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Festival
of the Arts
This week: music, comedy and
literature. See details inside.

Two youths die in weekend accident



Ilan Nelson



Kiowna Lalonde

Two Salt Spring Island youths are dead and two are in hospital following a two-vehicle, head-on collision early Sunday morning.

Ilan Corey Nelson, 16, and Kiowna Corin Lalonde, 16, died after a 1973 Toyota station wagon in which they were driving collided with a 1976 Chev pick-up on Reynolds Road near Fulford Harbour.

The first fatal motor vehicle accident on the island since September 1989 also sent two other passengers in the Toyota to hospital. Thirteen-year-old Ryan Bonfield and 15-year-old Sunya Relp are in Victoria general hospital. Nelson was driving the Toyota when the accident occurred.

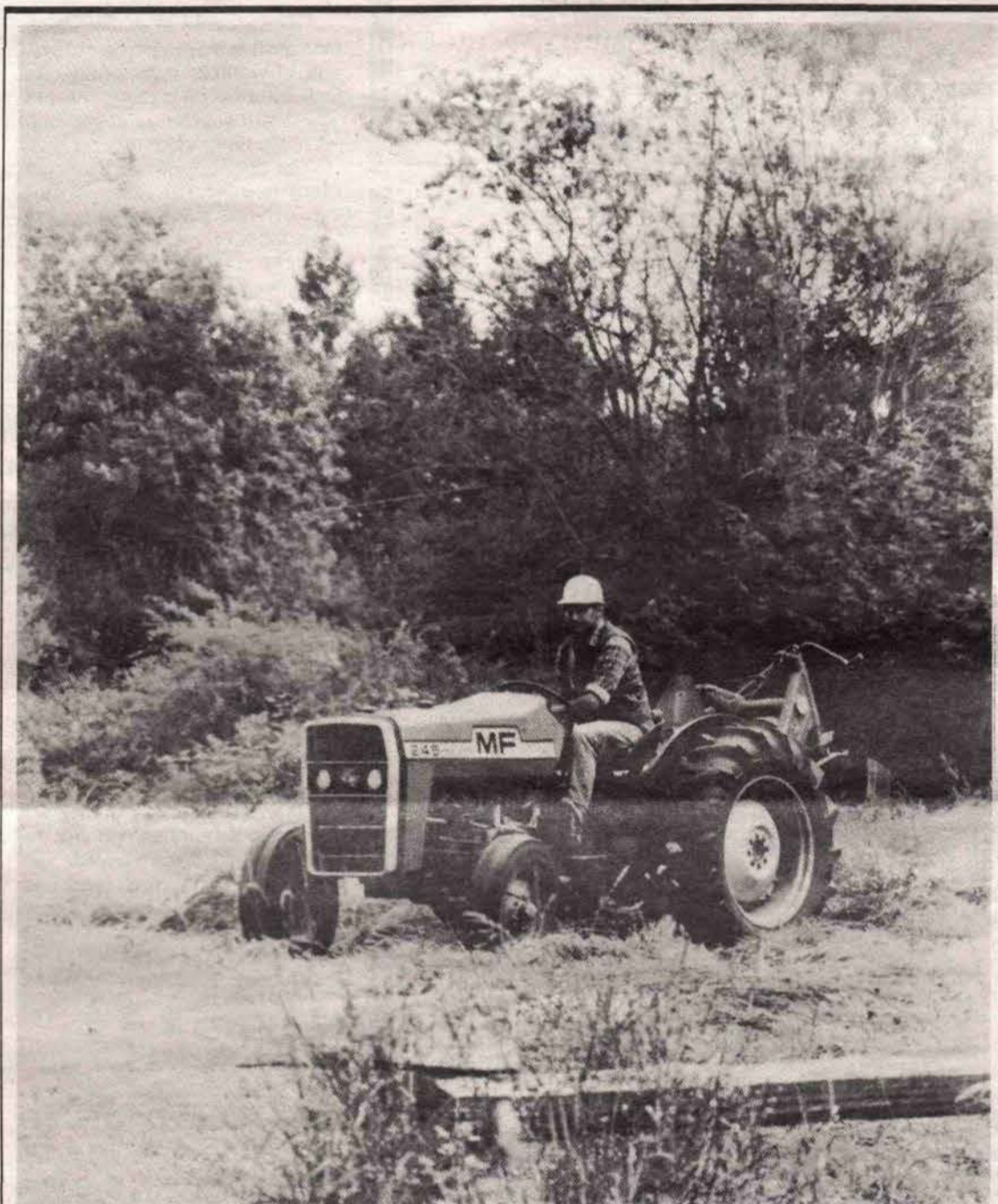
Salt Spring fire department was called to the scene, where firefighters used the Jaws of Life to free the victims from the car. The youths were not wearing seatbelts, police said. The accident occurred at 1:37 a.m.

The driver of the pick-up, Michael Dragland of Fulford Harbour, escaped injury.

The Toyota had been reported stolen from Mahon Hall earlier that night after the owner left the keys in the unlocked vehicle.

A joint service to mark the deaths of the two youngsters will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ruckle Park.

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HAYING (AND HAY FEVER) TIME: Ron Cunningham cuts hay at Maurice and Audrey Davis' Hedger Road farm. While farmers have had difficulty getting a long

enough spell of dry weather to cut their hay, allergy victims aren't happy either. They're complaining that it's been the worst year in a long time.

Photo by Tony Richards

Royal farm decision will not be appealed

An appeal by the B.C. Assessment Authority over a Salt Spring Island farm has been dropped.

A Court of Revision ruling that Dick Royal's Beddis Road property qualified for farm status was to be appealed in court by the assessment authority.

But spokesperson Allison Bissett said on Monday the assessment authority will not appeal the ruling.

She said the decision not to appeal was made by area assessor Dave Hitchcock, who was unavailable for comment.

No one else at the assessment authority wished to discuss the

matter either. "The other parties that are involved in it say they will talk to you about anything else," assessor Ken Langford said.

Royal appealed to the Court of Revision earlier this year, asking that his land be reclassified as a farm. It was declassified by the assessment authority last year.

Members of the court agreed with Royal that his property was being operated as a farm after they made a personal inspection. Royal said recently that no one from the assessment authority has called on

ROYAL A8

Major league tryouts for Knox

Major League Baseball has discovered the talents of a Salt Spring ball player.

Jeff Knox, a pitcher with Salt Spring Junior Traiders, recently tried out for the Seattle Mariners. He will try out for two other major

league teams, the California Angels and the Milwaukee Brewers, in August.

At press time Knox had not yet heard back from the Mariners but Traiders coach Kellie Booth said the experience was good for him,

and he will be better prepared for the next two try-outs.

Knox was selected last year to play with Team BC, the provincial team which will play next month at the Canada Summer Games in Kamloops.

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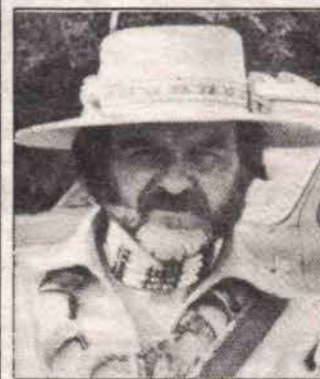
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re-enact pioneer
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journey home

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this week

The Salt Spring Festival of the Arts is half-way through its annual run. Only two weeks remain to catch an entertaining performance and support ArtSpring.

weather



HIGHS: 21 C (normal 22)
 LOWS: 11 C (normal 11)

PRECIPITATION: 30% chance of showers Wednesday.

OUTLOOK: Cloudy with sunny periods and slight chance of showers Wednesday. Mostly cloudy with chance of showers Thursday and Friday. Cloudy with sunny periods Saturday.







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July 15Green Islands AGM.

July 15Islands Trust APC meeting.

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Planning will dictate sewer plant needs

Planning of future growth in Ganges will help determine what steps will be taken to increase the capacity of the Ganges sewer system.

But preparations are already under way for an application to amend the terms of the waste management permit under which the system operates, the chair of the Ganges sewer commission said last week.

Tom Toynbee told the *Driftwood* the commission has undertaken a variety of studies which indicate that the marine outfall system is working successfully. As well, information is being gathered which will support an application when the time comes to make one.

The Ganges sewage treatment plant is expected to be at full capacity this summer. Increasing its capacity necessitates making an application to the ministry of environment.

However, before any specific changes are made to the plant's operations, Toynbee said the sewer commission must be provided with information on the future of Ganges.

"... Our role here is to provide a sewer service, it isn't to plan Ganges. The function of planning and determining the future needs of the sewer system, that is an Islands Trust job. They're responsible for land use matters.

"We have been in touch with the Trust and (they are) engaging in a process now of planning or at least of reviewing the community plan and of giving us additional direction on what will be required in the way of sewer service for the coming years."

The commission is looking for direction from the community through the Islands Trust on the future of Ganges. Such factors as low-income housing projects, new schools and other construction will all have to be considered.

Toynbee said the committee

Grass fires extinguished

Firefighters were called to the scene of two separate grass fires Friday afternoon, only moments apart.

Fire department officials believe the cause of a fire on Rainbow Road was a cigarette butt tossed out of the window of a vehicle. The cause of the second fire on Enselwood Drive is being blamed on an incinerator barrel located too close to dry grass.

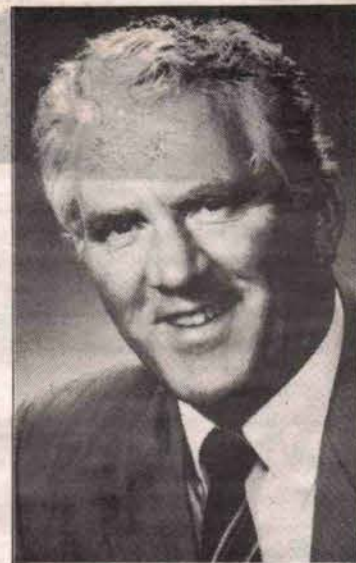
In other fire department news this week:

• A grass fire in the field behind the Harbour House Hotel required the attendance of fire crews last Tuesday. Officials believe the fire was intentionally set.

wants to be prepared for future increases in demand.

"That is why we are undertaking the studies now, so that we will be in a position to apply to increase our flows... we have several options (for) increasing the capacity of the plant without actually spending a lot of money on new hardware."

If there is a major increase in the amount of sewage that must be treated, Toynbee said, new facilities may be needed, but the present plant would be capable of handling more volume with slight modifications.



Tom Toynbee

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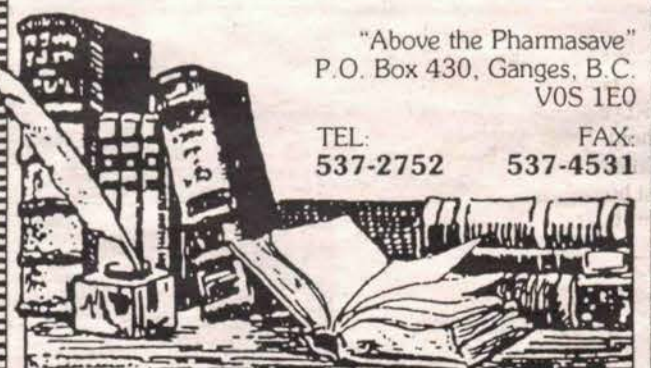
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Tourist accommodations have problems with service

A new toll-free accommodation information and reservation service for travellers in B.C. is raising some concerns among local accommodation operators.

Discover British Columbia is a new service by BC Tel and the ministry of tourism which is designed to help provide travellers with advice for planning their trips.

Travellers who call the service's toll-free line for reservations are asked a series of questions regarding needs, preferences, location and budget by the travel counsellor, who will help the traveller find suitable accommodation.

Information on rates, availability, accommodation options and local attractions and facilities are also provided.

Reservations are made by the travel counsellor and confirmed by computer or fax message.

The service is staffed by trained professional travel counsellors and is accessible from anywhere in North America, but Ellie Thorburn, owner of Beach House Bed & Breakfast in Fulford, says the program does raise some concerns.

Most bed and breakfast operations on the islands will be excluded from the system. To be eligible for the program, the establishment must be listed in the ministry of tourism's B.C. Accommodation Guide.

Thorburn said more than 50 per cent of the rooms available on Salt Spring are bed and breakfasts, but to be listed in the ministry's accommodation guide the establishment must have four rooms or more.

The problem for Salt Spring bed and breakfast owners is that local

bylaws allow a maximum of three rooms, she said.

"So our bylaws don't allow us to meet the minimum requirements to be listed in the accommodation guide.

"So . . . it is totally discriminatory against 80 per cent of the bed and breakfasts here on Salt Spring, which is a major proportion

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of accommodation to the travelling tourist on this island.

Thorburn said Discover B.C. has taken the problem with getting a listing in the accommodation guide and magnified it by making it the criterion to be listed in the reservation system.

Thorburn has been in contact with the executive director of the Tourism Association of Vancouver Island, which is beginning to look at the implications of the system.

"We are trying to work through and resolve the issue that hasn't been addressed," she said.

Another potential problem Thorburn identified related to customers calling the toll-free line and looking specifically for accommodation on Salt Spring. If the travel counsellor found that all the

island accommodations listed were full, would the client then be directed to another place that did not subscribe to the service?

Because Discover B.C. stands to make a commission on the sale of rooms, Thorburn is concerned that counsellors may direct clients off-island if local facilities are full.

"They're selling a product. If they are sold out of Salt Spring are they going to refer to rooms they don't have listed, or are they going to sell another room some place else."

Thorburn said she has been told it won't happen. "But the reality is, they are now in the business to sell rooms. Why wouldn't they sell a room somewhere else if they can."

B.C. Tel spokesperson Tricia Wunsch told the *Driftwood* that the traveller in such a case would be referred to the accommodation guide, or that other alternatives would be suggested.

"But then obviously we wouldn't do the booking for them, they would have to make the calls on their own at their own expense," she said.

"On the other hand, if the person said, 'I really don't care, I want to go to a nice little island and I just want to get away for the weekend,' in that case we might say as a matter of fact we do have something available on Pender Island or on Galiano Island.

"So again it depends on what they're after, but remember it's more than just a booking service." Discover British Columbia also provides information on travelling through B.C. in addition to booking, she said.

Population 8,520 on Salt Spring—CRD

Population and household growth is considerably faster in the Gulf Islands and Western Communities than on the Saanich Peninsula and in the four core municipalities of the Capital Regional District (CRD), the Regional Information Service reports.

Estimates of growth were made by updating the previous year's data using building permit figures, the 1991 census vacancy rates and average household sizes.

Salt Spring Island's population is estimated at 8,520, up 3.9 per cent from last year. The Outer Islands' population is estimated to have grown 3.5 per cent, to 3,870.

Sooke has seen the largest growth with a 4.9 per cent increase in population. In the Capital Regional District as a whole, population growth between 1992 and 1993 has been estimated at 1.8 per cent, for a total of 308,790 people.

Salt Spring Island has the second highest household growth rate in the CRD with a four per cent increase between 1992 and 1993. The CRD estimates there are 3,600 households on the island this year. The Outer Islands have the third highest household growth rate, 3.3 per cent, for a total of 1,870

households.

Sooke has the highest household growth rate at 4.9 per cent, for an estimated 4,080 households in 1993.

The Capital Regional District has registered a 1.6 per cent increase in households, for a total of 128,450.

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We must seek a positive outcome

Advancements in the fields of health care and medical science have extended the human life span, most notably in the wealthier of the world's nations. But the expectation of living longer makes it all the more difficult to accept death among our young.

The progression of age inevitably adds to an individual's history. By celebrating the experiences and the accomplishments of a lost friend, the pain of death is relieved for those who are left to mourn. The younger the deceased, the more difficult that task.

Many Salt Spring Islanders are having to face up to that task as they grieve this week following Sunday morning's tragic accident. The family and friends of two teenagers are coming to terms with young lives cut short, asking themselves the unanswerable question: why?

A parent's hopes and expectations for a child are — generally speaking — measurable in terms of the parent's own experience: there is a very strong desire that one's child has a better life than one's own. Such hopes are dashed by an early death, and the ordeal for parents is that much worse.

In this particular instance, as an alternative, we might consider instead what the community can learn and how it might grow.

It was the mother of one of the victims who wrote to this newspaper last week about the heartache and the frustration of guiding a youngster through his teenage years. She expressed her interest in a community initiative in which a "council of elders" would seek to address youth crime. If it proceeds, the council will have come too late for her son.

But his troubles with the law did not make him unique. Across Canada, our courts are jammed with youthful lawbreakers. The ineffective dispensation of justice among youths is a matter that demands concerted community attention. We don't say the proposed council of elders is a solution — there are no easy answers. But it's an idea worthy of further examination.

From all the pain and heartbreak of Sunday's accident must come renewed resolve and determination to respond to the needs of our children.

In writing her letter, the mother who now mourns a lost son proved that there is ample courage to proceed. All we need now is the will. Perhaps the weekend tragedy will be the catalyst that helps create it.

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Some bouquets

From various quarters have come urgings that some room be made for throwing verbal brickbats at those who deserve rebuke and bouquets at those who don't.

Such a feature would not be very successful this week, as we can think only of candidates for the latter.

First, Ganges property owner Leon Aptekmann deserves more than just a mention for his donation of space for skateboarders. Though temporary, use of the lot at McPhillips and Jackson avenues is what the skateboarders have been looking for.

Second, to Tom Toynbee and Mouat's Trading Co. for a handsome new addition to Ganges with the new Thrifty Foods building. It's an attractive structure that blends well in the village.

And for those who would prefer to throw a brickbat at someone for lack of parking, try throwing it in Ganges before 10:30 a.m. and after 3. There's enough free parking to ensure you won't damage anyone's car.

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Irene DeMueller
(visitor)

I live on Pender (but) I'm all for it. Go for it.



Santosh Dezouche
(resident)

I went to the dance on Saturday; it was really great. It was my first event and I was impressed with the amount of talent here.



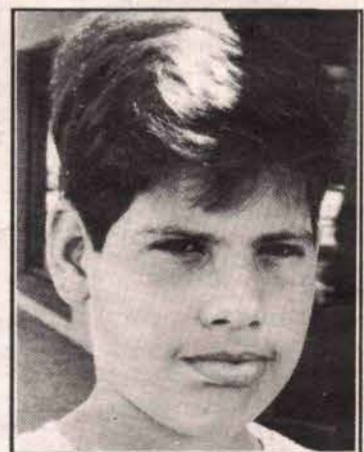
Asho Hausbrandt
(resident)

I'm moving away from the island, but I will see something before I go. I like the theatre and comedy.



Richard Goodhue
(resident)

I'm going to Rick Scott. I think (the festival) is a great addition to Salt Spring.



Jimmy Beciaris
(resident)

I am interested in the comedy and music events.

Fence necessary

To the Editor,
Constructive criticism and political idiosyncrasies are the areas where a cartoon could bring delight, or point out the serious side of happenings in our community or society in general. I for one welcome to see it and either shake my head or chuckle.

However, I was sad to see your illustration of the new Hydro facilities. The fence would not be necessary except for the current level of vandalism.

Having been involved through the process I am pleased to tell you that Hydro management placed high on their list of requirements sensitivity, aesthetics, utilization of land, neighbourhood and pedestrian concerns and the visual aspect of this essential service to the Gulf Islands.

Hydro has also made a provision of and access to information on how to conserve energy and utilize our resources so that in fact if we all take their advice and conserve energy the facilities will not need to

be enlarged in the future.

The services we receive from Hydro personnel are excellent but they cannot respond to emergencies and provide the service the community demands from inadequate facilities.

Next week I expect to see a cartoon depicting the Driftwood's landscaping and entrance to your offices.

JOHN STEPANIUK,
Islands Trustee
Ganges

Erect the gallows

To the Editor,
I was intrigued by Mr. Thomas Mason's letter in the last issue of the *Driftwood* in which he appears to advocate the death penalty for homosexuality, using the book of Leviticus as an authoritative source for social policy.

That book is loaded as Mr. Mason declares, with some 600 "excellent" laws covering further aspects of social behaviour, such as laws pertaining to the proper protocol for blood sacrifice,

management of slaves and rules for the execution (by stoning or fire) of adulterers, heretics and other transgressors of divine law. The book is also quite specific concerning the "eye for an eye" rules of execution and mutilation as legal punishment.

Since the Holy Inquisition is now defunct, our community may need to set up a collection fund and send Mr. Mason to the Ayatollah Khomeini Memorial Academy for the Administration of Religious Laws while we, for the sake of our souls and for the survival of our society, erect the gallows, the stake and stoning grounds under the authority of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. Mason's further suggestion (quoting St. Paul) that AIDS (of which there are millions of victims, many of them children), is some kind of divine retribution for bad behaviour serves further to illustrate the quality of his wisdom, compassion, sensitivity, tolerance and love for his fellow human beings.

URI COGAN,
Fulford Harbour

Disappointed

To the Editor,
If it was called "Here We Are Girls," my expectations would not have been so high and I would not have been so disappointed. For me, viewing Turnagain Dance Collective did not inspire an experience of "taking back the body," my body, women's body.

I left feeling sad and enraged.
When older woman Lillian Horsdal honoured us with her courageous act of appearing on stage without the usual mask of most of her clothes, I felt like applauding. Yet my heart broke for the strength and presence of old women and the old woman I will become.

She was reduced in satire to a girlie pin-up and left there, hanging without the balance of exuding any of the strength and power she owns, and came out on stage with.

I felt the same disrespect for large women. For me it was horribly degrading to watch thin women dressed "fat" with no celebration of how their body moves, but a farce, a joke to be laughed at, a vaudeville act.

I was horrified to see a guinea pig sort of pet used to roll around the floor in a transparent ball. I was a hair's breadth away from screaming "stop!" before the scene

changed.
Why? Why? Why? Is it necessary for such an animal to be used solely for some people's purposes? Think of it running, running, going nowhere in a glass ball, and once in a while an amused person changes the direction... and we laugh, at our age, at our fat, at our force images.

Perhaps it is too frightening to see ourselves laughing at our disempowerment, which has nothing, nothing to do with taking back the body.

SAZJO STONE,
Ganges

Volunteers

To the Editor,
Are you discontented with your days? There is an excellent way of making each day interesting. Become a volunteer in a project that could be a challenge. This will give your days a purpose. Later you may extend yourself to include other interests.

There would then be no need to feel sorry for yourself, to be lonely, to have a drink or two too many or just go to bed for lack of something better to do.

Volunteers really do help to keep things running and the sooner you start the better things will run.

LILLIAN HORSDAL,
Fulford Harbour

Tragedy points out need to act on youths' behalf

By **MONIKA MAYR**

I am writing this partially in response to the tragic accident early this morning that took the lives of two of our young people (a family friend and acquaintance), and has left another two in hospital. At this time we don't know if one of them will make it.

As a relatively new member of this community (six years) and the mother and guardian of two teenage children, I can only voice my sorrow at the senseless death and try to express my fears for my own children. I am also writing because in six years I have seen countless drives to raise money for an arts complex and have watched Ganges turn into Yuppieville.

It's a pretty town, brand new in many areas and perfect for retirees and tourists. One of the only blemishes remaining seems to be our kids. They hang out in parks, skateboard and hackey sack in business areas and are generally thought of as a nuisance if not a downright menace.

There's nowhere for them to go and socialize without being asked to leave.

I realize some of them drink, smoke dope, joyride and make other choices for themselves that we do not agree with, but we seem to forget that making these choices, right or wrong, is part of growing up.

Young adults need to learn self-control and that is not achieved by controlling them. Some learn by seeing, some by listening and others by doing. As a parent, teacher and member of society, I feel that my job is to guide, support and try and provide



healthy alternatives for our kids. We have very few. They are strictly limited in terms of time (such as Portlock Park and the pool) or are expensive.

Our community has tried to provide a drop-in centre which failed because it did not meet the real needs of the kids. The kids we need to reach are not those who already have learned self-control and have safe hobbies and activities in which they are involved. We need to reach the kids on the streets.

When I see kids involved in social activities that are meaningful ie playing music, hacking, skateboarding and outdoor recreation, there is less of a tendency to be stoned or drunk.

A midnight swim (with the help of our local RCMP) once a week, a locked bandshell, paved space for skateboarding and park area for kids to congregate without being asked to leave, are all things we could organize with a minimum amount of financing. Confiscate drugs and alcohol rather than kicking kids out of areas. Teach alternatives and provide resources and participate in them ourselves, such

as adult vs. kids sports.

This tragedy has been the closest one to my family yet. My kids could see it happening and a number of concerned parents have also tried to bring our attention to the problem but we have been too busy keeping up with our urban renewal to take much notice.

When are we going to start investing in our real future? How many more of our young adults have to die?

The kids we need to reach are not those who already have learned self-control and have safe hobbies. We need to reach the kids on the streets.

Your letters are welcome

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Y-camp distortion

To the Editor,

I am writing in reaction to the "Viewpoint" expressed by Rodger Beals in the *Driftwood* July 7. I feel he ought to have researched the issue before making such inflammatory public declarations.

The statement, "In 1992, the property known as the Y-camp was flipped to a speculator who was hoping to turn a quick profit..." had me rolling on the floor, it was such a bizarre distortion of fact. This so-called "speculator" actually be-

came involved with the Y-camp property in 1987 as part-owner, caretaker, rent extender, garbage collector, repairman, conflict mediator and father confessor.

If this were, as Mr. Beals states, "just a matter of money," how do you put a dollar value on six years of responsibility and commitment?"

Mr. Beals also makes a grave error when he compares his own situation to that of the Y-camp. The re-zoning application of the Y-camp is being sought in order to reduce the number of dwellings from 11-three. There is an enormous difference between that and

increasing the number of dwellings from one to three. The intention is to allow the three longest-term tenants to be able to remain in the homes they have lived in for years.

Mr. Beals also conveniently avoids mentioning the fact that half of the land is being donated for parkland. This can scarcely be considered "substantially profitable."

I suggest that perhaps the realtor who sold Mr. Beals his property misinterpreted the Y-camp situation as it has never been a cut-and-dried matter.

KATHERINE PETER,
Ganges

Book of rules

To the Editor,

What can one do when other human beings and I must say, many other human beings hold a bigoted opinion against a whole group of people. Christianity, as much as many people would like, does not have all the answers to life, and to bank your whole existence on a historical book is a sad and pathetic thing. The Bible is a wonderful, exciting book full of life and love. Jesus Christ expounded us to "love our neighbour as ourselves," that, I believe, is our responsibility as Christians.

As a lesbian, I grew up in the Christian church, and I must say that it has been a great challenge. I nearly destroyed my own life because of a part of humanity that has not the courage to live, love and respond to life in a spontaneous manner, always requiring a book of rules in their hand to keep them going.

I know what it was like to always have to "look before you leap" in life, and I must say it was horrible. There is nothing more wonderful than being able to take up the courage and be who you are and feel good about it.

CAROLYNN J. BROWN,
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Fully-clothed pasta

To the Editor,

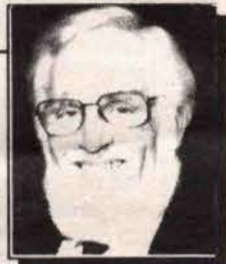
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SUE BOWLER,
The Botticelli Girl,
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capital COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — For four years now, Doug Hinkel has cheated death, and it's time to revisit the story of a very brave man.

Doug is 38 years old. He has AIDS. Doug is a haemophiliac who contracted the terrible disease from contaminated blood, before blood donations were screened for the virus.

Doug, who lives with his wife and two children in Quesnel, was first diagnosed with HIV in 1985. In 1989, doctors diagnosed him with full-blown AIDS. At that time, he was given nine months to live.

In April of 1989, a friend of Doug's phoned me to ask a favour. Doug had two dying wishes, neither of which was within his financial capacity to fulfil, he said. Could I help? I said I would see what I could do.

Next day, I talked to Doug on the phone. It was one of the most harrowing interviews I ever did. Most people instinctively shy away from talking about death, particularly to someone who is dying.

But here was a man who could no longer be fooled with euphemisms and polyanish talk. He was staring death in the face, and that was it.

Doug told me about his anguish of having to prepare his children for the inevitable. His boy, then five, he said, understood what was going on, but his three-year-old girl couldn't grasp that she would lose her dad before she had a chance to grow up.

And then we talked about his dying wishes. He wanted to take his children to Disneyland and, just once, he wanted to drive across this country and see the Atlantic Ocean. Because of his condition, he couldn't leave the country, but there was a park, similar to Disneyland, in Ontario, he said.

I advised Doug and his friends to set up a trust fund, looked after by a lawyer, which they did. I then wrote about his plight and his dying wishes. The response was incredible. Within a week more than \$23,000 poured in from every corner of the province.

A local car dealer donated a van and Doug and his family were on their way for a journey he would describe as the trip of his life.

That was four years ago, and against all odds, Doug is still clinging to life, although barely so. "I'm down to 95 pounds, and my breathing is pretty bad," he said to me last week.

"But I never lose hope," he added. Every news item of what might promise to lead to a breakthrough, he said, rekindles his spirit.

Then, as now, Doug doesn't ask for pity. In fact, it's the last thing he wants. But he is determined to be heard, to make a difference to all the other haemophiliacs who, like him, are fighting a losing battle with death for reasons not of their making.

Last week, Doug wrote a letter to Health Minister Elizabeth Cull with a request I fully support. The letter urges Cull and the NDP government to accept a financial aid package for haemophiliacs with AIDS, proposed by the Haemophiliac Society of British Columbia.

The proposal would give all haemophiliacs suffering from AIDS a one-time lump sum payment of \$100,000 and a guaranteed annual income of \$30,000 while they're still alive, plus free medical and dental coverage. After they die, the families would receive a further \$50,000 payment.

The proposal also calls for an education fund for the children of haemophiliacs with AIDS.

Doug says the proposed package isn't too rich. "Please keep in mind that these people have lost 30 or 40 years in the work force. That's more than \$1 million their families have lost.

"That would be a permanent roof over the families' heads, food in the cupboards, a car in the driveway and a college fund for their children," he says in his letter to Cull.

"We are not asking for a million dollars. We are asking that our families be taken care of properly. We are asking to live out our lives with dignity," he says.

"I will keep praying that you will come to a fair and quick decision. I am tired of begging for a fair settlement, but I will stay on my knees, imploring you to help, for my family's sake. Please, please help us now."

Well, I think it's time to tell Doug and others like him that he can get off his knees. It's time to tell him that compassion is still a word to be found in the government's dictionary. It's time the government implemented the package proposed by the Haemophiliac Society, before death finally catches up with Doug and God knows how many others.

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Clayoquot protest idea came from sons, says Galiano man

It was George Harris' sons' idea to protest logging last week at Clayoquot Sound. The decision later got them arrested, along with several other protesters.

Harris and his two sons, Tyson, 11 and Adam, 12, were arrested last Wednesday for their involvement in an anti-logging blockade on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Harris told the *Driftwood* in a telephone interview from his Galiano Island home that the day after their arrest the RCMP issued a statement that the youths were not arrested, but were in fact taken into protective custody because their father was being held.

Harris questioned the statement because they failed to do the same for his seven-year-old child and another child he was looking after. They were left behind.

Both Tyson and Adam had been involved in logging issues on Galiano Island, Harris said, and when they saw what was happening in Clayoquot Sound on the television news, they decided they wanted to go.

"I think it is more their issue than mine because it is going to affect them much more when they grow up and see what's not left.

"They're involved. I guess kids in the city wouldn't be nearly as passionate about clearcut logging as kids that live with it in their own back yards and see what it's done to this community."

"They've been on parades and marches for years and years here. The school has always been involved here. I think '87 was the first time that all the school kids got together and made banners and went up to Coon Bay and stopped the clearcut logging up there.

"They've seen what MacMillan Bloedel has done here which is get in and get out, and as well as the new people who have bought the land as well . . . It's just come in and strip every tree."

Harris, who said he makes his living in the woods running a sawmill using sustainable practices, said he couldn't see why they couldn't go to the protest, as he also believes the forest should be saved. "If there's going to be a change, I think it's going to come from the kids. It has to come from them because they're certainly not listening to the grown-ups."

Although the provincial government is saying that under no circumstances will it change its

decision, Harris believes the government may be forced to.

"The resolve that we saw up there at the peace camp was amazing. Those people are there for the duration, and no one is leaving."

Pressure from protesters will remain constant, as more and more people join in the fight.

The Australian band Midnight Oil will be playing at Clayoquot Sound Thursday morning and the performance will be broadcast live to Europe, Australia and the United States.

Harris said a large group — including parents and youths — from Galiano Island is going to Clayoquot Sound today (Wednesday). "Galiano and MacMillan Bloedel don't have a great track record. We just don't trust them any more."

MacMillan Bloedel used to be trusted when they used sustainable logging practices, he said. "But things have changed and when they tried to turn us into a world-class destination resort, the red flags went up. That does not have a lot to do with sustained forestry."

Harris has been charged with disobeying a court injunction. There were no charges laid against his children.



NEW STORE: Thrifty Foods president Alex Campbell, left, and Mouat's Trading Company's Tom Toynbee examine new store's sale prices during opening last Wednesday. New building will also be home to Islands Heritage Realty, Dairy Queen and Orange Julius, and a restaurant.

Photo by Tony Richards

more letters

Shedding some light

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to Mr. Avram Emrys' more-or-less tongue-in-cheek creative rhetoric about the dangerous aspects of excessive light exposure by pointing out, first of all, that every one of his comments addressed the issue of so-called ordinary light whereas my letter of June 23 was about an altogether different type of light which, because it is not "partial," as ordinary light always is, but "whole," is a type of light which is absolutely harmless in every respect, totally without danger, and inherently incapable of causing damage to anything or anyone.

From the perspective of whole light, ordinary light is not light at all — for all its very convincing luminescence — but only a bright form of darkness! That is why ordinary light can parch soil, damage retinas and place enormous demands upon our environment for its production!

Basically, all forms of incomplete light are inherently damaging because partial light — by definition — is inherently unbalanced! Additionally and concurrently, the only way to produce any kind of partial light is by doing some damage somewhere to some part of our universe.

Simply put, non-whole light is not universe-friendly: its harmfulness is a direct consequence of that cosmic relationship-status!

The light that is presently emanating from our sun is incomplete light: protecting our skin with sunscreen lotion may minimize its harmfulness, but as strictly preventive measure, in no way does it

presence in restoring it to wholeness cannot be overstated!

Why this critically important factor is missing from all forms of light with which we are currently familiar, and how partial light can be restored to its original wholeness is the principal focus of my ardent-fusion research project which, predictably, seeks to formulate this grave problem — if the truth be told — of unnatural i.e. incomplete light in terms of whole questions inviting whole answers logical that we take a good look at the nature of this light so as to render it harmless?

ardently-fusing to form a complete — and therefore real — solution!

FRANCOIS JAUBERT,
Beaver Point

Too many Mulroneys

To the Editor,

It may be true that Mulroneys' policies would have eliminated the deficit if it hadn't been for the world recession.

But your editorial (*Driftwood*,

June 16) missed the bigger picture.

A wave of conservative governments came to power worldwide in the last two decades. They all pursued the same policy: cut social spending and concentrate wealth in the hands of the rich. Ordinary people had less to spend on education and less to invest in small businesses. Rich people had more to fritter away on luxuries and speculation.

Consequently, the stock market is at an all-time high, land in places like Salt Spring is more and more expensive, and skilled workers in Campbell River an Oshawa and Toronto are unemployed.

The conservative policy of redirecting wealth from small business to speculation, combined with the conservative policy of deregulating banking and other business activities, has given us a world recession.

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HARVEY MERRIAM,
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The ceremony took place on the lawn of their summer cottage at Rainbow Beach. Guests were entertained to flutation by Tone Prosk.

Reception & dance followed at Beaver Point Hall with Les Ramsey as M.C. Pouring tea were Sue Ramsey and Mary-Lou Henry. Hanna Air flew the couple from Rainbow Beach to the Pan Pacific, from there they honeymooned in California. Allison & Bill will remain living in North Burnaby while Bill continues his studies in micro computers at BCIT.

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Dream home fantasies on tap Saturday

By TONY RICHARDS
Driftwood Staff

A trove of architectural treasures will open to the public at Salt Spring Island Saturday with the third annual home tour. And according to tour boosters Jan MacPherson and Peter Bardon, the eight homes will set the stage for those who enjoy fantasizing about their dream home.

An ArtSpring fundraiser that brought in \$7,000 last year, the self-guided tour caters to both fantasizers and those who simply like unique houses.

The houses on the list are kept secret but MacPherson and Bardon were happy to offer a few teasing hints about what home tourists might see.

One they called a wooden counterpart to Windsor's Castle, the home built many years ago near Beddis beach by artist Windsor

Salt Spring home tour is ArtSpring fundraiser

Utley. They described the wood-working as "extraordinary."

A "pearl of the waterfront" awaits at the south end, a home that incorporates some Arizona influence into its design. Another is described as "a true island heritage classic," that even contains United Empire Loyalist furniture that belonged to the owner's forefathers.

A step back in time is offered by a house that utilizes building techniques from the 17th and 18th centuries, which reminds MacPherson of an English cottage.

"It will be fascinating to any builder or woodworker," she said.

MacPherson also spoke in glowing terms of a "cliffhanger," a cres-

cent-shaped home designed to fit neatly and unobtrusively into the side of a cliff.

The home tour is a major effort on behalf of the arts centre, and involves 150 volunteers. Several people are on hand at each home to greet home tourists, and provide directions for parking. Refreshments will be offered at two of the homes on the route.

Tickets, at \$16, are unavailable on the day of the tour. They must be purchased in advance from the ArtSpring office on McPhillips Avenue, from et cetera on Hereford Avenue, or from Tourism Victoria. The tour is popular with visitors: last year two-thirds of the tour-goers came from Victoria for the

event. The remainder were from Salt Spring.

A tour of the arts centre is also included on Saturday's itinerary.

MacPherson had a couple of suggestions for prospective tourists: wear shoes that can be easily slipped on and off, and try car-pooling with friends.

That way you can pile into the car and go off and fantasize together.

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him to verify that he is farming.

But he said he would not comment on the decision to drop the appeal until he received official documentation from the assessment authority.

The decision also means that Royal's 1992 taxes will be reduced. Karl Youngblood, provincial surveyor of taxes, told the *Driftwood* that Royal's 1992 taxes would be adjusted to reflect the property's farm classification.

Rescue puts damper on gourmet picnic

The table was set, the candles were lit, and a gourmet meal awaited the four eager picnickers on the beach at Second Sister Island. And then the 50-foot-long Coast Guard hovercraft roared up on to the shore in front of them.

That spelled the end of the evening for the two Salt Spring Island couples, as the hovercraft had responded to a report that two youngsters were adrift aboard a raft in Ganges Harbour last Wednesday evening.

The youngsters were the children of two of the picnickers, and had set out from the beach near Price Road to pay their parents a visit. The Coast Guard was notified by someone who saw the children, aged about 11 and 12, paddling a collection of logs across the harbour. Neither was wearing a lifejacket.

The children's parents packed the youngsters off home, putting a sudden end to the peaceful evening on the beach.

In other Coast Guard news this week, the *Skua* towed a 25-foot power boat to Harbour's End Marina in Ganges after it broke down one mile south of Nose Point on Friday.

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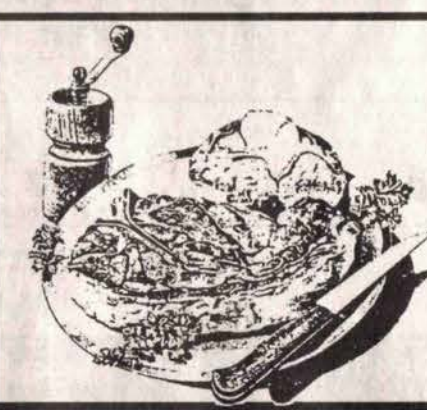


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Trade commissioner talks about opportunities in Japan

The Gulf Islands ought to be tapping the lucrative Japanese tourist market, a meeting at Ganges was told last week.

A new commissioner for trade and industry, Wilf Wakely, was on Salt Spring last Tuesday to speak to the Salt Spring Rotary Club before flying to Japan to take up his new post. British Columbia has increased its stake in encouraging trade with Japan by opening a second office of the B.C. Trade Commission.

"The most exciting time is upon us," Wakely said. "The time is ripe for trade expansion in places like Osaka."

"We've just been through the Japanese bubble. It has burst."

The bubble was the recent period of intense investment of Japanese money all around the world.

"What we saw in the bubble period wasn't realistic. There was no understanding of the basic strength of the Japanese economy."

"(Japan) remains one of the two strongest economies on earth. Pre-bubble investment practices are back."

Wakely has spent many years in Japan, working for the media and in law. As of July 1, he became the new B.C. trade commissioner in Osaka.

Japan is an important trade partner for British Columbia, he said, with the province relying on Japan for 25 per cent of its trade. Ontario, on the other hand, relies on the whole of Asia for only 10 per cent of its trade. That province is busy closing trade commissions around the world, including one in Japan. But the Osaka office will be the second and more important trade office for B.C.

"We could do perhaps without England (as a site for a trade commission office)," Wakely said, "but we cannot do without Japan."

Osaka is Japan's industrial heartland, Wakely told Rotarians, with a regional population base of

26 million. A \$12 billion airport construction project near the city strengthens its economic importance. The airport will be Japan's first 24-hour airport, which will have tremendous significance for produce imports that rely heavily on freshness.

The Fraser Valley Mushroom Co-op is one B.C. business that will benefit directly from the new airport in Osaka. Wakely's job as commissioner will be to find and help other B.C. businesses to find the lucrative Japanese markets.

"There is a change happening, economically, politically, socially. In the context of that there is opportunity here for businesses in B.C. — natural resources, tourism, technology."

"The trade commission will help B.C. business look for market access and capital," he said, for a fee.

"There is no trade-oriented product from B.C. that would not be of interest to (the B.C. Trade Commission)."

"Labour in Japan is more and more expensive. It's cheaper to manufacture here (in B.C.)."

Fresh produce, biotechnology and pharmaceuticals are industries Wakely knows the Japanese would be interested in.

Tourism is also an industry that could be better tapped, especially here in the Gulf Islands. Hotels, transportation links, sport fishing and shops need to change to attract the Japanese, he said.

"They've got to be treated here like they are treated in Hawaii and Guam," he said.

CRD grant will pay for start-up costs

Start-up costs of the liquid waste disposal operation at Salt Spring Island will be funded by a grant-in-aid from the Capital Regional District.

Regional director Julia Atkins said this week that the \$10,000 grant will get the local services committee up and running. Property owners earlier this year approved a proposal to compost liquid waste from the Ganges and Maliview

sewer systems.

"There are quite a lot of legal costs associated with the start-up," Atkins said.

In addition, she said she did not want to see those costs built into an annual budget.

A second grant, of \$1,500, has been awarded to the South Salt Spring Residents Association. It will help pay for recreational projects, Atkins said.

Golfers play Friday for Lady Minto Hospital


Golfers will tee off for Lady Minto Hospital Friday when the hospital foundation holds its second annual, fundraising tournament.

The Tash Hewitson charity golf tournament will be played at the Salt Spring golf club Friday afternoon. Last year the event drew 175 golfers — and others — to raise \$6,000.

Foundation chairman Ron McQuiggan said players will tee off from about 1:30 p.m. on. Later, they will gather at the clubhouse for a barbecue, beginning at 6 p.m., which will be followed by the presentation of prizes. There will also be draws for door prizes.

The late Tash Hewitson was a popular member of the golf club.

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Plan calls for 40 new homes, care facility

Land use and density were the main topics of concern expressed last Thursday by members of the Salt Spring Advisory Planning Commission (APC) about a proposal to extend Brinkworthy Place.

"Our concern is the land use," APC member Eric Alderson said. "That is what we have to base our recommendations on. People want to stay on our island because of the environment and the style of living."

"The land you're talking about is part of that greenbelt. Are we going to give up this sort of thing for... low-cost housing that is also highly desirable?"

"The other thing we have to consider is rezoning agricultural land

for an increase in population not catered for in the community plan.

"It's a balancing act." Brinkworthy owner VMHP Holdings Ltd. is asking for a rezoning of a 12-acre parcel of land west of Scarff Lane from Agricultural 1 (A1) to Mobile Home Park (MPH) and a new zone on one acre for an intermediate care facility.

"The idea for the home came not from me but from the residents of Brinkworthy," Jock Volkommer said in his presentation to the APC. Volkommer is one of four people who own the development. "They felt they needed a place to go after Brinkworthy. They didn't want to leave the island after Brinkworthy."

"Two years ago it became clear

that Greenwoods (intermediate care facility) can't handle these sorts of care. Many people refuse to go there.

"We lose members every two to three months because there isn't a place they require on the island."

"For elderly people to move is traumatic. To move off-island is more traumatic."

APC alternate member Randy Hooper asked Volkommer if the company had considered the idea of a density transfer from another property on the island. Density for the island would not, therefore, be affected by the application. People with substantial land holdings who might want to move to Brinkworthy might take part in such a transfer.

"To rezone agricultural land to mobile home establishes a really major precedent," Hooper said.

Volkommer said that had not been considered.

He said the proposal was for another 40 or so modular homes, with a four-acre buffer zone along the western edge and a one-acre private intermediate care facility. There would be no vehicular access from Norton Road, only a pedestrian one.

Brinkworthy could supply its own water, if necessary, Volkommer said, and sewage treatment would also be possible on the property, as was done before the development joined the Ganges sewer system.

He said the population density of Brinkworthy is 1.35 persons per unit and the proposed development would allow six units per acre. Eight persons per acre is not a high density, he said.

"Approximately six years ago an opportunity to subdivide the property came before the Trust and was turned down because of a petition by Brinkworthy residents to save the green belt," APC vice-chair Pat Massy said.

"At that time the indication was the people of Brinkworthy wished the green belt to be preserved in perpetuity."

"Usually when we have a development such as this there is a

provision for public trails," she said. "None of this is open to the public."

A recommendation to the Islands Trust will be made some time in the next two weeks.

Rezoning sought to add new units

Density questions were the main concerns of Advisory Planning Commission members at a meeting last Thursday at which they heard an application to extend Croftonbrook.

"If what you actually want is within the existing density, why don't you ask for a transfer rather than rezoning?" That question was posed by APC alternate member Bob Twaites for Arthur Gale, a trustee for the last nine years of the Salt Spring Society for Seniors Housing, which is applying for a rezoning to extend the housing complex.

The society, sponsored by the Lions, Rotary and Legion, is applying to rezone 1.54 acres of Agricultural 1 (A1) land to Multi-Family (MF) which would increase the number of allowable housing units from 47 to 70 on the entire five-acre lot. There are currently 20 units there, eight singles and 12 doubles.

Under the current zoning, Croftonbrook could put in another 27 units without any rezoning application. And as Gale said the society is only looking to build another 12 to 20 units on the site, the maximum 40 units could still be accommodated within the current density.

"It would be a lot more attractive to propose a density transfer for aesthetic purposes than to increase the potential density," Twaites said.

APC vice-chair Pat Massy asked whether a covenant could be put on the land to limit the number of units allowed on the land.

"That would be restrictive," Gale said. "We would have to present that (option) to the owners of the property."

"Perhaps there could be some limit. We can hardly judge what the requirement will be 50 years from now."

"Croftonbrook has been maintaining a waiting list for the last few years," he said. "Currently there are about 20 people waiting for singles

units, and 30-plus waiting for doubles units."

"The existing infrastructure is all in place — the roads, the parking, the social centre with kitchen, laundry facilities, library, office and common room," Gale said.

"The proposal is for between three and five new buildings, holding between three and five suites each."

"The only problem is when this was approved in 1982, all the land was not rezoned for this development, and the current application seeks to change that."

"I can't find anyone who knows why only half the property was rezoned (10 years ago)."

The housing would be built by the British Columbia Mortgage and Housing Corporation and rents would be more or less fixed at one-third of residents' incomes.

The APC will present its recommendations to the Islands Trust within the next two weeks.

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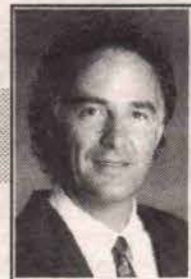
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Union questions qualifications on job site

Illegal labour practices at the new high school construction site in Ganges have been alleged by the Ironworkers union. Members of Vancouver-based local 97 are questioning employee qualifications and overtime wages.

"I'm not sure whether there is a problem," project superintendent Brian Jones of general contractor Actes Construction said when asked about the certification of tradespeople at the site. "It's a fair-wage job. The conditions of the government require they abide by this policy. It's been designated."

The fair-wage policy introduced in March 1992 stipulates hourly wage rates for various building trades and requires that tradespeople hold British Columbia trades qualification certificates, or be registered as apprentices.

Fair-wage policy only applies to building construction worth more than \$1.5 million that is undertaken by the province or its crown corporations or agencies, or construction where the government has a stake worth more than \$500,000. The high school project was awarded to Actes Construction for

\$15 million. Ministry of labour officials would not say whether a complaint had been lodged about the Salt Spring site, whether there was an investigation or when any results of an investigation might be known. But one subcontractor, Excel Erectors, has to make a presentation to a government body to prove employees are certified.

"They might be getting the rate," Ironworkers' union business agent Kevin McGrath said of the workers at the site. "We don't believe for a minute the trades

qualification (TQ) part. "If you're going to work, it should be in accordance with the law. You couldn't get away with this in a factory.

"Everybody (in the union) has a TQ number," he said. "I want to see they have TQ people (at the school site)."

A trades qualification certificate for building trades requires an apprenticeship of as many as four years, and proof of 6,000 hours on the job. In addition, there is up to eight months of vocational training required, and an exam to be written in B.C.

McGrath admits the construction employment situation is not good. Jobs are hard to find and hard to keep. But that is no reason for contravening the law.

"The public spends the money on this stuff. Why should they have 'Joe Magee' there just because he's prepared to work cheaper?"

A ministry of labour press release said about 60 of the 115 fair-wage sites around the province are currently being investigated. Fifteen to 20 of these are "major investigations" and problems relating to ironwork and drywall have surfaced "on virtually every site" province-wide.

"The TQ issue is really a red herring," Actes president Mike Fleming said. "It's a simple attempt to certify these guys."

"Local 97 is a fairly aggressive union. (It) is trying to certify Excel Erectors."

"All (employees at the site) are required to comply with the same fair-wage requirement. We insist that they meet those requirements."

"To my knowledge, they are all fulfilling the regulations."

Excel Erectors owner-operator Mike O'Hara-Giest said 10 of his 14 employees were certified. Another was a first aid attendant and three others were labourers, who are not tradespeople and are not required to be certified.

"We're one of the companies that really treats our guys well," he said. "The present harping on TQs and wages is 'politically motivated.' None of us have come to complain about a fair wage. Where does it come from?"

"For them to come and call these guys scabs and not tradesmen really hurts."

Excel Erectors accounts for 14 of the 40 to 60 workers on the site. The matter is now in the hands of the ministry of labour employment standards branch to deal with.

'As long as we get done, who cares?'—contractor

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Allegations of illegal labour practices get Excel Erectors owner Mike O'Hara-Giest hot under the collar. He recognizes there are problems in the construction industry, but says there are none at Excel Erectors.

"We're not a bullshit company," he said about the firm that has been contracted for the steel erection work at the new high school in Ganges. "We're trying to produce. Don't put the reins on us and say we can't."

"I want people to understand where we're coming from," he said. "I worked for (Ironworkers) local 97, and the pipefitters and (International Woodworkers of America)."

Now he runs a small, non-union construction company, calling his own shots and hiring the people he thinks are qualified for the job he wants to do.

"You cannot do anything unless you have a group of people who are motivated," he said. "I've put together a small select group — welders, machinists, ironworkers. It becomes a family."

"Everybody has a stake in this. The guys want to keep on working. As long as we get done, who cares?"

"We want the flexibility to work a main 80-hour pay period any way we want," O'Hara said. "Why does the government dictate how these guys work? Why can't we determine (that)?"

The Employment Standards Act stipulates such things as the eight-hour regular shift per day, meal and rest breaks and shift differentials for working more than eight hours on a given day.

While the school's general contractor, Actes Construction, denies that anyone on the site is working overtime, payslips clearly indicate otherwise.

But at upwards of \$25 per hour, and in many cases with an additional \$3.75 per hour living-out-allowance — money for those who are living away from home — the quibbles about overtime rates seem

to be just that — quibbles.

"Conditions are good. The paycheques are good," said one worker, who asked not to be named. "It's really nice working under those conditions."

"I'd work three 12-hour days if I could," another added.

Non-standard — and perhaps illegal — working hours are sometimes dictated by access to sites like Salt Spring. Ferry schedules do not run at the convenience of a nine-to-five work week, and workers want to have as much weekend time at home with their families as possible.

Nevertheless, Ironworkers union business agent Kevin McGrath is concerned that government laws and regulations are being flouted.

"It's ugly out there," he said. "People are scared. You can't get a job."

The Ironworkers just finished a fight at a new courthouse in Kelowna, where non-qualified workers were getting \$10 to \$12 per hour. The government is monitoring the site, which was also subject to the fair-wage policy.

"The purpose of the fair wages policy was to level the playing field," McGrath said. "That was the bottom line. At this stage it hasn't worked so well."

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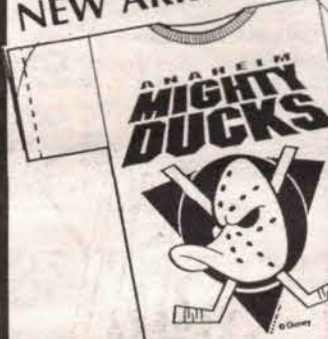
"The government needs to have an inquiry into stuff like this."

O'Hara-Giest agreed that there are a lot of loopholes in the system. "Everybody's jumping through these loopholes. There has to be a certain standardization of the industry . . . We can't provide quality product when there's not a stable industry. It's got to be stable."

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Renovations, personnel changes are highlights

Greenwoods saw many changes this year in both physical and care perspectives with a major construction project completed, and changes in personnel and activities.

In a report at last week's annual meeting, the director of resident care described some of the year's highlights.

Marg Munro said a construction project in the spring gave some rooms wheelchair-accessible bathrooms, provided a new care station for staff and a new garden room for residents.

"The residents certainly appear to enjoy the increased contact (provided by the garden room) and the staff are proud of their bright and functional work area," Munro reported.

The importance of continuing education for those involved in the long-term care field was met with an in-service education program which saw a variety of seminars presented.

"We have found that sharing educational events with other groups in the community, such as Lady Minto Hospital, Home Support Services and Seniors for Seniors, has lightened the load of maintaining an on-going program for one small facility."

Greenwoods re-established its "friends and relatives" group this year with a focus of an advocacy role for residents. The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month.

Another program at Greenwoods provides a means of measuring all aspects of care against given standards. The quality assurance or improvement program compares new efforts to past results to ensure that residents receive the best possible care. The Capital Regional District (CRD) has a quality assurance manager who visits Greenwoods and provides guidance and support in the development of programs.

A pilot project started in 1990 through the CRD enables residents who fall ill to remain in the familiar surroundings of Greenwoods. The availability of extra nursing care also allows residents to return sooner than otherwise from a hospital stay.

"These extra hours ensure that a high standard of care is maintained when the workload increases."

The Bessie Dane Foundation, working in conjunction with the

Greenwoods holds annual general meeting

palliative care group, provided support to residents and their family and friends when death was near.

Greenwoods residents were kept busy with a variety of activities during the year, such as various celebrations, bus trips and entertainment.

Activity co-ordinator Penny Polden reported on a successful music therapy program.

"Not only does it provide residents with the pleasure and social enjoyment of playing and listening to music, but it is also of great therapeutic value to residents of all levels of care."

A lack of funds forced the discontinuation of the art therapy program last summer, but a team of volunteers from the Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild is now working with residents on a weekly basis.

Polden reported that during the coming year the activity department hopes to attract more volunteers from the community to participate in an "adopt-a-resident" program.

The adult daycare program had the number of funded daycare placements increase by 50 per cent this year, with 15 approved spots per week.

The program give clients an op-

portunity to socialize and participate in therapeutic activities such as exercises, painting and music therapy.

Staff roles changed with Lady Minto Hospital administrator Vicki Curtis taking on the additional responsibility as Greenwoods administrator. She replaced Marg McKay, who retired after five years

with Greenwoods.

Pender Island representative Eleanor Harrison is leaving the board of directors, after serving for 10 years. Harrison is being replaced by Carol Steward. Ruth Farrow and Elizabeth McEachern, representatives from Saturna and Mayne islands, are replaced by Laura Paul and Judy Taylor.

From Salt Spring, Jonathan Oldroyd and Clair Nutting also retire this year. Oldroyd's seat will be filled by Roland Hanoski, while Nutting's position has not yet been filled. William Sashaw joins the board this year as Galiano's representative.

Ron Watson concludes his term as chairman of the board after five years in the position. Tony McEwan will take his place. Watson will continue to be involved with the board as past-chairman.

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Sharing crops gaining acceptance, farmers told

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

Brewster Kneen does not look like a radical. Nor does he behave like one. But he is criss-crossing the country with a radical idea that may change the way people think about farms and food: community shared agriculture.

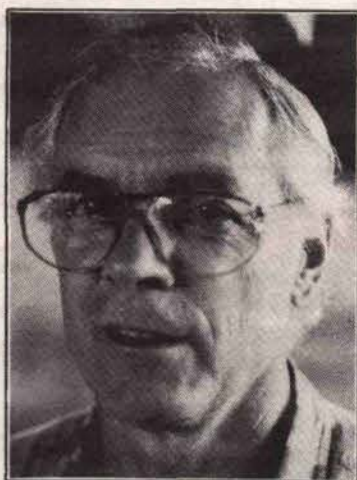
Though it may sound like one, community shared agriculture is not a kibbutz. A farmer raises his annual start-up cash for seeds, fertilizer, gasoline, etc., by selling shares of the future crop to people in the community, Kneen told an audience at the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute Thursday. The farmer grows many kinds of produce — not just one crop — which every shareholder will share in as they are harvested.

The farmer has no need to borrow from a bank or the government and leftover produce can be sold to local co-operatives, stores or restaurants.

Kneen uses terms like distancing and proximity to describe where agriculture has gone in the last 50 years and where it has to go in the next 50. A broader swath of people must understand and appreciate the role of local farmers in local communities.

Community shared agriculture, Kneen says, is one way to bridge the distance and maximize the proximity between grower and consumer.

Kneen's 15 years' experience of farming in Nova Scotia has taught him to lay most of the blame for the agricultural malaise Canada faces — huge money-losing monoculture farms here and mass importation of food from elsewhere — on transnational food processing companies.



Brewster Kneen

"They tell you there's only one way to grow corn or one way to raise beef," Kneen said. "Anybody who questions progress, biotechnology and efficiency must have something wrong with them. The schooling system doesn't teach critical thinking. Read between the lines. Read the agenda that's hidden there and try to understand about transnational companies."

Half a dozen companies control every element of the food industry, he said, from supplying machinery, seed and fertilizer to financing of crops to harvesting, processing, packaging and sale.

"Like a rail car that moves forward or back," Kneen said, "the guys laying the railroad track have all the control."

"But," he added, "I find it just as easy to go sideways."

Kneen is not alone in trying to sidestep agricultural ties that bind. He has witnessed a flowering of alternatives in the industry, such as certification of organic growers

Community shared agriculture

and the success of farmers' markets.

"Community shared agriculture seems to be, maybe, the kind of most creative and most exciting step we've developed," he said. "Last year there was one community shared agriculture farm in Manitoba. This year there are 10 to 12. It's in virtually every province."

There can be 10 to 200 families sharing the crops from a single farm, he said, and one share is enough to feed a family of four. In Winnipeg one farmer was selling shares for \$400 and he grew about 25 different vegetables. The retail value of the non-organic produce that would have replaced those crops was \$480.

"Last year," Kneen said, "at one farm, people couldn't eat everything they were supplying. And they were supplying stuff of a quality they'd never seen before."

"It was the most wonderful experience. We're seeing people in Toronto joining up with farmers two hours' drive away. People begin to discover something about food, that it's more than something technical."

"Competitiveness is so destructive when you accept it," he said of industry-led agricultural practices. "There's no social solidarity. Everyone's an enemy. There's a winner and a loser."

"Community shared agriculture is a liberating process. How to take care of one another, that's what it is about."

Kneen's talk ended with questions and answers about community shared agriculture, co-operatives and sheep farming in Nova Scotia.

Kneen's views can be read in the agricultural publication *Ram's Horn* and a second printing of his recent book, *Land to Mouth*, will be available in October.

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In other police news this week: • Saturday is traffic law enforcement awareness day, and police will be out in full force to promote traffic law enforcement.

• A Ganges resident was charged with impaired driving Saturday after he was stopped on Vesuvius Bay Road.

• A cabin on Long Harbour Road was broken into sometime between June 1 and Sunday. No items were taken, but \$50 worth of damage was done to locks that were cut with bolt cutters.

• A motor vehicle accident on Southbank Drive at Fairway Drive left two vehicles with \$2,800 in damages. There were no injuries.

• More than \$4,000 worth of goods and cash were stolen from a home on Sky Valley Road last Wednesday. A Super Nintendo, \$1,500 in cash, a VCR, and a Camcorder were reported missing. Police have suspects, and the investigation is continuing.

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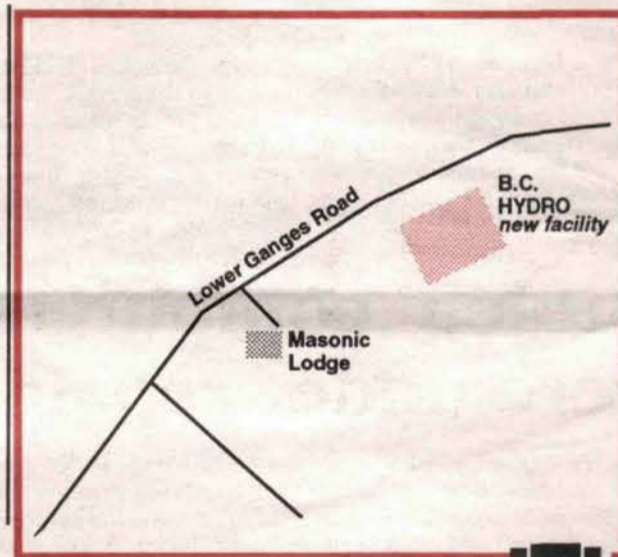
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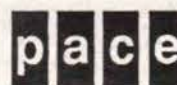
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Island farm welcomes alpacas after long journey

By NIKKI ZERR
Driftwood Staff

They travelled to Canada in a

cargo plane, but it was still a long, time-consuming journey. Salt Spring Island Llamas a. 1



NEW FAMILY ADDITION: Maggie Krieger and daughter Kimberly stand proudly with the newest member of their family, a baby alpaca. Photo by Nikki Zerr

Alpacas recently welcomed the newest addition to its family, a herd of nine alpacas that spent nearly three years in transit before arriving on the island.

Getting the animals here has been quite a process, according to owner Maggie Krieger. They left their native home of South America — where there are an estimated 3.5 million alpacas — to travel to Canada via New Zealand.

They were part of a herd of close to 350 alpacas which were shipped to Canada, but their arrival met with hesitation from the government of Alberta.

The herd was refused entry at Edmonton because officials had not been informed by the federal government of their arrival.

There was concern that the animals might have some form of illness or parasite which could be transferred to other animals in the province. When the plane landed in Edmonton, the alpacas were allowed to be taken to the federal quarantine station on the airport property, Krieger said. But provin-

cial authorities refused to allow them to be transported on provincial roads.

To overcome this obstacle, a bulldozer was brought in to clear a road from the tarmac to the quarantine station.

The alpaca is slightly smaller in size than a llama

The alpacas were eventually admitted into the country, with nine of them making their way to Salt Spring. It is one of just a few herds to be found on the west coast.

Maggie Krieger and husband Richard selected their alpacas during a trip to New Zealand, when they began the process of bringing them to Canada.

Alpacas were bred by the Incas of South America to provide fibre for clothing. As well, they were a source of meat, their hides were

used for shelter, and their manure made fertilizer and fuel.

On Salt Spring the alpacas will be raised for fibre, but Krieger said the animals will be bred for sale as well. An alpaca can often fetch between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

The herd-oriented alpacas communicate with one another with a humming sound. Each animal has its own hum, identifying it within the herd. Krieger hopes to have the new herd trained well enough to show them at the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver this year. Islanders should be able to see the alpacas in the next couple of weeks at the Harbour House market.

The alpaca is slightly smaller in size than a llama, but the two animals have many similar characteristics. Both live from 15 to 25 years, and females are first bred at 14 to 18 months of age. Males are ready to breed when they reach about two.

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July 13, 1988

• Salt Spring resident Bryan Smith won \$200 for an article submitted for a B.C.-wide contest in *The Elder Statesman*, a newsmagazine for senior citizens. His entry, picked from 127, was a humorous piece about a brush with death while serving with the British army in the second world war.

• Salt Spring resident Gwen Ruckle opened the Ruckle Park summer outdoor program with a history lesson. The summer program helped visitors understand what a working farm on Salt Spring was like in the last century. Gwen's great-grandfather Henry Ruckle came to Salt Spring in 1877.

Ten years ago

July 13, 1983

• Figures from the 1981 census showed the island population at 5,440. The average age of a Salt Spring resident then was 44, compared to the national average of 32 and a Victoria average of 42.7. Statistics Canada identified four viable communities on the island — Ganges with 1,118 people, Fulford Harbour with 134, Mobrae subdivision with 156 and Vesuvius with 92.

In 1966 there were 2,238 people on the island, 3,169 in 1971 and 4,410 in 1976.

• Two Salt Spring residents, Ernest and Val Haigh, were dismantled and adrift for two weeks in the north Pacific before being rescued by the U.S. navy. Their 40-foot trimaran *Tryste II* was caught in a storm three days out of Hilo, Hawaii. They lost the mast and one of the three hulls was destroyed. They were towed 1,700 miles north to Whittier, Alaska, where they were to spend time repairing the boat.

Fifteen years ago

July 19, 1978

• The authority of the Capital Regional District (CRD) to design and install trunk sewers was extended to include Salt Spring Island. The CRD would be able to borrow up to \$2.7 million for the construction of a sewage collection and disposal facility on the island. Bylaw 492, which established a specified area in Ganges for a sewer, was adopted and up to \$376,000 authorized for biological, oceanographic and environmental studies.

• Thirty-six people took part in the Salt Spring junior tennis tournament. Ken Marr won, squeaking past Marvin Foerster and Pam MacDougald.

Twenty years ago

July 19, 1973

• Outer Island parents were making constant calls for a daily transportation service to school in Ganges. When the Gulf Islands school board authorized a poll of parents concerned, the secretary-treasurer, Wilf Peck, sent out 132 questionnaires. One-third of parents responded. Among various proposals and requests, the call for daily transportation stood out. School trustees were set to meet officials from the ministries of education and communication to discuss an inter-island, fast passenger ferry.

• Sunday afternoon the ferry terminal at Long Harbour looked like the aftermath of a carnival. Traffic stretched back from the ferry for a mile (1.6 kilometres) up the road and the master of the *Queen of Sidney* had a hard time driving through the crowd to get to a parking spot.

On the south end, almost 100 foot passengers prevented many cars from boarding the 9:30 sailing from Swartz Bay. Salt Spring Lions were playing host to children from the Protestant Orphanage in Victoria and their numbers swelled the ferry.

Twenty-five years ago

July 11, 1968

• There were rumours flying of two major developments in the field of health and social services

for the Fulford area. The Brown clinic for emotionally disturbed children was mooted for the Beaver Point property of Geoffrey Emsley. A treatment centre for drug and alcohol addicts had also been rumoured.

• *Sechelt Queen* was touring the Gulf Islands as a possible replacement for the *Queen of the Islands*. She used to be a Black Ball ferry and ran the international run as well as the Vancouver Island-Mainland run but was not made for the many

narrow passages of the Gulf Islands run. Though she held twice as many cars as the *Queen of the Islands*, major work would have to be done if she were chosen.

Thirty years ago

July 18, 1963

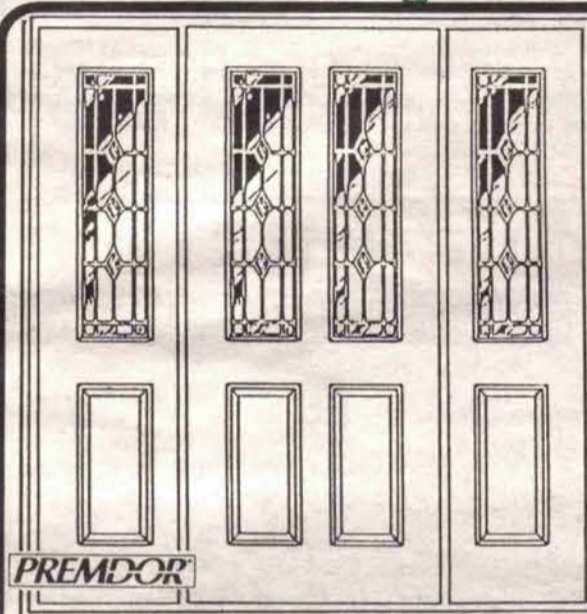
• A famous cricket player from Australia, Arthur Mailey, was visiting his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mailey of Welbury Point. Mr. Mailey Sr. played test matches in England and

Australia between 1921 and 1926. He was noted for being one of the best slow spin bowlers in the history of the game.

• Salt Spring Public Library Association purchased the former workshop of Cora Leggett for the centennial library. Purchase price was \$2,300. The centennial library, founded in the year of the B.C. centennial in 1958, had circulated 30,000 books since it opened in 1959. Members paid an annual fee of \$1.

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Remodel with the up to date look of the Six Panel door, our most popular exterior door. Primed white and ready for finishing. 2'8" x 6'8" & 3'0" x 6'8"

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#356 PRIMED WHITE The perfect trim for your doors and windows.

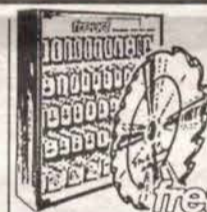
COLONIAL STYLE CASING

Lin. Ft. .29



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Provides a hard-wearing, super weatherproof on almost any walk-on surface. 27⁸⁸ 3.78 L



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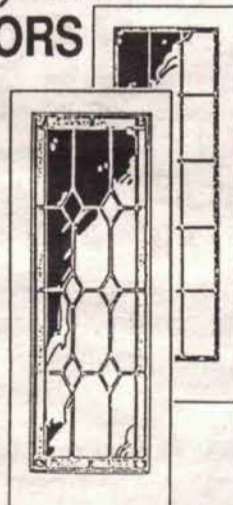
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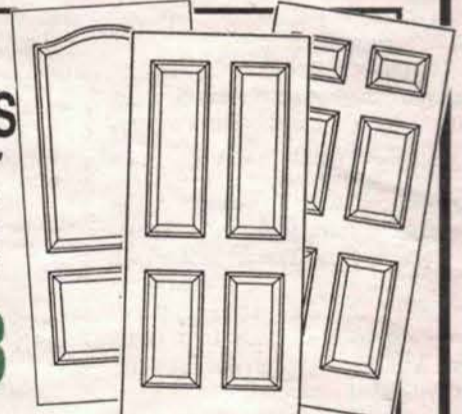
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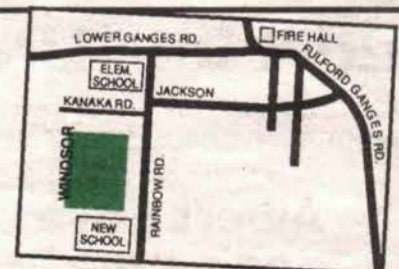
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