Salt Spring Island residents.

There is an ongoing process of consultation between the Ministry of Crown lands and the Islands Trust regarding Crown land use and the future use of the Salt Spring Island parcels will be included in that process.

I, too, am satisfied that the Ministry of Crown lands should continue to manage these lands until a specific land use is found or an alternate management agency, is identified.

I would like to assure you that I am very aware of the concerns of Gulf Island residents regarding use of all lands on the islands. I will continue my active interest and involvement in representing their concerns as appropriate to the government.

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Opinion

Capital Comment

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VICTORIA — If I understand Premier Vander Zalm correctly, he plans to pursue the option of sovereignty association for British Columbia, now that the national dream has been so badly bruised.

Which raises the question: what exactly does sovereignty association mean? The premier said the other day he didn't know what it meant, but if Quebec gets it, he wants it, too. It doesn't make a lot of sense, but that's what the man said.

Webster's Dictionary defines sovereignty as "freedom from external control . . . autonomy . . . independence." I don't think I'll have to explain what association means.

In my books, sovereignty association has always meant one thing — separation with special ties to the rest of the country, and I believe that most Quebecers would use the same definition. Our premier, on the other hand, says he isn't really sure what it means.

Alas, I think the premier had a pretty good idea what sovereignty association meant when he told the media that's probably what British Columbia would negotiate for, if Quebec was headed in that direction.

Let's face it — it's damn near impossible to have lived in Canada, while Rene Levesque took Quebec through the referendum, without getting the general drift of what the province was after.

It was only when Vander Zalm's remarks were beginning to be badly received that the premier back-tracked. Before the opposition even had a chance to grill him on his ill-advised comments to the media, he made a statement in the House that was drenched in nationalism.

Words ring a little hollow

"Whatever the views of British Columbians on the merits of Meech Lake or the value of the agreement of June 9 or the process by which those agreements were reached, I know I can say without contradiction that all British Columbians are strong Canadians," the premier said.

"We love Canada. We want Canada to stay united, and we want Canadians to work together to make a better, stronger country for our children and for their children," he added.

"British Columbians are strong Canadians and will remain so. British Columbia is not giving up on Canada — quite the opposite. This government, this House and all British Columbians will rededicate themselves to playing an active and constructive role in shaping the changes we need and will have to face in the future."

Considering his remarks of a couple of days earlier, these words ring a little hollow and can only be regarded as a collection of inspirational platitudes.

By the way, sovereignty association isn't the only important concept that has eluded Vander Zalm. Self-government by native Indians is something he also professes not to understand.

When Colin Gabelmann reminded the premier in the legislature last week that he was in part responsible for the current constitutional mess, because he voted against the inclusion of native rights, the premier replied that he was against native self-government because he didn't know what it meant.

During the first minister's meeting in the spring of 1987, "nowhere during the whole of that two days was there anyone who could give us an explanation of what self-government meant," the premier said.

No reason to remain in the dark

That's great, just great. First our premier votes against something because he doesn't know what it means, then he wants something the meaning of which he doesn't know.

Incidentally, there's no reason the premier has to remain in the dark about the definitions of sovereignty association and self-government. The meaning of the former can be gleaned from any dictionary, and I'm sure Elija Harper would be glad to help out with the latter.

I must say that the opposition let the premier off the hook far too easily. If anything deserved a thorough airing it was the premier's strange mutterings on sovereignty association.

You don't think the NDP refrained from going after Vander Zalm on this issue because they didn't know how popular his views might be? No, of course not. That would be opportunistic, and we all know that the NDP would never stoop to opportunism.

The premier's dislike for Quebec is a matter of record. You probably remember his sentiments regarding French on corn flake boxes. You may also remember that he once entertained his fellow Socreds at a convention with a ditty about frogs.

Vander Zalm's aversion to Ottawa is also no secret. The premier has never been a federalist. His strong belief that British Columbia is getting a bad deal out of Confederation has never left a lot of room for imponderables such as love of country or pride in the unique Canadian nation model.

The premier abhors central control and, given half a chance, he would take British Columbia out of Confederation.

Thanks

To the Editor,
We at Continuing Education, School District 64, would like to express our thanks to the community for the wonderful support given to our programs during this past school year. It is gratifying to us that so many people in our district participate in our courses and activities. We were especially glad that our ElderHostel program last November was enjoyed by so many of our Seniors.

Planning for the fall is already well underway. Our program will include a trip to a matinee performance of *Les Miserables* in Vancouver, creative arts of many types for both children and adults, house planning and design, woodwork, consumer information, and many other courses both familiar and new.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind your readers that registration for our first-ever summer program is almost at an end. We are offering a wide range of computer classes as well as creative writing, painting, pottery, instructional development in the arts and Summer-Stage. Courses can only run if we have sufficient advanced enrolment, so people should not count on joining a class at the last moment. We welcome registration by mail, to C.E., Box 128, Ganges (or just drop off your registration at the School Board Office on Rainbow Road, marked for Continuing Education).

We will be in our new office next to Mouat's Clothing store on Thursday morning, June 28, between 10 and noon, as well as at the Farmers' Market on Saturday between 10 and noon to facilitate in person registration. Any course without minimum registration after Saturday will be cancelled.

We always welcome the public's views about our programs, so we'd like to encourage everyone to let us know about courses they'd like to take or teach. Just drop us a note to Box 128, or call us and leave a message at 537-2822. Remember to look for our Fall 1990 Brochure in the *Driftwood*, September 5.

MAGGIE WARBEY,
Director, Continuing Education

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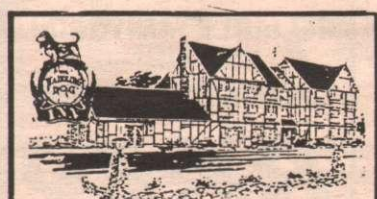
To the Editor,
In reply to Miss Martin's "Embarrassed for Him" letter of June 27.

If Miss Martin would go back and re-read my letter with some semblance of comprehension, she would note that my comments were related directly to those people on the May 30, 9:30 a.m. ferry to Swartz Bay — not "anyone concerned with the environment."

How deeply concerned is Miss Martin for our environment? Does she burn refined fossil fuels in her automobile? Does she live in a non-polluting hydro-electrically heated home or does she pollute by burning lumber in a fireplace? Does she support the pulp and paper industry by reading newspapers printed on newsprint and carrying groceries in paper bags?

It is easy to fling around the word "ignorance," but considerably harder not to be so yourself.

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We did not realize that the Forest Act changed in 1972 — 1975 — 1979! Thus in 1990 the land which was developed through the years, with hard work and money, was frozen AT ONE PRICE in the LAND RESERVE.

When the place was put up for sale, and after learning about ONE PRICE for farmland, the application went to the Trust office for removal in the fall of 1989. The first refusal came in January 1990, the second from the Land Commission May 23, 1990.

One commissioner who was present at the hearing in Duncan recently viewed my property and I was told, "It is completely surrounded by other Agricultural Land Reserve parcels, and while we are required to consider individual applications (Farmers' Institute, School Board) the Commission has no intention of changing or revising the entire Community Plan. The only hearing that the Commission will be holding with respect to your property is the meeting which you attended in Duncan."

My late husband was very proud to be a Canadian citizen. But I am glad he doesn't have to endure this denial from the Land Commission.

I was a young girl in an occupied territory, in the country of my birth. This last year that feeling came back to me.

I thank the local MLA's and one Trustee for their help and understanding, also Mr. M. Harcourt. Sympathy is nice, but at 71 years old what I need is

Opinion

Masculine, feminine values at odds in tree debate

From Page A1

employee put it: "Environmentalists are accusing us not of error, but of sin."

The forest industry stands accused of "raping and pillaging." Their activities are described as "skinning the earth alive" (a masculine hunting metaphor) resulting in "an environmental holocaust" (war is a classic masculine metaphor).

Clear-cutting and slash-burning are viewed as acts of war against helpless Mother Earth. The industry talks with pride of feller-bunchers and grapple yarders. The environmental movement talks of Gaia, a semi-mystical feminine term for the planet.

(During recent public meetings held by the Forest Resources Commission, one angry member of the public accused the Ministry of Forests of "holding down Mother Earth while the industry rapes her.") Americans used Agent Orange to destroy the Vietnam countryside in their war against communism. Industry is seen as using clear-cutting to do the same to wildlife. When MacMillan Bloedel slash-burned on Galiano the rumour came through the media grapevine that they were using Napalm. The Exxon Valdez oil spill was compared to the holocaust. The suffering of oil-smothered seals on Alaskan beaches is heart-breaking — but does it equate with the premeditated massacre of six million Jews?

It is tempting for the forest industry to dismiss these new "green" values as the excesses of a leisured, pampered society; as a temporary blip magnified by media attention. Yet even if this was true, these values now have such world-wide credence and force that they are already effecting radical shifts in industrial legislation and regulation.

This conflict of "masculine" versus "feminine" values faces the B.C. forest industry daily. They are losing the opportunity to tell their side of the story because they have trouble even recognizing the validity of new values.

The irony of this, is that the people on either side of this debate have a lot in common. People who work in the forest industry often say they chose their careers because they like to spend time outdoors, they enjoy natural beauty, and they'd rather commune with trees than people. Many environmentalists have similar reasons for wanting to save the planet. And these two groups are the only people who think soil erosion, second-growth and silviculture are suitable subjects for dinner conversations.

So one solution to forest wars is to teach those people to hear one another — and that means speaking the same language. The industry has to remind the public that they aren't "conquerors" who are "raping" the land. They are farmers who plant and nurture and care for the earth's

forests. Instead of bragging about the cubic metres they log every year, they must continue to place even heavier emphasis on the millions of seedlings they plant and nurture.

When trees become infested with bugs, foresters help cure them. They could easily be seen as doctors of the forests, but they prefer to call them-

'One solution to forest wars is to teach those people to hear one another -- and that means speaking the same language.'

selves "managers." We build our homes from wood, but the forest industry doesn't describe itself as a provider of shelter. It boasts of "board feet."

Because of its masculine values, the industry is quick to promote progress, new equipment, its ability to get the competitive edge. What it rarely reports is the humanitarian work it does. The industry produces tea bags, sterile medical gowns and newspaper — all products that improve our civilization by keeping us comfortable, healthy, educated. Forest companies create preserves for species such as the Vancouver Island Marmot and the adder's tongue fern.

I'm not suggesting the industry engage in green-washing. But they could pay more attention to participation, process and consensus, and care less about measurable bottom line results.

And on the environmental side, a respect for the economic realities that keep British Columbia operating



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would help. Campaigns to shut down old growth logging and close all pulp mills infuriate industry and government executives. Taxes generated by a viable forest industry are essential to pay our teachers and operate our hospitals. If the environmental lobby wants to win the ear of the forest industry they need to speak their lan-

guage, too. A willingness to read balance sheets and recognize the huge cost of preservation and pollution abatement would go a long way to encouraging meaningful debate.

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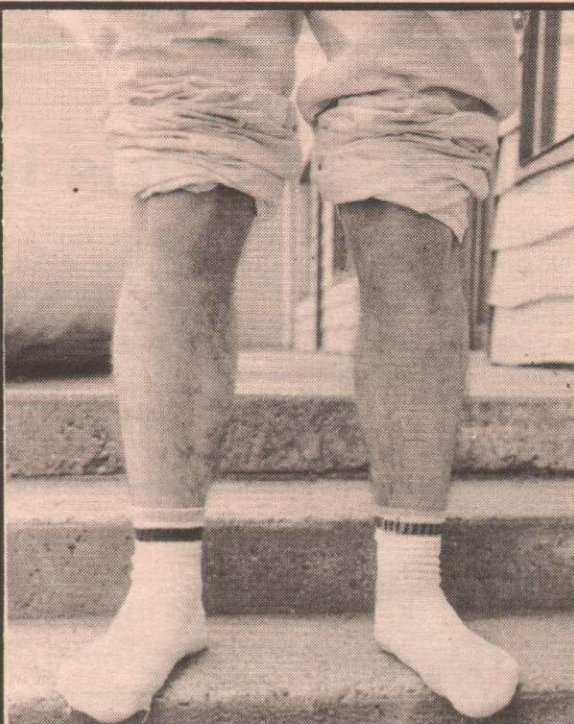
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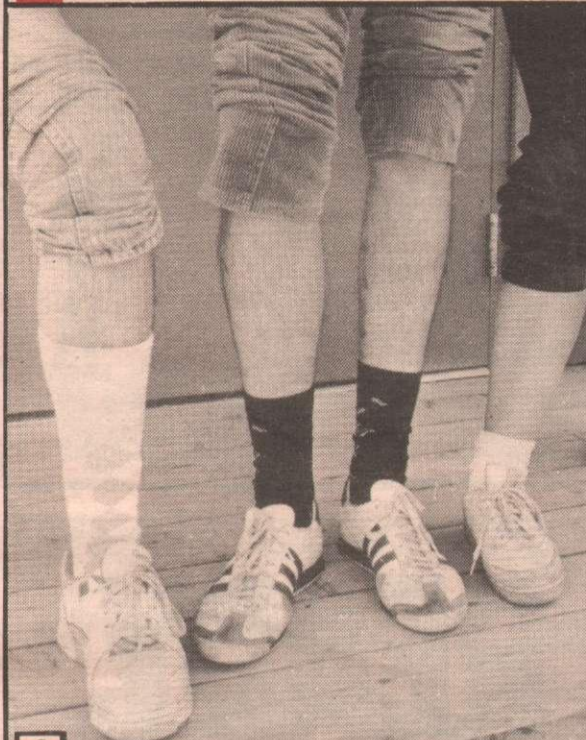
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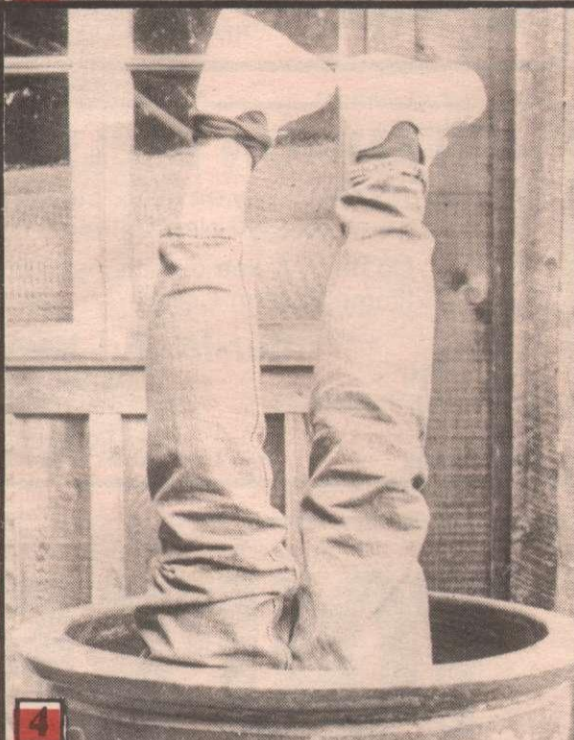
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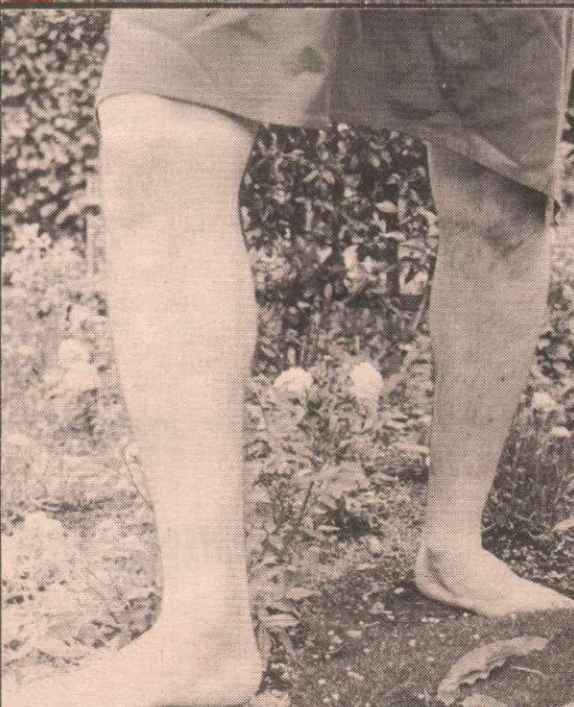
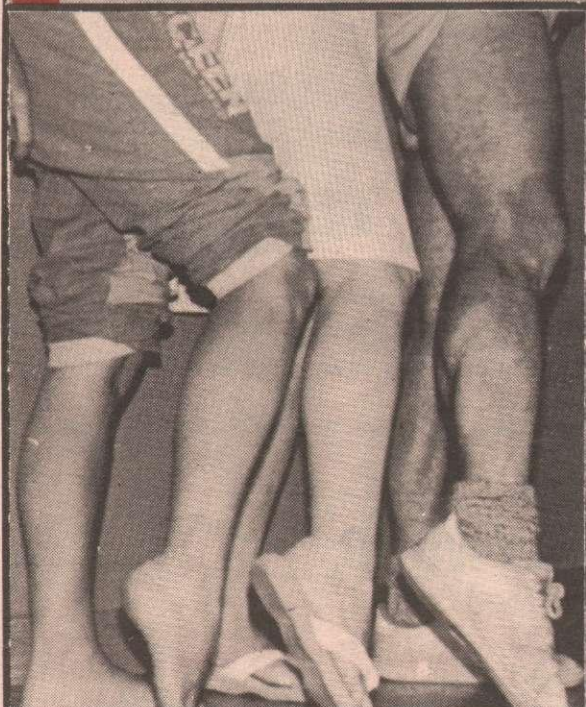
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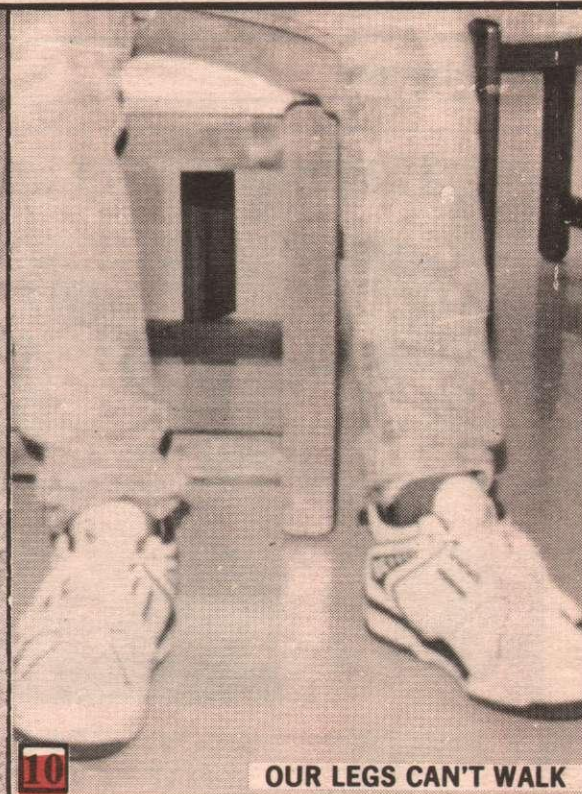
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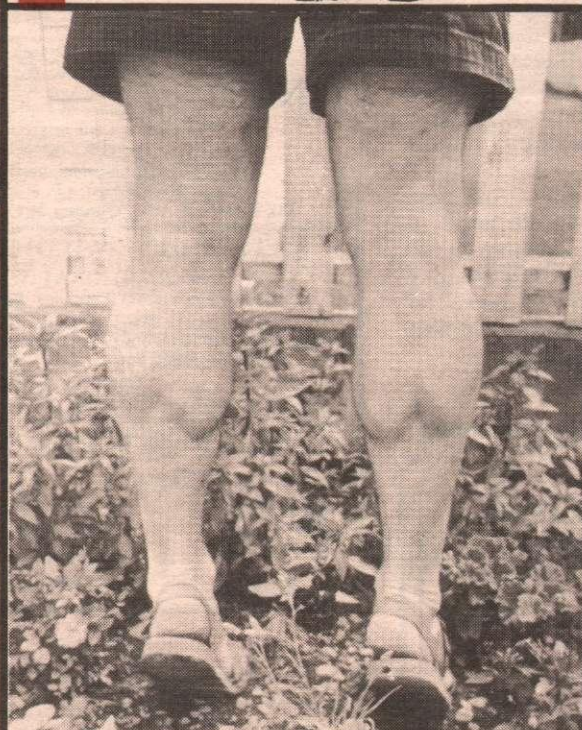
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Entertainment



Among featured performers during this week of Festival of the Arts activities are Mexican musicians Grupo Tacotento (above), and (photo at left) Metropolis Dance company members Anna Haltrecht (left) and Christine Elsey.

Music, dance highlight Arts Festival schedule

Music and dance highlight the week at the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts.

The performance for this evening (Wednesday) features *Six Palm Trees*, a one-woman play starring Caitlin Hicks. This Third Coast Theatre Works production was written by Hicks and director Gordon Halloran.

Six Palm Trees offers affirmation of life, love, laughter as it examines the complex relationship between child and mother.

At 8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 5, dance takes centre stage. The Metropolis Dance troupe bring new and established works to the stage.

Three dancers, Anna Haltrecht, of Salt Spring, along with Christine Elsey and Monica Neger McLean of Vancouver, present various works of critical and popular acclaim.

They dance as a troupe as well as individually.

Two male dancers complete the bill. Conrad Alexandrowicz presents a theatrical dance performance which combines songs, monologue and clowning with dance.

Cornelius Fischer-Credo takes the stage with a solo piece based on the diary of famed dancer Vaslav Nijinsky.

Jazz occupies the Activity Centre on Friday and Saturday evenings. During the first evening, *Second Wind*, of Salt Spring, led by Ray Newman, takes a look at the history of Jazz. He will be joined by Virginia Newman, Gary Lundy (piano), Bill Smith (drums) and Stu Salmond (bass).

The second part of the show will feature the Dixie Pops, a related island jazz ensemble which includes Ray Newman, David Stacey (trumpet), Keith Hearsey (trombone), Bill Smith and Gary Lundy.

Swinging out the rhythm on Saturday, Fraser MacPherson fronts a gifted quartet for a cabaret-style concert to delight music lovers (see story, page A-11).

Sunday evening, 7:30 p.m., brings family entertainment to the Festival of the Arts when Valdy combines talents with Kidco Theatre Dance Company.

Salt Spring's favourite balladeer sings songs, old and new, while the youthful Victoria dance ensemble perform modern and jazz dance. The dancers, age five to 18, also will perform in accompaniment to Valdy's music.

On Tuesday, July 10, the focus shifts to Mexico. Family fare and fun fill the evening. Arrive early, 7:30 p.m., to savour Mexican food prepared by Rodrigo of Fulford.

Then enjoy Tacoteno as they bring authentic dance and music in the tradition of the Jarocho culture. The musicians and dancers range in age from eight years old to 80 years young and present the real thing from the people who gave La Bamba to the world.

The Combo Ninguno ends the evening with music from Vera Cruz. The musicians play a form of salsa descendent from 19th century Cuban music. They combine strings, woodwinds and percussion to present danceable music with a clear Caribbean rhythm.

The Festival of the Arts runs throughout July. tickets range in price from \$7 to \$14 and can be obtained at et cetera, at the Saturday Farmers' Market or at the door. The Activity Centre is located in Salt Spring Elementary School.

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By RAY NEWMAN
Special to Driftwood

I first heard about him when Virginia and I were working at a club on Fort Street in Victoria. Legendary Victoria pianist Brink McEwen told me what a great player MacPherson was, even as a youngster playing in Brink's band.

From Victoria, MacPherson went to Vancouver in 1948 and built a fine reputation as a reed man. Over the next 25 years he worked in groups of various sizes — some of which he led — in night clubs, stage shows, radio and television.

Paid jazz activities were few and far between during that period, but as the commercial club work began to decline, jazz opportunities began to open up for his dixieland-style group and for the trio — with guitarist Oliver Gannon and bassist Walter Ruther. Specifically, it was a taped performance in Vancouver in late 1975 which opened the door. "Live at the Planetarium," originally issued in 1976 by MacPherson for limited distribution, was picked up by RCA and then Concord Records, and received international acclaim.

A young sax player in the GISS stageband of 1978 or 1979 grabbed me one day and said, "Ya gotta hear this record. It's super!" He was right. The smooth-flowing lines MacPherson and Gannon played were 'just right.' And a couple of years later we finally saw the group at a club on Main Street in Vancouver. Superb! My kind of players.

Others think so, too. Stereo Review in December, 1976, chose "Live at the Planetarium" as its "Best of the Month," and there have been other awards and more acclaim.

There have been several tours of the Soviet Union, appearances at numerous jazz festivals, more recordings, more club work.

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Community

Arts

LYNDA LAUSHWAY



Off the beaten path, tucked away on quiet Wildwood Crescent outside Ganges, the Field Mouse Gallery offers a permanent display of the work of Swiss artist Fritz Hug, as well as a changing exhibit of work by wildlife and landscape artists.

Owner and operator Pat Wright developed an interest in the work of Fritz Hug a few years ago and managed to obtain a number of his drawings, lithographs and reproductions before he died.

Hug's work is mainly focused on animals. Both the drawings and lithographs have a loose dynamic quality in them, conveying a strong essence of the creatures portrayed. There is an honesty in this work with the elegance of the antelope communicated or the power and protectiveness of the mother lion and her cub, without falling prey to the pitfall of cuteness.

Everyday scenes from extensive travels

Hug's lithographs have an abstract quality with a lot of background motion coming through. His work is very much alive with a captured energy.

The current featured work at the Field Mouse Gallery is by two Santa Fe, New Mexico artists — John Moyers and Terri Kelly Moyers. Both artists are outdoor painters, recording everyday scenes from their extensive travels throughout North America.

Terri Kelly Moyers is originally from Western Canada, born in Vancouver and raised in Calgary. The pencil drawings of Terry Moyers impressed me the most. She has a good graphic sense and her delicate "Ready for the Show" was nicely done. Her paintings, however, tend to be static both in terms of use of the paint and the subject matter.

Strong use of colour, brushstroke

John Moyers has numerous oil paintings on display in this two-person show. He too can at times get caught up in picture postcard scenes lacking vitality. His painting of a girl on a beach, called "Pacific Breezes," however, has strong use of colour and brushstroke. Lots of light comes through this whimsical figure standing on a beach. "Evening Sun" also embodies good use of light in this painting of work horses and a dog. A small oil painting called "Winter Sunset-Nova Scotia" has some charming qualities, with the impressionistic sky creating an evocative backdrop for the quaint houses.

The Field Mouse Gallery is open daily from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and offers a selection of work of particular interest to the landscape and wildlife art lover.

Koski makes tennis finals

Jordy Koski of Salt Spring Island again reached the final round of a B.C. junior open sanctioned tennis championship, this time losing 7-5, 6-4 in a closely-contested match.

The championships were played at the Westwood Racquet Club in Nanaimo on June 23 and 24.

Twelve-year-old Jordy, now playing in the under-14 age group, was shown to be the dark horse among more than 16 entries from Vancouver, Victoria and other parts of B.C.

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Salt Spring golfers win inter-islands competition

By MAXINE WHORLEY
 Driftwood Correspondent

On Tuesday, June 26, the ladies of the 18-hole division played for the Marg Johnston Cup, a low net competition. The winner with a net 66 was Mildred Mitchell.

Runners-up with net 69 were Mona Coulter, Margie Mills, Jean Cunningham and Bev Menzies. Low gross winners were Val Stewart, Jean Hopkins and Mildred Mitchell, all finishing with a 95. The putt pot went to Kathy Darling with 26 putts.

In the nine-hole division Jean Williams won the day, taking low gross, low net and the longest drive. Vi Austin won the putt pot.

In the men's division the inter-island competition among Pender, Galiano and Salt Spring has been completed. The Appelby Cup (cumulative low net) was brought home to Salt Spring by the eight-man team of Fred Broadbent, Keith Lavender, Trevor Taylor, Bob Mar-

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shall, Mac Mouat, Hal Stone, Bill Mills and Ernst Kramer.

The Bambrick Cup (highest total points) went to the Pender team.

The Alf Evans trophy for 54 holes individual low gross was tied by two Pender members, Ted Bowerman and Don Clark, at 231.

It is always nice to play a different course and with such welcoming company and mostly superb weather, three great days of golf were enjoyed. We are already looking forward to next year's competition.

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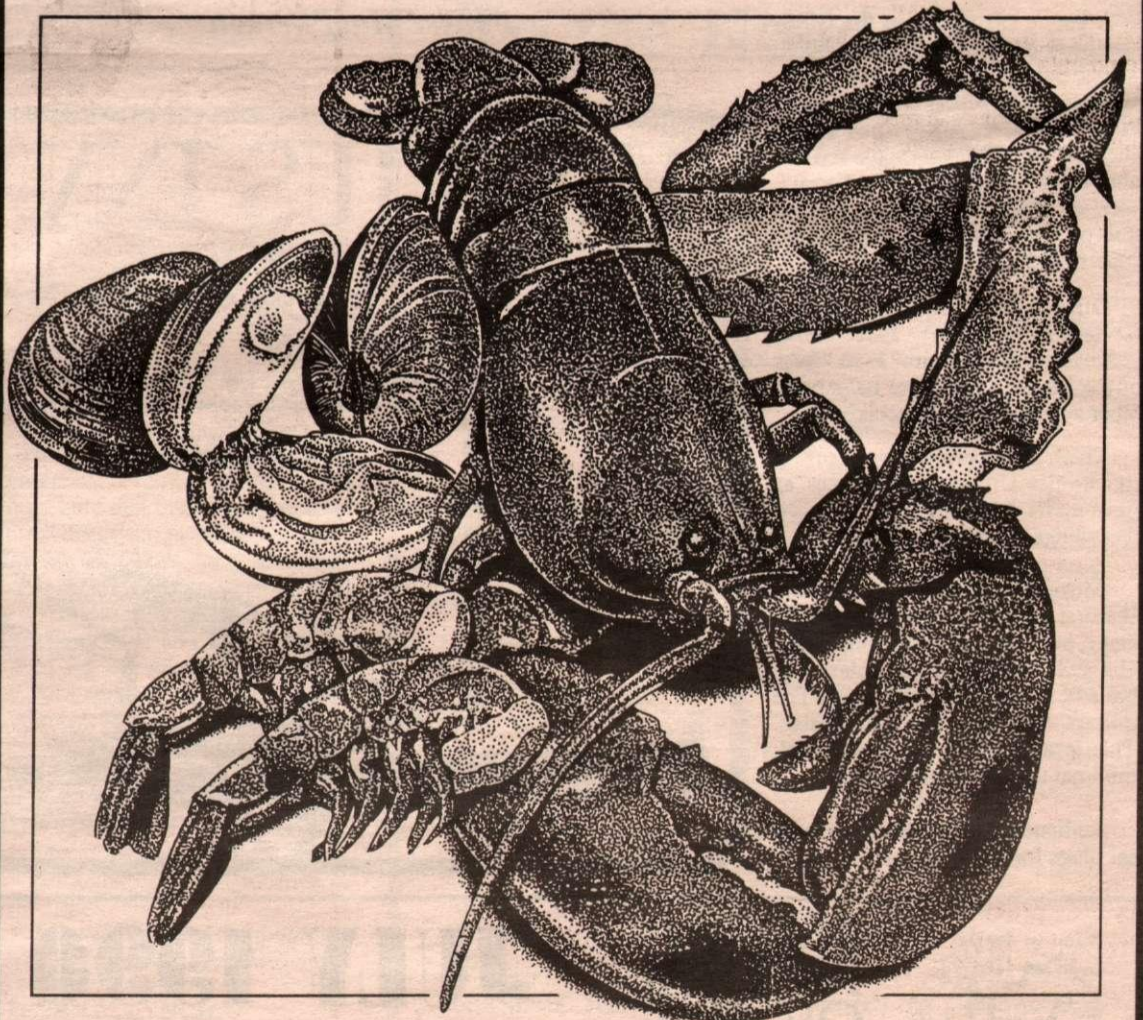
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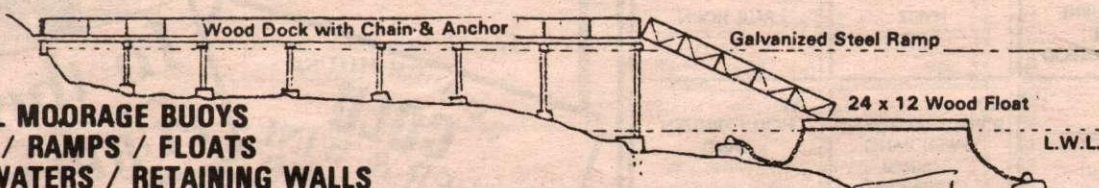
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Advisory Planning Commission major player in Trust process

The Advisory Planning Commission (APC) has been part of the democratic system of this community since 1978. However, it remains poorly understood. Relatively few people, other than land developers, are sufficiently interested in land-use matters to bother looking into the functioning of the system.

By the Community Planning Association
Special to Driftwood

That is, until potential development in an individual's neighbourhood focuses attention on development controls. At this point, an understanding of the process may be needed.

The need for APCs has long been recognized. The legal background for implementation has been provided for in the Municipal Act:

"A council may, by bylaw, establish an Advisory Planning Commission to advise council on all matters respecting land use, community planning or proposed bylaws or permits that are referred to it by council."

The word "council," in our case, is replaced by "local Trust Committee."

In 1978, the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee exercised its prerogative and established a commission under Bylaw 8, which has since been amended four times.

It is important to note that the APC, as its name indicates, has advisory capacity only. Decisions are made by the elected trustees.

The relationship between Trust and APC is best understood if compared to a company (the Trust) hiring a consultant (APC) and, without obligation to the consultant's report, making its own final decision.

Matters to be dealt with are referred to the APC by the Trust for comments and recommendations. The Trust Committee takes the APC's comments and recommendations into consideration, along with those of other referral agencies.

The Trust is by no means bound to follow the APC's recommendations. It has to weigh all of the information available, including staff reports, public opinion, legalities and, of course, the applicant's views.

Dealing with applications for zoning changes (called rezonings) is the most common APC business. Salt Spring has about 50 different land-use zones. Each zone specifies permitted uses — residential, commercial, etc. — along with other land-use restrictions, like setbacks, maximum site coverage by buildings, minimum lot size, water supply, sewer requirements, and so on.

Reasons for rezoning requests are as varied as life itself, particularly in a growing community. They range from important necessity to a simple intent to increase a property's value.

Apart from rezonings, a multitude of land-use issues is referred to the APC for consideration: review of proposed or existing bylaws, review of reports submitted to the Trust, or any other pertinent matter the Trust may want to deal with.

(Subdivisions not requiring rezonings are not referred to the APC by the Trust.)

On what grounds, then, does the APC base its recommendations? The governing consideration is stated in the APC's enabling bylaw: "The Commission shall, before making a recommendation to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, give due consideration to the Official Community Plan."

More than anything else, the APC is the community's assurance that the Official Community Plan is not ignored. Other considerations arise from the specific interests represented by individual commission members.

Who, then, are the members of the APC and how do they get appointed? The Salt Spring Island Trust Com-

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tions. This is one of many potential ways to appoint advisors. The commission itself has no say or influence whatsoever over the decision on which organization should be represented.

Eleven organizations, plus one citizen-at-large, are accredited at present on the Salt Spring Island APC, up from four in 1978. They are listed below in order of appearance over the years.

Community Planning Association

- Chamber of Commerce
- North Salt Spring Water District
- School District #64
- Water Preservation Society
- Old Age Pensioners — Seniors for Seniors
- Trail and Nature Club
- South Salt Spring Residents Association
- Farmers Institute
- Citizen-At-Large
- Island Watch Society
- Green Islands

'More than anything else, the APC is the community's assurance that the Official Community Plan is not ignored.'

The APC is an advisor to the Trust. Therefore, it is reasonable to suggest that an organization applying for membership should ponder if it is in support of the Trust's mandate, and if it is prepared to uphold the Official Community Plan.

Organizations, following their own procedures, elect a nominee and submit his or her name to the Trust for appointment to the APC. Once appointed, a term is for two years.

The APC elects a chairman from among its members. At present, Max Soder of the Community Planning Association fills this position.

Every so often, one hears that APC members should be elected, which at first thought appears to be a credible idea. However, the community would then end up with two levels of elected officials — one with full powers to decide, the other with advisory powers only. A sure road to conflict, power struggles and chaos.

In any case, the Municipal Act uses the word "appoint," not "elect," probably for this very reason.

Another important aspect also comes from the Municipal Act: "Members shall serve without remuneration." It is the kind of citizens' duty, like jury duty, upon which democracies depend.

Most of us are familiar with the final act in the rezoning process, the public hearing. Held by the local Trust Committee, it is the occasion where the application is decided in a formal and legal way. At the public hearing, the recommendation from the APC will be read from the minutes and will form one part of the decision-making process, along with submissions from the public, the applicant, government agencies, etc.

Maybe the most valuable contribution the APC makes to the process is to provide a less-formal arena for both applicant and community to present their views prior to the formal public hearing by the Trust.

Because the APC meets mainly on demand — normally about twice a month — working meetings are

issues involved, and to work unimpaird on recommendations. Meetings to hear applicants and citizens are, of course, held in full view of the public. All proceedings are recorded and are a matter of public record.

The Trust office (open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; call 537-9144) can give you dates of the public meetings.

If you have read this column to the very end, you are likely interested in planning — perhaps interested enough to consider becoming an APC member. But beware: the duty can be stressful, and is not always pleasant. Don't expect thanks from the community.

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Gulf Islands Schools mark notable efforts by students

Summer has arrived and various students of Gulf Islands schools savour achievements of the past year.

At the Fulford Elementary School, principal Barb Aust presented every pupil in the school with an award to recognize efforts in a specialty. Each family with a child in the school received an anthology of stories and poems prepared by the pupils of the school.

At Fernwood Elementary School, two main awards were handed out. Principal Bob Brownsword explained that each pupil was recognized for some unique characteristic. The Academic Shield was awarded to Amber Cartwright and Vanessa Lomas. The Service/Citizenship Shield will bear the names of Richard Savage and Melissa Hazenboom for this year.

From Saturna, principal Melanie Gaines reports that each pupil received a book award to celebrate a successful year.

The Arthur Ralph Memorial Award goes, each year, to the student who strives to succeed in scholarship combined with citizenship. Presented by the Community Club, the award went to Aja Hollings, Grade 5.

Brent Sohler, also of Grade 5, won the Emily Gerrard Award for showing the most improvement in all areas of effort.

The Saturna Lions Athletic Awards honour the pupils who accumulate the most points at the Outer Islands sports day and this year Chelsea Curtis, Grade 5 and Aaron Money, Grade 7 were the winners.

Children in both the primary and intermediate grades who were absent the least number of days during the year are recognized by the Money Family Attendance Awards. In the primary grades, Kalai Holling and Carlos Manzano were honoured while Aja Hollings and Brent Sohler gained notice in the intermediate grades.

At the Galiano School, Phaedra Andrusiak and Jesse Duerichen won the athletic awards. Sarah Brooks was the winner of the Marion Williams Citizenship Award. Jamaica Gilson was honoured with the Larry

Grills Award while Emily Finnis took the Humanitarian Award. Sara Quist was recognized with the Fine Arts Award.

The Mayne Island School presented various awards in recognition of various efforts. The Academic Award was given to Erin Howell who also won the Citizenship Award along with Adam Andrusiak as well as the Passport award with Jessica Brooks.

Science Awards went out to Meghan Anderson, Rob Bobsien, Tessa Hales, Adam Andrusiak, Anika Ropars and Matthew Reid.

Drama Awards were presented to Josh Lyon, Erin Jarvis, Matthew Reid, Tamara Dodds, Erin Howell, Meghan Anderson, Tessa Hales, Anika Ropars and Kyle Gowling.

In athletics, the Bronze Award was given to Phaedra Andrusiak while Tamara Dodds won the Silver Award and Erin Howell took the Gold Award. For the boys, Adam Andrusiak and Fergus Ogilvie shared the Bronze; Kyle Gowling took the Silver and Clint Davidson received the Gold Award.

(Next week: Pender and Gulf Islands Secondary School awards.)

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Students honoured for achievements

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Sportsmanship — Jordi Koski.
Citizenship — Amy Schwagley, Mikailan Hogan.

Academic Achievement — Anna Lam, Kirsten Somerset.

Student Progress — David Walsh, Becky Gillett, Lisa Berry, Melissa Moore.

Artistic Achievement — Juno Ruddell, Kaija McKague.

All-Round Student — Krista McKeachie, Zoe Bennett.

Coliform counts slowly climbing

The coliform count at Salt Spring beaches slowly increases as summer proceeds.

The latest readings from the Capital Regional District show an increase to 29 parts fecal coliform in 100 millilitre of water at Weston Lake in Fulford. The previous week, the reading stood at 18.

Stowe Lake, down Beaver Point Road from Weston, had a fecal coliform reading of 28 compared to the figure of 17 shown a week earlier.

Vesuvius beach jumped to 12 from six. St. Mary Lake showed a count of seven, up from six. Both Blackburn and Cusheon Lakes came in at five, similar to the readings of

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The Winamac, a ship used earlier this century to ferry people and supplies among the Gulf Islands, returned home to Ganges last Monday. Owner Doug Leen (left) and Paul Marlow visited region to attend gathering of vintage ships.

IODE garden party raises project funds

A gracious curving driveway leads to a large paved area beside the house of Jack and Dorrie Cherry on Arnell Way. On the day of the IODE Garden Party, this space was filled with tables, chairs and happy people.

By OLIVE MOUAT
Driftwood Correspondent

Most guests stopped to admire the roses, delicately pink, gently double, blowing in the breeze. Then they walked a little farther to look over the edge of the bank onto glowing colour, flowers of every kind, well-tended, bright, a delight to the eye. Beyond the flowers and the green of the meadow, sea, islands, ferries, small boats, tugs, little launches and gulls against a blue sky made a perfect view.

The home baking was soon sold out. Crafts disappeared. Ladies and gentlemen found seats and enjoyed each other, good food, gallons of tea and coffee.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, IODE members hurried to serve, to arrange more plates of "goodies", to make another pot of tea and to keep three coffee percolators perking.

A treat awaited guests and workers. Members of the Salt Spring Singers delighted everyone with an inspired rendering of the old songs that people love to hear. This was, perhaps, the highlight of the day.

The "lowlight" was a feeling of anxiety that invaded the kitchen towards the end of the party.

"Is there more cream in the fridge?"

"Should someone rush to Ganges to buy cream?"

"How much is left in cream jugs outside?"

"Dorrie, we have run out of tea bags. I have already stolen four of yours!"

"Is there another tin of coffee? We've used four."

The panic passed. There was some cream outside in jugs. Dorrie forgave the thief. The coffee was sufficient. Indeed, after the last guest had been served, there was one small jug of cream left.

Winners of prizes were: the

beautiful cake made by Margaret Howell, Mary LaPage; pottery, Emily Stewart; bath accessories, Flo McLeod; and wine, Hazel Paterson.

On Monday, to reward ourselves for a year's hard work, members and friends of the IODE gathered at Louise Foulis' home for a relaxed, informal, friendly time together. Since this tea was supposed to be no trouble to anyone, refreshments were intended to be whatever was left after Saturday's garden party. However, to the delight of all, one member cheated. Louise Foulis added delicious cheesecake that she had made.

H.M.S. Chapter of the IODE gives Gulf Islands Secondary School \$400 in Art and Music awards and spends \$300 on books for the island schools. As a result of the Garden Party at the Cherry home, and the generosity of many people, the Chapter raised \$722.80, enough for a year and a tiny bit over.

The local Chapter has for years been helpful to schools in Labrador. Sending money to help furnish a Home Economics Room and, year after year, helping to pay for nourishing breakfasts for school children in poverty-stricken areas is also educational work done by the IODE.

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Salt Spring Ladies Softball Schedule

Monday, July 9

(first named team is home team)
Fulford 1: Derelicts vs. Gamblers
Fulford 2: Sharon's vs. Accentrix

Wednesday, July 11

Fulford 1: Accentrix vs. Derelicts
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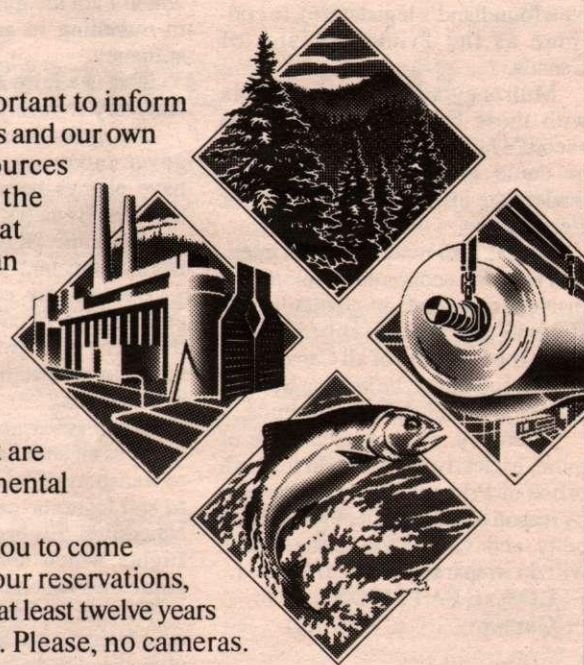
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Driftwood

Letters

Right approach

To the Editor,
I'd like to respond to two letters from last week's *Driftwood*. Lowell Hicks is probably right, that positioning is going on in anticipation of this fall's elections. He is also concerned that the campaign may be more bitter and volatile than some.

So I hope it is Barry Trunfield who has struck about the right note. He sees this fall's Trust elections as a race between Bugs Bunny and Elmer Fudd. This lighthearted attitude would probably serve many of us well. I am trying to get used to Trunfield's vision of Nick Gilbert as Bugs Bunny, and having quite a lot of fun with it.

But Trunfield's champion is Elmer Fudd. Think about it. From time immemorial (or at least since Looney Tunes came on the market), Elmer Fudd has been after Bugs Bunny, blunderbuss blazing. And he has never won. Generations of people have put down the funny paper or turned off the TV, secure in the knowledge that the rascal rabbit will always triumph over the slow-witted Fudd.

Do we really want Elmer Fudd to win this fall?

Eh, that's all folks.

DAVID BORROWMAN,
Vesuvius

New results

To the Editor,
The results of the First Annual Emergency Services Biathlon were incorrectly reported in the June 27 issue (our error):

The following results were correct: First Place, Hospital Team; Second Place, Ambulance Team; Third Place, RCMP Team #1; Fourth Place, Fire Team; Fifth Place, RCMP Team #2.

DIANA HAYES,
Lady Minto Hospital

Ill-suited

To the Editor,
Brian Mulroney has revealed himself to all Canadians to be too personally affected by the failure of the Meech Lake Accord and by his personal hatred of Newfoundland Labrador Premier Clyde Wells (for not holding a vote in Newfoundland's legislature), to continue as the Prime Minister of Canada.

Mulroney's apparent paranoia with those he associates with the accord's failure, make it unlikely that he could give reasoned, objective leadership in this crucial time for Canada.

He has also made clear his intention to block economic development in Newfoundland, in particular the Hibernia oil project. Hibernia will affect the economy of all Canada and is too important to be held up by such a vindictive and shameful attitude.

Mulroney, in his present state of mind, is clearly unfit to hold the high office of Prime Minister of Canada, by reason of his inability to rise above petty and vindictive action which will do irreparable harm to Canada.

LORNE PATTISON,
Ganges

Thank you

To the Editor,
To all of you, driver co-ordinator and volunteer drivers of Seniors for Seniors who so readily volunteered your time in an exceptional joint effort to assist a fellow community member in need of help this past month of June, a big thank you.

It was great to see the strength of such a joint effort, demonstrating that what we are all about is to help each

other out.

CARLA KAMHOOT,
Outreach Co-ordinator,
Seniors for Seniors

Sincere thanks

To the Editor,
The Gulf Islands Secondary School Scholarship Committee offers sincere thanks to the many groups who generously supported our students through their scholarships and bursaries:

The Agnes McPhail Memorial, The G.I.S.S. Agricultural Program, Camosun College, G.I.S.S. Band Program, G.I. District Sch., G.I. Driftwood Barbara Richards Memorial (2), G.I. Teachers' Association, International Studies, Islands Farmers' Institute, Island Savings Credit Union, Jane Mouat, Jean Shopland Memorial, Katsuyori Murakami Memorial, Lady Minto Hospital Women's Auxiliary, Laurie Mouat Memorial, Royal Canadian Legion Marilyn Ryles Memorial, Mike Wells Memorial, Principal's Award, Richard Toynbee, Royal Canadian Legion, S.S. Island Garden Club, S.S. Island Lions, S.S. Island Rotary, S.S. Island Foundation-Vodden (2), South S.S. Island Women's Institute, Pemberton Holmes Wilf Bangert Memorial.

This year, through your contributions, some \$15,000 was given locally and approximately another \$45,000 provided through university, college and other awards. It is the local support that forms the backbone of the awards, and our Grade twelves eagerly anticipate this part of the school leaving ceremony.

It is our fervent hope that we continue to work together for many more years, promoting the dreams of our young people to seek and follow their particular goals.

MARG SITTON,
Gulf Islands Secondary School
Scholarship Committee

Incorrect

To the Editor,
A Hubert Beyer column pertaining to the use of government aircraft which appeared in a recent edition of your paper was factually incorrect and deserves a response.

Mr. Beyer claims I have abused the use of government aircraft for which I am the minister responsible, in travelling to and from my constituency.

This is a false accusation which I take very seriously.

The guidelines under which the government aircraft are used and have always been used state: "Air Services Branch may make arrangements for special flights upon request from a minister."

Like all my colleagues I use a combination of commercial airlines, the ferry and government air services, in conducting the business of government.

When government planes are not in use as air ambulances they are used to transport officials of government to and from the capital on regularly scheduled flights and on special flights which are arranged to the guidelines which I have made public.

No one in British Columbia has ever been denied air ambulance service because the aircraft were being used by cabinet ministers or officials of government.

Mr. Beyer claims I have used the aircraft to commute between my constituency and Victoria, and that I have diverted the planes from Boundary Bay to Abbotsford, at an added cost of \$1,000 per flight.

First the latter point. He tells his readers the \$1,000 cost may be exaggerated. Why then does he use it?

He doesn't explain where he got the figure or why he hasn't tried to

obtain a figure in which he could have more confidence.

We obtained an independent estimate that puts the cost closer to \$121. Why would he not, in fairness, include the estimate we have provided?

Your readers should be highly suspicious of a journalist who would use a figure he admits may be inaccurate, in order to make a point.

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CAROL GRAN,
Minister of Government
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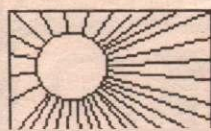
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