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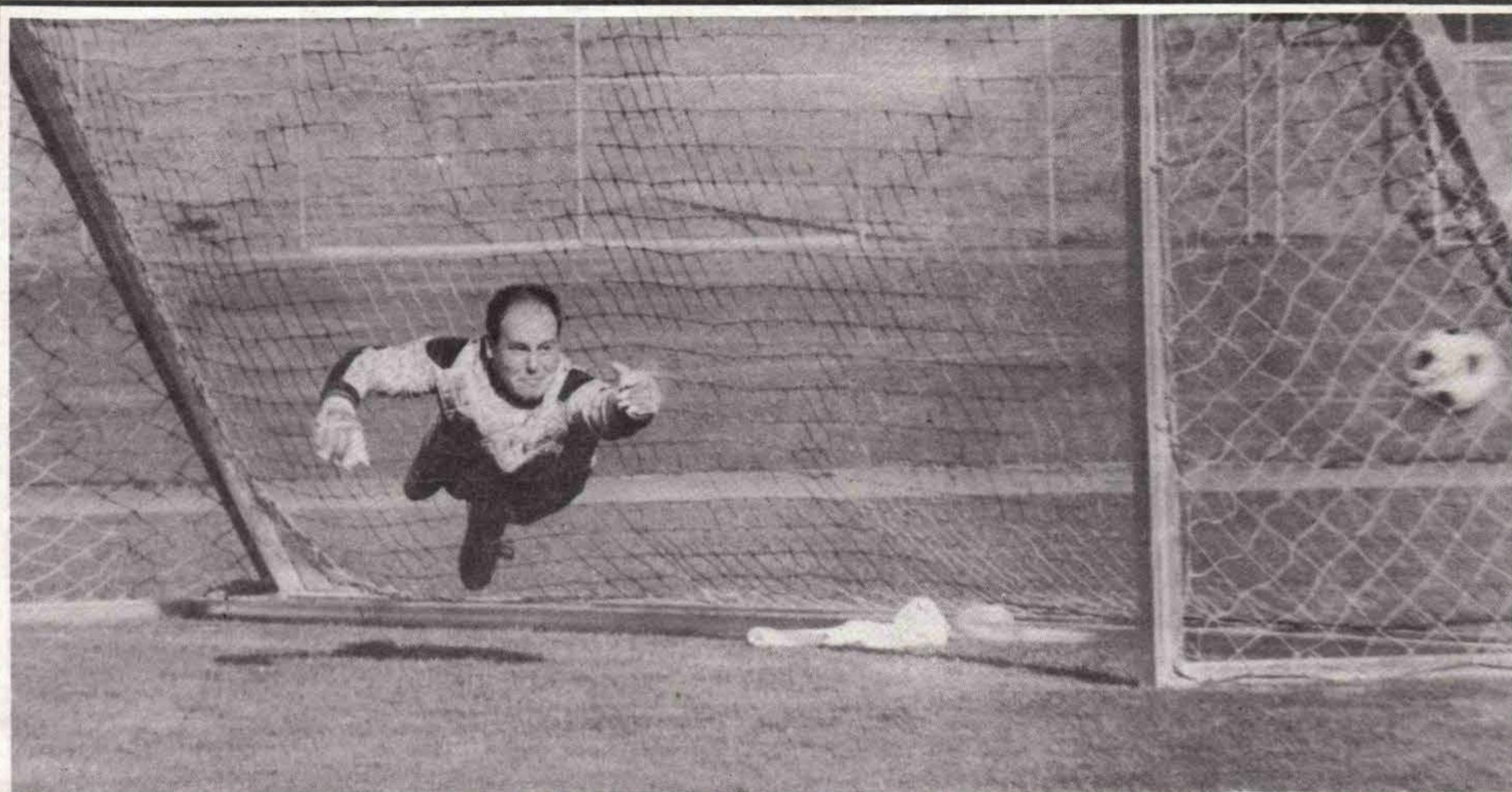
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GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Wednesday, October 13, 1993

The election is coming soon

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IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE: It's actually Salt Spring F.C.'s Chad Little, caught in mid-air as he tries to stop a penalty shot during Sunday's game

against Victoria Castaways at Portlock Park. Little went into goal to replace Ken Marr, who had to leave the game when the referee issued him with

a red card., his first ever, Marr said later. Salt Spring lost the game 4-0. For more photos, see Page C12.

Photo by Tony Richards

Trust approves two housing projects

Two seniors housing rezoning applications have been passed by the Salt Spring Trust committee, but not without raising concerns that must be addressed by rezoning bylaws.

The Lions Club has an application for 18 units of housing on three acres on Drake Road and Crof-

tonbrook wants to build another 12 to 20 units of housing in their development on Corbett Road. But both proposals call for a rezoning change to Multi-Family (MF), which would allow much higher densities than either applicant wants. And that worries trustee Bob Andrew.

"I don't question the integrity of the Lions Club," he said. "They do not intend to flip the land or build a high-rise. But somewhere along the line if the land changes hands . . ."

He said the application to rezone the land from Rural Residential 3 (RR3) to Multi-

Family (MF) was "not appropriate."

"Multi-Family could open up to something much more expansive," Andrew said. "I would have a great deal of difficulty supporting the rezoning request . . . even though I support the concept."

The Multi-Family zone allows 15 units per acre. The three acres of Lions Club land could, therefore, accommodate 45 units of housing, though the proposal is only for 18. The nearly five acres of Croftonbrook land could have 70 units of housing, though their proposal calls for only 12 to 20 in addition to the current 20.

"There's time to develop something here to suit their desires," he said. "Let's tailor this to exactly what they want."

Andrew suggested, and fellow trustee John Stepaniuk agreed after some discussion, that the Trust committee direct the local planner to draft an amending bylaw that would recognize the proposals of

the Lions Club. This might result in a new zone for this type of housing as distinct from multi-family.

A similar motion was passed for the Croftonbrook proposal, but with more stringent reservations. Both trustees wanted to maintain the integrity of the green arc around Ganges, part of which is subject to the rezoning application. Neither trustee wanted to see housing in the green arc zone, and they both questioned whether construction could easily take place on that part of the property which is inside it.

As with the Lions Club proposal, Andrew said he wanted to make sure the issue of density was addressed more specifically in the zoning, and the local planner will meet with the applicant to discuss a draft bylaw.

Meanwhile, the application for expansion of Brinkworthy Estate on Lower Ganges Road was deferred until a final report is received from the housing and accommodation task force.

Roads go one-way this week

Two Ganges village roads will be closed to vehicular traffic Thursday to allow highways crews to change them to one-way.

Hereford Avenue will become one-way travelling west and McPhillips Avenue will be one-way going east. As a result parking patterns on both roads will change.

"If all goes well, the road will be open again the next day," Bob Webb told the *Driftwood* last week, adding that the plans are dependent upon the weather.

Webb is the district technician

for the South Island District of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.

Signs are being provided by Victoria Highways while Scho's Line Painting will set down the road markings. Curbing is the responsibility of Capital City Paving. Total cost of the project is \$10,000.

Other changes for the village include a sidewalk from Mouat's Centre, where Thrifty Foods is located, past the tourist information centre and Chamber of Commerce

office to the firehall. Webb said angle parking in front of the tourist office and Tides Inn will be replaced by parallel parking.

The new traffic pattern will also prohibit left turns onto Lower Ganges Road by vehicles exiting Purvis Road. The changes were recommended in a parking, pedestrian and drainage study conducted for the Islands Trust. Information was circulated to area landowners, business operators and the chamber of commerce for input and discussion.

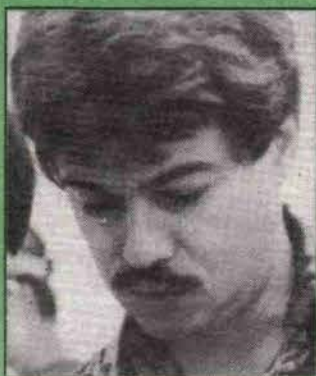
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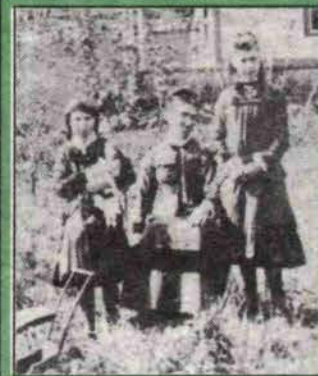
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Technology program
replaces metal work,
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high school.

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Morton Stratton's
passion for
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this week

Brilliant coloured leaves
and chilly nights
prove fall has arrived:
time to rake the lawn,
put up the storm
windows and
fill the woodpile.

weather



HIGHS: 15 C (normal 14)
LOWS: 9 C (normal 6)

PRECIPITATION: Wednesday, mostly cloudy,
60% chance of precipitation.

OUTLOOK: Thursday and Friday, mostly sunny.
Saturday, mostly cloudy, 40% chance of precipitation.



of note

Oct. 13.....School Board meets.
Oct. 15.....Hurtig presentation.
Oct. 17.....Corin fundraising blitz.

LUNAR CYCLE: for October 1993

☾ Oct. 08 ● Oct. 15 ☽ Oct. 22 ○ Oct. 30

lottery numbers

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	Oct. 9, 1993	02-08-10-12-23-44 B40
	Oct. 6, 1993	23-26-29-41-42-46 B18
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	Oct. 6, 1993	12-50-84-90

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TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

DAY	TIME	HEIGHT	DAY	TIME	HEIGHT
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	0820	4.9		1145	8.0
	1450	10.4		1650	10.7
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	0350	9.5		0755	10.9
	0910	5.7		1245	8.5
TH 15	1520	10.5	TU	1725	10.5
	2155	2.8		0050	1.2
	0455	10.0		0855	10.9
FRI 16	1000	6.6	WE	1350	8.7
	1545	10.6		1805	10.1
	2235	1.8		0140	1.8
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Hospital well-run, says accreditation

Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was given a three-year accreditation and a highly complimentary report on its operation last week, following a review by the Canadian Council of Health Facilities Accreditation in July.

The accreditation team's report described the hospital as a well-run facility with a high level of leadership, notable teamwork and communication.

"The hospital has a clearly stated mission directed towards meeting the needs of the community and providing quality care to all those it treats," the team added.

Also commended was the care given by the nursing staff, the organization of the medical staff and the establishment of a residents' council for those in extended care. The leadership of the hospital board was noted.

The team recommended hospital staff continue to strengthen the hospital's interdisciplinary approach, in which departments work together as a team to serve the patients.

A three-year accreditation is the highest possible recommendation

Statement revised

The revised Islands Trust draft policy statement was released October 1, after considerable public interest and debate about the previous draft released in May.

Islanders are invited to offer their written comments about the new draft by October 22. Those who wish to make a formal presentation to a special Trust council meeting in Nanaimo October 29 and 30 should notify the Islands Trust office in Victoria in writing by October 27.

The current Trust council, which will change after the elections in November, will make a

Ban over

Cooler weather at the start of the week ended an October 1 ban on industrial activity in local forests.

Due to increasing fire hazards, the B.C. Forest Service imposed the ban on high-risk activities in or near island forests. Included in the ban were blasting, sawmilling, tree falling and any activity requiring the use of small engines.

The ban was lifted October 5. Outdoor fires are once again permitted, but only in incinerators covered by a screen.

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which can be given by an accreditation team. The hospital has participated in the voluntary accreditation program since 1975 and, since then, has received three one-year awards, five two-year awards and, in 1990, one conditional three-year award.

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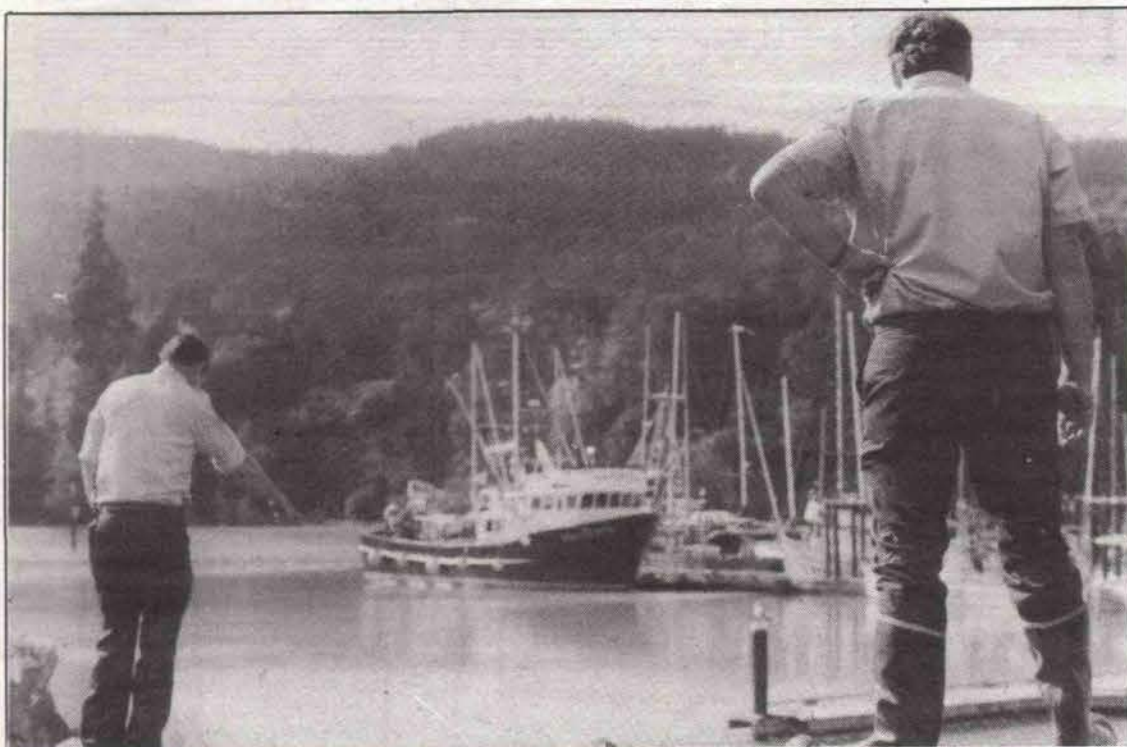
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INVESTIGATING SPILL: Salt Spring fire chief Les Wagg, left, and Ganges Coast Guard officer-in-charge Dave Howell look down on the discoloured waters of Ganges boat basin last week. They were examining the scene from the breakwater. Photo by Graeme Thompson

Environment Canada probes Ganges boat basin spill

An unknown substance turned the Ganges boat basin a milky white colour Thursday morning. Environment Canada emergencies impact biologist Nick Russo said samples of water from the affected area were still being analyzed as *Driftwood* went to press.

Russo also said that "parent material," taken from somewhere on Salt Spring Island, was also being analyzed.

He would not specify what the parent material was or where it had come from. The analysis is expected to be completed by the end of this week.

The basin was clear Wednesday night when Ganges wharfinger Bob Morrisette went home. The next day, visiting marine biologist Susan Yates said she thought the water looked different as she passed by about 8:50 a.m. She said

it was much whiter later in the morning.

Ganges Coast Guard were called to investigate at 9:15.

"We've looked at what we feel are the likely sources," officer-in-charge Dave Howell said at the site. "We're trying to determine what the source is. It's not oil."

"Minnows up the creek are healthy. Several outfalls were checked and they're dry. It's not a floating pollutant."

The white cloudiness of the water was thickest toward the dock, but Howell could not say whether it was because the source had come from that direction or the tide had taken the substance there. Coast Guard officials went through most of the fishboats and found no sources of pollution.

Whatever it was, it was disturbing fish and other sea life. Min-

nows, gunnels and other small fish were all seen packed together in schools with their mouths out of the water. Eels, pipefish, flounders and even kelp crabs, which are not normally seen at the inter-tidal level, were all at the water's surface. They were desperate for air.

"They're stressed out," Howell said, as he stooped to grab a handful of minnows from the dock. "You can't do that when the fish are healthy. At least they're not belly up."

"It is not directly toxic," Russo said. "It has reduced the dissolved oxygen concentration. There is no fish kill but a lot of stressed fish."

He said tidal projections indicate the pollution would not move further away than Walter Bay before settling, and most of the pollutant would settle in the basin itself.

Thanksgiving celebrated with stolen booze

Thieves seeking Thanksgiving cheer lifted bottles of liquor in two incidents reported to Ganges RCMP last week.

RCMP report

On Saturday about 8:30 p.m., staff at the Harbour House Hotel Beer and Wine Store noticed a man attempting to shoplift a bottle from the shelves. When confronted, the man kicked out a window and ran outside with a stolen bottle of wine. The incident is still under investigation.

On Monday night, meanwhile, two small bottles of liqueur were taken during a break-in at the Seaside Kitchen in Vesuvius. The theft was discovered Tuesday morning.

In other police news:

• A depth sounder and radio were both stolen from a boat at Harbours End Marina. The theft occurred between October 6 and 9, when the boat was at the marina for repairs. Value of the stolen items was estimated at \$400.

• Sometime during the holiday weekend vandals spray-painted graffiti on the doors to Fulford Hall. The black paint was discovered Tuesday morning.

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Load pulls logging truck into water at Burgoyne Bay dump Saturday

A logging truck was dragged by its load of logs into Burgoyne Bay about 5 p.m. Saturday when the front stake holding the logs jammed as the operator was trying to unload.

When a switch is tripped, both the back and front stakes holding the logs on to the bed of the trailer are supposed to drop, allowing the

logs to roll off the truck.

But when the operator tried to dump the load at Salt Spring Log Sort Saturday, the front stake jammed, holding the front ends of the logs in place on the truck. As the back ends of the logs rolled off the back of the trailer, the weight was enough to drag the truck over into the water.

The truck landed on top of logs already dumped into the bay and was pulled out by a loader and skidder on site.

No one was in the truck at the time of the accident and there were no injuries.

The truck, which is owned by Gord Duggan of Victoria, was driven off-island for repairs.

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Let's help not hinder schools

Pity poor Eric McMahon. The principal of Gulf Islands Secondary School, like most people employed in the field of public school education today, has an unenviable job.

The complex nature of modern society and its myriad ills all contribute to the serious difficulties that plague our educational system. Dysfunctional children from non-functioning families, youth crime and violence, a culture that puts learning on an equal level with having fun, teachers who cannot teach, and flaws in educational philosophy are just some of the formidable obstacles standing in the way of well run schools.

Meanwhile, standing on the sidelines are anxious parents who, justifiably puzzled by poor levels of achievement by their offspring, are raising a cacophony of questions that grows louder with every professional development day.

Add to that the fact that the local high school has not enjoyed a good reputation for a number of years, and you have all the makings for an ulcer, at the very least.

The principal's lot has not been made any easier by some parents' reaction to a recent walkout by students who wished to protest against clearcut logging in Clayoquot Sound. Never mind the fact that by a conservative estimate 75 of the 100-odd students who walked would not be able to tell you how much logging was actually to take place in Clayoquot Sound, the issue is — or should be — quite clear.

The school has rules designed to enable it to do its job, and be responsible to parents who have entrusted it with the education of their children. When the protesters left their classes to march around Ganges they broke the rules.

That should have ended the matter, but some parents have decided their children deserve not discipline but praise. That our children should take an interest in such affairs (we refer to those who knew why they were walking out) is commendable. But the ends do not justify the means.

In other words, breaking the school rules to join the Clayoquot protest is not acceptable behaviour. If parents truly support the efforts of our schools in educating their children, they must support the schools' efforts, which means supporting the schools' rules. If they disagree with them they should initiate efforts to have them changed. Otherwise they should take on the responsibility for the education of their children.

Encouraging children to break the rules is to encourage a less-than-respectful attitude towards the institutions society has created for its own betterment.

It is, moreover, creating another burden for already-overwhelmed educators. They need our help, not our hindrance.



Deliver the mail

Earlier this year, Canada Post Corporation extended its courier operations by purchasing a private courier company. On Salt Spring Island, the corporation is extending its operations in a different way: it's offering its assistance to the Islands Trust in land use matters.

A householder whose mailing address has been changed as a result of the new postal system approached the post office last week for details of his new address. Officials advised him he would not qualify for rural delivery as he was residing in an illegal suite.

Further investigation revealed that a trip to the fire department, which is responsible for house numbering, would resolve the problem. But this information had to be obtained through a call to Canada Post in Vancouver. The island post office ought to be aware of this simple remedy so as to advise the hundreds of residents who are domiciled in structures unrecognized by local authorities.

They ought to be aware too that land use issues are none of their business. The post office, we assume, knows something about delivering mail. They should stick to what they know best.

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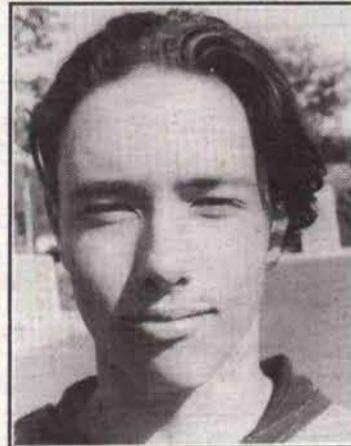
Ted Lyne,
Salt Spring

I was not impressed with any of them. I was least impressed with the performance of Kim Campbell. I could see where she could be effective in opposition because she's an aggressive, argumentative lady.



Tiiu Hiibus,
Salt Spring

Preston Manning impressed me because he kept to the facts. He didn't seem to lose his temper and he didn't buy into all the game playing that was going on.



Tyler Lynde 15,
Salt Spring

None of them. They argued and they argued, just went nowhere.



Jeri Frontin,
Salt Spring

To tell you the truth, none of them did. I didn't care for any of them because they didn't get right to the point.

A note from the editor

Recent correspondence on the subject of religion has presented a diversity of views, generated a great deal of thought and consumed many pages.

It had been our intention to allow the debate to run its course but alas, the course appears to be without end.

To continue publishing our correspondents' views on the subject would risk an uprising by

readers who feel, as we do, that the subject has been exhausted.

We respectfully suggest to those who may wish to continue the discussion that they rent a community hall on a rainy afternoon and debate to their hearts' content the finer points of biblical passages. In short, no further correspondence on the subject will be accepted for publication.

— The Editor

Parents say 'Right on' to students' logging walkout

By RANDY HOOPER

I co-parent two young women who walked out of school to protest the logging of Clayoquot Sound, and as a result, received a letter from (Gulf Islands Secondary School principal) Eric McMahon regarding this action, suggesting my partner and I discuss it with them. So we did, and we said, "Right On!"

I have chosen to use the *Driftwood* as a forum to continue the dialogue on this issue because I feel it is of great importance.

There are two issues to be dealt with—the first is the action of the students, and the second is the "why."

There has been a great shift in our education system in the past few years, and I am delighted to see that the focus on education has moved away from information to method and from discipline to development. I am happy that our children feel comfortable enough in their early and mid-teens to be independent, and to be brave enough to stand up and be counted for something they believe strongly in.

Nothing makes me happier than knowing that these kids will have inherent qualities of self-worth and independence as they move into adult life. I am also glad that they have found the knowledge, in class or on their own, and with the tools learned in the schools, to understand a topic well enough to make an informed decision about it—and how to effectively express these feelings when strongly disturbed by it. These are skills they will need in an increasingly dysfunctional society.

I was also pleased to see pre-teen students from the elementary school exposed to the walkout. After being in the park for a few minutes I overheard one youngster as his teacher, "What do we do now?" to which the teacher replied "We're going to go right back to school and talk about what we've just seen."

Kids on this physically isolated island don't often get exposed to "news" first hand, with current events usually experienced only from evening newscasts. For them to see something out of the ordinary surely must give them more impetus to be involved, interested and informed.

If we look at the Clayoquot issue, we find that it isn't just the simple media portrayal of an "environmentalist (preservationist) vs. logger" issue (I have never met anyone who is carte blanche anti-log-

view point

ging, or a logger who was against safe water, clean air and fertile soil.)

So why are these kids marching through Ganges? They're saying, "Hey, we have looked at the information available to us and we know that there is something wrong. You are over-cutting and cutting poorly. By the time we are grown up and involved as adults in society, your generation will have destroyed the forestry engine that drives this province's economy, the same way the governments and fishing industry destroyed the Atlantic cod fishery — by turning a blind eye to the warnings of environmentalists, the science community, and other experts and continuing on in a non-sustainable and greedy fashion.

They are saying, "Stop!—and get it right before it's all gone!" Without perhaps knowing the details, and reacting only because of an innate sense that something is wrong, they are in effect asking us to change the way we log, to move away from huge clear-cuts to properly managed forests, with selective forestry and small openings. They're asking us to protect their vested interest by main-

taining biodiversity, accounting for storm flows, for trout and salmon in the creeks, for windthrow and for rare and endangered species. They're very, very clear in asking us to preserve those very special places in B.C., like the Clayoquot and Carmanah, the Stein, the Walbran, the Tatshenshini and the Tsitika, whose worth is far, far greater as preserved old growth than the one-shot cash value of the construction-grade lumber.

They are aware perhaps that less than one per cent of the harvestable old growth in B.C. is protected as parkland, with the bulk of B.C.'s provincial parks being of mountain ranges, icecaps, glaciers and lakes.

And, most importantly, they're reminding us that as young adults, they have a voice, a voice we've encouraged through their learning process in our schools, and a voice that we should listen to more often, especially when it concerns their future so closely, as it does in this issue.

Randy Hooper was involved in the Amchitka walkout in the early '70s, when Vancouver high school students left their classes and marched to the U.S. Consulate to protest atomic bomb testing on Amchitka Island in the Aleutian Islands. He lives on Salt Spring.

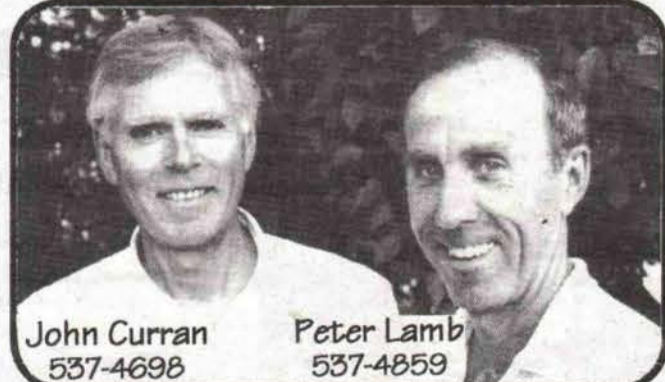
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Your letters are welcome

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 300 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste.

Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name.

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Editor's note: Parts of the two following letters were inadvertently switched last week, contributing nothing either to accuracy or communication. The *Driftwood* regrets the error.

Priority

To the Editor,

I would like to thank you for the excellent coverage the *Driftwood* has provided during the past month concerning the annual general meeting of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital. Both articles — the first of which was printed prior to the meeting and the second which was published following the meeting — were thorough and accurate.

Because of the many changes taking place in health care today the board and administration have made communication with the community a high priority. Your articles have helped to contribute towards this.

VICKI CURTIS,
Chief Executive Officer,
Lady Minto Hospital

Poor catch

To the Editor,

As mothers of young children who attended the fall fair, we would like to make two comments, one to praise, the other to voice disappointment.

The praise goes to Fulford Daycare for their fine set-up. Their generosity was greatly appreciated. Next year they should put a donations box up to take care of supply costs.

We were, however, very disappointed with the Reform Party's \$1 fish pond. This is obviously an activity that is attractive to young children yet the prizes were totally inappropriate: half empty shoe polish, used men's aftershave, a belt that would fit a 200 lb. male.

It makes one wonder at the lack of imagination on the part of this party's organizers. Is this indicative of the Reform Party's plans for the youth of today?

Is that all there is, leftovers?
CORDULA VOGT,
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Fun with 'copter numbers

To the Editor,
I have always enjoyed working with mathematics. I have always heard that anything can be worked out mathematically.

Let's have a little bit of fun with the figures of the federal government and the helicopter deal as proposed. (Oh, oh!) The price of the 'copters is reported to be \$4.8 billion. Now that's a lot of money!

By the time they're paid for the price could be a couple of hundred

million more, so let's round them off at \$5 billion.

The population of Canada is about 27 million, but there are probably a couple of million who just can't pay, so let's round the population off at 25 million.

We now have a price that's maximum and a population that's minimum. Divide the price by the population and the final figure is \$200 per man, woman and child.

This of course is over a period of (I believe) 15 years, so the yearly price is \$13.33 per person.

Let's take a look now at people and their ways of life.

capital COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — When critics of the NDP tell me that the Harcourt government hasn't shown any real flashes of brilliance since its election two years ago, I don't argue too strenuously.

I might say that the appointment of the Commission on Resources and Environment holds some promise of becoming the one big success story of this government if it succeeds in coming up with a viable land use plan for British Columbia.

I might bring to the attention of the critics that the freedom of information and privacy legislation was long overdue and is one of the better ideas of a largely lacklustre government.

Hell, I might even point out that the premier's recent attach on the poor plays well with the Ghengis Khan crowd and can, therefore, be considered a good, albeit cynical political move, aimed at enhancing the NDP's chances for re-election.

Of course, I'll have to bite my tongue when it comes to the more stupid moves, the latest of which was the cancellation of Harcourt's speech to a recent convention of the B.C. and Yukon Community Newspapers Association (BCYCNA).

For as long as I can remember, the premier of the day has been the guest speaker at the association's annual convention, and last year, Harcourt did indeed hold up the tradition.

This year, however, he took a rain check. Why? Because he didn't like the reaction to his speech last year. He got the impression that the audience was a little hostile. No kidding. Name any audience these days that doesn't feel murderous when confronted with a politician and I'll buy you a ticket to Disneyland.

Yes, the BCYCNA crowd was a little hostile last year, which should have come as no surprise to Harcourt, considering that most owners and publishers of community newspapers are fierce free enterprisers who have little use for the NDP.

Their reaction to Harcourt is about the same as an anti-poverty group or trade union would have to Michael Walker of the Fraser Institute, but the difference is that Walker isn't premier. Harcourt is.

And refusing to talk to the meeting of about 200 newspaper publishers and editors because he is afraid was not one of Harcourt's best moves. Alas, I'm told that he may accept next year's invitation which could, after all, be the last one.

Having said all that, let me tell you about a good government initiative. No, really, I'm not trying to be facetious. There is no government that doesn't have some good ideas. The one I'm talking about is called B.C. Focus, an \$87 million investment fund program meant to assist promising small businesses in their early or expansion stage.

With initial seed money of \$43.5 million taken from the British Columbia Endowment Fund, established in the 1992-93 budget, B.C. Focus will enable new and expanding small firms to raise capital.

B.C. Focus consists of five investment funds, all of which will be managed by experienced, professional and reputable fund managers in the private sector. In other words, the thing won't be run by the government, which is encouraging.

The five companies that will administer the investment funds are Quorum Growth Inc., Forest & Marine Financial, Wardley Canada Inc., B.C. Mercantile Corporation and Ventures West.

The fund managers will drum up \$43.5 million from the private sector to match the government's seed money.

The fund managers will evaluate a company's proposal and business plan and make investment decisions. Investments will primarily go to British Columbia companies. The fund managers will also provide management expertise to the companies receiving the financing.

The latter is probably more important than the financing itself since most small businesses that go under do so not because of lack of capital but inadequate business expertise.

The venture capital fund will specifically target technology and knowledge-based industries and make investments ranging from \$500,000 to \$2 million, whereas the merchant banking funds will focus on companies that have proven products and successful track records. Investments in that category will range from \$1 million to \$5 million.

It's a good program for the one reason that small businesses with fewer than 20 employees generate nearly 85 per cent of all new private sector jobs in Canada. Helping small businesses to get off the ground or expand holds a better promise to create jobs than propping up faltering industrial giants.

Some people trade their car in every five years. That time frame is supposed to be the optimum time for best trade value plus the best for trouble-free motoring. It costs roughly about \$2,000 per year. Ain't cars expensive?

I personally like to go to the Rod and Gun range periodically and shoot a box of home-loaded rifle shells for target practice. It costs about \$10 to load a box of .270 ammo plus \$2 range fee plus a couple of dollars for fuel for my truck. Total is \$14 for a short afternoon of my own entertainment. In short, one year of helicopter dollars each time I go out.

Golfers who are not members of the local club pay \$28 per day green fees, which is over two years of 'copters every day of golfing.

Beer is about \$15 per case, so beer lovers drink up a year's 'copter money with every case.

Now the last one, and I'll really catch it over this one. Smokers! Cigarettes at an average of \$5.33 per pack equal 2.5 packs per year of helicopters. 2.5 packs contain 50 cigarettes, or calculated out it means one cigarette every seven days.

Helicopters don't seem nearly so expensive now, do they?

JOHN BENNETT,
Fulford Harbour

Review fell short

To the Editor,
After seeing the Welsh Men's Choir last Saturday I wanted to yell out my appreciation and express the enjoyment felt and bursting admiration for such a delightful show. But I didn't write to this newspaper, thinking surely a reviewer would be there to report it far more articulately than I can.

What a disappointment and sense of shame that in the report of the event it wasn't even mentioned how great the choir was and how much the audience enjoyed it. So to them — thank you — it was absolutely smashing. I hope you feel welcome and make many encores.
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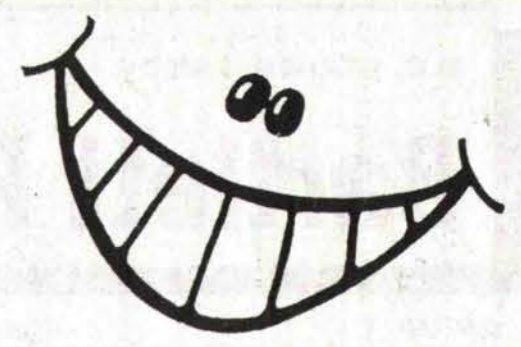
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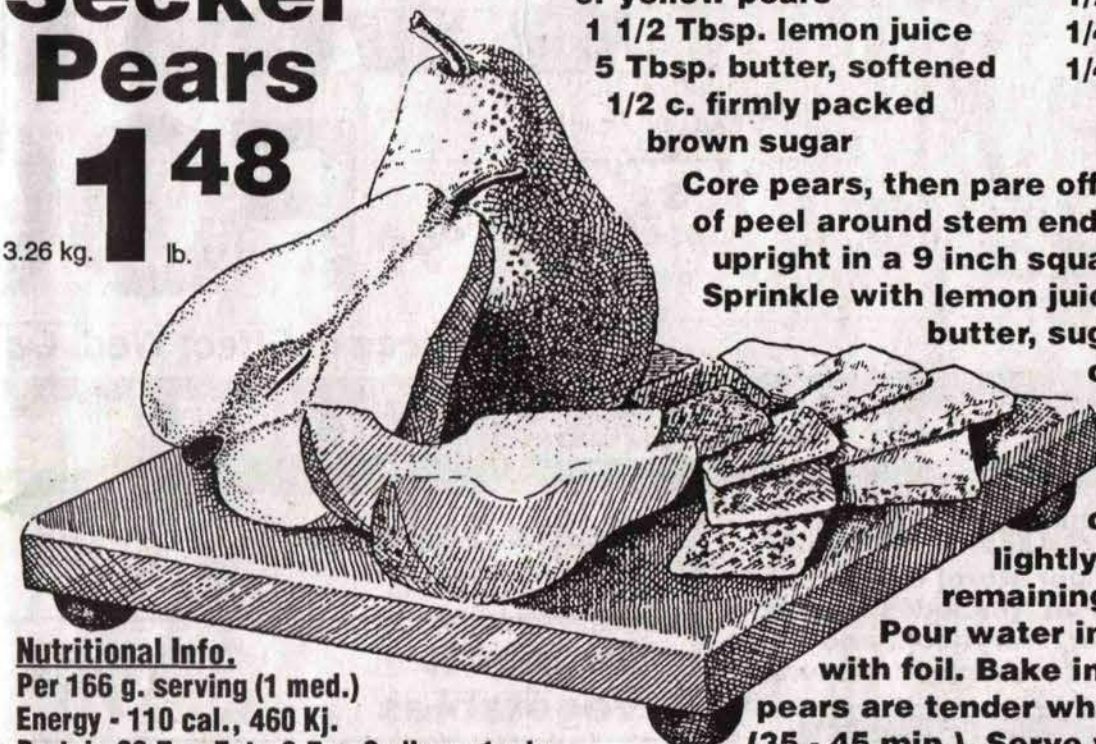
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3.26 kg. lb.

Baked Cinnamon Pears (Serves 6)

6 med. sized red, or yellow pears
1 1/2 Tbsp. lemon juice
5 Tbsp. butter, softened
1/2 c. firmly packed brown sugar

2/3 c. raisins
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/4 c. water



Core pears, then pare off a 1/2 inch strip of peel around stem end. Set pears upright in a 9 inch square baking dish. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Combine

butter, sugar, raisins, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Divide mixture evenly among pear centres, packing lightly. Sprinkle remaining mixture over all.

Pour water in dish and cover with foil. Bake in 400°F. oven until pears are tender when pierced (35 - 45 min.). Serve warm, spoon remaining sauce over pears.

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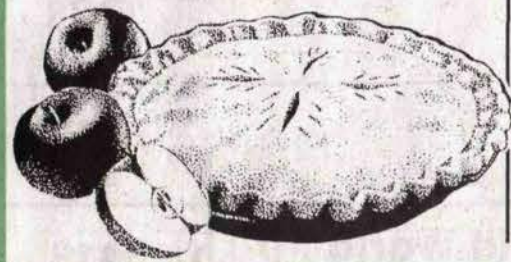
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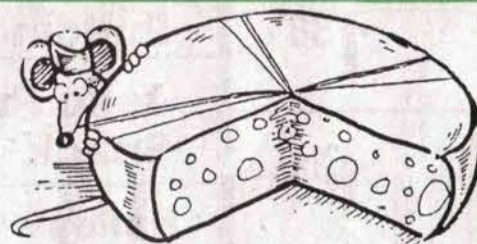
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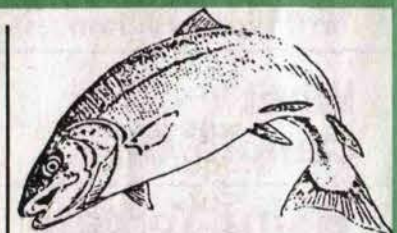
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Rights championed

To the Editor,
Denman Island Trustee Rolf Ludvigsen wants to spend as much money as necessary to defend the illegal land use bylaws created by the Galiano Trust Committee.

He also states "the Galiano Trust Committee had the misfortune to go up against a wealthy forest company."

The entire \$317,000 cost of these bylaws should be the responsibility of the persons who drafted and supported them, not the innocent property owners of Salt Spring Island who fund more than 40 per cent of the trust budget.

Trustee Ludvigsen seems to imply that it's all right to remove property rights from ordinary property owners provided they do not have enough wealth to protect their property rights in court.

These bylaws were in direct conflict with the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust. After the bylaws were implemented, vast areas of Galiano Island were clear-cut as that was the only use the bylaws allowed the property owners to do to their land.

The court decision has championed the protection of individual property rights of all property owners in the trust area.

Galiano Island contributes about five per cent to the trust budget or about five cents of every dollar spent by the trust. This is not much of a deterrent to avoid costly litigation.

JOHN A. ELLACOTT,
Fulford Harbour

Old-line party line

To the Editor,
Laws protect the enjoyment of our rights. This is the explanation from the word enjoy printed in the Gage Canadian Dictionary. When listening in this election period to the radio and TV, the spokespersons for the three old-line parties tell us that we have to vote for them to avoid splitting the vote. Their argument is, with so many other parties to vote for, that we give the voting power to the Bloc Quebecois. As a western Canadian,

I have a funny feeling about these terrifying words. These people told us we did have to vote yes for the Charlottetown agreement; our vote was important and the only chance to keep the province of Quebec as a part of Canada. With a no vote, we were destroying Canada as a country.

The answer from the population in the west was a resounding no for the proposed constitution. Thus on the 25th of October, vote for the party you think will represent our rights, and don't be afraid or scared to vote for our western rights.

AUDREY BUTTENWERF,
Courtenay

Pornography

To the Editor,
Concerned people of Salt Spring Island are busy working on the White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP) Campaign '93, scheduled for the week of October 24-31 this year.

Efforts to raise public awareness to the evils of pornography and the violence that follows, have had some effect on our justice system in the past year. On June 15 the House of Commons unanimously passed the Child Pornography Bill. On July 23 Bill C-128, an act to amend the Criminal Code and the Customs Tariff, received royal assent. This law is aimed mainly at pedophiles who produce and collect kiddie porn and distribute it in underground networks. Remember, child pornography is a permanent record of a child being sexually abused. It is a high-profit, multi-billion-dollar business in North America and large segments of that business are controlled by organized crime.

Serial killer cards, glorifying serial killers and mass murderers as heroes, are now available in Canada. In the next edition coming out before Christmas this year, Eclipse Comics of California plan to feature Karla Homolka and Paul Teal! Dial-A-Porn telephone service is available to give young children easy access to the most sexually explicit messages.

We must continue to take a stand against this degradation of our Canadian society. Write to the prime minister, the minister of justice, your MP and your MLA, express your concerns and ask that

they eliminate the cancer of pornography and violence. Your letters do make a difference. And wear a white ribbon during WRAP week October 24-31.

Today, most Canadians would accept that there must be a balance between the precious right of free expression and the equally precious right of freedom from violence and fear. The choice is not between pornography and censorship. The choice is between civil rights and civil responsibility.

URSULA M. McEWEN,
Ganges

Half-truth on trade

To the Editor,
After attending the all-candidates' meeting here on Salt Spring I was impressed with the quality of most of the candidates running in our riding.

However, Jack Frazer of the Reform Party stood up in front of all those people and said that exports had increased under the Canada/U.S. free trade deal. It's just this kind of half-truth that confuses the issue of this trade deal. What he didn't tell us was that total imports increased even more since the deal went into effect. Specifically, in 1991 our merchandise trade balance fell by \$4.1 billion.

The deal also includes trade in services, which aren't counted in the above figures. According to Statistics Canada, our balance in goods and services for three years before the deal was +\$12.6 billion. The balance after three years of the deal was -\$9.6 billion. A decrease of \$22.2 billion in only three years!

I have to ask whether Mr. Frazer is just ignorant of facts that are freely available, or deliberately misleading us. If he doesn't know his facts, how can he support a deal he knows nothing about? If he does know his figures, why is he only telling us half the story?

Personally, I'm sick and tired of the patronizing attitudes of most politicians. That somehow we don't know what's good for us. I urge anyone who's not sure about NAFTA to read Maude Barlow, David Orchard, Linda McQuaid and Mel Hurtig. Read, then decide for yourself.

DIANE MELEN,
Ganges

Taking a stand

To the Editor,
Many thanks to all the businesses and individuals of Salt Spring Island who were so generous in their support of the Forest Action Network's second tree-sitting action — a great success.

Three people were arrested in the trees and one person was arrested after the kryptonite lock which held his neck to an excavator was cut off. Their efforts slowed the crossing of McDee creek in Clayoquot Sound for eight working days and brought the issue back into the forest once more.

These concerned citizens have sacrificed their freedom and taken a stand for change to the forest industry and how they behave in our remaining ancient forests.

Come see for yourself what difference the Clayoquot compromise has made to the roadbuilding practices in the Bulson River watershed.

For anyone interested in more information about F.A.N., networking, donating food, equipment or money or getting involved more directly (media, support, canvassing), don't hesitate to contact us at 251-2477, Box 155, 1895 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V5N 4A6.

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Development days planned

This Friday will see the first of three district-wide professional development days planned for the coming year in Gulf Islands schools.

October 15 was chosen as a professional development day to coincide with meetings and workshops planned by provincial education organizations.

Two other district-wide days have been designated, one on

November 12 which will be devoted to school-based activities, and one on February 28, which will feature district-wide workshops.

Each school has two additional professional development days. Salt Spring Elementary chose September 24 and April 14; Fernwood January 25 and May 5; Fulford and Phoenix, January 17 and April 18; and Gulf Islands Secondary, January 21 and May 20.

Galiano will hold professional development days on December 3 and April 14; Mayne on April 22 and June 29; Pender on January 31 and June 29 and Saturna on November 26 and June 29.

The ministry of education has approved two additional days for parent and community interaction with the schools, but those days have not yet been selected by the district.

more letters

Educational opportunity

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Eric McMahon's comments as reported in last week's *Driftwood*. Students who participated in an organized, peaceful walkout to express their opposition to the Clayoquot logging plan were chided for their "lack of respect for their school, their teachers, and their classmates who decided to stay in class". Further, McMahon said that the school could not become involved in "controversial issues" like Clayoquot Sound.

If the school cannot respond to history occurring right now in our own province, what does it choose to respond to? Whether one agrees with the Clayoquot logging plan or not, unprecedented numbers of Canadian citizens are following in the non-violent tradition of Gandhi and offering themselves up for arrest and criminal charges. What an educational opportunity it would be to explore this issue!

There is no need for the school to take a partisan stand, but surely an open forum or debate allowing all sides of the issue to be discussed might have prevented the frustrations that caused these students to walk out.

When you teach a child to read, you teach a child to think and question. Students have always been at the forefront, challenging and questioning from Soweto, to Kent State to Tiananmen Square. When students are walking out of their classrooms in order to speak out, does this tell us anything about their freedom to speak within their classrooms?

MAGGIE RAMSEY,
Fulford Harbour

Punish the perpetrator

To the Editor,

'Twas Leonard Wallbank, by gar

Who espied a nail from his car. Someone's nailed their selection

To Hydro's erection, Let's get out the feathers and tar!

RICH BUXTON,
Ganges

Accurate reports

To the Editor,

I want to compliment the *Driftwood* and in particular Valorie Lennox for accurate and impartial report on the issue of my being rehired to teach drama at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS).

Many educational issues encourage strong partisan opinions and newspaper reporting may take a particular bias that can often aggravate a sensitive situation.

Valorie has taken time to research the issue and represent all parties as objectively as possible.

As a result of parent support I am satisfied with my return to a 0.6 drama position at GISS. Parents are appreciative that they were heard and members of the public have hopefully been enlightened on some of the difficult decisions administrators must make faced with severe financial cutbacks to this district.

I would be glad to give Valorie any support I can in her work on reporting on GISS.

SUSAN MACKIE,
Ganges

Candidate questions

To the Editor,

The interdenominational educational Ten Days for World Development Committee has formulated the following questions to ask of ourselves and our political candidates:

1. Should Canadian aid programs ensure that women and children are the prime beneficiaries and participate fully in implementation of development projects?

2. What action can be taken to ensure the gap between women's and men's earnings will be narrowed and eventually eliminated?

3. What government action is needed to ensure quality child care for all children who need it, not just those whose parents can afford it?

4. How can we eliminate child poverty in Canada and around the world?

The local Ten Days Committee is Rev. Bob Wild, Catherine Faulkner, Marg Simons and Tom Mitchell.

MARY C. WILLIAMSON,
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Burgoyne rezoning gets Trust approval

Rezoning for the proposed sewage and septage composting facility was approved by the Salt Spring Trust committee last Tuesday.

A bylaw rezoning the Burgoyne valley site was read for the first time. But trustee John Stepaniuk said he would be paying close attention to how concerns of local residents would be addressed before approving the bylaw for fourth reading.

Groundwater flow, possible contamination, noise, fencing and smell were some of the problems area residents identified at last week's public hearing.

Local trustees said many of those concerns would have to be met by the Capital Regional District (CRD), which will run the facility.

"The concept I wholeheartedly support," Stepaniuk said. "It's very badly needed on the island. The assurance is that the activity is going to be commensurate with the neighbourhood."

"The recourse for me is, I will have to accept this site, but I have to ask this committee, if measures are not met by fourth reading, I have to reconsider."

"Valid issues were brought up," trustee Bob Andrew said of the public hearing October 4, "in particular the issue of groundwater flow, where it goes to and potential contamination of neighbouring wells."

"I think we can address that. The Capital Regional District are willing to address it before proceeding with construction of the sludge and sewage composting facility. Given that, I have no problem proceeding with this."

The bylaw seeks to rezone part of a parcel of agricultural land owned by Texada Logging in the Burgoyne valley from Agriculture 1 (A1) to Agriculture 1-D (A1-D). The only permitted use would be as

a septage and sewage sludge disposal and composting facility operated by the CRD.

In other local Trust committee business:

- An application to rezone a property on Desmond Crescent from Residential 1 (R1) to Commercial 1 (C1) was accepted and will be drafted into a bylaw in preparation for a public hearing.

- A discussion of density increases in a watershed sprang up from a development proposal for 507 acres along Stewart Road. Both trustees agreed the proposed donation of 80 acres of parkland adjacent to a 75-acre parcel of crown land was beneficial to the community, but Bob Andrew was concerned about the effect of 12 or 13 properties which would be sited within the physical watershed of Stowe Lake.

He suggested those properties — with an average of about 11 acres — should not be allowed to have seasonal cottages.

Andrew said he does not object to cottages as buildings, but to the extra demands on the watershed, such as sewage, water and traffic.

He said that cottages are not generally used seasonally on Salt Spring Island, but are often used as permanent long-term dwellings.

John Stepaniuk said he did not believe the development would have any impact on the watershed of Stowe Lake. He also said the trail network proposed for the site should be sited and built before houses.

- Two Trust-initiated bylaws were read for the first time. Bylaw 308 amends the Official Community Plan to allow development of the Ganges alternate route from the top of Ganges Hill through to the junction of Rainbow and Atkins roads. Bylaw 319 sets guidelines for the operation of local Trust committee business meetings.

New mailboxes in use

Fog delayed delivery of the mail men but the mail still got through last week to 40 new group boxes on Salt Spring Island.

Canada Post consultant Bob Campbell said post office officials had planned to be on hand either October 4 or 5 for a ceremony to mark the start of the new service, but could not fly in to the island because of fog.

Campbell estimated the new community mailboxes serve about 550 customers on the north end of

the island. The next group of boxes will go into use early in November, he said.

Due to heavy volume over Christmas, he expected there would be no more households added to the system until after January 15.

The conversion of the entire island to the new system will take about a year, he estimated.

The old green boxes are being removed as the new ones replace them.



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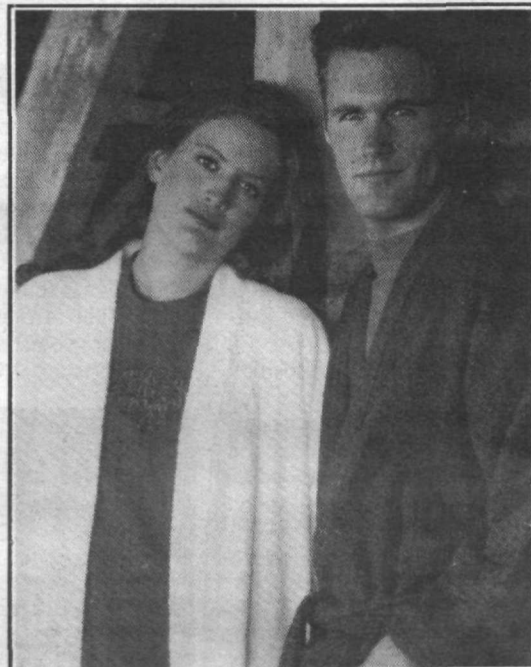
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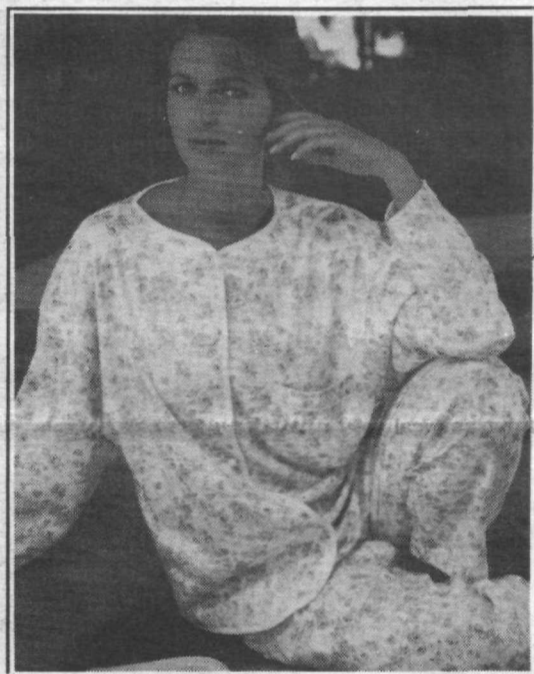
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Year 2000: Future uncertain at two levels

There are change clouds gathering over school districts across the province, superintendent of schools Mike Marshall told Gulf Islands school trustees recently. But so far no one knows exactly what the change will be.

Reporting September 28 on a meeting in Victoria, Marshall said school administrators were told the ministry of education is reviewing the structure of school district administration, the funding formula for schools and the Year 2000 program.

Although Premier Mike Harcourt has strongly criticized Year 2000, Marshall said the ministry will not be throwing out the entire program. Only the primary section of the three-part program has been fully implemented in B.C. schools, he noted.

"Primary will remain much as it is, intermediate is a question mark and graduation is a very large question mark," he summarized.

Research shows the primary part of the program is working well, Marshall said. However, changes will be made to make it

easier for parents to understand the program.

For example, the Year 1 to Year 4 designations will be replaced by the original Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3. The anecdotal report cards will be retained for the primary grades but not extended into the intermediate Grades 4 to 7, as originally planned. Instead, students in those grades will receive report cards combining letter grades with written comments.

Marshall said the intermediate Year 2000 program was not fully implemented in B.C. schools although some districts, including

the Gulf Islands, had introduced parts of it.

"To throw that out before it has been instituted seemed, at best, to be a little silly," he remarked. Implementation of the intermediate program has now been placed on hold.

No decisions have been reached on the graduation program, although there was agreement that B.C. schools should teach basic academic skills, computer literacy and problem-solving skills.

Commenting on the shifts in provincial government policy at an earlier meeting, board chairman Allisen Lambert said that there is a

lot of confusion being created. She wondered if B.C. school districts will follow the lead of districts in Ontario, which refused to follow changing directives from the provincial government.

Although the meeting in Victoria focused on curriculum, Marshall said ministry staff also indicated the entire structure governing school districts is being reviewed. Included in the review are such issues as existing school district boundaries, the numbers of trustees per district and the role of senior administrative staff.

The provincial funding formula is also being reviewed, since the

ministry recognizes the present formula does not treat districts equally. The Gulf Islands, for example, is hit hard by the formula because the district must cover additional expenses such as water transportation, on a limited enrolment. As an example of the impact of the present funding formula, Marshall noted student enrolment in the Gulf Islands has increased 25 per cent while the number of teachers is only up five per cent over the same period.

Marshall suspected the ministry review would also include making districts more accountable for the money they spend.

Computers shifted to meet needs at GISS

Computers are being shuffled around Gulf Islands Secondary School to meet the need for more machines in the Computer Science 11/12 class. Although there are 27 students enrolled in the class, there are only 24 computers in the lab.

Principal Eric McMahon said computers elsewhere in the school

would be moved to ensure every student in the class is equipped with a machine. "There is the student demand for that program," he said.

Computers are also allowing individualized programs in the school's business education lab, McMahon said. The technology

makes it possible to offer a wider variety of courses under the guidance of one teacher.

Meanwhile, school administration is keeping close tabs on students who skip out, thanks to a new computerized office network for the school's administration, counselling and front office staff.

In addition to tracking student attendance, the computer system helps staff with scheduling and designing timetables, McMahon said. When students and staff move into the new school next year, they will find every classroom linked into a school-wide computer network.

Teacher desperate for hardware

A computer which is now gathering dust on a shelf in a closet can be instantly transformed into useful classroom equipment.

How? Just call John Cameron, a Salt Spring teacher who is appealing to the public for used computers to equip his Fernwood Elementary classroom.

Cameron is so concerned about the shortage of computers in his school that he is advertising for used MS-DOS or Apple-based computers.

He has older software in the classroom which his Grade 3/4 students can use but no hardware to run the programs.

"Technology was a focus in this district in the past," he said. However, the computers in the elementary school are eight years old. One computer lab is shared between 14 classes and there are no computers in the classroom.

The problem, said Cameron, is that computer use should be integrated into classroom lessons as a tool, not set aside as a separate entity. "The machines are not something to use by themselves. They're something you use within the classroom."

Rapid changes in computer technology make it increasingly difficult for schools to keep pace since most schools cannot afford to replace their computers every few years.

Despite a district-wide program which once recommended a five-year replacement cycle, Cameron suspects 10 years is more likely for most schools.

Cameron suggests the only solution will be to dedicate a percentage of the school district's budget each year to technology. Although he heard Premier Mike Harcourt say the province's educational focus will be on problem-solving and technology, there is little money for the latter.

Fernwood School is allocated \$8 per student annually for technology — a total of \$2,800 for the entire school. "There's a money problem," Cameron said.

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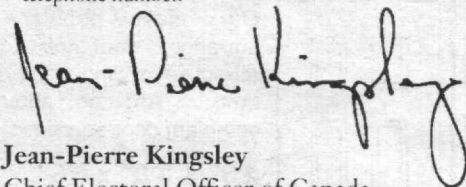
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Five years ago

October 12, 1988

The future of the Gulf Islands Woodlands Association was to be determined at an annual general meeting. Outgoing president Ken Renaud said the meeting would address the group's future direction, given the difficulty faced by islanders trying to gain woodlot status for their lands. The B.C. Assessment Authority turned down at least two local applications for woodlot status which were in the Agricultural Land Reserve. The 20-acre minimum lot size where many potential woodlots are located make residential subdivision the highest and best use of the land in the eyes of the Assessment Authority, not holding and managing woodlots.

A group of Salt Spring residents were objecting to the format of a workshop between Falconbridge Minerals Ltd. and representatives of community groups. The group had sent a telegram to Falconbridge protesting the closed nature of the workshop. Two island residents were invited to attend, but they felt too much responsibility was being placed on them as representatives of the whole island community. Falconbridge owned mineral rights in the southwest corner of Salt Spring and had done sampling and mapping work in preparation for a decision on the viability of resource extraction.

Ten years ago

October 12, 1983

Local trustee Nick Gilbert warned Salt Spring residents to take a serious stand against the way the Musgrave subdivision had been approved.

The original plan by Rico Holdings was to subdivide 18 of 480 acres at Musgrave Landing into 24 lots averaging three-quarters of an acre and leave the remaining uplands undeveloped.

The plan was not approved by the Islands Trust. The opinion of the Trust had been sent to the approving officer at the department of

highways and the original proposal was turned down. But at the end of September, the Trust learned a revised proposal had received preliminary approval from the approving officer without the knowledge of the Islands Trust.

At least one person was injured when 10 people forced their way onto the fully loaded *Queen of Tsawwassen* at Village Bay on Mayne Island. The ferry arrived at Village Bay with space for 69 passengers, and according to the schedule, passengers from Saturna Island had priority getting on. When the Saturna traffic was loaded, the ferry had reached its load limit of 989 passengers. Ten Mayne passengers decided to board the ferry anyway, and with the ramp raised, one unidentified man twisted his ankle jumping from it to the car deck. He was taken to hospital in Delta on arrival in Vancouver. No charges were laid.

Fifteen years ago

October 18, 1978

Islands MLA Hugh Curtis announced a \$63,666.67 grant for Salt Spring Island. The money represented one-third of the cost of the development of Portlock Park. The park was to provide a 400-metre track, two softball fields, a soccer pitch and two tennis courts.

An estimated 150 people showed up at Salt Spring Elementary to take in a lengthy meeting dealing with the Ganges plan, proposed amendments to the Official Community Plan and zoning bylaws.

Most of the attention centred on proposals drawn up for the development of Ganges. Islands Trust chairman Marc Holmes said since the sewer was likely to go ahead in Ganges, it was the ideal time to create a plan for the development of the island centre.

Twenty years ago

October 18, 1973

RCMP at Ganges were looking for a pound. Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce heard from

president Tom Toynbee that the local police had told him as soon as they could find a resident willing to operate a pound, wandering and stray animals would be taken in. Many islanders had expressed concern about the numbers of stray dogs and sheep farmers had been incensed at the number of marauding dogs killing sheep.

Buildings valued at nearly half a million dollars were approved on Salt Spring Island in September, bringing the year's total to \$4 million. There were permits for 11 single-family homes on Salt Spring and five permits for single-family homes on the other southern Gulf Islands.

Twenty-five years ago

October 10, 1968

Small craft mooring space was urgently needed at Ganges. The island Chamber of Commerce was to press the point home to the minister of public works to provide a breakwater in Ganges Harbour. P.H. Knowles said the small boat harbour was filled beyond capacity and that the federal government several years before had established a policy of providing a breakwater where private enterprise would offer the rest of the facilities needed to encourage marine facilities as part of the tourist and recreational field.

Annual flooding was getting worse, Mrs. R. Pirillo told the

Chamber of Commerce. The slough was fed by two arms, one running down Rainbow Road and the second from the school grounds area.

Thirty years ago

October 10, 1963

Chamber of Commerce was

discussing possible designs for the proposed Centennial Park at the Ganges boat basin. A boat launch was to be added to the original sketch showing trees and flower boxes spaces around the cenotaph. It was still undecided whether the province would hold the park or lease it to the chamber.

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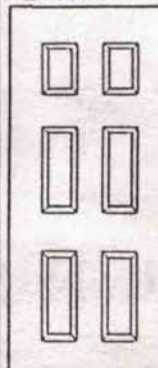
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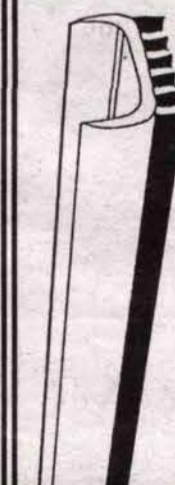
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A TREASURE HUNT: Salt Spring Lions' giant garage sale Saturday drew a horde of island residents, including 11-year-old Sarah Walsh.

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