



HATS OFF TO THE FIREMEN: Salt Spring's volunteer fire fighters raised \$3,481 Saturday in their annual drive for muscular dystrophy. Honorary fireman

Ken Sampson raised more than \$660 himself. Above, Michelle Menzies gives volunteer Jeff Outerbridge a banknote in exchange for a balloon.

Photo by Graeme Thompson

Booth Bay Resort bids for strata-title

Rezoning Booth Bay Resort property from Commercial 4 to residential use was discussed at a public session of the Advisory Planning Commission May 12.

Property owners Gay Utter and Bob Lynch told the meeting their proposal is to rezone their 11.33 acre property from Commercial 4 to a zone accommodating 12 residences. They explained they are requesting the change because they no longer want to operate the resort or restaurant but would like to continue living there. While the property has been listed for sale they have been approached by interests ranging from the Quality Inn chain to a youth camp, and a world-class destination resort.

Utter and Lynch said they have looked into creating a strata-title residential subdivision, which would allow more control over property development than dividing the land into fee-simple lots where each owner could do what they wished with their property. They

said their three grown children and another extended family member would be four possible strata-lot owners.

Lynch described the difference in building density allowed by current C-4 zoning and the potential with a residential scheme. C-4 zoning permits 33 per cent building site coverage of property; Booth Bay Resort buildings currently use 1.5 per cent of the land, while the addition of 11 new residences would result in an estimated 7.6 per cent coverage. He also said they were open to ideas on how they could make the change from C-4 to residential use. A specific residential zone has not yet been chosen or created to accommodate the proposal.

APC members asked Lynch and Utter about possibilities for protecting the Booth Bay estuary, enhancing fish habitat, sewage disposal plans and providing more public access to the beach. The group will make its recommendation about the proposal to the Trust Committee.

Teacher layoffs pending

An irate parent who burst into the school board meeting Wednesday had a lay-off recommendation for the board.

"You have to cut eight positions," she declared before complaining about a staff member who had frightened her child to the point that the youngster refused to attend school.

After the woman refused to be silenced by the board members — who pointed out the meeting was public and should not deal with personnel matters — trustee David Eyles offered to hear her concerns outside the meeting. The woman agreed and Eyles later returned alone to the meeting.

Meanwhile director of instruction Bob McWhirter said the district has to lay off the full-time equivalent (FTE) of 6.52 teachers. Since some of the teachers to be laid off include part-time staff, the layoffs will affect 11 people, McWhirter said.

Layoffs will be handled according to the collective agreement with the

LAY-OFFS A19

Luth's bid for car quashed by CRD

Plans by Salt Spring regional director Dietrich Luth to obtain a Capital Regional District (CRD) vehicle for occasional official use were quashed last week when CRD board members heard why Luth wanted it.

Luth did not want a vehicle to travel to CRD meetings in Victoria and Langford, as a finance committee report stated May 11. Instead, he told board members he wanted a CRD vehicle because his 28-year-old van was unsuitable for some Salt Spring roads and had to be kept off the road when off-island vehicle inspections teams visited the island.

Earlier this month, Luth requested a CRD vehicle "to carry out his duties as electoral area director, in

particular as they relate to attending meetings in Langford and Victoria."

He said his current vehicle was "on its last legs" and that he was "uncomfortable driving on the highway for fear of a breakdown." He said his own vehicle was adequate for travel on Salt Spring but not for highway travel off-island.

But this is not at all what Luth told fellow CRD directors at last Wednesday's board meeting.

"The vehicle I'm driving is 28 years old," he said, adding with a grin, "and it is in sufficiently good shape to get out of the way of the press cars."

"It's not a problem of getting to and from meetings," he continued. "We have the best bus service in

the world. The problem is on the other side getting around 76 square miles of Salt Spring . . . on some 210 miles of road.

"I need on-island transport to conduct on-island business."

He said his search for a permanent site for the island's septage and sewage sludge disposal and composting facility required a vehicle that could go up and down the unpaved mountain roads around the island.

"I have to take days off when the highways inspection team is here," he added. "They don't like rust."

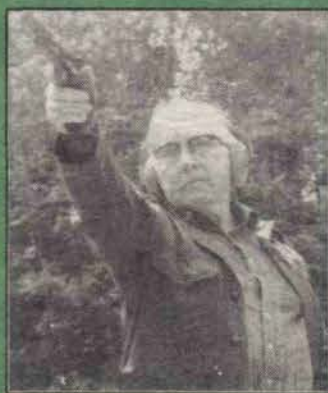
"If there is a vehicle available . . . (which is) . . . surplus to requirements . . . (and could be) . . . at

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spotlight index feature

Neither closed offices nor time zones stopped Grant Marcotte from rescuing his gun.

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Breeding the ultimate foal is the goal of two island businesses.

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this week

The real summer starts — as every islander in business knows — with the May Long weekend and the arrival of all those glorious tourists.

\$ fair change

Island Savings was buying U.S. cash on Tuesday at the rate of 1.346

weather

HIGHS: 20 to 22 C (normal 17)
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PRECIPITATION: 10% chance of precipitation Wednesday

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Luth tries to block composting site lease

The final hurdle for an operating sewage and septage sludge disposal and composting facility on Salt Spring Island has been cleared. A lease with Texada Logging Ltd., land-holder of the proposed site in Burgoyne Valley, was the last document necessary before the Capital Regional District (CRD) can begin construction of new sludge pits. That lease agreement was given the green light by the CRD board last Wednesday.

But the decision was not without opposition from Salt Spring Island director Dietrich Luth. Caught off guard by the presentations of two Salt Spring trustees and the liquid waste committee at the meeting, Luth floundered for words to articulate his opposition.

A "lack of confidence" between himself and the Salt Spring liquid waste committee and an unwillingness to "rubber-stamp" a project that was "pretty well moved ahead" when he became CRD director in December were the two main reasons Luth gave for objecting to the lease at this time. He also said signing a temporary lease with Texada would compromise his on-going search for a permanent site for the sludge pits and composting facility.

He told CRD board members he was "not about to be steam-rollered" by the presence of the local trustees and members of the liquid waste committee at the board meeting. But he was.

Salt Spring trustees Grace Byrne and Bob Andrew and liquid waste committee chairman John Richardson all made presentations to the CRD board in favour of signing the lease with Texada Logging Ltd.

Byrne recounted for the board how the Trust and the CRD had proceeded co-operatively with the project since October 1991. A referendum approving this proposal passed with a 70 per cent majority and the proposed site was well publicized. Rezoning, including an appropriate public hearing, was done and technical experts have tested and approved the site, she said.

Andrew referred to the "unusualness" of the request for a presentation to the board, but said he felt "strongly enough about this issue of liquid waste disposal" that a presentation had to be made. "The Salt Spring local trust committee can see no further need to not proceed with this service and every need, as shown by the electorate, to get on with it," he said "We would implore

this board to give the final approvals necessary for this function." Richardson reiterated the work of the liquid waste committee in the last two and a half years and recounted for the board how director Luth had "vehemently criticized" the committee since his election in December.

With the motion on the table to sign the lease, director Luth tried to put forward a motion to refer the matter to the CRD environment committee. When no other director supported Luth's bid for referral, the board voted on the lease-signing and it passed.

The lease is a five-year lease for use of a four-hectare parcel owned by Texada Logging Ltd. in Burgoyne Valley. The lease contains a one-term renewal option for a further five years and will cost the CRD \$10,280 annually for the use of the site.



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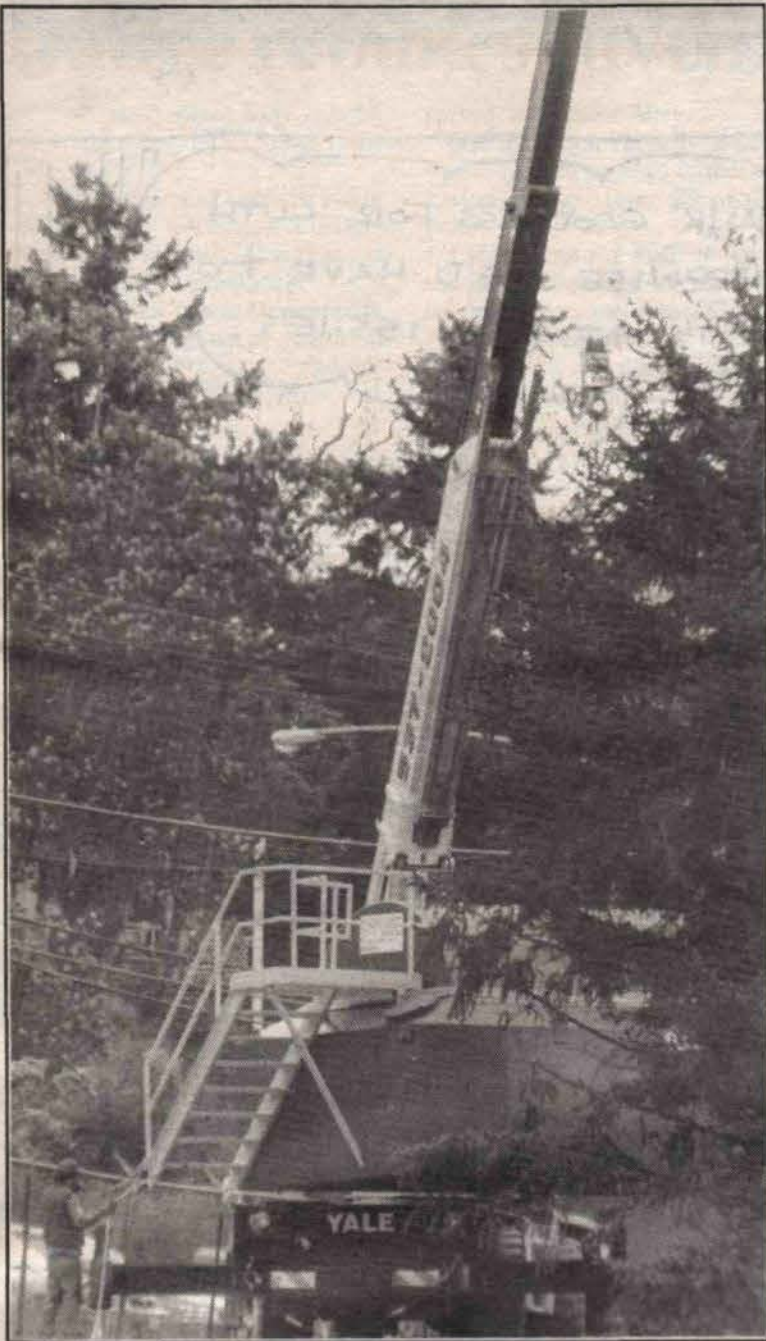
Marine fuel for Ganges is expected by the weekend. The long-awaited Shell marine station for Salt Spring, to replace the Esso outlet, will be ready for business this week, Ganges Marina owner Bard Brown said Tuesday.

Friday, the fuel tanks were brought in from the mainland and put into place. Their rather bright colour took Brown by surprise.

"We figured they'd be white," he said. "But Tideco Industries, their colour is red. I'd forgotten that."

The two 5,500 gallon (25,000 litre) tanks came from Langley and were lifted into place by a Dawes Excavating crane Friday. They are located in the same spot where the old gasoline tanks were on Lower Ganges Road.

Pumps are already in the place in the tanks. Metres to dispense the marine fuel are expected today (Wednesday) which means Victoria Day weekend boaters coming to Ganges will not have to fear getting stranded.



GREAT GAS! Giant fuel tanks for Ganges Harbour were lowered into place Friday.
Photo by Valerie Lennox

Luth loses CRD backing

For the first time in years, an electoral area director's wishes have been ignored by fellow Capital Regional District (CRD) board members. At last Wednesday's meeting, Salt Spring director Dietrich Luth asked the board to refer a crucial decision on a Salt Spring matter to the environmental committee.

But board members ignored Luth's request and voted to proceed with a lease agreement to operate a sewage and septage sludge disposal and composting site in Burgoyne Valley. Board chairman Frank Leonard told the Gulf Islands Driftwood after the meeting that the board had no qualms about voting against the Salt Spring director on this matter.

"The rubber-stamping of recommendations relating to the four different electoral areas within the region which has been accorded to

other directors will not be accorded to Mr. Luth," he said. "In the context of the first six months, we have gone along with the recommendations of Mr. Luth. From here on in, the director for Salt Spring is going to have a rougher time."

"The main reason it went the way it did," Outer Island director Jacques Campbell added, "was because there was a referendum. If he had a site, there might have been more discussion."

As a result of the decision Wednesday to sign the lease with Texada Logging Ltd. before May 31, site construction will get under way. New sludge pits are to be dug, CRD operations manager Jim McFarland told the Driftwood. Salt Spring liquid waste committee will continue to meet to oversee operation and budgetary matters, though CRD operations will look after the day-to-day operation of the facility.

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Salt Spring needs proper representation

It's been six months since Salt Spring Islanders voted for Dietrich Luth as their representative on the Capital Regional District board.

Now some of you may say you didn't vote for him. But deciding not to vote at all is still a decision and a culmination of decisions resulted in a new director.

Needless to say things have never been boring at the CRD meetings since November and the big city media types must be delighted to have something different to report on from what are generally fairly mundane regional affairs.

Being an island character has its advantages and disadvantages. Media appetite for the unusual would be a disadvantage for some like Dietrich. Every opportunity to highlight his unique lifestyle has been seized by daily and television reporters. And they have been provided with plenty of ammunition by the man himself.

Some of his fellow regional directors thought it was a "breath of fresh air" when Dietrich arrived on the scene. However after some time has passed, we wonder if they feel the same way.

Board chairman Frank Leonard told us last week that Dietrich is going to have "a rougher time" in the future. That was shown when the island director was unable to get someone to second a motion to send the matter of a septic sludge site to the environment committee. Granted the motion came without warning after Salt Spring Islands Trust trustees Bob Andrew and Grace Byrne made a presentation to directors. However someone can second a motion to get it on the floor for discussion and still vote against it.

If this continues to happen in the future, Dietrich could find himself unable to bring forth matters to the board. That would deprive Salt Spring of proper representation, something that will hurt all island residents.

Communication is a major part of a director's role. Communication with other board members, the media and the public. It seems this is an area requiring some of the director's attention.

Dietrich has made it very clear that because he has the facts, he is more informed and enlightened about issues than the public. He has been accused of acting as though people are ignorant about issues and he knows best. Whether or not that is the case, it is incumbent upon him to translate his knowledge of the issues and the facts of the matter and communicate with his constituents so the knowledge is shared. And as every politician knows, or will come to know, the public, ignorant or not, has the final say.

We wonder how extensively Dietrich is communicating with islanders at the moment.

After six months on the job, he must have sufficient grasp of the issues and facts to hold a public meeting, tell people how he stands on those issues and be prepared to defend them. In addition it is important to listen to a variety of views so he does not become more isolated.

As part of the media but separate from the city sorts, this newspaper wants open communication with the director as we are the best vehicle for reaching islanders. Good relationships are necessary for both elected people and those reporting on political issues.

And we'd like to hope Dietrich is able to work with the other regional directors to ensure that Salt Spring's needs are aired and addressed.

Thanks to Lady Minto

Medical care is something most of us take for granted. Until such time, of course, that we or a family member needs it.

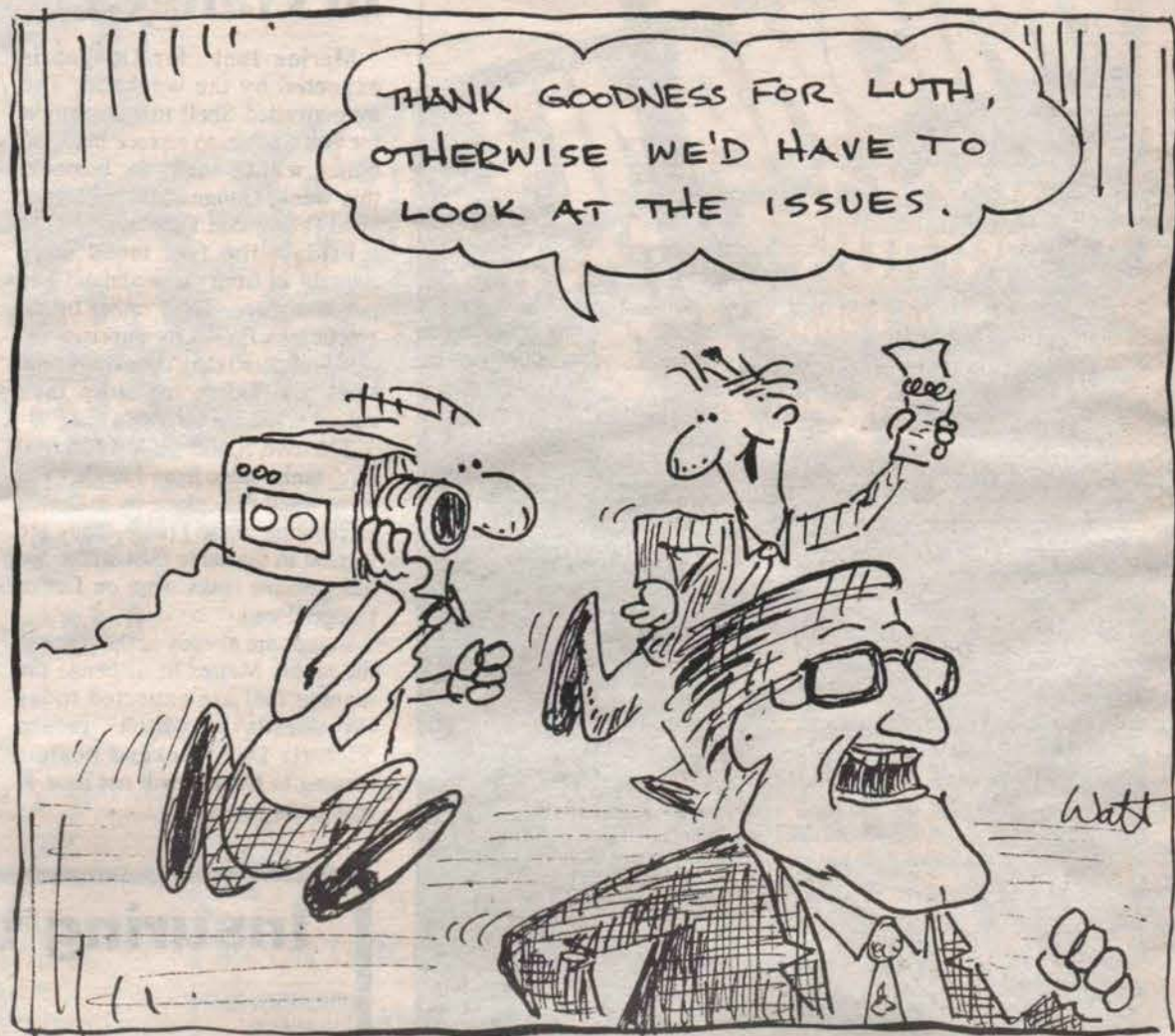
It's at those times we come to appreciate the people and facilities that await such an event.

Last week Lady Minto Hospital opened its doors to the public for a celebration. The doors are always open, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. However each May, hospitals across B.C. invite residents to tour facilities, share some refreshments and take note of the latest in medical technology in their communities.

Technology is great and has advanced our knowledge tremendously. But the most important component of a hospital is the people — support and administrative staff, volunteers, nurses and doctors.

Lady Minto's board of directors have had to send out warning signals that if the facility is not better utilized, islanders would have to seek more and more medical attention in other communities.

On days like last week, when the hospital is buzzing with activity, as staff and volunteers show off the facility, and every other day of the year, we should be grateful to have such a place in our community.



ArtSpring: it's become our new cause célèbre on the island

Everywhere I go people ask "What's happening at ArtSpring?"

From my perspective it's a growth thing. The project is about 80 per cent complete and the supporters want to ensure that when it is complete it will be as close to everyone's expectation as possible. This is a good thing. Understanding the process and going through it is the confusing part.

Two weeks ago I was upset at how the meeting was resolved and in my frustration I did tell the Driftwood that I felt the board was acting smug at the results of the voting. This upset a few of the board members and I think, in retrospect, rightly so.

I sat on this board for a number of years and I resigned on my 45th birthday, not because I had lost interest in the project, but because I wanted my life back.

Being a member of the board means major time commitment. People like Lawrie Neish, Trish Nobile and Bill Curtin have spent hundreds of hours at meetings and functions. I know because I was there for most of those meetings. Those three are still there, as are all the new board members, all with the common desire to see the project up and running.

However, instead of the praise they deserve, they are in the unfortunate place of being blamed for the fact that the centre is still not open. Had I not resigned two years ago I, too, would be on the board taking the flack.

The last three meetings of ArtSpring have revolved around housekeeping measures. Who should be appointed? Should appointees have a vote at board meetings? Is the constitution valid?

All of this is important and essential, because the members' opinions and confidence is what will make ArtSpring a success. Where we are getting caught up is in the dotting of the "i"s and the crossing of the "t"s.

Let's get back to what ArtSpring is. To me it is a

view point

shell within which we, as a community, can focus our artistic endeavors. The constitution is a guideline and framework that should allow us to accomplish those artistic endeavors with

grace and ease. The current amendments to the constitution will allow us that flexibility. The difficulty with the amendments is that upon registration our president, Lawrie Neish and treasurer Bill Curtin would automatically become non-voting members and, therefore, have to resign from their positions.

I, for one, would be happier to see them sit out their term until the November elections. In fact, in my discussions with Lawrie, he has always maintained that upon completion of the project he would resign as president. So, the solution seems pretty simple to me. Let's raise the additional \$300,000 or so that is needed to complete the project and everyone will get what they want.

How do we do this? Well, here are some alternatives. There are approximately 80 seats left to be dedicated at \$1,000 each. This would leave about \$220,000 to be raised from other sources, perhaps from people like myself who have complained about Lawrie from time to time (as a sort of penance?)

If it's true that some people won't contribute to ArtSpring because of past grievances, then let's have these people put their energy to work, with dollars to ArtSpring.

ArtSpring is not Lawrie Neish, or the board, it's people like you and me saying "yes, I support it, I want it, and here is my donation."

If you have yet to contribute, just remember that everyone who has already contributed did so when we needed \$1,200,000. At this point, Salt Spring can have an arts centre for just \$300,000.

Seems like a good deal to me.

Arvid Chalmers is a Salt Spring Island realtor who also is famous for his stage presence.

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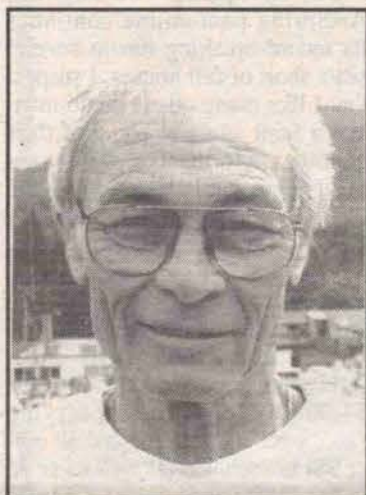
Kirstie Shoolbraid

What's the overall policy on it? Do other directors get cars? Do other directors get a decent car allowance? What's the policy? He can't be out of line.



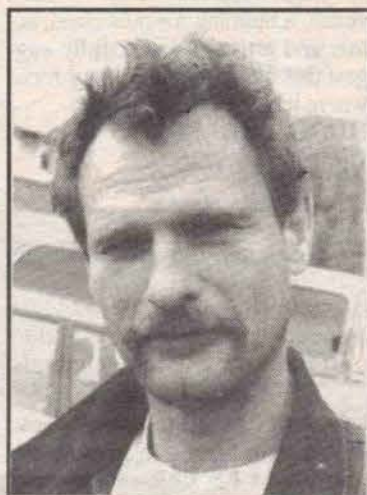
Lynn Mitchell

No, I think they shouldn't buy him a new one but maybe supply him with the use of a car.



Doug Bambrough

If Dietrich gets a car, so do I.



John MacDonald

I think they actually should give him a fixed address and a car. Put some representation on Salt Spring Island.



Mike Levy

No, he should be making enough money to buy a car himself.

letters

It's only a building

To the Editor:

On the weekend of May 7 and May 8 the new Salt Spring Singers in conjunction with the Pender Island Choral Society performed to capacity crowds. The program included a piano solo by Diana English, a vocal solo by Betty Rothwell, two jazz vocal numbers by Sharon McQueen with Jazz Trio, a 10-voice swing choir and three numbers by the six-piece band, Saltswing. The full choir performance included a madrigals section, a folk song section, two spirituals, a Mozart alleluia and more; in all 14 pieces.

The Activity Centre was decorated not only on the stage but throughout the room with kites, sails, potted plants, banners and a large number of colourful hand-painted decorations. Hundreds and hundreds of hours went into this enthusiastically-received production. The logistics regarding bringing the two choirs together for performances on Salt Spring and Pender Island were to say in the least, challenging.

The Salt Spring Singers have been together now for 20 years. During this last season the group has gone through a complete revitalization and has increased in number from 18 to 52. We as a group are thrilled with the progress and were equally thrilled by our program.

In this week's Driftwood on the front page there was yet another article concerning ArtSpring and its woes. This article went into great long boring detail about voting and membership and inner rifts, no news to any of us. The Salt Spring Singers concert received not one word. In last week's paper no representative of our community newspaper was there. We advertised with posters, an ad on cable, issued a press release to you directly not to mention word of mouth on an island. Does this indicate that the Driftwood prefers controversy to the reporting of actual community events.

As the director of Salt Spring Singers I am terribly disappointed and shocked at your apparent disregard for the sincere and positive efforts of a community institution whose members keep your paper alive.

If we hope to sustain the ArtSpring concept as a community involved with the arts then for goodness sake let's start by covering these events properly in "our" newspaper. It's the events, and the community that supposedly created the need for the building of ArtSpring, in the first place. Refocus on the arts and support them and get your attention off this building and its committees and the endless debate surrounding it.

In the meantime, on behalf of the 75 singers and performers involved in our concert I would like to say, keep in touch.
LLOYD ENGLISH,
Ganges

Looking for more grannies

To the Editor,

When more than 30 of the world's foremost authorities on ozone depletion met in Victoria in late April, the Raging Grannies of Salt Spring and of Victoria took part. The subject is just one of the many that concern the groups across the country.

To address these issues the Grannies need new members. They invite concerned women to join weekly meetings, and add their voices to the group. People interested in participating with Salt Spring Raging Grannies can call 537-4347 or 653-4283.
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Keep our focus

To the Editor,

I know you can't please everyone all the time. (Oh no, here it comes!) We appreciate the write up you did for Salt Spring Singers last week. However, we put Heart and Soul into the Spring Concert this weekend and I'm sure everyone was looking forward to seeing a review in today's paper. It was a

wonderful concert with a lot of musicians and soloists participating. I won't be the only one disappointed at the lack of enthusiasm by the Driftwood. ArtSpring gets tons of coverage week after week — it is a venue, a building for musicians, actors and artists. I respectfully suggest that we keep our primary focus where it belongs.

**DIANA ENGLISH,
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VICTORIA
— Cliff Serwa may soon be the only Socred left in the B.C. Legislature, but that prospect doesn't seem to take anything away from his political combativeness.



**capital
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HUBERT BEYER

Just the other day, Serwa expressed "outrage and dismay" over Premier Harcourt's unwillingness to offer British Columbians any assurances that part of the charitable donations made to the Nanaimo Commonwealth Holding Society wasn't used to finance the election campaigns of NDP candidates.

I'm not one for outrage and dismay, but I'm damned curious why the premier and his cabinet colleagues are skating around the issue with a vengeance usually reserved for Olympic training camps.

Last week, criminal charges were laid against the Nanaimo Commonwealth Society and three other societies, all of which have intimate ties to the NDP, but the special prosecutor recommended against charging individuals connected with the societies. And that has the opposition up in arms.

"Just because the special prosecutor doesn't believe there is a chance of pressing charges beyond a reasonable doubt isn't enough to clear up the uncertainty that exists in the public mind" said Serwa, the Social Credit critic for the attorney general's ministry.

Serwa wants the government to call a public inquiry under the Inquiry Act. "Such an inquiry could complement the criminal proceedings against the four societies, and offer the public some assurance that any shady dealings which may involve members of the NDP will be exposed." I agree. There's nothing like a public inquiry to bring light into the dark and secretive corners of politics. And if my memory serves me correctly, the NDP never hesitated to demand public inquiries when they were in opposition.

At the centre of the scandal are charges that the four societies misappropriated money raised through charity bingo games. The charges followed a two-year-long investigation by an independent prosecutor, appointed by the NDP government after the opposition suggested charity money was being used for political purposes.

And then about a week ago, the RCMP's commercial crime unit announced that the four societies had been charged under the criminal code. "They are alleged to have used bingo funds contrary to the terms and conditions of the lottery regulations," the press release said.

The four societies in question are the Nanaimo Commonwealth Holding Society and three associated societies — NCHS Charities Society, Harewood Social Centre Society and Harewood Community Hall Association. All are based in Nanaimo.

But none of the societies' directors have been charged individually. They include former federal NDP caucus chairman and former provincial finance minister Dave Stupich, past treasurer of the society. Dave Lovick, a sitting NDP member, has served as a director.

The Nanaimo Commonwealth Holding Society was formed in the 1950s. Its mandate was to fund charitable organizations and advance socialist causes.

The investigation into the societies began when a coalition of Nanaimo charity groups complained that \$1.4 million in bingo money earmarked for them had been used to pay off a string of debts from bad business investments by the societies.

The Liberal opposition didn't stop there. They alleged in the legislature that at least part of the money was used to fund NDP election campaigns.

The premier has refused to comment on the charges, but Liberal house leader Gary Farrell-Collins was more than willing to have his say.

"It's a black eye for the NDP. Many legitimate charity groups in Nanaimo didn't receive the funds they were promised and the New Democrats are right in the middle of it," he said.

Under the terms of the provincial lottery regulations, the societies were allowed to operate bingo games as long as 25 per cent of the proceeds went to specific charities.

According to the Liberals, RCMP wanted to charge individual directors of the societies but were overruled by officials in the attorney general's ministry, an allegation Attorney General Colin Gabelmann rejects.

The investigation, Gabelmann said, was handled independently by special prosecutor Ace Henderson, who had recommended that no individuals be charged.

I have no reason to doubt Gabelmann's word. The very reason for appointing special prosecutors is to take sensitive matters out of the ministry's hands. But I still like Serwa's idea of launching a public inquiry.

The Liberals have raised enough doubts in the public's mind, and those doubts should be addressed.

Watching realities plays

To the Editor,

Oh, ArtSpring! The ongoing ArtSpring pantomime continues its record-breaking run to several seats short of full houses. I suspect that I like many others could manage a faint smile at some of their ongoing performances, were it not for the fact that I along with all the other SSI taxpayers (involuntarily co-opted by Dietrich Luth) now have a small financial involvement in ArtSpring.

Which means that I was definitely not amused to have ArtSpring pay out an estimated \$1,000 to deliver a self serving "all's well" flyer to me and all other SSI households (as well as an ad in the Driftwood) from un-named and apparently un-elected ArtSpring directors — when it is obvious to even the least interested that all is most certainly not well at ArtSpring. But perhaps those ArtSpring directors paid for that flyer etc. out of their own pockets. If not I wonder how will that \$1,000 expenditure be listed in their treasurer's (audited) report?

Presumably a disastrously short-run tragedy will follow ArtSpring's present comedy series. Pity really.

**NORMAN WELLS,
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Try a canoe instead

To the Editor,

Instead of buying a car or renting one for Mr. Dietrich Luth. Let's get a collection of pennies, a rowing canoe and push them all in the ocean and forever . . . Au revoir.

**ALICE (BEBEAU) TESTER,
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Thanks to board

To the Editor,

Following the May 11 meeting of Island Arts Centre Society I would like to express my thanks to the board of directors for their action in negotiating changes to by-laws in response to members' concerns.

It was not an easy task, but was obviously undertaken with the spirit of goodwill. The compromise arrived at received clear majority approval, and it is to be hoped that with renewed confidence, members will now express their support both in the project, and in the people who give generously of their time and expertise to its completion.

Now all that remains is to get the building finished and underway.

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Island needs decent facility

To the Editor,

I moved to Salt Spring Island in 1967, and since then have been actively engaged in arts, crafts, and theatre arts. I consider it most unfortunate that the people who knew about the Windfall Grants should have chosen to ask for an arts centre. In my opinion less than one-quarter of the population is interested in an arts centre, but I think even the most absent of absentee landlords would admit that Salt Spring Island now has the population and tax base to deserve one decent facility to replace the grungy old halls and inadequate Activity Room.

A beautiful building with a comfortable stepped auditorium and multi-purpose stage, and a multi-purpose hall stands unfinished waiting for all the activities including the arty ones, that could take place there. I understand the new secondary school has no stage and no art rooms so the need gets greater every year.

I haven't kept track of all the board members there have been over the years, but the present group seems very competent and I hope they will stay.

People are afraid of what it would cost to run the new building. Could it not be administered by the Parks and Recreation Commission? When I was a member of the board of this organization 15 years ago no one got paid except the maintenance man and student summer help. Everyone was elected except the CRD representative. Over the intervening years the board has become

appointed and there is a paid director of recreation with his own office. If the tax-paying public took this on with no cries of anguish that I can remember, surely we can afford to contribute to the completion of ArtSpring.

OLIVE CLAYTON,
Ganges

Who's kidding?

To the Editor,

Many people are using quotations to support their favourite issue — the Bible, Burke, Democritus, 'et al.'

Here's mine, from the poet John Dryden: "How blessed is he who leads a country life, unvexed with anxious cares, and void of strife."

PETER BLACKMORE,
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P.S. Who's he trying to kid?

Slug bait harms dog

To the Editor,

This letter is to draw attention to the merchants and public on Salt Spring Island who sell or purchase slug bait.

My dog was poisoned by slug bait, a very toxic chemical.

It's a terrible experience for an animal to go through, and a scary experience as well for the owner.

Slug bait has a very appealing taste to animals, but just one teaspoon, when consumed could be fatal, unless immediate veterinary action is taken.

A half an hour after my dog returned home from a walk, her body was shaking uncontrollably, and she was on the verge of convulsing. She was rushed to the

Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic, where it was stated, that if left unattended, her body would of gone into convulsions until eventual respiratory failure.

After three days of hospitalization that consisted of many medical procedures and almost constant sedation, my dog is now home with us recovering.

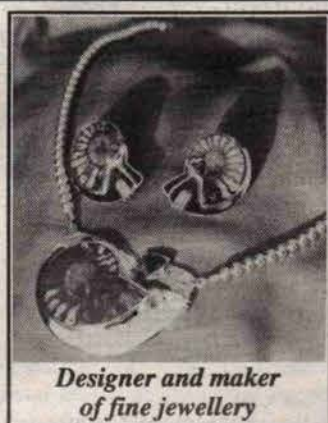
An alternative non-toxic slug control product should be used in order to protect our wildlife, pets, and as well as our children.

Many thanks to Dr. Derrick S. Milton and the medical staff at the Gulf Islands Veterinary Clinic for their fast, efficient treatment on my dog.

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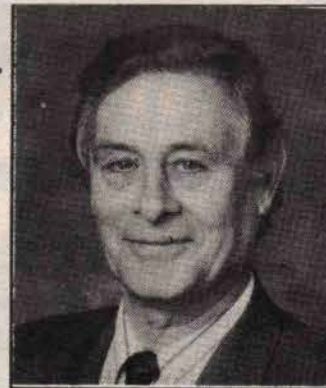
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A COOKIE CREATION, heavy with icing, was assembled Friday by Cam Johnson, 7, at Fulford Elementary's school fair. Photo by Valerie Lennox

Space short for French Immersion

Would-be French immersion students on Salt Spring will find out in June whether they will take classes in French or English next year.

Forty-one students have applied to join the program, director of instruction Bob McWhirter told the school board Wednesday.

For the last few years, there have been two French immersion classes at Salt Spring Elementary. To accommodate the increased enrollment, McWhirter said three classes will be required. However, moving students to Salt Spring Elementary for French immersion reduces the enrollment at Fulford and Fernwood Elementary schools — which then cuts the staff allocation at those schools.

School superintendent Mike Marshall said principals at those schools are concerned about the impact of further enrollment and possible staff cut at their schools.

Trustee Charles Hingston said children who want a chance for a second language should be given that opportunity.

Marshall said some students or parents who have indicated interest in the program could later withdraw, eliminating the need for another class. He recommended the district continue planning for two classes while considering the impact a third class would have on the district.

Trustees agreed to review the situation at the June 8 meeting.

Fulford addition tops list

A long-awaited addition to Fulford Elementary was given priority by school trustees Wednesday when they reviewed capital projects for the coming year.

The \$3.4 million project was the only item on the board's capital requests to be supported by the Ministry of Education. Projects not approved by the ministry were a \$218,000 addition to Saturna Elementary, a boat dock for the water taxi, planning for an eventual replacement of Salt Spring Elementary and planning for a new middle school.

The ministry invited the school board to substitute one of the rejected projects for the approved project if trustees felt those were more urgent.

However trustees agreed the Fulford Elementary upgrade was the most important of the capital projects. "This district is very pleased to have that recommendation from the ministry," board chairman Allisen Lambert remarked.

"Let's carry on and do the Fulford school," trustee Charles Hingston concluded.

In other school board news:

- The district has received \$12,000 in provincial funds designated for support programs for those students who exhibit severe behavior problems. Fulford Elementary, Salt Spring Elementary and Gulf Islands Secondary have all applied for money from the fund. A district-wide survey indicates the need for paraprofessional support to help

teachers dealing with students who have severe behavioral problems or severe learning disabilities. Director of Instruction Bob McWhirter said staff feel present programs are inadequate to deal with the challenges posed by these students.

- A calendar establishing 185 teaching days in the 1994-95 school year was approved by the school board. The year starts September 6 and ends on June 30, 1995. Christmas holidays will be from December 19 to January 3 and the spring break from March 20 to 27.

- A child care needs assessment planned by the Fulford Harbour Child Care Society was supported by school trustees who agreed, in principle, to give the society some office space, school space for evening meetings and time to meet with district staff. The society hopes to receive a Ministry of Women's Equality grant for the survey and requires evidence of local support for the grant application.

Road closing

People driving around Ganges this holiday weekend are reminded that part of Kanaka Road is off limits to cars.

While the Eric Springford Soccer Tournament is taking place on school fields, the road's middle section will be closed from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday.

Safety concerns about the number of people expected to attend the annual soccer event led to a request for road closure.

Hundreds of team members and their fans are expected to descend on the area for the annual competition.

More information on the tournament can be found in the sports section of this issue.

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Bylaws cut ArtSpring board

By VALORIE LENNOX
Driftwood Staff Writer

ArtSpring members swung a figurative axe Wednesday, passing a series of bylaw amendments which chopped controversial president Lawrie Neish from his position on the ArtSpring board, although not from the board itself.

Wednesday's meeting was a continuation of a special extraordinary meeting of the Island Arts Centre Society which had started a week earlier and adjourned, unfinished, at 10:30 p.m. But while most of the bylaw changes failed to obtain the necessary 75 per cent majority at the May 4 meeting, members were more willing to draw blood Wednesday night. A sea of orange voting cards waved by members swept almost every motion to victory.

Two significant bylaw amendments limiting the role of appointed board members were quickly approved. Appointed board members will be no longer be able to vote or to serve as officers. As the Gulf Island Community Arts Council representative, Neish is appointed to the board. When implemented, this bylaw change will remove him as Society president.

One board member told the members they did not understand the impact of the bylaw changes — a suggestion belied by the crowd's attitude.

Bylaw amendments also removed the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts and the Off Centre Stage Society representatives from the board. (At the May 4 meeting, Off Centre Stage Society representative April Curtis said that organization will no longer be sending a representative to the

ArtSpring Board.)

The board will now include nine or more elected representatives plus two appointees, one from the arts council and one from Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission. Another bylaw change limited the length of time each director could hold the same office to three years.

Some motions achieved unanimous support from the almost 100 members at the meeting. Many of the board members also supported the motions, which were drafted by the board's own amendment task force.

Hetty Clews chaired the task force which included volunteers Judy Norget, Elma Rubright, Ellie Thorburn and Pearl Flack as well as the board's amendment committee of Clews, Bob Weeden and Lawrie Niesh.

Clews admitted many of the amendments were drafted in response to criticisms of the board made by members over the past two months.

At Wednesday's meeting, the members responded to the board's effort by approving the suggested resolutions. Most passed quickly, despite close scrutiny by members.

But setting the date of execution was more difficult.

Clews said the bylaw amendment task force had assumed the motions would take effect at the next annual general meeting, slated for this fall. But several members, including Bob Haskell and Tilly Crawley, maintained the changes should take effect as soon as possible. Under the societies' act any bylaw change goes into effect as soon as the resolution is accepted by the provincial registrar unless wording included with

the motion delays the change, Haskell said.

"Each of those amendments did not contain a date, so they go into effect immediately," Crawley said. If implementation of the resolutions are delayed, she said members will have to deal with the current situation for the next six months. Crawley suggested a number of people in the community will no longer donate funding to ArtSpring until the situation changes.

"What's the point of delaying it — we all want this building completed and the longer it is delayed, the longer it will take for the money to come in," Heather Home observed.

A motion to delay implementation of the changes failed — ensuring that the changes would be implemented as soon as the bylaw amendments are accepted by the provincial registrar.

One member said the changes were not a vendetta against Neish, just recognition that changes must be made within the society in order to complete construction of the arts centre for Salt Spring Island. The speaker led a round of applause in recognition of Neish's work on the board.

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IN WITH THE NEW: Members vote on changes to ArtSpring's bylaws.

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Ganges resident Irene Shore received a Christmas card from central Washington late last month. According to the postmark, the card was mailed December 23, 1994. "It had only one postmark on the envelope," said Vern Shore, who sorted the mail for his 83-year-old mother. "It's hard to say where the hang-up was."



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"I don't know why dealing with this group has been so difficult."

Monday Magazine publisher Andrew Lynch made that statement in an interview last week in recalling his company's experience with the Island Arts Centre Society and its Over the Top fundraising raffle in 1992.

Lynch said his firm came up with a budget of \$40,000-\$45,000 for promoting the fundraising campaign. In the end, the final cost came to \$46,000, 25 per cent of which was paid out in wages and the remainder in outside disbursements. ArtSpring paid BCG, a firm that is part of the Monday Magazine group, \$15,000 in October, 1992, Lynch said. No further money was paid.

Lynch said he invited the ArtSpring board to discuss the bill, "but they chose not to and to go the legal route." Negotiations since have led to a settlement of \$8,500.

Lynch is not happy with the experience, particularly since his company has worked at maintaining a good relationship with arts groups.

"We're putting it behind us but it appears we've got a legacy on Salt Spring of looking like dirty old men."

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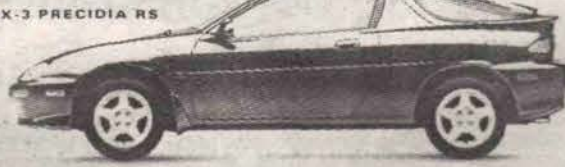


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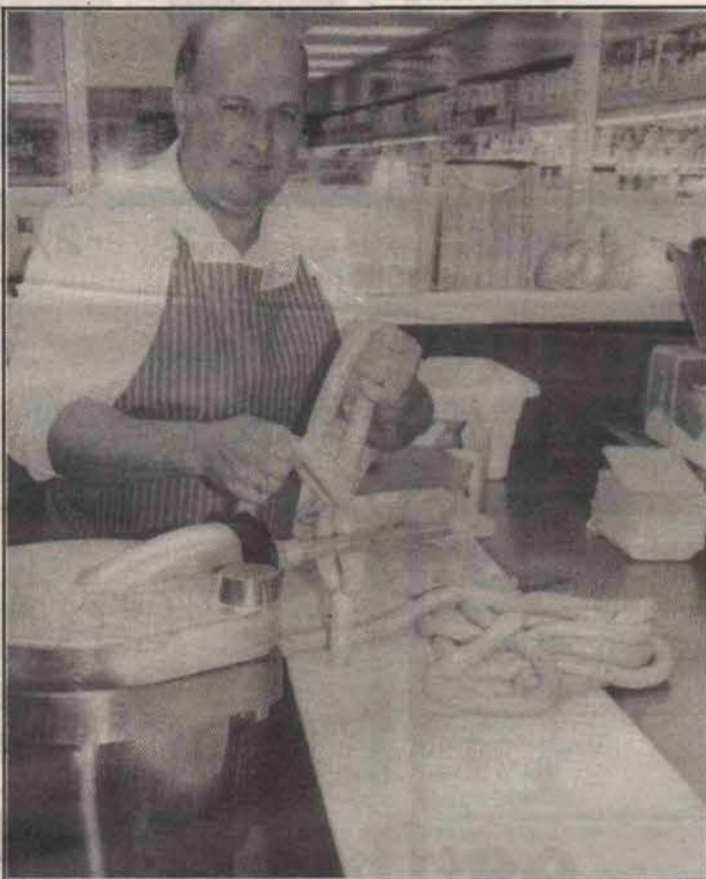
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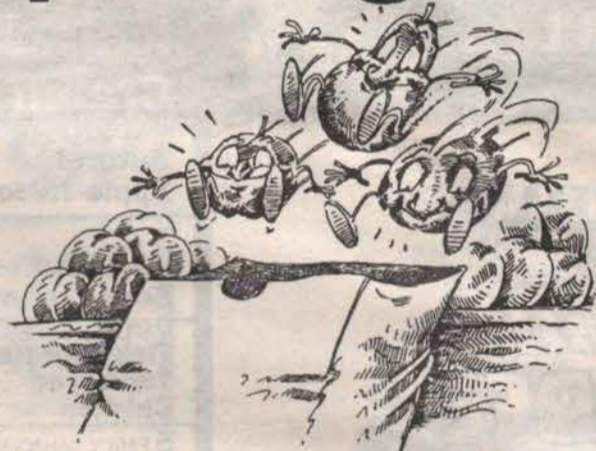
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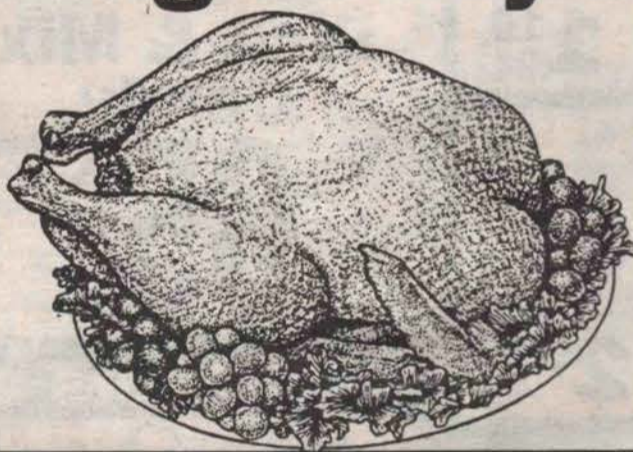
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Grant applications seek \$1 million plus for infrastructure

The Gulf Islands may receive more than \$1 million of federal and provincial money in the next three years for water and sewage treatment work. Two grant applications are being put forward by the Capital Regional District (CRD) for upgrades to Ganges sewer treatment plant and Magic Lakes water treatment plant on Pender Island.

Under the terms of the Canada-British Columbia Infrastructure

Program Agreement, \$675 million will be spent on infrastructure programs in B.C. in the next three years. Federal, provincial and local governments will each contribute \$225 million. All projects must be completed by March 31, 1997 and each applicant will be expected to demonstrate that at least 85 per cent of their approved costs will be incurred before March 31, 1996. All projects must create employment, develop infra-

structure and represent new or accelerated investment.

Ganges sewage treatment plant has reached its capacity, a report to the CRD stated and was "out-of-permit" 67 per cent of the time in 1993, which means it was treating more sewage than its permit allowed. On April 15, Ganges local service committee, which runs the Ganges treatment plant, approved the upgrading of the plant to increase its capacity by 50 per

cent at an estimated cost of \$632,000.

Magic Lakes local service area for water has only one source of water, Buck Lake. This lake supplies water to 549 lots under normal demand conditions. The current magic Lakes development has 720 lots and has a potential 1,280 lots. On April 11, Magic Lakes lo-

cal service committee approved the construction of a water treatment plant to be located on Magic Lakes land to increase the water production for the area at a cost of \$400,000.

The CRD is also applying for an infrastructure grant for a \$19.75 million upgrade to the Western Community Trunk sewer.

VEHICLE

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tached to the building inspection office... I could use it," he said, even offering to keep a log book of use.

But other directors did not agree at all that directors should have the use of a CRD vehicle. One director, whose jurisdiction covers the largest land area in the district said CRD directors get paid \$12,700 per year which included some \$4,000 for expenses incurred within their area.

"That's all known to me before I stand for election," he said.

Current provisions for travel expenses for CRD directors allow mileage-based reimbursements but no other travel allowance. A review of travel expenses of former regional director Julia Atkins found annual mileage costs to attend CRD board and committee meetings was about \$1,900. The cost of operating

a smaller CRD vehicle — gasoline, oil, insurance and maintenance but not purchase — was found to be about \$1,650 for the same mileage in 1993, according to a finance committee report.

Another director pointed out that there were 21 CRD directors and others might have as good cause to ask for a vehicle as director Luth.

The committee's recommendation to the board was to leave the travel expense arrangements as they were, with mileage-based expenses paid to those directors who claimed them for travel on CRD business. When put to the vote, three members voted for and three against, including the chairman.

A subsequent motion to include bus and ferry expenses, as well as mileage expenses for CRD-related travel, was passed.



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Bad communications delay mail delivery

Canada Post may deliver through sleet and rain and hail, but what about under normal conditions? That's the question some islanders up around Cranberry Road are asking this week as they sat out one full week without mail delivery.

May 9, a vehicle damaged a super-box at the corner of Cranberry and Toynbee roads which provides mail service for some 40 local residents. Mail delivery did not resume until May 16 at 5 p.m., a full week after the accident.

Vancouver Canada Post communications manager Doug McClelland said "bad communications within the company" prevented mail delivery Friday. He said Canada Post would normally expect to have a box replaced within 72 hours of the time the damage was reported. This box was damaged Monday night, discovered Tuesday afternoon by the postal courier and reported to Vancouver Wednesday morning.

It was unclear when Driftwood went to press how many of the five boxes at the site were damaged in the accident. One local man said his mail box was not damaged and he could have had mail delivered.



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School district ready for Skills Now

A new initiative by the provincial government, Skills Now, is a potential motherlode for the Gulf Islands School District, trustees were told at last Wednesday's meeting.

Over the next two years, \$200 million will be available to schools across the province to establish projects under the new program which encourages work skills development for both students and adults.

Money will be spent on programs to bring secondary students into the workplace; to help more young men and women attend college and university; to retrain workers close to home and to give the unemployed and welfare recipients improved job skills.

"This is an absolute windfall for us," said Gulf Islands Secondary vice-principal Scott Bergstrom, adding the program announced by the provincial government May 3 mirrors many of the initiatives already underway in the district.

"We can take advantage of this initiative and the funds that are available." He suggested the district prepare proposals as soon as possible to acquire some of \$6.5 million allocated this year for Skills Now.

The coordinator of the program will be visiting the Gulf Islands later this month. Given the strong work experience and apprenticeship programs already underway in the district and the new secondary school, Bergstrom said the Gulf Islands could be promoted as a showcase for the province.

By the 1995-96 school year, the district hopes to have all secondary students in work experience and/or apprenticeship programs, Bergstrom said. The district also is working with Camosun College to develop bridging programs which will allow students to gain college credit for some secondary school courses — or bring instructors to GISS to teach college courses. "We're in good shape."

Site changed for forum on breast cancer

Response has been so great for a Breast Cancer Awareness seminar in Victoria that a change in venue has been required.

One in nine Canadian women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime, according to the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

With those statistics in mind, the foundation is holding a seminar on breast cancer May 19 to provide more information to women on the topic.

Carla Kamhoot of Salt Spring advises that islanders who wish to attend the seminar can obtain accommodation at the University of Victoria for about \$40.

The seminar begins at 7 p.m. Originally scheduled for the David Lam Auditorium at the university's MacLaurin Building, it has been changed to the University Centre Auditorium. A panel of professionals in breast cancer treatment and research will be present, and a question and answer period will be included on the agenda. Moderator is Lori Messer, chairwoman of the B.C. Cancer Agency.

Kamhoot can be contacted at 653-4524 for more information.

The Ministry of Education has announced that Skills Now will focus on work experience and apprenticeship preparation, eventually making work experience a graduation requirement.

Credits towards graduation will be given for skills learned outside the school, including part-time job experience and outside training. Students can also receive post-secondary credits while still in high school.

There will be incentives and programs to encourage students to remain in school until graduation; career counseling and planning starting in Grade 9 and linking of all 1,600 schools in the province to colleges, universities and libraries through the Community Learning Network.

Upgraded technology in schools is also encouraged by Skills Now — a goal already included in equipment and operating plans for the new GISS.

A submission to the Ministry of

Education seeking Skills Now funding will be prepared as soon as possible, district superintendent Mike Marshall said.

"We do seem to be in a very good position to take advantage of the funding which is there," board chairwoman Allisen Lambert remarked.



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High-tech classes full but classrooms empty

Students are signing up for applied technology courses at Gulf Islands Secondary but teacher Dave Betts fears they will enter empty classrooms in September.

In a presentation to the board last Wednesday, Betts pointed out equipment required for the courses had not been ordered. "We're at the middle of May and the clock is ticking," he said. Some of the equipment required must come from the United States and be approved by the Canadian Standards Association before it can be used, so Betts said the orders must be placed as soon as possible.

Currently there are 13 classes of students signed up for the 10 courses offered under the program. "You're looking at the most popular electives in the high school." Courses include applied technology in Grades 9 and 10; computer-aided design and drafting (CADD) in grades 9/10 and 11/12; design and computer graphics 9/10 and 11/12; applied technology 11/12, woodwork 9/10; construction 11 and construction 12A.

Betts said the applied technology program replaces the industrial education program which once prepared people for jobs in industry. Many of those jobs have either vanished or been changed and become unrecognizable, Betts added.

Jobs which once required manual dexterity now also require computer literacy, he said. "The goal is to give students technological literacy."

Students must be flexible — current estimates suggest they will change their jobs seven times throughout their lives — and must also be skilled at solving problems.

The technology program centre will include a classroom equipped with 24 DOS-based computers using AutoSketch and AutoCAD software; computer-based desktop publishing and animation. "Once you have the kids into this stuff, they are hooked," Betts said.

Plans include equipment for thermal forming, blow-molding and extrusions plus computer-numerical controlled mills and lathes.

Students will learn to work with plastics and with electronics, Betts added. Although some of the woodworking equipment may be transferred from the current GISS shop to the new school, Betts said most of the woodworking equipment is too old.

Ideally, students will create a product in one part of the course and then use desktop publishing and/or animation skills to market their creation. But Betts fears the program will be curtailed if the equipment is not purchased in time. "There's no equipment in there at the moment."

Board chairman Allisen Lambert said a tender has been issued for some of the equipment but noted the school district has not yet received all the money required to equip the new secondary school.

Until the Ministry of Education releases the money to the school district, tenders cannot be issued for the equipment.

Trustee Charles Hingston said Betts is already creating a commendable program with very little equipment. "You're showing a good job can be done without equipment at the moment."

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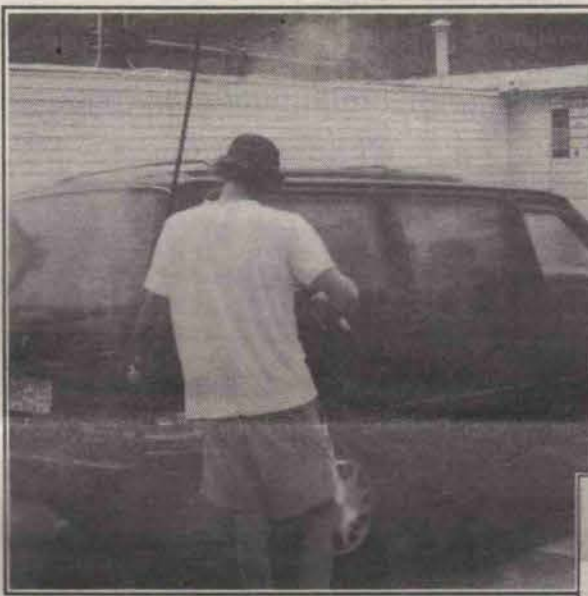
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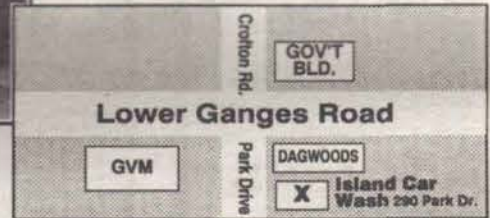


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Computer choice challenged

Questions over the computer platform — PC or Apple — chosen for the new Gulf Islands Secondary were raised by trustee David Eyles last Wednesday.

Noting that most students use Apple computers while in elementary school and then switch to DOS-based computers in secondary school, Eyles said there should have been more public consultation on the type of platform chosen for the new school.

School principal Eric McMahon said the type of computer chosen was based on the needs of the program. For example, the office system is entirely DOS-based as is the school's commerce section, in keeping with industry standards. DOS-based computers are also used in the science and technology program for Auto CAD instruction, he added.

Although the school generally uses DOS-based computers, McMahon noted Apple computers can be linked into the school-wide network. Sixty computers in the present school have already been incorporated into a network.

Trustee Ken Lee said the argument over the two different computer platforms was unnecessary since the Windows software for

DOS-based computers is very similar to the operating system for Apple computers.

McMahon said switching systems would make students more versatile. It is not unusual for secondary schools and elementary schools to use different systems, he added.

Secretary-treasurer Ken Starling said computers for the new secondary school have not yet been ordered, although installation of the computer network is underway. Funding for the new school's equipment has not yet been released by the Ministry of Education. Tenders have been issued for the school's teaching kitchen equipment but not for computers.

Discovery Learning, which is installing the school network, is working with staff to develop software for the school.

Tours of the new school will be held this month for students now at GISS. Grade 7 students will tour the school in June.

June 15 has been chosen as the tentative moving date for the school.

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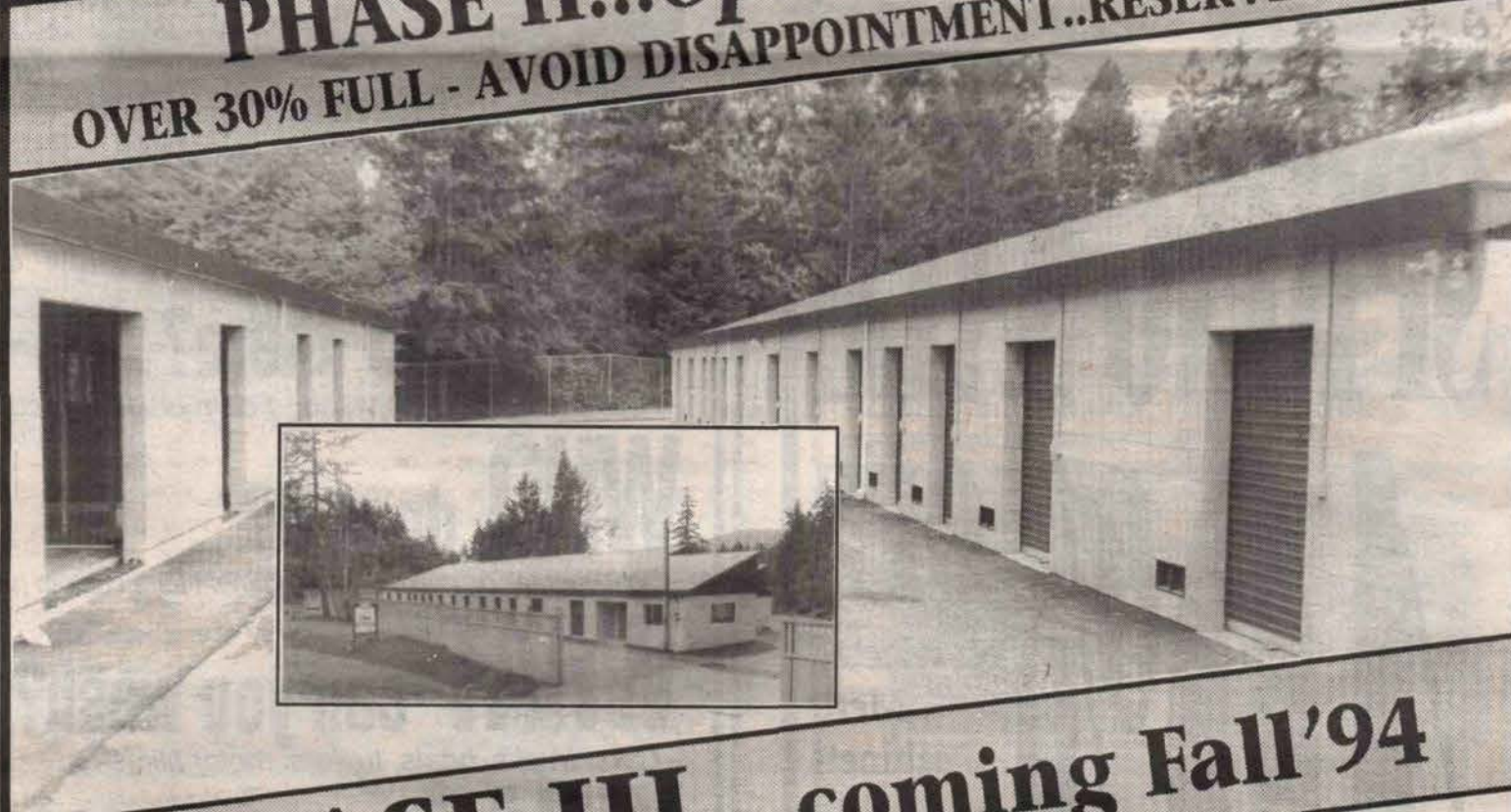
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School trustees will not cover the tab for a van whose brakes broke down while carrying a school-based ski team to Mt. Washington.

The privately owned 1990 van broke down in Nanaimo last February. Getting the van back on the road cost \$507.36 — a bill which sponsor-teacher Deborah Nostdal told the board could be attributed to the strain of driving the van on the gravel mountain road to the ski mountain.

Nostdal pointed out owner John Fraser had brake work done only a month before the ski club began using the 17-passenger van last fall.

"The van was not used more than a handful of times, except for Alpine Ski Team use from the end of October ... and the end of February," Nostdal explained. Since the ski club was able to use Fraser's van, costs to the students were cut and the district's mini-van was left free for use by other school groups.

Trustees agreed that parent-provided transportation was essential to many school and extra-curricular activities — but did not agree the school district was responsible for repairs to non-district vehicles. Secretary-Treasurer Ken Starling said paying for the van repairs could set a precedent which would cost the district thousands of dollars.

Trustee Jean Maberley suggested the van owner could go to the company which did the original brake work last year to discover why repairs were required again in February.

LAY-OFFS

From Page A1

Gulf Islands Teachers' Association. McWhirter said some of the teachers to be laid-off are those on temporary appointments who were filling in for people on leaves of absence.

However, he hoped increasing enrollment in Gulf Islands' schools will allow the district to re-hire many of those laid-off next September. For example, he pointed out the district only budgeted for 101 FTE teachers in September 1993 but ended up with more than 108 FTE teachers in the district.

Still, he said, even if the district

anticipates hiring back laid-off staff, layoffs must be done to ensure the project budget is balanced.

"It kind of points to the craziness of the system," trustee Charles Hingston remarked.

However another agenda item indicated the system will be changing. In a letter to board chairwoman Allisen Lambert, Minister of Education Art Charbonneau said the funding system requires fundamental changes.

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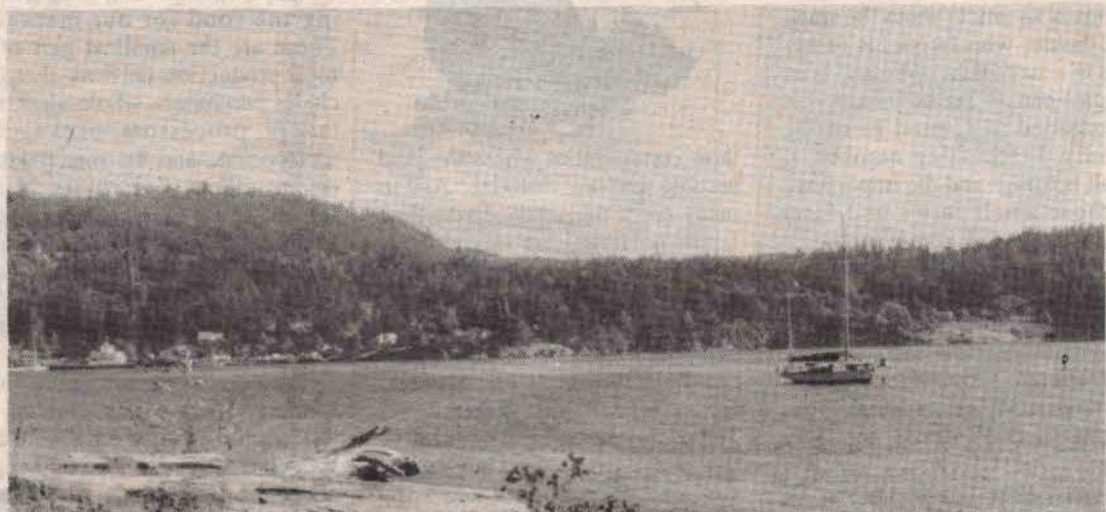
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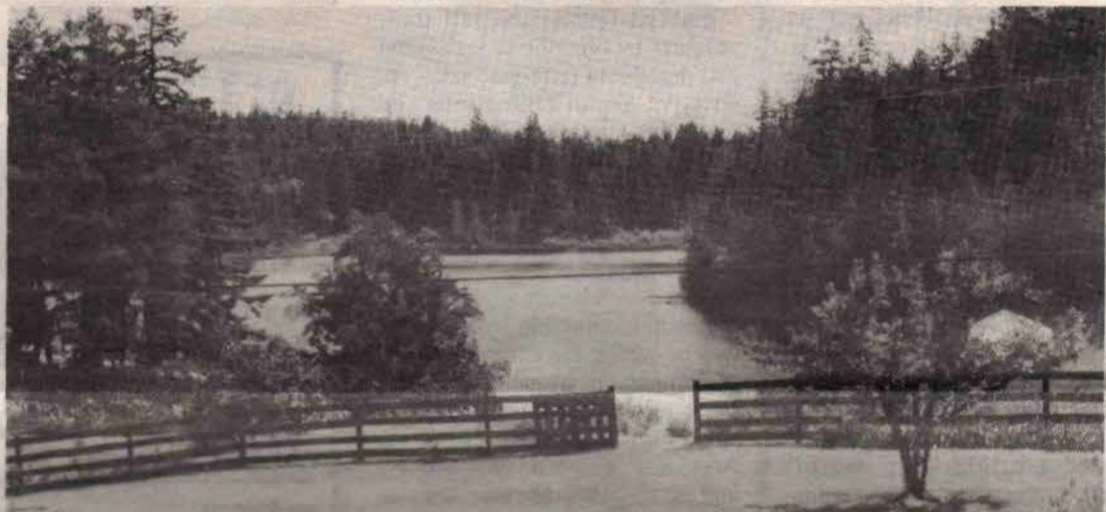
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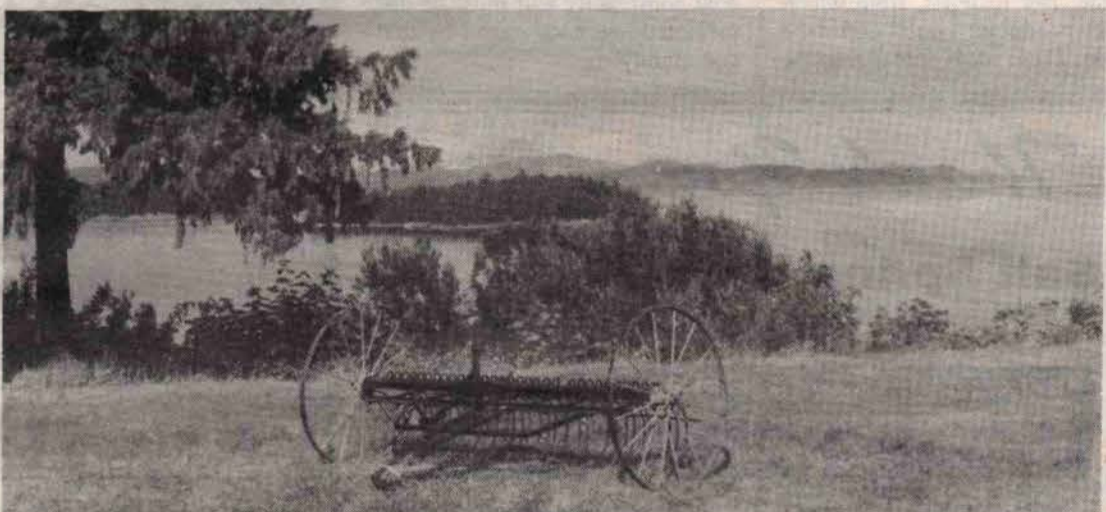
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Agriculture is basic economics

BY GAIL RICHARDS,
Driftwood Contributor

This is an article about the small land-holder who farms his or her land in a sustainable way and is an integral part of the community. It is intended to remind us of the rapidly diminishing number of small holdings and the importance of those small farms and farm stewards to our community life and our survival. I have freely cribbed from Wendell Berry and the Bio-Dynamic movement.

Agriculture is the foundation of all economic activities. It is an integral part of the structure, both biological and cultural, that sustains human life, and when you disrupt it you disrupt the rest of the structure as well. It is also, in its most ideal form, one of the highest manifestations of humankind's cooperative relationship with nature.

Why then have the small farms been diminishing in the last half century at such a rapid rate? (In the last five years alone Canada has lost 64,000 small farms.) Why are so few individuals and families taking up farming as a way of life? How have we become so dependent on industrial agriculture while continuing to hold the almost superstitious belief that we will always be able to get food despite the afflictions that societies have been vulnerable to in the past?

As with all big questions the answers are multi-faceted. Part of the answer lies in the history of farming and the aspirations of North Americans during the 20th century. Although many government inspired one-crop grain farms on the prairies were earlier lost to soil erosion, the greatest change came to farming after the Second World War. People perceived a bright "new world" where success was seen as unlimited growth and lots of money to spend. Its economy was based on 'more-is-better' and the concepts of progress and development no longer related to the unfolding of the human spirit but to the acquiring of wealth and goods. The advances in industry and technology that occurred during the war were quickly made use of in the production of bigger and better machinery.

Those very elements that make up the body of the Earth were seen as the 'raw material' from which mass-produced goods could be made. These ideas spread into the



farm communities where the land became the 'raw material.' And in many cases the small, diversified, family holdings gave way to large, machine-operated, mono-cropping enterprises run by the landowner-farmer who became virtually indentured to the corporations that provided the seeds or chickens, the feed, the drugs, the market etc. These operations became so large that the 'farmer' was no longer part of the community and the market was no longer local.

As the land was forced to produce more and more, and it was farmed with the poorest methods, crops failed, pests and disease spread and chemical fertilizers and pesticides were dumped in massive amounts. These agri-businessmen no longer provided the community with life-sustaining food but instead poisoned the air, water, soil and food products that they once cared for. As well, the government was making it increasingly harder for the remaining small farmers to sell their products by bringing in legislation that prohibited farm-gate sales, restrictive health regulations and marketing quotas. And so, in most cases, the small farms were lost and industrial agriculture survived.

Industrial agriculture is intrinsically wasteful because there are no real cycles involved in it. There are endless unusable by-products, two of which are exhaustion and contamination. In natural systems (as in those in a sustainable diversified farm) waste does not occur. All that is sloughed off in the living arc of a natural cycle remains within the cycle; it becomes fertility, the power of life to continue. Real farming of life-giving food occurs within a complex, mutually-influential relationship of soil, plants, animals, and people. It is not the true purpose of agriculture to make money. It is to create and support a self-sustaining life style that will often provide an overflow of food products for others. It is stewardship of land based on the seasons and cycles of nature. It is a critical element in any sustainable community and must be appreciated and encouraged by that community.

Right now, only two per cent of the population in Canada is growing the food for our markets. These are the smallest part of a food production network that includes purchasers, wholesalers, retailers, processors, packagers, transporters, and the manufacturers and sellers of machines, building materials, feeds, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, medicines and fuel. The unsustainability, unreliability and bad economics of our food production becomes evident.

The conditions for going into farming now are discouraging, if not prohibitive to families. With speculative land prices and high taxes, the farm can hardly be expected to pay for itself by responsible farming. The price of land is so disproportionately high compared to the price of anything that can be grown on it, that only the toughest and most adventurous would consider entering into the field (so to speak). Someone told the joke at dinner the other night about the farmer who won the lottery and when asked what he would do with it replied, "I'll keep farming until it's gone."

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Judge rebukes juvenile for abuse

Two guilty pleas were entered in Ganges provincial youth court May 10.

A 15-year-old Ganges youth plead guilty to causing a disturbance by verbally assaulting a woman in Centennial Park.

The woman was repeatedly cursed at by a group of youths on August 14, 1992, as she and her children walked to their car

parked in Gasoline Alley.

She had been verbally abused by the accused on three further occasions up to March 29 of this year.

Judge Anthony Palmer gave the girl a discharge as requested by defense counsel James Pasuta. A letter of apology had been given to the victim and it was the girl's first Criminal Code charge.

However, Palmer was stern in stating "Nobody has to be subject to this kind of abuse in a public place."

He also said he hoped the girl intended to keep her promise to not repeat the offence.

* Kicking hubcaps on a police vehicle cost a Ganges youth a \$100 fine, after he plead guilty to a resulting mischief charge.

Open beer in car led to court appearance

David Lee McColl, 23, of Ganges, received a suspended sentence in Ganges provincial court May 11 after pleading guilty to having an open bottle of liquor in his vehicle.

Ganges RCMP Constable Dave Simmons testified that he and auxiliary constable Chuck Hamilton were on foot patrol in Ganges village August 20, 1993 when their attention was drawn to music coming from a blue vehicle as it turned into a local service station just after 9 p.m.

Simmons said upon approaching the station they could see someone inside the building, although the gas station was obviously closed. After determining it was the business owner's son and nothing was amiss, Hamilton looked in the vehicle and noticed an open bottle of beer on the passenger side.

Although Judge Anthony Palmer dismissed a motion by defense counsel James Pasuta that the Crown had no evidence the liquid in the bottle was actually an intoxicating substance, he did consider whether or not the RCMP had "reasonable and probable grounds" to search McColl's vehicle. After some consideration, the judge said he was satisfied on that

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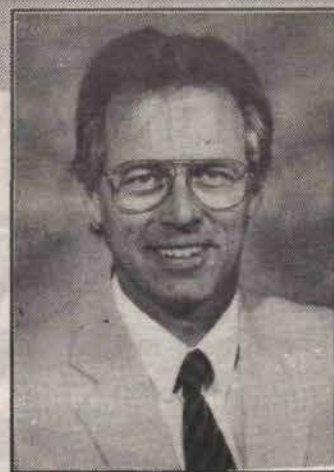


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We are very close to the time when we will be called upon to contribute our suggestions concerning the Official Community Plan. Consider the importance of small local farms and what we can do to assure their existence. Consider how lucky we are here on Salt Spring Island to have our farms to bring a pastoral and peaceful sense of the natural to us. Consider how fortunate we are to have farms nearby to provide good, clean, nutritious food for those of us who chose to buy it. We must ensure that our island farmers are able to keep their land and work it productively and we must find some means to enable those others who wish to pursue this way of life to do so.

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Conference shows career choices

More than 120 female students in grades 8, 9 and 10 at Gulf Islands Secondary School met with 14 women role models, three horses and one donkey at the Ms Infinity Conference in Ganges May 10.

All participants took part in a general workshop called "I just want to get a job and buy a car," which took them through simulated reality of getting and spending a paycheck.

They then chose two out of 10 offered hands-on workshops with women working in "non-traditional" careers requiring a math and science background.

After lunch they had informal discussions in "career circles" with presenters.

"We successfully reached many students," said conference organizer Julie Rivet. "Students learned about careers they hadn't considered before, and that math

and science can be fun and interesting."

Grade nine participant Sarah Wilkin already enjoys math and science but found the conference valuable in other ways.

"I used to be really dead set on being a teacher," she said, but the Ms Infinity conference and related events "have opened up so many career choices that it is hard to decide."

"I knew there was a lot of things to choose from but I didn't know what they were."

Wilkin, who chose a boat-building workshop with engineer Sheri Reid and an ecology field trip with environmental physiologist Wendy Bennink, said the speakers were interesting and well-organized.

Other students put their comments in writing on evaluation forms.

"One-on-one discussions with

some women helped me see what is really there to deal with. I thought it was useful, helpful and time well spent. The presenters were very good. They were enthusiastic and made it fun."

Rivet said most felt the conference influenced their choices of courses for grades 11 and 12.

Women role models came from Salt Spring, Vancouver and Victoria. The multi-hoofed guests helped with popular workshops on massage therapy for horses with Susan Pratt and a session with farrier Renee Davy.

In addition to Rivet, Pratt and Davy, Salt Spring workshop leaders were Donna Moulton, Jeanie Gray, Jacqueline Booth, Briony Penn and Peggy Frank.

Conference funding was provided by the provincial employment and investment ministry and the Vancouver Island Advanced Technology Foundation.

Interested in health? Apply here

Lady Minto Hospital is looking for people with its best interests at heart who have time to volunteer as board members.

Residents of Salt Spring, Pender and Mayne islands are needed to serve three-year terms after the hospital's annual general meeting this fall.

Nominees for board positions must be members of the hospital society, and are expected to attend monthly board and committee meetings.

Previous nominating committees have sought applicants who possess public relations, marketing, humanities and ethical skills, and financial and investment

No record for pot possession

An absolute discharge was granted to a 35-year-old Fulford Harbour man who plead guilty in Ganges provincial court May 11 to possession of marijuana.

After hearing the circumstances of the case, Judge Anthony Palmer said it was not contrary to the public interest to order an absolute discharge for Michael Lane.

Court heard that Ganges RCMP officers could smell marijuana smoke when they approached three men standing outside the Fulford Inn on February 19, 1994.

While all three men were initially arrested, Lane said the 6.5 grams of marijuana produced belonged only to him. He told police he did not usually smoke marijuana but it had been given to him by a friend.

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Application deadline is May 31. Further information may be obtained from acting hospital administrator Karen Davies at 537-5545.

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