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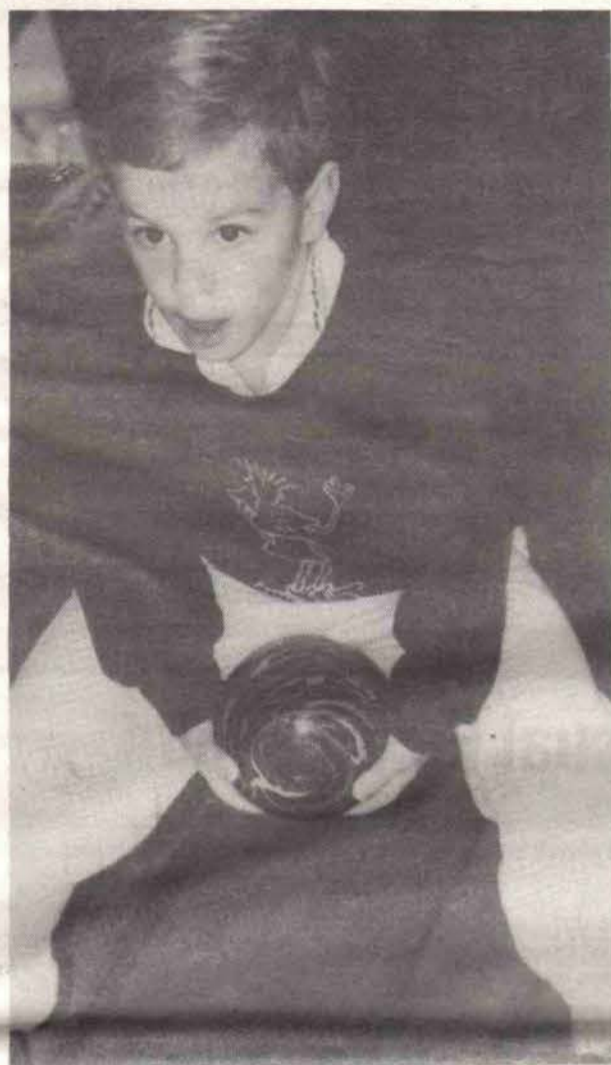
GANGES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Wednesday, March 9, 1994

One need not be wary of the

IDES OF MARCH

unless they're accompanied by a touch of frost that threatens some early planting.



A WAITING GAME: For youthful bowlers like Christian Huser, a bowling lane is a fair distance from foul line to pins. And the ball itself is no



lightweight piece of equipment, either. So it takes a bit of time for the ball to reach its destination. But when it did last week, it was worth the wait.



Christian says, "Yes!" as ball meets pins. He is one of many young bowlers who play every week at Kings Lane Recreation in Ganges. Photos by Tony Richards

Pool heads respondents' wish list

When it comes to parks and recreation issues on Salt Spring, we get what we are willing to pay for.

Like previous probings of local opinion, the *Driftwood's* Spotlight on Salt Spring survey, published last fall, produced a lengthy "wish list" for new or improved recreational facilities — headed by an indoor swimming pool, of course.

Also not surprising was a corresponding reluctance to pay for new facilities through an increase in property taxes.

Spotlight respondents favoured a "user pay" system of financing new facilities twice as much as increased taxes (46 per cent versus 22 per cent). Twenty-eight per cent suggested "community fundraising" as the way to create more facilities.

Sixty-two per cent felt Salt Spring has enough adult recreation facilities but only 25 per cent

Spotlight on Salt Spring

Fourth of a series
By GAIL SJUBERG



thought youth residents were adequately served.

Of the 17 per cent of respondents with teens in the family, 46 per cent were "disenchanted" with youth-oriented local services and opportunities.

But again, only half of those surveyed said they would support increasing taxes for more youth services. A large majority felt "today's youth" relied more on others "to provide entertainment for them." Seventeen-year-old

Kirsty Chalmers has been active in trying to open the Core Inn youth centre on McPhillips Avenue. She thought Spotlight survey results revealed adults' ignorance of current facilities for island youth, and that some survey questions propagated a negative image of youth.

"I basically think youth need support and understanding, not mistrust and negative reactions," she said.

"Young people are crying out for help and something to do. We have a youth centre now and the bowling alley has teen night but that is only on Fridays and Mondays.

It would be great if this community would continue their donations for the Core Inn and if Parks and Recreation could get a rec centre happening."

Feeling pressure from youth and

others to once again test local support of major recreational spending, the commission is now forming a task force to determine if a referendum should be held on that issue.

With only a three per cent rise in its 1994-95 budget, which covers union wage increases and little else, investigating the possibilities is as far as the commission can go these days.

Commission chairwoman Kellie Booth told the *Driftwood* more funds through increased taxation could have been requested this year from its parent body, the Capital Regional District, but PRC members decided to heed an obvious anti-tax mood.

"People don't want to pay more taxes," she said. "So 25 things fell off the wish list."

Even with an unlimited supply of funds, Booth and PRC ad-

ministrator Tony Hume wonder if they could provide optimum leisure services to islanders.

The real problem for the commission is its inability to remove itself from the legal and bureaucratic quagmire of unfinished seawalks, beach access issues, farmers' markets or trying to preserve public trails in major land developments.

The PRC is drawn into controversial topics because the subject lands fall under their "management" on behalf of the Capital Regional District. Issues require approval from any number of representatives from the Islands Trust, highways, lands and environment ministries, water boards, developers, residents and other affected users, with major and often contentious decisions

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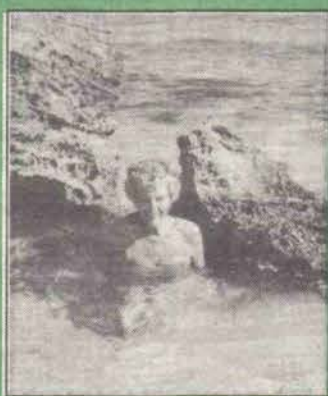
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Norfolk Island is familiar to some local residents

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Costumes getting special attention in school production of *The Miracle Worker*.

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newsbeat

this week

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weather



HIGHS: 10C (normal 9) LOWS: 04C (normal 1)

PRECIPITATION: 40% chance of showers Wednesday.

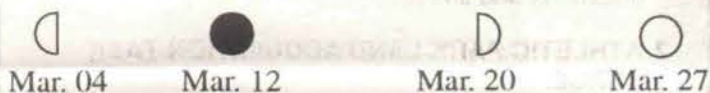
OUTLOOK: Mainly cloudy with a chance of showers
Wednesday and mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of rain Thursday.
Clouds and a 30% chance of showers Friday,
windy on Saturday with an 80% chance of rain.
Projected temperatures are lows of 2, highs of 11.



of note

- March 9GISS parents council meeting.
- March 12Salt Spring Centre school auction.
- March 16School board evening meeting.

LUNAR CYCLE: for March 1994



lottery numbers

	DRAW DATE	NUMBERS
Lotto 6/49	Mar 5, 1994	02-10-25-38-41-42 B07
	Mar 2, 1994	05-10-14-35-43-47 B26
B.C./49	Mar 5, 1994	18-24-27-33-34-35 B25
	Mar 2, 1994	07-08-09-10-14-19 B23
Extra	Mar 5, 1994	06-29-33-71
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tide tables

TIDE TABLES AT FULFORD HARBOUR

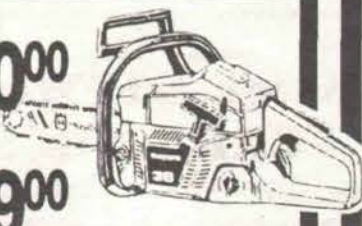
Pacific Standard Time - measured in feet

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	0940	7.5		1145	5.0
	1425	9.1		1805	9.3
WE 10	2110	3.5	MO	2345	5.7
	0435	10.4		0555	9.9
	1015	6.9		1215	4.5
TH 11	1530	9.1	TUES	1855	9.3
	2150	3.9		0020	6.4
	0455	10.3		0620	9.8
FRI 12	1045	6.2	WED	1250	4.1
	1625	9.2		1945	9.3
	2230	4.4		0100	7.1
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Ministry explains changes

The Year 2000 program may be "dead" but changes in education are still continuing, Ministry of Education representatives Marlene Dergousoff and Audrey Hobb told a group of parents, teachers and school board members at a meeting Monday night.

Held at Salt Spring Elementary, the meeting drew approximately 50 people to a review of proposed changes in the provincial education system. Drafts of the new intermediate and graduation programs have been distributed by the Ministry, which is inviting comment until April 30.

Among the changes are a return to grade designations for kindergarten to primary students, use of letter grades from Grade 4 onwards and more structured reporting for primary students.

Dergousoff, a Ministry of Education representative who helped develop the non-graded primary program, said the changes are an attempt to balance society's demands with new research on learning.

Audrey Hobb, who is working on the intermediate to graduate program, said letter grades will be given in grades 4 to 12. She hopes letter grades will be restricted to A, B, C, and IP, meaning "in progress."

For secondary school students there will be both letter grades and comments. Percentages will be added in grades 11 and 12 in order to provide more information on achievement for students seeking university admission, Hobb said.

Other program changes include time allocated for personal goal setting and career planning, starting in elementary school. There is an increased emphasis on practical arts and equal weight is to be given to career oriented and academic subjects.

Changes in the primary program will be implemented in September and the new Grade 4 to 12 programs are to be implemented in September 1995.

for the record

A story last week about the death of Charles Byron incorrectly identified his three children in Merville as two sons and a daughter. In fact, he leaves two daughters and a son in Merville, as well as two sons in Duncan from a previous marriage.

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LAW OFFICE

Grant bid 'will shock' but money is issue—Luth

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

An ArtSpring grant-in-aid proposal by regional director Dietrich Luth has taken a surprising turn this week.

A background report prepared by Luth to support a \$96,000 special levy on property owners tars and feathers several islanders, including ex-regional director Julia Atkins and Wilf Peck, who had written to the Capital Regional District (CRD) board to oppose the tax levy. The report also casts aspersions on a divided ArtSpring board.

"It'll shock a few people up at ArtSpring," Luth said Friday, "but it'll get us the money and that's all that matters."

He said those who were opposed to the grant-in-aid were "embittered souls" looking for a cause to sink their teeth into for their own "perverse reasons."

In a straightforward covering letter, Luth outlines the CRD's affiliation with the planned arts centre since 1990 when the land which the centre stands on was transferred to the regional district through the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Island Arts Centre Society has raised nearly \$1.3 million, the letter said, and estimates a further \$340,000 is needed.

"In the context of demonstrable private effort," Luth writes to his colleagues on the CRD board, "the electoral area grant-in-aid would be a cash injection at a critical time to assist the current completion commitments while fundraising continues."

Rural areas such as Salt Spring do not have the traditional municipal sources of funding for the arts, he said. There is no local equivalent of the Intermunicipal Committee which made arts grants of \$470,000 in the Greater Victoria area in 1993.

"Given the background of public and private support," Luth

continues in his letter, "a burgeoning population, continuing loss of public space and greater demand for public facilities, the grant (of \$96,000) would be a strong signal of regional government support for a local initiative which is the largest volunteer building effort on Salt Spring Island to the present day.

"As CRD director I feel that this project is worthy of some public support since the facility will be open to the whole community and already sits on land owned by the CRD."

But in the accompanying two-page background document Luth becomes accusatory. He blames "uncooperative antics," disunity on the ArtSpring board and "political factionalism" for the slow progress of the arts centre construction.

Wilf Peck, a former secretary-treasurer of the Gulf Islands school district, comes in for the heaviest broadsides. Peck was responsible for disbursing the CRD "windfall funds" to ArtSpring. Luth charges that he did so "piecemeal and with great difficulty."

He is identified as being unfriendly both to the ArtSpring board and chairman Lawrie Neish as a result of a dispute several years ago over high noise levels in the high school woodworking shop, where Neish was a teacher.

Neish would only say that the letter and background history "would not do this project any good." Peck was off-island this week and not available for comment.

Julia Atkins is blamed for slowing down the processing of the CRD windfall funds, but she is also credited with giving Luth the idea of the extraordinary grant-in-aid in the first place.

"I informed Dietrich of the existence of the mechanism in the Municipal Act," Atkins said Friday. "I think I told him it was the only way to get money for Art-

Spring."

She said she used the method herself once — and she may have been the only regional director in the province to do so — to obtain \$55,000 for a landfill study. But, she said, the decision to ask for the grant-in-aid was preceded by a public meeting, news stories and a director's report in the *Driftwood* and a "counter-petition" mailed to every household.

The counter-petition asked residents to sign and return a form if they did not want the grant-in-aid request made. Atkins said fewer than 300 people returned it, which was not enough to dissuade her from submitting the request.

As to the current request, she said there should be community discussion first about ArtSpring's financial situation and needs.

"I never made a practice of giving money to people who didn't want it," she added.

She also disputes impressions given in the report about the windfall grant and conditions which were never fulfilled.

Luth is proceeding with the grant request despite indications from the ArtSpring board that it does not wish it. The matter is expected to go to a vote by the regional board today (Wednesday).

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Islander says no to \$25,000 prize 'win'

When a Montreal firm took possession of a warehouse last week, they found a brand new 1992 Aerostar van inside. And in the van were papers which showed it belonged to a Salt Spring man who had won it in a contest but had never been notified.

The island businessman, who asked not to be identified, will never see the van, however: he decided against sending off the \$1,834 that Multi-tech Marketing wanted to help defray freight charges.

Multi-tech notified the local man of his "win" by telephone late last week, but insisted that he must send a cheque by courier within two days or the \$25,000 van would be shipped back to Detroit.

The story Multi-tech offered was that the warehouse had previously been rented by another marketing firm which had sold the islander some personalized pens two years ago. Purchasing the pens automatically entered him in a contest, in which the van was a prize.

However, the company had gone broke, the Multi-tech spokesman reported, and had abandoned the new van.

office had received four calls about the firm.

She said police were investigating telemarketing companies based in Montreal, which she described as "Canada's boiler room telemarketing capital." More than 100 companies are believed to be operating telemarketing scams from the city.

She said it was "amazing" how many people were gullible and sent money in response to telephone scams. "We heard of one consumer who sent \$5,000 off in the hopes of winning \$25,000."

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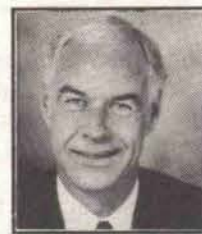


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New concerns

It's time for an accounting. The resignations of two new board members and the bid by regional director Dietrich Luth to provide a grant-in-aid to the ArtSpring have brought to the fore new concerns about the project, specifically the pace of construction and hopes for prompt completion.

When the ArtSpring board was bolstered by several new faces late last year, there was optimism that new blood on the board would help spur the project to completion, that the final push to open the arts centre would come in 1994.

We learned with dismay last week that two members were resigning, citing disunity and philosophical disagreement on the board. The high expectations of those who are anxious to see ArtSpring open were dashed. But in retrospect, little progress appears to have been made since last fall's annual meeting of the society.

Last September the ArtSpring board was invited by the Chamber of Commerce to meet with a professional fundraising firm. Three board members attended the meeting, but insisted that fundraising would be completed by February (last month). The fundraisers were aghast when they learned how long ArtSpring had been raising funds — more than five years.

No campaign, they said, should take longer than 18 months as the donor public becomes weary with the ongoing solicitations. It's no longer weariness that plagues ArtSpring fundraisers: it's absolute fatigue on the part of the public.

Equally dismaying have been recent stories of poor management in the ArtSpring office, where calls and donations have gone unanswered. Requests for a business plan and updated list of financial requirements have also gone unheeded because no one seems able to get the information together. The situation can best be described as a fiasco.

Monday's decision to hold an extraordinary meeting was a good one. It gives the membership — which ought to include the general, donor public — an opportunity to grill the directors on their activities of the past few months and call them to account. Members should also insist upon a completion plan being nailed down, one that would open the building as soon as possible.

And once that's done they should insist that paid staff be hired to run the office and manage the construction. A project this size cannot and should not rely solely on volunteer help.

At the centre of the disunity among board members is a proposal to borrow money to complete the building this year. If borrowing money is necessary to finish it this year, then let's do it.

Those mailboxes

Pity the poor post office. Here they are, trying to give Salt Spring Islanders shiny new group mailboxes at a cost of \$1,000 to \$4,000 each.

Do islanders thank them? Do islanders celebrate their newfound ability to mail letters from their group mailbox, to pick up small parcels without having to make a trip to the post office and to stop replacing padlocks on their old green box every three months?

Nope. Islanders complain.

The complaints are mounting up thicker than sale flyers three weeks before Christmas. Most revolve around safety, despite the fact that each mailbox site has been checked by the Ministry of Highways. The recent spate of installations on the south end produced colliding complaints. The current box battle is over the unit at Stowel Lake, which some residents want moved because it will interfere with parking at the lake.

A reasonable point: the post office agreed to move the box.

Then another group of residents, those living near the lake who are assigned to that mailbox, objected. They maintain their mailbox is designed to be within walking distance and should be erected at the original site.

The post office is now considering an extra box for those residents if a site can be found — hopefully, one which will not provoke an outcry from a third group. One resident has gone so far as to suggest there shouldn't be group mailboxes on Salt Spring at all. Given that the rural nature of the community precludes door-to-door delivery, we wonder how the mail would get through. Mandatory fax machines in every household? Personal pick-up from the post office? Carrier pigeons?

Of course, even those options will lead to further complaints: an additional burden on low-income users, long line-ups at the post office, pigeon droppings on the lawn — proving that in some cases, you can never please all of the people.

Pity the poor post office.



Boycott threat to economy

By DUNCAN MACDONNELL

Perceptions to the contrary, the threatened European boycott of British Columbia pulp, paper and lumber is not directed at MacMillan Bloedel, or against forest products manufactured from trees the company harvests in Clayoquot Sound.

It's bigger than that. The boycott is aimed at all forest products made in B.C., from Vancouver Island to the Kootenays, and from the Fraser Valley to the Peace region. As such, it threatens to impair the economic well-being of all the forest industry companies operating in this province, plus their employees and their families, whole communities and all levels of government. Everyone will suffer.

And for what? The boycott doesn't promote sound forest stewardship or the principles of sustainable development. It won't help British Columbians change the way our forests are managed.

It does, however, advance the agenda of environmental extremism. Greenpeace, the architect of the boycott effort, wants pulp, paper and lumber from B.C. to meet five tests of environmental correctness. It's asking the province's overseas customers to buy only those products that are:

1. free of fibre derived from clearcut logging.
 2. free of any pesticide used in the forest, and free of chlorine in the paper-bleaching process.
 3. free of fibre derived from any area where there is an outstanding land claim by indigenous peoples.
 4. free of fibre derived from forests that provide habitat to endangered species.
 5. making maximum use of recycled content.
- Meeting the five conditions is next to impossible.

1. Clearcuts have been dramatically reduced in size by provincial forests ministry guidelines, but Greenpeace wants a one-hectare maximum — and never mind that smaller cuts rule out ecologically-sensitive long-line yarding systems, encourage more road-building, ignore safety considerations and disregard local topography, trees species and ecology.

2. Forest companies have long since eliminated elemental chlorine from their pulp-making processes to meet stringent new effluent-quality regulations. It's not good enough for Greenpeace. In

view point

typical zero-tolerance fashion, the environmental group is proposing a remedy that's more extreme than the problem itself — a problem that's already been solved.

3. The entire province is the subject of land claims.

4. Scientists have yet to catalogue literally millions of species and sub-species of plants and animals living in our forests. It's no reason to shut down all human activity, though. If we have to wait until we know everything, we'll wait forever.

5. Paper with maximum recycled content is available but is made in limited quantities based on market demand. It seems not all customers share Greenpeace's fondness for the product. In Germany, the environmental group is also attacking the chemical composition of clays used in papermaking; will it soon label all papers as unacceptable?

There's another, far better way to change the way we manage our forests and manufacture products from our trees. It's called due process, and it's available and answerable to us right here in B.C. — not thousands of miles away, divorced from local reality.

By substituting pressure for due process, the environmental group is restricting the forests debate to special interest groups. It's not enough. The debate should also include voices with a direct stake in the well-being of this province.

Raise voices here, and abroad. Write to *Der Spiegel* magazine at Postfach 110420, 20457 Hamburg, Germany, and explain that British Columbians are responsible forest managers, concerned about the health of our trees, our communities and our livelihood. Encourage others to do the same. Greenpeace shouldn't be the only one launching a long-distance campaign.

And don't forget to hold Greenpeace accountable for its actions. The next time someone appears at your door to solicit money for an environmental group, find out where they stand on the issues.

Most of all, get involved. Don't take survival of the forest industry for granted. You never know what you've got 'til it's gone.

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We asked: What changes would you like to see to the school curriculum? salt spring says...



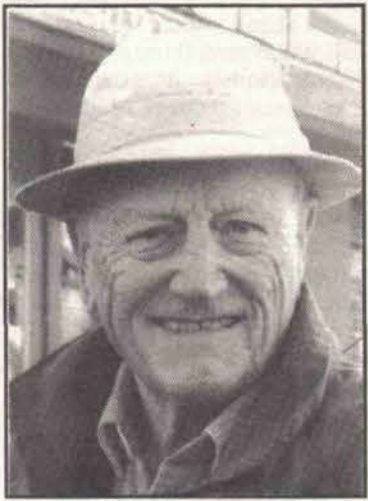
Leslie Hughes
(with son Billy)

I think there needs to be more discipline and a more structured environment and programs for the kids.



Debbie Cairns

Letter grades or percentages on report cards. It lets you know where your kids are at, academically. If they bring home a report card that says 40 or C, you can tell immediately there's a problem.



Norman Best

I would like to see less expensive field trips during school hours and time used to teach students the basics.



Kathryn Landry

There needs to be a good balance between guided structure and individual capabilities and interest but really within a structure.



Jesse Hlady

Students should have a lot more choice in programs and in teachers. You should have more control over what teacher you get. It really affects your grades.

letters

Alarmed

To the Editor,
Remember last election how the Reform Party clamoured for our right to recall miscreant MPs? (Not unlike Ford or General Motors recalling cars that seem likely to explode on impact.) Well, should that day ever come, here's a statement by our own Reform MP, Jack Frazer, that lovers of Canadian wildlife should remember.

In the course of arguing for continued cruise missile testing in Canada Mr. Frazer, as quoted in the *Globe and Mail*, discounted arguments that the tests disturb wildlife habitat. "I myself," he said, "have flown over moose in a jet without the animals showing the slightest alarm."

As if the cruise missile itself weren't alarming enough.

MURRAY REISS,
Fulford Harbour

Changing mores

To the Editor,
I would like to add some historical perspective to the current debate about sex and young people. I attended high school in the 1947-1950 period. While the percentage of high school age people who were having sex was somewhat smaller than it is today the figure was certainly significant. Sex between young people is not a new thing; young people have always had high sexual drives.

Of course, we didn't all succumb to our "raging hormones" but our virtue sometimes came at a cost that fell due at a later date. Those were the days of early marriages. Marriage was a licence for sex and so sexual desire became one of the contributing factors in the decision to marry.

Access to sex is a bad reason for marriage but, ever worse, an early marriage means commitment when people are not yet firm in their beliefs, interests, outlooks, etc. Such a marriage may be doomed and mine was.

We must realize that, while times are changing, the change is more a matter of degree than of real substance. The problem is much broader than just the question of what young people should do. It isn't just the young people who need to change. We, who are of the age of parents and grandparents of the people we are judging, need to realize that, like it or not, the mores

have changed.

We can only help young people make decisions in this difficult and dangerous area if we are realistic and our realism is clear to them. To expect total abstinence is not realistic. To withhold condoms because they fail a few per cent of the time is equally unrealistic. Our advice in the social, ethical, and moral areas will only be accepted when it is clear that we are realistic in the other areas of sexuality.

RICHARD ANDERSEN,
Fulford Harbour

Recycling goof

To the Editor,
Now that the recycle depot at Ganges Village Market has been moved, we pensioners without cars must push our carts to the Rainbow Road depot. Pioneer Village, Croftonbrook, etc., must waste by including papers, tins and glass in our garbage collection. What a waste.

When the going gets tough, the tough will be going. Another goof.
JUANITA BROWN,
Ganges

What's wrong with a tie?

To the Editor,
Now that the Winter Olympics are over and Salt Spring soccer begins its final leg toward the infamous playoff tournament I would cause the reader to reflect for a moment.

In last year's soccer tournament, two teams played their all-out best and reached a tie. A rarity, an equal and fair way for both teams to win, wherein every one is happy, including parents. Not! How often have we told our

children it's not whether you win or lose it's how you play the game!

We — kids, parents, soccer association — say: "And now five minutes of overtime and then if the two teams are still locked into a tie there will be a shoot-off." Five shots each at a keeper who suddenly has the fate of the entire team and season winnings in his hands! Get with the picture — this is the '90s.

It's time for change. The reason two teams are locked into a tie is because we locked them in there with our compulsive drive to see a winner. Our world, for some reason, is not in sync if there are two winners. And besides, we have to follow along with the rest of the world soccer association, train these youngsters that a win is not a tie and all ties will be broken! At their cost.

Here we are, almost half-way through the 1990s, close to finishing this century, accelerating faster towards a more violent society. The United Nations is bankrupt, Surrey is scary, Johnny is only allowed to watch CBC or the Knowledge Network, no violence in videos, but what about that hockey game, eh!

I ask you, if two gold medals were awarded both Sweden and Canada, would either team have been disappointed? I think not. We have the chance and the responsibility to reward, encourage, and educate our children now, that a tie is everybody's WIN!

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What goes around

To the Editor,
I like teenagers (I used to be one myself!). I enjoy their mating rituals, their energy, their wild enthusiasms and best of all that magi-

cal metamorphosis which transforms them from ungainly larvae to beautiful butterflies like ourselves.

My most rewarding time in life was spent teaching them and raising two of my very own. It was also a period of great frustration and challenge.

capital COMMENT

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — Take note, all you ministerial secretaries, researchers and other legislative non-union employees; the Liberals have got you in their sights, and if the NDP loses the next election, you're toast.

And the method by which you're going to be terminated won't be pretty if the firing last week of four Liberal staff members is any indication.

Normally, the episode I refer to would hardly rate a column. After all, people are laid off every day. But I am convinced that the brutal method by which the Liberals got rid of four lowly office workers constitutes the shape of things to come if the Liberals form the next government. Here's what happened:

On Wednesday morning last week, legislative assistants Joyce Linnel and Donna Shannon, systems analyst Mary Thurtell and researcher Lorne Grasley showed up at work as usual in the Parliament Buildings' second-floor offices, occupied by the Liberal MLAs.

Soon after arriving, they were individually approached by a woman who turned out to be an employee of Peat Marwick, a management consulting firm.

They were told to put their personal belongings into a carton, take their purses and get the hell out. Well, perhaps not in those exact words, but the instructions were clear: leave now, the cartons will be delivered to you later by courier. All four were escorted out of the offices and told not to come back. A paltry four-week severance package was all they got.

One of the staffers wanted to take a slip of paper with phone numbers of friends and family off the wall. She was told not to. Could she print out her resume, which was in the computer? The answer was no. How about some cheese she had in the fridge? No. Three of the four took it rather well, but one woman lost her composure. She cried.

One of the women was in the process of moving when she got fired. She wanted to be closer to her place of work. And even though her supervisor must have known in advance that the woman's days were numbered, he made her change the day of the move, which cost her the \$50 deposit.

The Liberals paid Peat Marwick \$4000 to do their dirty work. Judy Kirk, the new executive director for the official opposition, said she hired Peat Marwick for the job because she wanted it done in a professional way.

The 16-member Liberal caucus, she said, was trying to get ready for the next legislative session, and felt some reorganization was necessary. Total staff, she added, will be reduced from 26 to 23, with the focus on research and communications.

"Peat Marwick was contacted to help us in the transition, to provide emotional support to individuals. I wanted to be sure people were handled as professionally, as humanely as possible," she said.

I'd say the job was done professionally, alright. Hell, why didn't they just hire Tonya Harding's husband and bodyguards. They might have improved on the professionalism. A couple of well-aimed swings to the knee caps with a sturdy baseball bat would have assured that the women will never set foot in the Liberal offices again.

I don't know how they handle employees on the planet Kirk comes from, but it seems to me that the proper way of letting people go doesn't involve management consulting firms.

Whatever happened to calling people into the office, telling them that they've done a great job, but unfortunately, there's some down-sizing to be done. And if they need any help, they've only to ask. Humane layoffs also include offers of references and help in finding a new job.

I happen to know the women who got axed. During the last session, they worked to the point of exhaustion. They worked weekends, and when the legislature sat late into the night, they often didn't get out of the office until midnight or 1 a.m. And for their efforts, they got treated like dirt.

I didn't expect people like Bob Chisholm, whose definition of employee relations is somewhat alien to me, to have sympathy for the four fired staff members, but I expected better from Val Anderson, for whom I have always had a lot of respect.

I would have thought that Anderson might bring a little of his grounding in Christianity — he's a United Church minister — to this nasty little episode.

But when I talked to Anderson last weekend, he didn't wear his charity on his sleeve. He admitted that the affair probably wasn't handled too well, but that's as far as he went. No protest, no admonition of the people who botched the job.

Now if I had been treated this way I'd be slapping a law suit on these jokers faster than you can say Gordon Campbell. I'm sure the courts would come up with something better than four weeks' severance pay.

In conclusion, I wonder what they would do to their political enemies, considering the treatment they accord to their own employees.

Rebellion took many forms with my two boys. Hair was a biggie! Too long, too short, colour experimentation, eye concealment. Shock tactics were employed exquisitely; nostril exploration, scratching of indelicate parts, complete abandonment of grammar and syntax and, through a miasma of suspiciously illegal smoke, an ever-present threat of dropping out.

Those were not tranquil times, but let us move on. Years have passed. I am now retired and living on Salt Spring. I have discarded my three-piece suit, wear jeans and Birkenstocks and, thanks to Bevan Wrate, sport a gold ring in my left ear. My beard is reasonably scruffy and my hobby is trying, with little success, to grow a ponytail.

Last November I was invited to my son's graduation in Toronto. He is now 33 years old and was receiving a post-graduate degree. We hadn't seen each other since my move to the Gulf Islands.

He meets me at the airport and is appalled. I am in full Salt Spring regalia and am using a Glad bag to carry my essentials. I am also scratching a lot.

Ian is wearing a crested blazer and immaculate flannels and is looking around furtively. He says he has arranged a V.I.P. suite for me on campus and is uneasy. He asks me if I could accept some constructive criticism. I state grandly that all criticism is by nature iconoclastic but I will listen.

He shuffles and hesitantly suggests that a tie and a suit would perhaps be more appropriate. He asks if the earring is removable. He offers to lend me his Gucci luggage and a pair of shoes.

Oh happy day! Vengeance is mine! What goes around does indeed come around. There is a God!

I did compromise, though. I wore a tie. Admittedly it was an articulated wooden one carved by a Salt Spring artist, but it was a gesture. I was proud of the kid.

My message is simple. As you look across the breakfast table, despairingly, at the apparition with the inverted baseball cap and the shuffling gait of an ill-clad walking haystack, be patient. Your time will surely come.

ALEX MITCHELL,
Ganges



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- Appointment of Auditor
- Any other business

Trustees would appreciate a good turnout of island residents.

Condom stats

To the Editor,
I would like to make available to any resident of the Gulf Islands any number of articles regarding the effectiveness of condoms in preventing pregnancies, and in helping to prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

Any numbers quoted need to be seen in the study in which they occur; it is not appropriate or wise to take statistics out of context when the subject matter is important; to do so can lead to distortion and falsehood. I request of Mr. Baldwin (*Driftwood*, March 2) that he submit the complete article with its references, to the students, their parents and community members to which he has addressed his letter. I welcome his input but more importantly I welcome the contributions of thoughts and feelings of residents of our islands.

We certainly need to access outside help with the current issues, but our own voices need to be heard. We need to do the homework, and to somehow speak and hear clearly the essential messages that will occur between the students, their parents, educators and community members.

We are all involved with this issue, our sexuality is a part of our life before we are born and it is with us until we die. The children we delight in and sometimes anguish over deserve our attention; perhaps we can open our hearts and minds to them in ways we as older folks would like for ourselves: respect, honesty and clarity.

GERRY WILKIN,
Ganges

Trail accesses

To the Editor,
I read with interest a letter in your edition of February 23 concerning the development on Channel Ridge. I, too, am concerned about the direction this development has taken and, in particular, about the accesses to the watershed trail area. It would have been so simple, for example, for the developers to have incorporated a short right-of-way between properties 14 and 15 at the end of Cormorant Drive. And why did not our Islands Trust members insist on this prior to approving the scheme?

I understand that there are negotiations taking place between our trustees, Parks and Rec and the developers regarding trail accesses. Hopefully, our trustees will be more vigilant on our behalf than in the past.

RICH BUXTON,
Ganges

Lifestyle judgments

To the Editor,
Fulford village is such a beautiful place to live. It has that community spirit that people admire, a safe happy place to raise children.

Unfortunately, not everyone agrees with that. I would just like to reassure such people that I do. I believe I have found the perfect place for my daughter to grow up. After four years of living here she feels independent, safe and secure

in her environment. Please don't spoil that for her.

We are both disappointed and upset that people are judging our lifestyle. Maybe next time they will look at the whole picture. Who knows, Fulford might be that perfect place people dream of after all. As a parent of a young adolescent daughter I hope so, don't you?

LORRAINE KINGWELL,
Fulford Harbour

Disastrous dance

To the Editor,
My band, Swing on DeRanged, was to have played a dance February 19 at Beaver Point Hall. I say "was to have played" because the whole event was a total disaster. We played but a cancellation would have been the better choice.

We ran into MAJOR technical problems with a borrowed sound system from an islander who unfortunately was not in town to help us get it working properly.

We never *did* get it working, even after six hours of fiddling with it. We had to run two vocals and three instruments through one steel guitar amp, producing a less than desirable audio soup.

There was a serious lack of publicity so only 20 people or so came out. Couple low attendance with the band's total frustration with the sound system and you get the makings for a less than festive atmosphere.

We played for about an hour and we and those there subconsciously decided that was enough. They left, we packed up and left.

I and my band apologize for the technical problems we couldn't solve and offer sincere thanks to those that came out and danced a time or two and supported us by being there.

We wanted to refund your money but the producer of this fiasco opted to take it. We apologize for that and want you to know we didn't get any of it nor would we

feel right taking it had it been offered.

We would love to come back and play a real dance with a good sound system and a good crowd.

We're a good band and want to prove that to you. As it is, all you'll remember is how bad the whole evening was.

Believe me, we remember! Some day we'll come back, under our own promotional efforts and a good time will be had by all.

JULIE VALENTI,
Pitt Meadows, B.C.

Equine traffic

To the Editor,
First of all I'd like to thank all those motorists and cyclists who are so considerate of those of us on horseback. Most of you slow right down and refrain from sudden loud noises, which is a real help.

The Motor Vehicle Act defines a horse as a vehicle and subject to the rules of the road. You will therefore, on occasion, find us in your way. Be assured we like it no better than you do and we will move over as soon as we safely can.

Those of you who are just realizing that equine traffic is moving about on our roads, please remember that a startled horse doesn't think, he reacts, and a startled rider doesn't have a whole lot of influence from the ditch!

Horses have a wide range of vision and can see movement at almost 180 degrees, but they do not see clearly and may consider a bicycle coming up behind them to be a threat.

A truck, motorhome, or other large vehicle has the potential to become a horse-eating creature of draconic proportions. Of course most horses on the road have sufficient experience to know that this is not the case, and most riders are acutely aware of what is going on around them.


But just as you would take that

little bit of extra care when you see a toddler or young child beside the road, or a dog trotting along the shoulder, please do the same when you see a horse and rider. Even when they seem secure in a riding ring, horses can be frightened by excessive speed and noise.

Particularly from the horse community at the south end of Salt Spring a big thank you for your patience and consideration.

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opinion

Mindless mythology

To the Editor,
It was encouraging to read the editorial (*Driftwood*, March 2) identifying overblown claims of adolescent sexual activity as "a major myth of our culture."

Alberta Report of June 28, 1993 published an account of young men and women who are not conforming to the popular image of uncontrollable teenage sexuality:

"Rebecca Morcos is an attractive and articulate 21-year-old Edmonton student who believes that teens need to be taught to use abstinence, not condoms. Ms. Morcos and 10 other students took their chastity message to 13,000 high school students in a five-week cross-Canada tour that went over well with almost everyone but the educational establishment.

"In a 12-seater bus dubbed, 'The Virgin Bus,' the three male and eight female students travelled from Montreal to Victoria speaking at 75 schools in 47 cities and towns. The message, says Ms. Morcos, was very well received.

"I know we changed lives," says Ms. Morcos, explaining that many teens came up for counselling and a shoulder to cry on after each presentation. "There are so many hurting teens out there who wish they's heard our message years ago."

Parents who have been inundated with the propaganda that times have changed and their children will soon become sexually active whether they like it or not, will be happy to learn that many teens prefer the moral and traditional concept of a chaste and virtuous lifestyle prior to entering into a permanent marriage relationship.

The continuing advocacy of safe sex through the use of condoms is an atrocity that condemns multiplied thousands to HIV infection, and perseveres in spite of the fact that report after report states that there is absolutely no clinical data supporting the safety of condoms in preventing HIV.

Thankfully, many fine young people who have gone largely unnoticed have not been swept up in the mindless mythology of "safe sex" and the relentless encouragement from those who should know better to "get out there and contracept because we know you're going to do it anyway."

Just maybe we will begin to see a critical majority of our younger generation rejecting the powerful and popular trends of self-indul-

gence and gratification, and choosing to embrace those time-honoured virtues that once made Canada and the United States the most favoured and blessed of all nations.

BILL SHAW
Ganges

Children at risk

To the Editor,

Today a baby died from meningitis. She was five months old. Last Monday a five-year-old girl was confirmed with this deadly disease at Children's Hospital in Vancouver. She was from the Sardis area. The baby was from Nanaimo.

Young children are not at risk, we were told by health authorities. Yet youngsters from practically every age group have been affected. Still, there isn't any action to institute a provincial immunization program against meningitis, for all ages.

Those of us with children in the 0 to 12 years age group and living in this geographical area are being told our children are not at risk because we have not had a confirmed case here.

I believe our children are very much at risk due to the number of visitors to this area on a weekly basis and especially to Salt Spring.

Does another child, perhaps an island child, have to become very sick or die from this disease before governments move on this issue?

If you support a province-wide immunization program against meningitis, please call and voice that support to the CRD Community Health Service, 537-5541; Paul Ramsey, minister of health, 387-5394; Premier Mike Harcourt, 387-1715. (Call 1-800-663-7867 and ask to be connected to the Victoria numbers.)

Government must hear our concerns in order to meet our needs.

MARILYN MARSHALL,
Ganges

No better welcome

To the Editor,

I recently brought my daughter and her five-month baby to the island for a first look at our haven on Salt Spring. In the turmoil of rushing from the airport to catch the ferry she forgot her purse at the airport — along with a bag that had been misplaced en route from Montreal.

As soon as the ferry staff was

told they clicked into action — and before we were half-way to Salt Spring both purse and bag had been located. That is significant enough — but the best was yet to come. The ferry control tower told us, by radio to the ferry, that a young lady getting off duty at the tower would go to the airport, pick up both missing articles, and deliver them to the ferry, so that we could retrieve them that evening. And that indeed happened — with everything intact, including all of my daughter's vacation money. She could not have had a better welcome to our hospitality.

We wish to thank the lady (whose name we could not learn) and the ferry staff, led by Rick Parsley, who brought this anxious moment to such a welcome conclusion. All acted beyond the call of duty.

KENNETH MACKENZIE,
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WILL THIS HURT? Gulf Islands Secondary public health nurse Glenda Ashton-Ward on student Lianna Hingston, 17, checks with the immunization procedure. Photo by Valerie Lennox

Region finishes school shots with 400 at high school Monday

Nervously or bravely, quiet or giggling, alone or holding hands for moral support, 400 Gulf Islands Secondary School students filed into the school gym on Monday and bared their arms as part of a mass immunization against meningitis.

Monday's mass immunization was the final school visit in the Gulf Islands to carry out an immunization program for all 13 to

19-year-olds in the Capital Regional District.

The program was initiated after eight teenagers in the region were diagnosed with the meningococcal C virus over the past three months. Three of the teenagers, aged 14, 17 and 18, died from the disease.

On Salt Spring, 400 of the 581 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School were immunized Monday. Also immunized over the past

week were 23 students at Fulford Elementary, 36 at Fernwood Elementary and 30 at Salt Spring Elementary.

For those 13 to 19 who are not in school or who missed the scheduled immunization, a follow-up clinic will be held Friday at the Ganges health unit.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling the clinic at 537-5541.

Body of kayaker, 18, found by searchers

Ganges Coast Guard crews joined in an overnight search which ended in tragedy Saturday morning when the body of an 18-year-old girl was discovered off Erskine Point.

Adrienne Norris of Ladysmith went kayaking Friday afternoon. When she did not return a search was started.

Dave Howell of the Ganges Coast Guard station said a strong wind had blown up from the west late Friday but searchers hoped the girl had found shelter.

"We were all hoping she had taken shelter in one of the houses along the island," Howell said, noting the girl had not been dressed for cold weather.

The girl's body was found at 8:35 a.m. Her kayak was nearby.

The search was one incident in a busy week for the coast guard. Also on Saturday, the coast guard picked up a sick Greek sailor from a ship anchored in Trincomali Channel near Porlier Pass. The sailor was taken to Fernwood, transferred to an ambulance and taken to Lady Minto Hospital.

A 24-foot Salt Spring pleasure craft, the *Stand Fast*, was helped by the Coast Guard after losing power in Ganges Harbour. The boat may have struck a rock on Moneymaker Reef just northwest of Third Sister Island, the Coast Guard said.

The work boat from the *Manyberries* was used to tow the *Stand Fast* away from the rocks. Another local boat, the *Heather Ann*, towed the disabled craft into Harbour's End Marina.

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Education minister here in May, trustees learn

New initiatives in the Gulf Islands school district have convinced the provincial minister of education to come for a visit, chairwoman Allisen Lambert announced at last Wednesday's school board meeting.

Art Charbonneau is expected to visit the district in May, she said. Although it is difficult to arrange for such a visit, she felt some of the unique programs in the Gulf Islands and the construction of the new secondary school induced the minister to attend.

She predicted there would be an evening reception so parents and staff would have a chance to meet the minister.

In other district news:
• A special evening meeting of the school board will be held next Wednesday starting at 7 p.m. to discuss budget issues. The board has invited comments from staff and the public on priorities for the 1994-95 budget.

However, the district's budget schedule is already off-course, since figures on block funding

from the province are not yet available. Superintendent Mike Marshall now predicts the figures will be released to school districts this week.

According to the original budget planning schedule, funding figures from the province should have arrived by the end of February. Due to the delay, a staff meeting scheduled for today (Wednesday) to discuss budget options was postponed to next Monday.

The budget is to be finalized by the board at a special meeting April

27.
• The schedule of school board meetings for the rest of the year has been released. Regular meetings will be held April 13, May 11, June 8, June 29, August 31, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14. Special meetings are scheduled for March 16, April 27, September 28 and November 23.

• An avalanche of paper arguing for and against cuts in school administration has dropped on the desk of chairwoman Allisen Lambert.

Some people claim too much money is spent on administration, which does not benefit children in the classroom, while others claim administration is under-funded, Lambert noted.

In response, Lambert said the Gulf Islands district is well-served by its administrators. She noted the school principals are often the first at the school in the morning and frequently stay after school to conduct extra-curricular activities.

"This board does appreciate its administrators," she said.

Board considers Coke offer

Do schools go better with Coke? That was the question last Wednesday as trustees debated whether Gulf Islands Secondary should accept a free score clock from the Coca-Cola Company.

In addition to keeping score, the electronic clock would also display the Coca-Cola logo.

Director of instruction Bob McWhirter wondered what the school would have to trade in order to obtain the clock. For example, would Coke then insist that only Coke products be offered in school vending machines?

Schools are becoming more commercial, McWhirter added. Several now host book fairs, for example, which promote products from a specific publisher or group of publishers.

Given the cost of a score clock, trustee Ken Lee favoured accepting the offer. The clocks can cost thousands of dollars, he noted.

He also pointed out there is already a Coke vending machine in the school and that a local real estate company, NRS, had a banner erected at a recent tournament in exchange for its sponsorship.

Superintendent Mike Marshall said some parents object to soda pop and might not like the product advertised within the school. He said he would like to see the issue reviewed so long-term implications could be considered.

McWhirter agreed to get more information on the score clock offer before next Wednesday's board meeting.

Trustees pay tribute to Mackie

Reminding trustees of the strength of a teacher's influence, school district superintendent Mike Marshall paid tribute to former Gulf Islands Secondary teacher Susan Mackie at last Wednesday's board meeting.

Mackie, who died of cancer earlier this month, had taught in the district for three-and-a-half years.

"Sometimes we forget the trigonometry or the Social Studies but we don't forget how some teachers have touched us in very special ways," Marshall said.

People working in the education system have the opportunity to have a lasting influence on students, Marshall said. He described Mackie as "one of our outstanding people who is no longer with us."

School board chairwoman Allisen Lambert echoed Marshall's tribute and expressed the board's sorrow at the loss of Mackie to the district.

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Schools will use special days for emergency preparation

Mandatory community interaction days will be used for emergency preparedness in Gulf Islands schools, hopefully combatting the low turnout which has plagued the event in other B.C. school districts.

Under a directive from former Education Minister Anita Hagen, two community interaction days were to be held for the first time this year in every B.C. school district. The goal was to bring members of the community — especially the 77 per cent of taxpayers without children in the school system — into local schools.

But the days are not always drawing community members. Trustee Ken Lee reported attending a recent community interactive day at a Surrey secondary school.

Despite a \$1,000 keynote speaker and a presentation by Education Minister Art Charbonneau, Lee said there were only 26 people at the event — 23 of whom were teachers.

Given a low turnout in other school districts, superintendent Mike Marshall said the events may be cancelled. On Friday, he received a notice from the Ministry of Education indicating they were under review.

"Most boards are waiting in the bushes to see if they go away," Lee remarked.

He felt a school district can develop strong participation by the community without holding a staged event. "Every day in the Gulf Islands is a community inter-

action day."

Since the days must be held, Marshall said local schools are planning to hold an event in May which will focus on community emergency preparedness.

"The ultimate catastrophe is an earthquake but we feel there is also emergency preparedness we could do which would be helpful during less severe emergencies," Marshall said.

"The focus will be a real pulling together of a lot of things that are happening now," he added.

Each school will also hold an independent community interaction day, Marshall said. Gulf Islands Secondary is planning to hold an information day on the new high school, Marshall said.

Operations reviewed

Lunch times, staffing requirements and a semester system are all being debated at Gulf Islands Secondary School as staff and students prepare to move into a new building next September.

In an update to the school board on plans for the new school, principal Eric McMahon said the instructional program is now outlined for the coming year.

Being debated is the option of a split lunch hour or continuing the present staggered lunch hour, McMahon said. He also hopes to involve students in preparing for the new school.

Trustee Ken Lee asked if the school's name will change. He noted that those schools dubbed community schools often benefit from increased government funding.

Board chairwoman Allisen Lambert said the new high school will be a community school but current plans are to retain the present name. She expected the official opening of the new school will be held early in October.

A month-long delay in completion of the draft technology plan for the high school will not delay its completion, trustees were assured at last Wednesday's meeting.

B.C. Tel's Discovery Learning Services, which is designing both the high school plan and a draft technology plan for the entire district, now expects to have the high school plan finished by the end of March and the district plan completed by the end of June.

Trustee David Eyles wondered if the delayed plans meant the school district would have to delay

buying computer equipment and other technology related items. If the district plan is delayed until the end of June, he suggested the purchase of equipment could be delayed into the start of the next school year.

Lambert said the draft plan for Gulf Islands Secondary is not needed until the beginning of April, so Discovery Learning Services is still matching the district's schedule.

The school district is paying Discovery Learning Services up to \$19,000 to prepare the plans.

The district plan is not scheduled to be implemented until next year, McWhirter added.

Once the plans are accepted, the district could consider an ongoing partnership with Discovery Learning Services but there is no commitment for such a partnership, McWhirter said.

In other school board news:

- The board approved offering a five-session counselling program for grades 4-7 students by Christa Campsall of the Salt Spring Community Centre. The program is designed to mesh with the secondary school Learning for Living program. Also approved were presentations by Gail Meyer on young women in trades and technology.

- The board also approved charging tuition for adult students who are not funded by the province yet enroll in school programs. The district receives no provincial funding for adults who enroll in programs like Pathfinder after September 30 of each school year, McWhirter noted.

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Moving mailbox sparks concerns

The mail must go through — but lately it's been going through a lot as Canada Post, the Islands Trust and local residents tussle over the location of a new mailbox near Stowel Lake.

The story is a short but convoluted "tempest in a teapot," trustee Bob Andrew said Monday. Events started with the placement of a new group mailbox on a right-of-way near Stowel Lake. However, the right-of-way is used for parking by those who swim in the lake over the summer, so residents asked to have the site changed.

The post office agreed to move

Given all the narrow winding roads, she questioned the wisdom of installing the new mailboxes at all.

the new box provided the nine residents to be served by it also agreed to the move. The Islands Trust agreed to survey the residents.

This, said Andrew, is where communication fell apart. Two days after the initial agreement the Islands Trust was notified that the post office would move the box a kilometre to the east.

Bob Campbell, who is overseeing the installation of the new boxes throughout the island, said he understood the residents had been surveyed and had agreed to the move.

As soon as the change was announced, Campbell said his phone started ringing.

One of those who complained was Beaver Point Road resident Joan Turnbull, who also called the Driftwood. Turnbull said she was

among several people assigned to the post box in question who had not been contacted about the proposed move.

"We were never informed," she said, adding that one person erroneously told officials that residents were in favour of the move.

She predicted accidents would be caused by people driving to the mailboxes and then making U-turns to get home. "They (the mailboxes) were supposed to be within 200 feet so people could walk (to them). I don't feel like walking one mile and a half or taking the car and making a U-turn," she said.

Given the number of narrow winding roads on the island, she questioned the wisdom of installing the new mailboxes at all. The island is not an appropriate location since there are few cross streets and people will make dangerous U-turns to return home after picking up their mail, she said.

Andrew admits the U-turns are inevitable but said the Trust wants the mailbox away from the busy Stowel Lake parking area. He confirmed that the Trust had asked the post office to move the box.

"The existing box at Stowel Lake is going to be moved," Campbell said. However, the post office is now considering an alternate delivery site for those residents unhappy with the move.

If an appropriate location can be found which meets Ministry of Highways safety standards, the post office is willing to install an additional box for those residents.

The estimated cost of an additional box will be \$1,000 to \$4,000, depending on the construction requirements of the site. Highways representatives will be on the island this week to examine possible sites.

"We're trying to deliver the mail," Campbell said.

Fast-track adults —trustee

A faster track would draw more adult students to complete their high school graduation requirements, school trustee Ken Lee argued during a presentation to the board last Wednesday.

Lee suggested adult students be given academic credit for life and work experience instead of being required to complete the usual secondary school curriculum.

He based his argument on the Ontario system, which allows students 19 years of age or older to receive equivalency credit for up to 10 courses, depending on their work and school experience.

In Ontario, to receive a standard graduation certificate, the adult student must then complete four grade 11 and 12 courses. Lee noted this allows the work to be completed in a single semester.

In B.C., Lee said, the student must complete seven grade 11 and 12 courses, including English or Communications 12, Social Studies 11, and Math 11. Instead of a standard graduation certificate, the student receives an "adult secondary certificate," Lee noted.

He felt a fast track program for adult students would encourage more to return to school and complete their secondary school graduation requirements.

District director of instruction Bob McWhirter said there is a faster track for adults graduating from the career preparation program. He noted the standard graduation certificate — known as the Dogwood — and the adult secondary certificate were virtually the same.

Trustees agreed to discuss the idea further in committee.

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Wednesday, Mar. 16	7:00 pm	Current Grade 9 (Grade 10 in 94-95)	GISS Gym
Thursday, Mar. 17	7:00 pm	Current Grade 8 (Grade 9 in 94-95)	Mahon Hall

Growth is challenge for schools

Being in one of the province's fastest-growing school districts for the past several years, those involved in Salt Spring's education system can deliver a lengthy dissertation on the impacts of growth.

Provincially-directed curriculum changes, chronic funding shortfalls and a spillover of community growth on to school facilities have all made educating a challenging local concern.

Gulf Islands students increased in number by 64 per cent between 1983 and 1993, according to school board chairwoman Allisen Lambert, who has dealt with the results of those numbers on Salt Spring for the past three-and-a-half years.

"It doesn't run a nice, neat, consistent pattern, which gives you problems when you talk about the pressures of growth," she said.

Fifty more students spread throughout different grades and islands can push some class sizes over limits dictated by teaching contracts and require the hiring of several part-time staff, which raises the per-student teaching cost without adequate compensation by the education ministry.

If uneven quantities was the only problem to resolve, a shift of boundary lines could simply shuf-

file students to those buildings with more space. Pulling island shores together is somewhat more awkward.

Lambert said obvious geographical barriers have been compounded by "significant" curriculum changes directed by the Ministry of Education.

With a shift away from teaching a class of children sitting in rows, to individualized and small group learning, Salt Spring elementary schools have found their classrooms cramped for space.

Lambert cites Fulford Elementary, built in the early 1980s, as a facility feeling a serious squeeze. Its classrooms are now "several square metres short of the basic amount," she said.

Fulford has been earmarked for expansion and the district has received planning funds for that purpose from the ministry. The project is even rated as a "high priority," but is competing for funding with so many other "high priorities" province-wide that Lambert is uncertain when improvements might be seen.

Salt Spring school facilities are also under pressure from more than elementary and secondary student bodies, she said. As the community

grows, so does its need for space to hold meetings, arts and recreation activities, and community education courses.

"We really welcome our schools and grounds being used outside of the school hours," said Lambert, but district officials wonder what portion of resulting extra maintenance and coordinating costs they can absorb in a perennial budget freezing climate.

A review of joint community-school use of facilities is upcoming, which Lambert hopes will help all parties agree on how best to share existing schools and the new Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The new school has in fact been designed with community use firmly in mind, said Lambert. In planning stages "the focus was always what does the community want?"

Although respondents to the *Driftwood's* Spotlight on Salt Spring survey last fall displayed some knowledge about existing

numbers of island students and teachers, they did not seem to know how innovative the new high school will be. Only 16 per cent thought there were more than 15 "special facilities" in the school.

Respondents also underestimated the school district's annual budget, with 68 per cent believing it was \$12.5 million or less. (Last year's actual figure was \$14.6 million.)

Inadequate funding, combined with population growth and providing educational services to a district of five islands, has created unique challenges.

With the new high school coming on stream, the opening of a middle school at the old site and the resulting decrease in pressure on island elementary schools, Lambert is optimistic those challenges can be met while expanding community involvement in education.

Creation of a telecommunications centre linking all district schools may also help manage growth, by reducing Outer Islands students' travel to other islands.

"You have to come up with creative ideas and new ways of responding when you are experiencing the growth we are all experiencing," Lambert said.



Lambert

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being required from volunteer PRC members.

Booth said those members are feeling "desperately overwhelmed" by their experiences in recent years.

"We'd like to just look after the things we're supposed to," she said, meaning recreation programming, park maintenance and planning for future needs.

Instead, the PRC becomes entangled in complex land use issues almost by default.

"Things get laid on our table because Salt Spring is unincorporated," said Hume.

They feel the commission will only be relieved by transferring major decision-making from the volunteer board to an elected municipal council.

"Huge opportunities" to secure parklands, make developments truly benefit the community or create affordable housing are being missed due to a "lack of structure" and local control, they said.

For example, Drummond Park in Fulford could have been expanded through acquisition of a neighbouring property, but there was "no means" to effect the transaction.

The commission as it is cannot afford the costs of negotiating for, developing and maintaining public lands to adequately serve the island's growing population.

Hume noted a high percentage (71) of Spotlight survey respondents felt the island had enough parks.

He wonders if people feel that

way partly because all around them are trees and undeveloped spaces — most of it privately owned. As those lands are subdivided and sold, and opportunities to preserve substantial portions of them go untapped due to a lack of local con-

rol, he believes people's opinions will change.

"Ask them that question in the year 2020," suggested Hume, "when 99 per cent of them would say there are not enough parks here."

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Contractor critical of shoreline zones plan

Preparation of a new set of shoreline zones on Salt Spring has drawn criticism from the operator of a marine construction firm.

Grant Wickland of Marine Construction and Inspection Services says the riparian rights of waterfront property owners are being "severely modified" by the seven new shoreline zones being introduced by the Islands Trust.

"A lot of people come here with the expectation that because they have waterfront, they have riparian rights giving them access to deep water," Wickland said.

"People have that understanding."

But the Salt Spring Trust Committee plans to impose restrictions on the size, number and dimen-

sions of waterfront structures, he said.

Wickland wants to organize waterfront property owners to challenge the new zones in court.

"I would like to demonstrate in court to the Islands Trust that it cannot eliminate riparian rights without feeling the consequences," he said.

Wickland also criticized limitations on float size and wharf length. Draft plans call for an eight-foot limit on float width, a limit that Wickland says "makes little sense."

He says one rule of thumb is that for every half-mile of fetch, or open water, a foot should be added to a float's beam. Wickland said he usually builds floats to a 12-foot

width.

He said it was like the difference between a canoe and a seine boat. "One is very tippy and one isn't."

Wickland said it was possible to design and build structures that would work in all waterfront locations on Salt Spring. "But not under the new rules."

He described the limit on wharf length — 115 feet — as "nonsense."

He speculated that the number was based on an attempt to limit where a wharf could effectively be built.

Wickland felt that the length limitation would prohibit the building of wharves on the west side of Ganges Harbour, as far out as Price Road. Many areas along Sunset

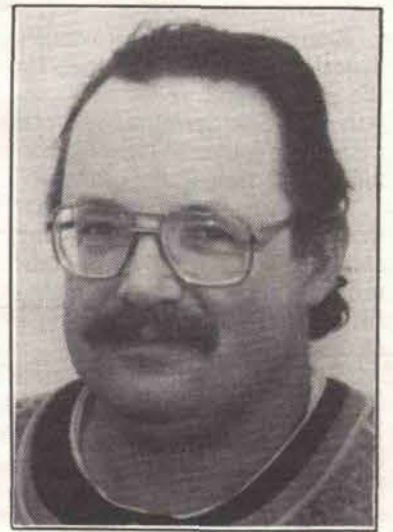
Drive would also be affected, he said.

More than 115 feet would be required in those areas to position a float in water deep enough for keeping a boat.

Islands Trust planner Linda Adams indicated on Friday that the bylaw's wording would be changed to reflect Wickland's concern over float size.

Instead of specifying a width, it would simply state a maximum area.

Adams said she felt the new zoning was necessary as there are no controls at present over structures built in water zones. Under the present zoning, she said, 16 docks could be built in Vesuvius Bay.



Grant Wickland

Public phase of plan review begins next month

The review of Salt Spring's Official Community Plan is set to begin a public phase in April. At last month's local Trust committee meeting, the time frame, a summary of the different phases and an initial list of island issues for the review to address were introduced.

The review is scheduled to take until the end of December 1995. Trust staff have been setting budgets and collecting data since last June in preparation for the first public phase of the review, which will run from April to December.

Stage three, which will lead to a first draft of the community plan document, will run from October 1994 to April 1995 and will include input from other government agencies and a public review of the draft.

The final stage, from April 1995 to December 1995, is the formal

Completion expected in December 1995

bylaw drafting and will include the normal public hearing process.

The Islands Trust has identified 10 major focus areas and 11 issues for the community plan review to address in some way. This list is by no means complete, Salt Spring planner Linda Adams told members of the public at the February 18 meeting. So far it includes issues such as agriculture, growth management, transportation, Ganges design and housing.

The Trust would also like the community plan review to reflect on policies regarding issues such as lake and ocean accesses, expansion of or addition to industrial and commercial development permit area boundaries and Ganges traffic

circulation.

The Trust has developed "tool kits" for each major focus area which outline pertinent historical data and trends, possible choices and trade-offs, current community plan policies and stated Trust policy directions.

The public will be able to take part in several ways. Focus groups for particular issues, discussion within already existing groups and organizations, small neighbourhood discussion circles and written submissions to the Trust are all means to bring points of view to the

process. There will also be "issues workshops" for the major focus areas to gather public opinion.

After public discussion of an issue and possible choices and their consequences have been established, those choices will be presented once more to the public in another format, a "choices fair." The public will be asked to vote informally on the various possibilities for resolving issues.

Areas of focus in Trust's plan review

Following are the major focus areas identified by the Islands Trust in preparation for the review of the Salt Spring Island Community Plan:

Agriculture

- review impact of current policies on farming
- policies for agricultural land outside Agricultural Land Reserve and non-agricultural land within it
- possibilities for amenity zoning for community-owned farms and/or transfer of development rights to facilitate farming
- housing on agricultural land

Environmental protection

- confirmation of environmentally sensitive areas
- use of downzoning, transfer of density rights, bonus density and amenity zoning to preserve environmentally sensitive areas

Growth Management

- policies about development levels and patterns
- sprawl settlement versus cluster settlement
- planning tools to entice particular growth patterns (bonus densities, transfer of densities)

Transportation

- analysis of current transportation patterns
- development of sustainable transportation networks
- means to encourage non-vehicular travel

Parks and Recreation

- identification of park and community recreation goals
- means to achieve those goals

Housing

- identification of goals of housing mix
- affordable housing policy and

implementation techniques

Industry, Commerce and Jobs

- identify needs and goals for a sustainable economy
- adequacy of zoned land
- means to achieve goals

Village Development (Ganges, Fulford, Channel Ridge)

- patterns of future settlement and mixes of use
- infrastructure changes — water, sewer

Ganges design

- design guidelines
- sustainable landscape guidelines

Infrastructure/Community Amenities

- water supply needs and protection goals
- waste management needs and goals
- desired community amenities goals
- means to achieve these goals

The following specific issues have been set aside for community plan review discussion by the local Trust committee in the last few months:

- potential expansion of or addition to the industrial and commercial development permit area boundaries
- lake and ocean accesses
- water access subdivisions
- commercial services zone guidelines
- identification of shellfish reserve candidates
- Ganges pedestrian circulation plan
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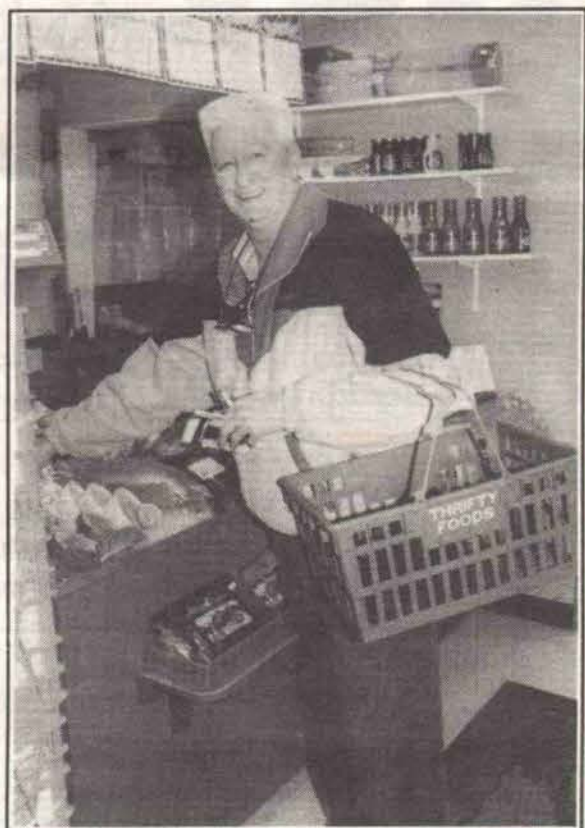
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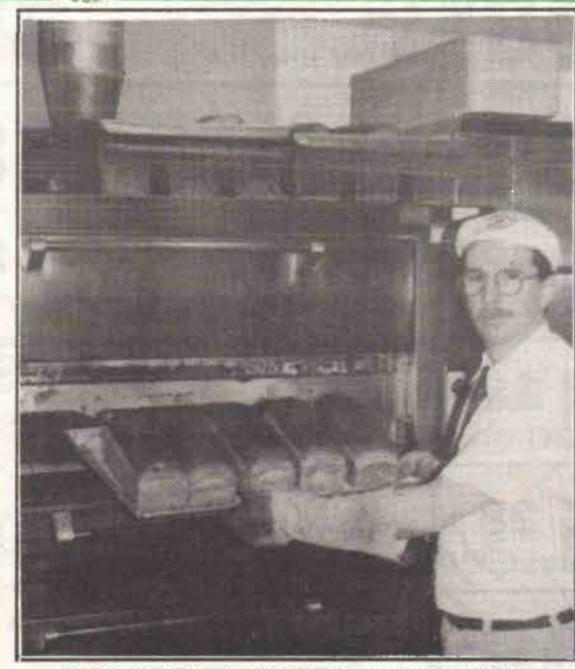
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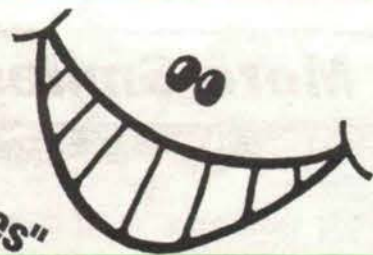
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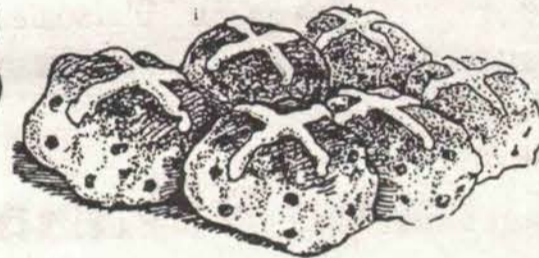
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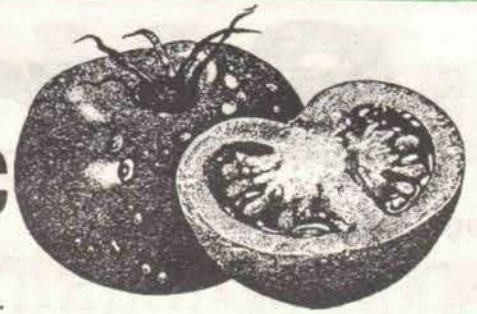
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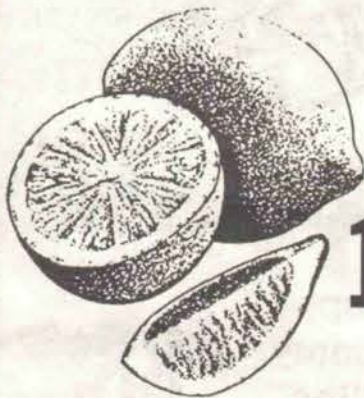
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Costumes get special attention for school play

By GRAEME THOMPSON
Driftwood Staff

The high school drama production of *The Miracle Worker* will have something no high school show has had for quite some time: "built" costumes.

For the first time in years, guest director Lynda Jensen told the *Driftwood*, the costumes for this show, set in 1880s Alabama, have been made from scratch, to costume-book designs and with bargain-basement material.

Last week, Jensen, fabric artist Julie Dixon, director Andrea Rondeau and some actors were engaged in the process of costume building.

Most plays have a "costume plot," Jensen explained, an exhaustive list of all costume pieces and costume changes in the whole play.

A PLAY IN THE MAKING

Scene by scene, each and every item is recorded: when a shawl is put on, when a jacket is taken off, where a comb is put down.

In a play which takes place continuously on an open stage and with no complete black-outs, changing is even more difficult than in a conventional setting.

In terms of numbers, Jensen said each woman has about five changes of costume and each man about three. Changes include changes of pinafores, shawls or bustles.

The costumes in this high school show are period pieces —

with fashion trends taken from *Patterns for Theatrical Costumes* — but with a great deal of extra thought about how the costumes illuminate characters and their relationships on stage.

"You change a person visually by the colour you put on them," Jensen said, and Rondeau added that colours were a "subtle way of creating a mood" on the stage.

For the three main female characters — the young Helen Keller; Annie, her teacher; and Kate, her mother — colour was considered very carefully. Kate, for instance, wears browns. Brown is a very soft colour, Jensen said, and that suits the character, a southern lady.

"For Annie," Dixon said, "we were definitely looking for a blue."

Annie comes from the northern city of Boston and blue represents that cold, wet climate. And to Southerners in the 1880s, navy blue still had Civil War connotations. Blue is also an institutional colour, Rondeau added, representative of Annie's station in life.

But careful consideration, available expertise and volunteer labour could not themselves create the costumes. They needed material and getting it with the play's budget of a "couple of hundred" dollars was no mean feat.

But Jensen and Dixon did it. They invaded and conquered Fanny's Fabric bargain bin.

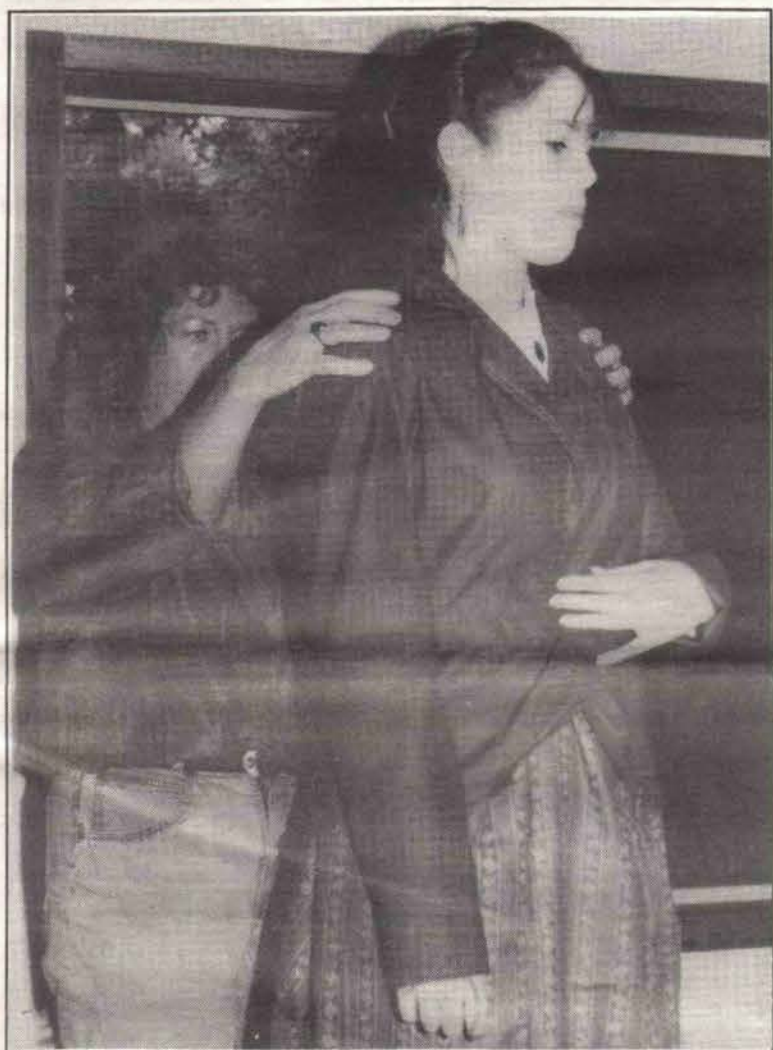
"The budget given was \$2 a metre," Jensen said. "With six to eight (metres) of fabric in each costume, at \$10 to \$15 per yard normally, you can imagine what it would cost to make these costumes any other way."

"We went in with certain ideas about yardage (and) about colour but what was there determined what we have."

"We pulled out everything we thought might look right," Dixon said. "We put everything on the counter and labelled it: whose is it; what pattern went with it."

"Not everything worked out," Jensen said. "We found this wonderful fabric, but when they rolled it out we discovered the colour stopped part-way."

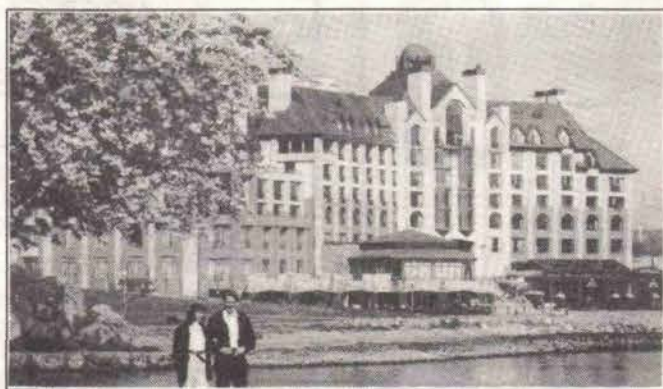
They laid out the rolls of cloth on a shelf in combinations in which it would be used for each actor and for each scene. One of them had to stand guard over their selected rolls so other prospective bargain hunters would not take them away.



SIZING UP THE CAST: Lynda Jensen, above, sizes up the shoulders of Janelle Rondeau while Juno Ruddell, below, has a skirt fitted. Rondeau and Ruddell are in the cast of the high school production of *The Miracle Worker*. Photos by Graeme Thompson



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Back on Salt Spring, the cutting and sewing started. That was mainly the work of Julie Dixon, who had quietly volunteered to help at Christmas and who has not made theatrical costumes since her own high school days.

"You don't have to finish the same way for the stage," Jensen said, "but you have to sew strongly. The armholes have to be big enough so the arms can swing around."

"You need to be safe on stage," Jensen added. Skirts only drop to the ankles so actors do not trip; outer garments cannot be an encumbrance.

Sometimes there have to be costume designs for specific stage directions. One character, Ev, has to have snaps as well as loosely sewn buttons to hold her blouse together because the rambunctious Helen rips the buttons off. Helen herself wears un-Victorian skateboard pads to protect her knees from all the wear and tear she suffers.

"Thank God they were wearing bloomers in that period," Jensen said — they hide the knee-pads.

Despite the modifications, the almost-complete costumes have changed the way the actors think of their parts. "This is my first time in a fitting," Janelle Rondeau (Ev) said, but added, "You do get a sense of your character once you get the costume on."

Krista McKeachie (Annie) said the made-to-measure costumes make her feel "professional."

"It changes you totally," she said. "It's easier to get the feel of the character, especially when it's period stuff."

"The character comes alive," Juno Ruddell (Kate) said. "You're finally who you are in the play."

Salt Spring audiences will have to wait until early May to see how alive these characters are and what splendid costumes the high school and the community have as a result of a few hundred dollars, a few hundred hours and a very few talented islanders.

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Children's show Saturday is benefit for Ganges preschool

The Ganges Activity Centre will be the setting for some sing-along, dance-along, and act-along children's entertainment Saturday. Songwriter/entertainer Charlotte Diamond will be here for a benefit show for the Salt Spring Co-operative Preschool.

Using mime and props like Gruff the Bear and Dicky Dinosaur, Diamond encourages audience participation and is known for having mums and dads dancing in the aisles with their children. She has produced six albums since 1986, including *10 Carrot Diamond*, which won a Juno Award for best children's album.

Her knowledge of the children's world of dogs, cats, spiders and dinosaurs comes partly from study-



Charlotte Diamond

ing zoology at university and partly from entertaining her own children, who are now high school

age and helping her write material themselves. Her bilingualism widens her appeal even further.

Children's entertainment reviewers in big city papers from Ottawa to Vancouver call Diamond "innovative" and say she has "redefined" kids' music with her style. But song titles like *Four Hugs a Day*, *Puddles*, and *Je Suis un Pizza* say more about Diamond's work than any review.

Salt Spring children between the ages of three and 10 who want to find out more about the "laundry monster" and "Slimy the slug" should be at the Activity Centre Saturday at 2 p.m. And you can bring your parents.

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Calgary pianist has host of competition wins behind him

A pianist who made his debut while still a teenager will bring his talented fingers and his grand piano to Salt Spring Saturday for a performance sponsored by Gulf Islands Concerts.

Michael Injae Kim of Calgary began studying piano when he was 11.

He earned his associate diploma from Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music and made his debut with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra when he was 15.

He has received over 120 awards, including first place in the CBC national radio competition for young performers. He also received a special award for the best performance of a Canadian

work.

In 1988, he took the grand prize in the senior division of the 1988 Canadian Music Competitions, earning perfect scores from the judges.

Last year he took second place in the Scottish international piano competition in Glasgow, the Taidie prize as best runner-up in the Pogorelich competition and qualifying for the quarter-finals in the Leeds competition.

He has just finished a tour of the Maritimes and of the B.C. Lower

Mainland and returned to Scotland last month to perform with the National Scottish Orchestra.

When not touring, appearing with symphony orchestras or broadcasting on CBC radio and television, Kim is at the Juilliard School in New York, completing his doctoral residency under the tutelage of Herbert Stessin.

He has already earned a master of music degree from the school.

His performance on Salt Spring starts at 8 p.m. in the Ganges Activity Centre.

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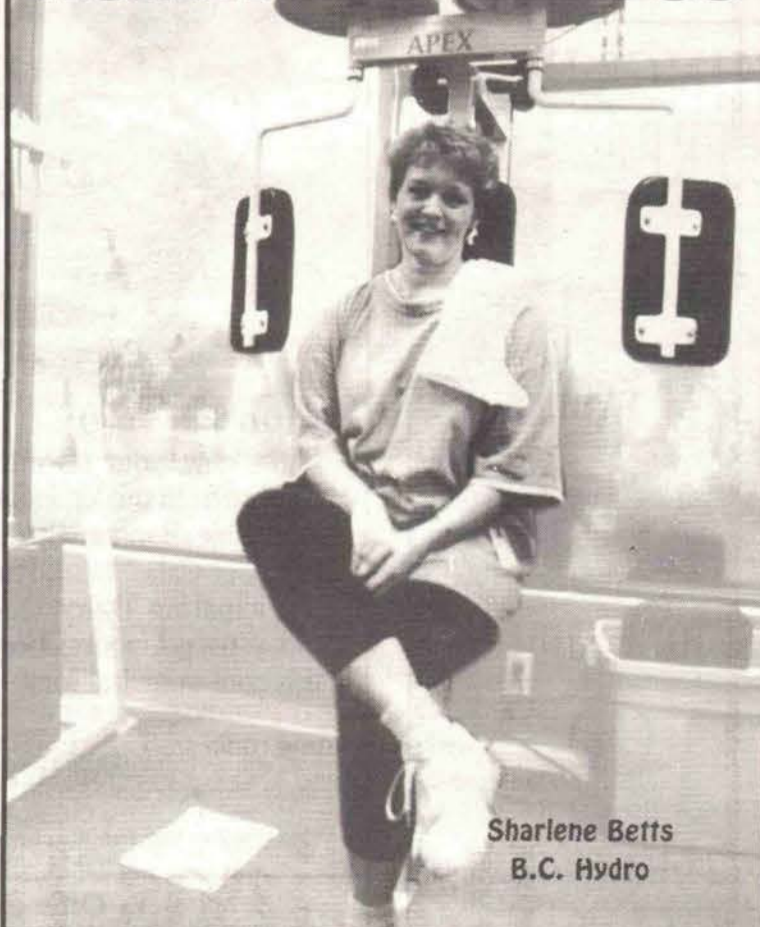
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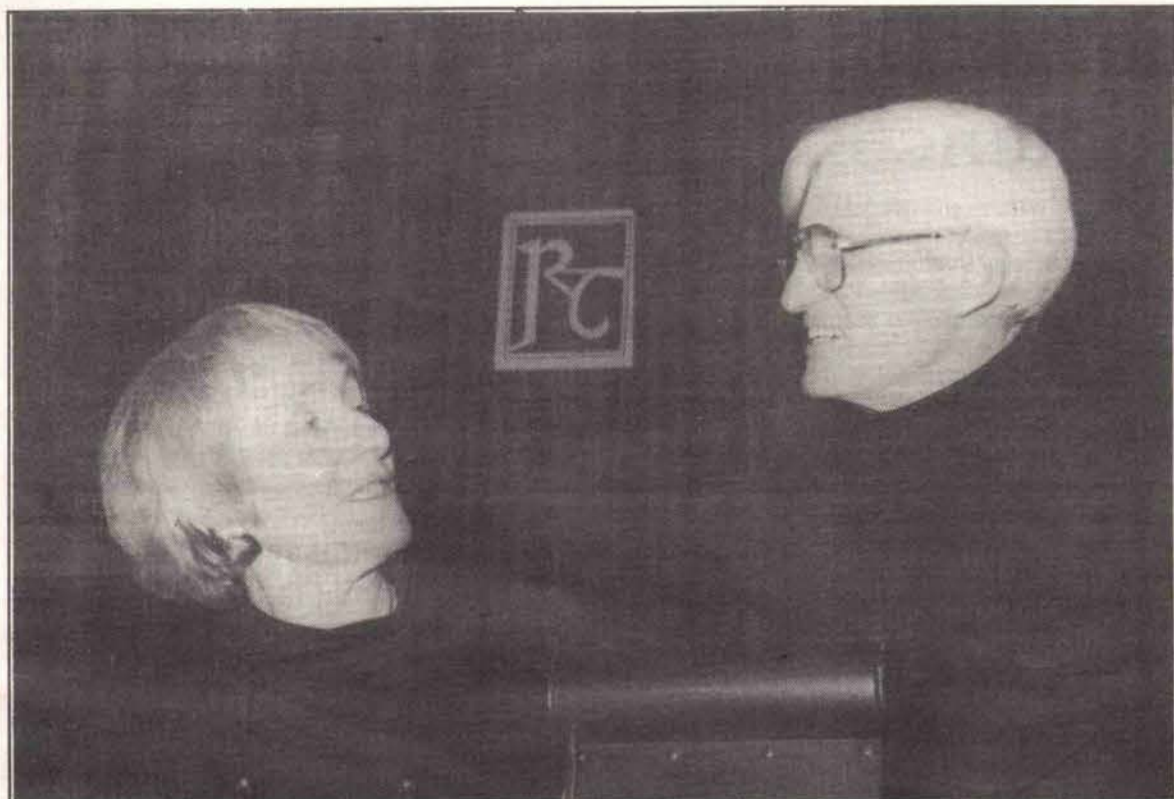


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WAR OF WORDS: Scoring points in a battle of the sexes are Readers' Theatre members Betty Maryon and David Spencer, trading barbs from Chekhov's *The Bear*. The group presented two benefit performances for ArtSpring on the weekend. Photo by Valorie Lennox

Outstanding performances seen in readers' presentations

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff

Theatre of the mind with the audience as accomplices — that's what members of Salt Spring Readers' Theatre presented in Mahon Hall last weekend.

Entitled *Spring-A-Drama*, the varied program included a politically corrected fairy tale, a 19th century comedy, a World War II radio comedy, a 1950s television play and the collected wisdom of Woody Allen.

Each piece was read by black-garbed performers standing at black lecterns placed on a platform. A few light cues and sound effects enhanced the words — but the movements, the costume and the settings of the action all had to be filled in by the minds of the audience.

This inherent limitation in Readers' Theatre makes the choice of material especially difficult — anything which relies heavily on costume, set and movement to succeed must be avoided.

Two of the pieces were clearly chosen with this limitation in mind. The wit of Margaret Atwood's *There was Once . . .* — in which a standard fairy tale is made politically correct — needed nothing beyond the words. Robert Burbidge's polite bewilderment and Patricia Lockie's stern self-righteousness enhanced the spectacle of a storyteller hounded by a self-appointed member of the P.C. police.

The Essential Woody Allen gave each of the dozen readers involved a chance to present a no-fail snippet of wisdom from the master of New York neurotic. All the performers had to do was read the lines.

The risks were greater with the rest of the program. The piece best suited to the medium was John Dickson Carr's *The Black Minute*, which was originally presented as a BBC radio mystery in the 1940s.

Good sound effects set the

scene. Since the background information required for the story was neatly stitched into the dialogue, all the performers were free to concentrate on their characters.

Especially nice characterizations were presented by June O'Brien as a lower class maid, David Spencer as a blackmailed peer and Jim Rothwell as the breezy Harry Brewster.

A greater challenge was posed by Paddy Chayefsky's *The Mother*, a 1950s television drama. Although the original was obviously written with visual cues in mind, the play also relied heavily on dialogue — perhaps because early television technology produced more reliable sound than picture.

Outstanding performances enhanced this reading. Jane Phillips verged on whiny as a dependant daughter, David Spencer transformed himself from a peer in the previous play to a lower middle class labourer for this effort and Jim Rothwell was highly believable as the kind-hearted but overstressed boss of a sportswear factory. June O'Brien was the wrong colour but managed the right sympathetic voice for a character described in the program as "negro woman."

The soul of the play was carried by Margaret Howell's dramatic performance as an elderly woman chafing under the limitations of age yet determined to maintain her independence.

Anton Chekhov's *The Bear* was the choice which suffered most from being presented by Readers' Theatre. This scuffle in the war of the sexes, set a century earlier, needed visual action to augment the long speeches of the performers and to dramatize the growing attraction between a young widow and an overbearing male visitor.

Betty Maryon as the young widow and David Spencer as the bear-like Smirnov still carried off their characters well enough to

convey the humour of Chekhov's writing. It would be interesting to see what they could achieve with the tools of a full stage production.

Although Readers' Theatre relieves the performers of the need to memorize lines, the ease of reading from scripts set out in front of them creates a pitfall for performers — the danger of simply reading the words and forgetting the characterization. To the credit of Readers' Theatre, few of the players in last Sunday's production slid into that trap.

The Saturday night and Sunday afternoon performances in Mahon Hall were ArtSpring benefits, but the total raised will not be known until all the bills have been tallied.

The event was produced by Nancy Holcroft. Individual plays were directed by Murray Shoolbraid (*The Bear*), Betty Maryon (*The Black Minute*), Robert Burbidge (*The Mother*) and Alex Mitchell (*The Essential Woody Allen*.)

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Engaging Atlantic lilt helps entertain Cameron's audience

By GRAEME THOMPSON
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He prefaced his reading Saturday at the Waterside Bistro — which was itself prefaced by the delightful music of Terry Warbey's band Celtic Heart —

with a Scottish proverb: Money is flat and is meant to be piled up.

That was his *apologia* for reciting the 1-800 number through which captivated islanders could order any of his dozen or so tomes. His most recent book, *Sniffing the Coast: An Acadian Voyage* even has a sex scene, he told us his publisher told him to tell us, and it was non-fiction, too.

But then, having repeated the 1-800 number the second requisite time, he launched into his first reading, *About a Wedding*, written

in the 1970s. With an engaging Atlantic lilt, Cameron embarked on an expose of the institution of matrimony which Edgar Allen Poe could not have made sound more horrible.

Disengaged from the political incorrectness of the piece, the story was an amusing account of the tyranny of the bride and the ingratiating of the bridegroom — told with epic hyperbole and a sense that the outraged narrator was going deeper and deeper into his cups as the story progressed.

Irish brogue and alcohol, it transpired, splashed through all Cameron's stories.

The most amusing part of the story, to my mind, was that it was true: not invented by Cameron but confessed by another equally well known Canadian author who feared retribution from four sets of mothers-in-law if he published it. Cameron published it and the two of them split the proceeds.

The second story, *Snapshot to Third Drunk*, takes place down a "backroad off a backroad" when a fading photo reminds two old fishermen of a case of mistaken identity years before.

He draws a picture of a place, a lifestyle, and people in such a way that the audience can fill in the details from our own memory banks. Who cannot picture two older men sitting around a table drinking beer and telling "Remember when" stories? The image is there. It only needs colour and animation to resurrect.

So Cameron adds some details about how fish are gutted in six seconds and their intestines thrown to wheeling gulls. He tells us how difficult it is to get a cow to cross water and how modern fishermen still live in daily danger from their life on the sea.

These are what make this story come alive. And he peppers the narrative with Atlantic expressions like "that was some funny," "you know" and "by the Jesus."

The third piece, *A Life in Literature*, detailed the soul-destroying process of having original material sweated from stones despite the machinations of nine-to-five spouses, sensationalized by publishers Slippery and Squeezum and edited severely by Miss Helen Damnation.

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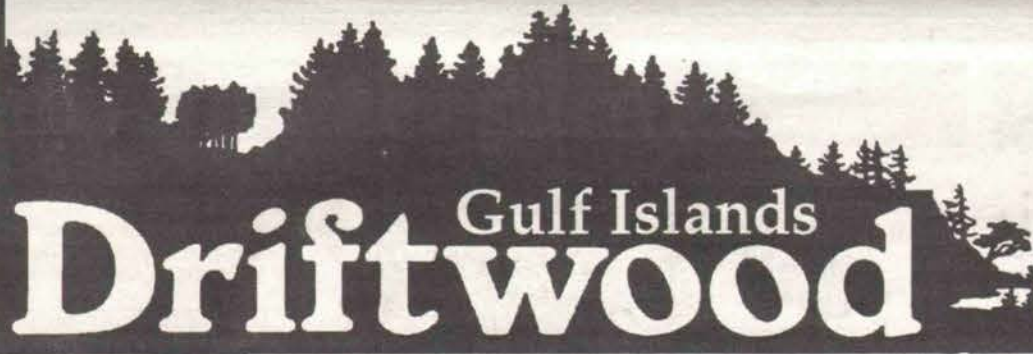
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06 DEATHS

MOORE, LUCY Mary Marceline - born July 7, 1911, died March 2, 1994, predeceased by her husband, Leslie, in 1982 and her son, Charles, in 1957. Her surviving children are Dorothy (Bill) Hitchcock, Stanley (Elaine) Moore, David (Sophie) Moore, Marion Jerome Risling. Nine brothers, all in the service, and 5 sisters - 2 brothers and 3 sisters living. 2 Brothers-in-law and their wives. Eight grandchildren. Gordon, Robert (Cindy) Hitchcock, Richard, Angela and Anita Moore, Jerome (Vera), Ryan (Mitchelle) Risling, Patrick Moore. Three great-grandchildren, Braeden and Kirsten Hitchcock and Jerome Anthony Michael Risling, III. She was past president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Hospital Auxiliary, Golden Age Bowling and several other activities. She will be missed by many and was loved by all. In lieu of flowers, a donation to the charity of your choice. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Goodman Jones in care of arrangements. 10

MCDONALD, Mr. George Albert McDonald of Kelowna passed away Tuesday, March 1, 1994, at the age of 94 years. George was predeceased by his wife Grace in 1987. He is survived by one daughter, Dorothy Kennedy of Kelowna, B.C.; three grandchildren: Bonnie, William and Penny; three great-grandchildren: Sean, Shillene and Scott. Three sisters: Flora Dobson, Donna (William Blyth and Clara Heer. As well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many friends. George was a steam engineer, working on Vancouver Island, then at Port Mellon, B.C. He moved to Salt Spring Island upon his retirement in 1968. A member of the Masonic Lodge and past worthy Patron of Mt. Elphinstone Chapter of the Eastern Star. Also a member of the Canadian Legion on Salt Spring Island. No service by request of the deceased. Cremation. Arrangements have been entrusted to The Garden Chapel, 762-3040. 10

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8 CARD OF THANKS

THANKS TO the businesses and individuals who have so kindly donated to the goods and services auction for Salt Spring Centre School on Saturday, March 12. Your contributions sow the seeds for literate, caring citizenship and our community will reap the benefit. We appreciate your generosity. The Plant Farm, Willow Crest Farm, the Brogans, MacDonald Plumbing, Tao, Creekside Seafood, Barb's Buns, GVM, North End Fitness, Me and Ron's Towing, Reayana, Kanne, Salt Spring Island Nursery, Crows Court B & B, the Barrett/Budds, Kings Lane Recreation, Ken Tara Excavating, Sharel Tara, Helios Clinic, Pat Brown, Ganges Auto Marine, Love My Kitchen, Arvid, Out to Lunch, Gulf Island Optical, Salt Spring Esso, Video Ranch, Quadratic Solutions, Golden Island Restaurant, Canadian 2 for 1 Pizzeria, the Furniture Store, Thunderbird Gallery, Pharmasave, the Fat Rascal, Mouat's, Harbour Food Market, Harlan's, Naikai Gallery, Salt Spring Gems and Art, Meg Buckley, Gary Chernoff, Julie Dixon, Debra Cuccurullo, Alexa Grier, Ingun Hannah, Jenny Forest, Barb Buckler, Heritage Workshop, Barb Hicks, Crystal Knoth, Mel Marchbank, Doug Penhale, Karen Pinchin, Michael Robb, Fred Taupe, Don Zacharias, Kathy Ball, Merle Box, Volume II, Photo Grafix, Natureworks, Sooz, Unique Jewellery, Sports Traders, Tides Inn, Rodrigo's, Sea Horse Hobbies, Hi-Lites, Crossroads, Terry Warbey, Serendipity Studio, Salt Spring Centre, Alan Dookie, Hair Art Thou, Diane Petrie, Moby's, Heritage Boutique, Juliette Laing, Meera Bennett, Seven Raven Farms, Hallman Nursery, Bhavani Chlopan, Thimble Farms, Rainsfords, Pegasus Gallery, Sylvia Loumann, Country Wide Ornaments, Foxglove, Thrifty Foods, Everlasting Flowers, Dan Jason, Sharon's, Soapworks, the children, parents and staff of the Salt Spring Centre School. Also, thank you to anyone we may have forgotten to mention. 10

Coach of the Year! MYLES WILSON
A big thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the G.I.S.S. Junior Boys Basketball Team. Your effort and encouragement to the boys, both on and off the court, has been greatly appreciated.
-From all of the parents with thanks!
IT WAS A GREAT SEASON!

11 COMING EVENTS

TRIM THE fat from your lifestyle. Think light! Lowfat Living Workshop, Tuesday, March 15, 7 - 9 pm. Gulf Islands Secondary (Portable A). You'll receive the popular Think Light! - Lowfat Living Plan complete with grocery lists, daily menus, lowfat recipes, fat ruler, book, audio cassette tape and fridge magnet. You'll enjoy the positive results as you begin eating, cooking, shopping, exercising and thinking the lowfat way! To register: call 537-5870. 10

NEW FITNESS Class begins March 15, runs every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 - 10:30 am. co-ed, all levels taught, steps, weights, bands supplied. Bring clean runners, a mat and water bottle. Call to pre-register and get address of the hall. Babysitting available. Save 30% when you register in advance. Call Damaris 653-4877 or Marianne 537-5870. 10

FREE FITNESS introduction to step, Saturday, March 12, 9:30 am. Everyone welcome, co-ed, all levels. Call Damaris, 653-4877 or Marianne 537-5870 to reserve your space. 10

ANTIQUÉ COLLECTIBLES Show & Sale at Sanscha Hall, Sidney, March 26-27, 10 am. to 4 pm. Admission \$1. Info, 656-4523. 12

11 COMING EVENTS

ST. PATRICK'S Lunch and Bake Sale. Thursday, March 17, 12:00, Ganges United Church lower hall. Lunch \$5. Everyone welcome. 11

HI DAMARIS! I'm heavier than you, but I'm winning a trip to Hawaii. 10

REFINE YOUR sewing skills. Have a project? Can't get going? come with a friend. Margie Korison, 537-2707. 12

ALTERNATE HIGH school program: public meeting, Monday, March 14, 7:15 pm. at the Salt Spring Centre School, 355 Blackburn Rd. Call Shannon Classen, 537-9522 for information. 10

LEADERS NEEDED for hikes and walks. SSI Trail and Nature Club will train members. Come to leaders' meeting tomorrow (Thursday), 7:30 pm. United Church Hall. 10

A WORKSHOP on prayer with Sister Pat Brady, OSB, Saturday, Mar. 19, 1-4 pm. at Our Lady of Grace Church. All welcome. 11

EXHIBITIONS OF works by visual art students of the Mayne Island Junior Secondary School are on display at Barb's Buns and the School Board Office in Ganges from Mar. 7 to 18. 10

IOE FASHION Show and Luncheon, Thursday, Apr. 14, 12 noon. Harbour House. Fashions by Carolee's. Tickets from members. No tickets at door. 10

DON'T FORGET... Time is Flying! CALL FOR ENTRY



All Island Artists, Craftspeople, Poets, Dreamers and Engineers are again invited to create a work in any medium suggested by this year's theme "TIME FLIES". All entries will be exhibited in a non-juried show **MARCH 19-26** at the Activity Centre, S.S. Elementary School. Entry forms available at et cetera, Off the Waterfront Gallery and the C.A.C. box at KIS. This local show will be held in conjunction with "Look '94", the Regional Juried Art Show being hosted by the G.I.C.A.C. You can enter **BOTH** with your artwork!

Information & Questions: **ILLTYD PERKINS** 653-9392 **NAIRN HOWE** 653-4542

AIR BRAKE COURSE at **GANGES FIREHALL** Sat., March 19 & Sun., March 20 **\$140** (includes lunch both days) **LIMITED SEATING** Call 537-2531 **Mon-Fri.**

11 COMING EVENTS

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Then, so much as capacity and capability allow, ye must deck the tree of being with fruits such as knowledge, wisdom, spiritual perception and eloquent speech."
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INFORMATION: 537-4647 or 9871

CHARLOTTE DIAMOND Activity Centre
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S.S. Preschool Fundraising Event

PIANO, PORK PIE, PLUMBING at the **Centre School Goods & Services Auction**
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14 COMMUNITY SERVICES

DRESSINGS ARE free to cancer patients by the Order of the Eastern Star. Contact Dee Roberts, 653-4655. tfn

FAMILIES OF Schizophrenics meet informally in homes for mutual support and exchanges of information. Call 537-9237 or 537-5264. tfn

ACOA (ADULT Children of Alcoholics) Meeting is held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the S.S. Community Centre and Thursday, 1:00 p.m. in Fulford (for info. call 653-4840). Children of dysfunctional families, also very welcome. tfn

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings (for everyone who thinks they might have a drug problem). Every Saturday 7-8 pm. at the Community Centre, Wednesday 7-8 pm. Central Office across from the Elementary School. For further information, please call 537-4775 or 653-4921. tfn

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Pender..... 629-3312
Ladies only - Thursday nights 8:00 p.m. Please call 537-5538 or 653-4699.
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LOST: SMALL Siamese cross cat, grey, white feet. Answers to Sadie. Mobrae area. Call 537-2348. 10

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32 MEETINGS

SALT SPRING ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Salt Spring Island Public Library Association (Mary Hawkins Memorial Library) will be held in the downstairs hall, Ganges United Church, Ganges, B.C. on Friday, MARCH 11 at 3:30 pm. for the following purposes:

1. To receive the report of the Chairman of the Library Board.
2. To receive the reports of the Secretary, the Treasurer and others.
3. By a motion from the Library Board hereby given, to amend the By-laws currently posted in the Library.
4. To elect the requisite number of members for 1994 to fill the vacancies thereon.
5. To transact such other business as may arise.

By order of the Library Board,
Pat Byrne, Secretary
TEA WILL BE SERVED

COURT OF REVISION for **BEDDIS WATERWORKS DIST.** will be held at **158 Beddis Rd. Office, 10 - 11 am. Saturday, March 19, 1994**

AGRICULTURAL ISSUES FOCUS GROUP MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Salt Spring Island Trust is seeking individuals willing to form a Focus group to review and provide advice regarding agricultural issues facing Salt Spring Island. For more information, or to express an interest, please write to: Salt Spring Island Trust Committee Box 840 Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0. Attention: Linda Adams, Senior Planner

MARKET VENDORS MEETING Wed., March 9 7:30 S.S. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY All vendors welcome. 10

School District #64 (Gulf Islands)

There will be a "Special" regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District #64 (Gulf Islands) to be held in the School Board Office, Wednesday, March 16, 1994 at 7:00 pm.

Public Welcome.

SOUTH SALT SPRING RESIDENTS ASSOC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Election of Officers and discussion of contingency plans for emergency.

MARCH 15
Fulford Elem. School Library
Doors open at 7:30 for membership cards. Meeting starts at 8 pm. 10

35 NOTICES/COMMERCIAL

COACHING CLINIC Level 1 Theory - March 12 and 13, 9 am. - 4 pm. in S.S. Elementary School Library. Pre-registration required, no fee. Call 537-4448, S.S.I. Parks & Recreation Commission. 10

COACHING TECHNICAL Level 1, March 19. Pre-registration required. Must have Level 1 Theory in order to take the technical. Call 537-4448, S.S.I. Parks & Recreation Commission. 10

REGISTER NOW! for March Break Madness courses: Self-Defence for Teen Girls; Acting Workshops for 8-12 years and 13-16 years; Kayaking Introductory instruction and paddle for youth and family. 537-4448, Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation. 11

UNIQUE, TASTEFUL Arts & Crafts gallery opening soon on Salt Spring Island. "Great Expectations" is looking for unique & original arts and crafts. Interested in all mediums. Please call Patti Openshaw at 537-4480. 10

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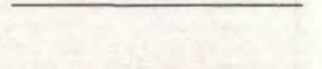
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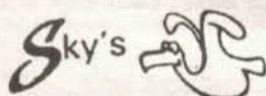
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GENERAL MEETING: Arstpring Island Arts Centre Society, Notice of Special General Meeting, Wednesday, March 30, 7:30 p.m., Mahon Hall. At the Island Arts Centre Society meeting held on March 7, 1994, the Board of Directors voted in favour of holding an extraordinary Society meeting on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mahon Hall in response to the concerns of Society members. It was agreed also that the general public be invited to this meeting. As voting rights will be restricted to Society members, provision will be made for anyone to join the Society prior to the meeting. The Board of Directors also voted to accept items for the agenda of this meeting from both Society members and the general public. The agenda will be developed from these items which will be condensed by the ad hoc Agenda Committee, consisting of Simon Foulds, Marguerite Scandiffio and Till Crawley. Please submit these agenda suggestions to Dept. Z, c/o the Driftwood, Box 250, Ganges, BC or to the newspaper office (new location - 328 Lower Ganges Rd.) by 4:00 p.m. Friday March 25, marked Attention: "Arstspring Special Meeting Agenda Committee".

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PERMACULTURE WORKSHOP for sustainable Island living. March 13, 9:30 - 5, \$25 - \$50. 230 Bridgman Rd. 653-4121.

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NEW SYSTEM: Realtors Gil Mouat, left, and Myles Wilson demonstrate lockbox on a Salt Spring home. Photo by Joyce Carlson

Lockboxes are welcomed by some, not all realtors

Lockboxes have been introduced to Salt Spring Island with mixed reaction.

Some real estate offices are using them and others have decided against it.

Gil Mouat and Myles Wilson of National Real Estate Service have both enthusiastically embraced the lockbox concept as have others in their office. They say it is more convenient than a system in which there are keys floating around among realtors. A total of 25 lockboxes are available at NRS.

Jessie James of Remax Realty says the system is "a real asset to the industry."

The company has been using them, with approval of the vendors, and everyone in the office has a key.

Island Bound's Gary Greico says they are not using the system. He likes to have communication with realtors showing his listings and does not feel the lockbox system gives him that. "Our vendors don't want people going in and out."

Lockboxes work well, says Neil Congo of Century 21. He has used them in other areas and finds they make a home easier to show. "The more frequently it is shown, the

more quickly it sells."

He says the system is better than keys. "You never knew who was showing the property." Congo added that the lockboxes provide security and the vendors are well cared for by the realtors using them.

A press release from the Victoria Real Estate Board states the new electronic lockboxes provide home sellers with greater security and privacy.

Lockboxes, placed on homes for sale, contain keys to the dwelling and are accessible only by a special key or entry card. They only work if a personal identifica-

tion number is keyed in. Linkage with a central computer at the Victoria office records the name, company and telephone number of the realtor, and the date and time of entry. Realtors can obtain the showing activity of a particular house by contacting the computer. They also can report all viewing of properties to their vendors.

Every month realtors must reauthorize their entry card with a call to the central computer terminal. Failure to do so results in an inactive card.

"It's the way of the future," says Mouat, "but it means change and some people don't like change."

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Boy hospitalized following tractor accident Monday

A 13-year-old boy was taken to Lady Minto Hospital following an accident involving a tractor Monday afternoon.

Fire department volunteers and an ambulance crew were called to the accident, which occurred at 4:35 p.m. off Beaver Point Road. The boy reportedly fell off a tractor and was dragged for a short distance.

He was taken by ambulance to Lady Minto and then transferred to Victoria General Hospital later in the day.

Meanwhile, on Saturday, firefighters responded to a chimney fire at a home on Vesuvius Bay Road.

There was no damage from the fire, which was reported just after 9:30 p.m.

Minor injuries in collision

Two passengers suffered minor injuries in a two-car collision Friday evening near Fulford Marina. The accident occurred just before 8 p.m. Friday when a 1986 Mercury driven by a 17-year-old Fulford girl turned left off Fulford-Ganges Road into the marina, colliding with a 1986 Honda driven by a 38-year-old Ganges man.

The girl was charged with making an unsafe left turn. Damage to each vehicle was estimated at \$1,000.



NEEDING A NOSE JOB: A collision Friday afternoon between this small sports car and a van sent one person to hospital. Firefighters were also called to the crash because of fears that the propane-powered van would explode. Although the van was resting on its tanks in the ditch, there was no explosion.

Photo by Valerie Lennox

Members' concerns prompt special ArtSpring meeting

The ArtSpring board will open its doors to society members and the public at a special meeting March 30. At a lengthy meeting Monday night, the board voted to hold an extraordinary special meeting to allow society members to make known their views on the progress of the arts centre's construction.

The purpose of the meeting is to "air grievances in a systematic way and also for the public to know of ArtSpring's present situation and policy directions," publicity spokesman Simon Foulds said Tuesday.

He said concerns raised by society members at Monday's meeting as well as through a petition had prompted the board to "widen the debate" by holding the special meeting.

Board chairman Lawrie Neish said a large part of Monday's meeting was taken up listening to the concerns of society members present about the project, but noted the meeting did not move the project further ahead.

He said there was no report from the fundraising committee because it had not met and there was no report from the publicity committee.

"We're up about \$80,000 in our books and need to go the next step," he said, adding that concerns on the board in recent weeks have prevented the next step from being made. The building committee is set to meet next week to decide what project to consider with the funds available.

Three resignations were ac-

cepted from board members at the meeting. The resignation by secretary Betty Pellett was for personal reasons, Foulds said.

Norman Klenman, who was chairman of the finance committee, cited "deep philosophical divisions" on a "board divided" in his resignation. Patricia VanNus resigned for much the same reasons.

In February, the board had adopted the so-called Klenman-Bardon fundraising plan whereby the ArtSpring society would borrow the money required to finish the building so that it could be opened this year. At the next meeting, opposition to the proposal was raised and the plan was rescinded. The resignations followed.

Replacements for the two members have not yet been named.

ArtSpring design consultant Bob Hassell has also decided to reduce his volunteer commitment to the project for the time being. He has been helping with the construction plans and costing since ArtSpring designer Harry Hawthorne does not live on the island. He is not resigning, he told the *Driftwood* Tuesday, but does not want to get "further embroiled" in the project at this time.

Meanwhile, ArtSpring has invited Doug Scott of San Juan Island to talk about community theatres. Scott is the administrator of the theatre in Friday Harbour, one of two community theatres in the San Juan Islands which ArtSpring board members have looked to through the years for help in determining the size and scope

of the Salt Spring project.

Scott will talk about his experiences with community fundraising and building and running the theatre. The talk will take place Saturday at 3 p.m. in the United Church hall.

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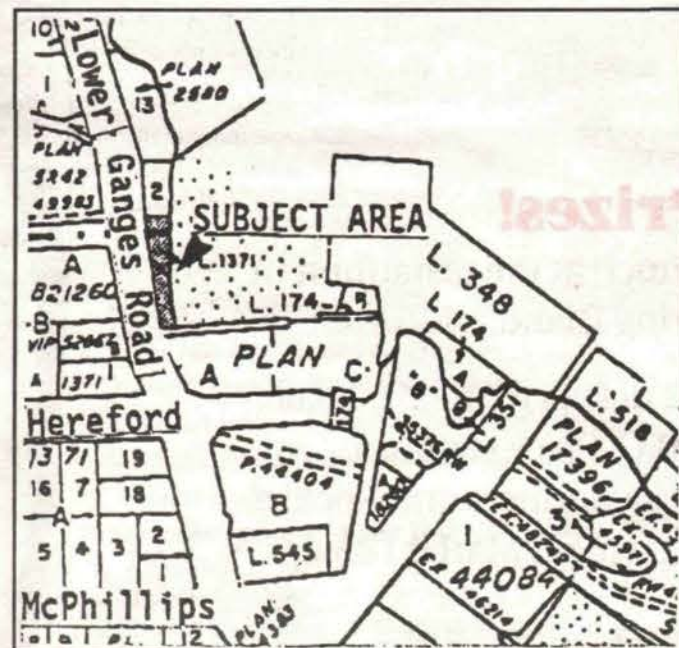
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NOTICE

SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUST COMMITTEE TEMPORARY COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE PERMIT TUP-01-93

NOTICE is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee will consider a Resolution to issue a Temporary Commercial Use Permit pursuant to Section 975 of the Municipal Act for Block K, Section 1, Ranges 3 and 4 East, North Salt Spring Island, Cowichan District, Plan 1371, commonly known as 145 Lower Ganges Road. The purpose of the Permit is to allow a mobile van, occupying approximately 200 square feet of the subject parcel, to operate a take-out food service.

The location of the property subject to the proposed Permit is shown on the following sketch.



The Salt Spring Island Trust Committee will consider the proposed Permit on Monday, March 14, 1994. A copy of the proposed Permit may be inspected at the Salt Spring Island office of the Island Trust, Unit 1206, Grace Point Square, Ganges, B.C., between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays, commencing Tuesday, March 01, 1994, and continuing up to and including Monday, March 14, 1994.

The proposed Permit may also be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 2nd Floor, 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C., between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding Statutory Holidays.

Gordon McIntosh
Secretary

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The works constructed under this Contract include the following:

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Specifications, Drawings, Contract Documents and Tender Form may be seen at the offices of the Amalgamated Construction Association of B.C., 3636 East 4th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.; The Construction Association of Victoria, 1075 Alston Street, Victoria; and the Capital Regional District, 524 Yates Street, Victoria, on or after March 7, 1994.

Copies may be obtained from the Capital Regional District, Engineering Department, on payment of \$10.70 (10.00 + 0.70 GST) for each copy requested, the sum of which is refundable upon return of the documents in good condition within 30 days of Tender opening.

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Non-residential building pushes total up by 82%

Last year was a bumper year for construction on Salt Spring, according to the Capital Regional District's (CRD) building permit figures.

The total value of permits issued last year on the island was \$28.9 million, up 82 per cent from the 1992 total of \$13.9 million. Salt Spring saw an increase in building activity that was higher than that of the CRD as a whole, which recorded only a 16 per cent increase in construction values.

The huge increase on Salt Spring was not due to residential development. There were only 143 dwelling unit permits issued in 1993, compared to 158 the year

before, and total residential construction value was \$12.6 million, down nine per cent from last year's \$13.9 million.

Of the 143 dwelling unit permits, 117 were for single-family homes, down from 132 in 1992, and five were for mobile homes, down from nine the year before. The only residential increase was in townhouse development: 21 permits were issued in 1993, up from 15 in 1992.

The most valuable building sector on the island in 1993 was institutional construction, with 11 permits issued worth a total \$13.2 million, up from only \$1.3 million in 1992. The new high school ac-

counted for most of that total, but it also includes ArtSpring, the new Anglican Centre and the new firehall at Central.

Two industrial building permits worth \$1.7 million were issued in 1993, up from zero in 1992. They were for the new B.C. Hydro building and Don Irwin's new autobody shop.

Eighteen commercial building permits in 1993 were up slightly from 15 issued in 1992, but at \$1.3 million they were worth nearly twice last year's total. They included the new Thrifty Foods development in Ganges and Salt Spring Mini Storage on Lower Ganges Road.

Little change in Outer Islands

Building activity on the Outer Islands was little changed in 1993 compared to the previous year, with a total value of \$9.2 million, down slightly from \$9.5 million in 1992.

The \$1.3 million worth of commercial, industrial and institutional building permits issued in 1992 were not repeated in 1993, and a nine per cent increase in residential permit values, from \$8.2 million to \$9

million, did not make up the difference.

There were 135 permits issued for single-family homes, compared to 119 in 1992.

Commercial permits in the Outer Islands totalled \$158,000 for 1993 and included further development at Bedwell Harbour Resort on South Pender. There was one institutional permit — worth \$10,000 — to build a Lions Club hall on Galiano.

Condom discussion continues tonight

Parents of Gulf Islands Secondary School students will be taking another look at the issue of condom machines in the high school at a meeting in Ganges tonight (Wednesday).

The Parents Advisory Council hosted a discussion panel on the issue two weeks ago.

The event drew a standing-room-only crowd of 75 adults and teenagers, who debated the issue

for almost three hours.

The parents group will tackle the issue again tonight at their meeting.

It starts at 7:30 p.m. in the secondary school library.

Health board seeks membership of local officials until 1996

Local elected officials interested in health care are invited to apply for appointment to the interim Capital Health Board.

The recently-formed board will eventually control the allocation of health care funding for the region. The interim board will be in place until elections can be held in 1996.

Eventually, five members of the board will be elected directly by the community, five will be appointed by the minister of health from existing elected bodies and five will be appointed at the minister of

health's discretion.

In order to make the interim board more closely match the eventual composition of the board, four vacancies are to be filled either by municipal councillors, school trustees or regional directors.

Participation on the board is voluntary and is expected to require 10 hours a week. For more information, contact Andrew Hume at 658-0433 or fax, 658-6059. Nominations or applications to serve on the board should be received by March 31.

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Subdivision of Abbott property subject of protest to chamber

Thirty years ago

March 5, 1964

• About 15 delegates from Old Scott Road were present at a Chamber of Commerce meeting to protest a new subdivision of the old Abbott property. The protesters were told the subdividers had maintained the legally required one-third-acre lots and that they were not required to provide an adequate water supply system. The property consisted of about 900 feet of waterfront which was divided into 75 lots. The chamber recommended looking into the feasibility of a local planning committee to undertake a measure of control in subdividing properties.

• To observe education week, the Parents and Teachers Association was to sponsor an oratorical contest in Mahon Hall. Two children from each class in grades 1 through 12 were to speak on a subject of their choice.

Twenty-five years ago

March 6, 1969

• Helicopters were called into service on a construction job on Salt Spring. It was the first operation of its kind in local history. Part of the transmission line carrying power across the islands ran over the top of Mt. Erskine, which had steep slopes and no ready access to the site of the transmission towers. The concrete for the foundations was shipped to the site from Duncan and flown to the top of the mountain by helicopter.

• The Gulf Islands came into national focus when the CBC program *The Way It Is* presented the islands and their potential to the nation. The program showed shots of Active Pass as well as boats at the Satuma Island Lamb Barbecue. The program was geared to the study which was under way at the University of British Columbia concerning the future of the islands.

Twenty years ago

March 7, 1974

• Highway construction projects were to be discussed with the Capital Regional District board before changes were made on Salt Spring. In face of pressure for an alternative route into Ganges, regional

down through the years

director George Heinekey picked out a route and presented it to the Salt Spring Island Planning Association. The route was to follow Charlesworth to Barnet Road, running north to Drake Road. It would then skirt the boundary of Moutat Park and cut north to Rainbow Road. Heinekey said the pleas for a second link between the Donore subdivision at Cranberry and Ganges Heights, above Charlesworth Road, had been frustrated because the vendors had made no such provision.

• As meat prices climbed, rustlers got busier on Salt Spring. Mike Byron at Beaver Point reported two sheep stolen: a Suffolk ewe and a purebred Suffolk lamb. A neighbouring farmer lost a goat.

• Salt Spring Lions finalized the purchase of 10 acres of level land kitty-corner to Central Hall for an island recreational centre. The Millner property cost the club \$40,000, which was to be paid from a Walkathon and Lions' bingos.

Fifteen years ago

March 7, 1979

• Water quality in the vicinity of the outfall of the proposed Ganges sewer system could be expected to be 100 times better than it was then in the Ganges boat basin, an engineer for the Capital Regional District said. Another engineer said there was little likelihood of green scum appearing on the surface of the harbour once the sewer system was in place. Those assurances were made to about 150 islanders at a Ganges sewer meeting at the Activity Centre.

• Provincial lands management branch issued a lease to a Mayne Island company to build a wharf on Bennett Bay. The lease for 1.73 acres of water was granted to Weldon Pinchin who owned and operated the Mayne Inn. The decision was made after the Islands Trust said it was not in favour of a large moorage facility in the bay. Locals who were opposed said the beach was one of the few good swimming beaches on the island.

Ten years ago

March 7, 1984

• New telephone lines in the core of Ganges were to go underground, according to a spokesperson from B.C. Telephone Company. Eventually all the cables were to run under the ground, but the process would take years. When space for poles was exhausted, as it was in downtown Ganges, the telephone company had two options: to go to the other side of the road or go underground.

• Unless certain aspects of the community plan were changed, the island would develop in ways few people wanted, a Salt Spring architect told members of the Advisory Planning Commission. The plan allowed five-acre average for lots when it should be calling for dense development in certain areas and open space surrounding those areas.

Five years ago

March 8, 1989

• An undisclosed company from Thailand with branch offices in Vancouver made an offer to buy most of Parker Island for about \$2.4 million. The 400-acre island, located just west of Montague Harbour in Trincomali Channel, was originally subdivided into 20-acre parcels. But after sitting for a long time on the market, the parcels were reduced to 10 acres.

• A Pender trustee said there was "no water shortage" on the Gulf Islands. Gordon Wallace said more water fell from the heavens than islanders could use. He had written extensively about water problems on the islands and spoke at length to other trustees at a Trust Council meeting.

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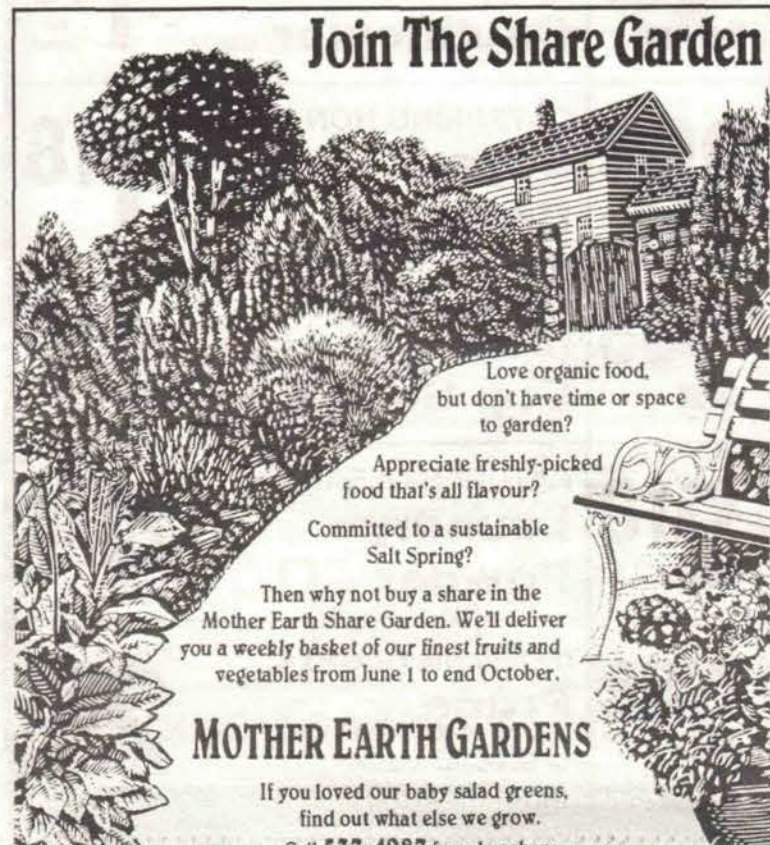
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