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Society unveils MB land-buy plan

By MIKE TURKKI

The Island Futures Economic Development Society has come up with a plan that could allow Salt Spring residents to purchase and manage MacMillan-Bloedel's property holdings here.

Ken Renaud, a local architect and chairman of the Island Futures committee investigating a

possible purchase, told a meeting of the Salt Spring Island Planning Association last week that it might be possible to purchase the MacMillan-Bloedel (MB) property if a private corporation was formed by island residents.

MB's Salt Spring property — 4,800 acres of timberland, contained in seven blocks — has

been up for sale for the past 18 months. It's listed at \$5 million, although offers for about \$3.5 million have reportedly been entertained by the forest company.

Renaud said the property does not have a large-enough timber inventory to support large-scale logging efforts, and suggested that a private corporation

formed by Salt Spring Islanders could purchase the property. This would bring it under local control and enable residents to decide how best to use the land.

According to Renaud, the goal would be to save and manage the land. Hiking trails could be created for the enjoyment of

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Lamb kills have farmers on lookout

Recent lamb kills at the Brown and Akerman farms have sheep farmers in the southern end of Salt Spring Island on the lookout for a cougar.

Howard Byron, Capital Regional District (CRD) animal control officer on Salt Spring, said Friday he has seen indications that a cougar is in the area.

"There have been a couple of lamb kills that show signs of a cougar," said Byron. "It isn't unusual. There are a few up in the Mount Bruce area, and they have been known to come down this time of year."

Byron said the lamb kills occurred during the past two weeks at the Brown farm near Beaver Point, and on the Akerman farms in the Burgoyne Valley.

Byron said there isn't a lot we can do to stop the cougar. Farmers, he noted, will keep watch over their stock and look for the animal. "But they (cougar) travel so far," he noted. "They can be in one place one day, and in another the next."

Byron noted that the loss of a single lamb has an impact on farm income. "If it's a feeder lamb, it's worth around \$60, but if it's grown to a butcher lamb, it can go for whatever the market will bear — \$100 or more."



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Awash with books

Carol Walde (left), pool society president Wendy Vine (centre) and Mimi Gossett among some of the estimated

10,000 books that will be available for purchase at Saturday's book sale at Mahon Hall. See story Page 22.

Capital punishment

Vote doesn't guarantee reinstatement

A free House of Commons vote on capital punishment is no guarantee Ottawa will reinstitute the death penalty in Canada, Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands MP Jim Manly (NDP) said last week.

Interviewed from his office in Ottawa, Manly said that even if MPs vote in favour of capital punishment, the proposal could still be rejected by the government at a later date.

"The government resolution will get MPs to declare if they are in favour of reinstituting the death penalty," Manly explained. "Even if they are, a committee will then tour Canada to get input from the public on the matter, and then make recommendations

to government. Then, the government may or may not act on those recommendations. So I can see the process taking quite a long time."

The federal government's move to hold a free House vote on the capital punishment issue fulfills a pledge made in the 1984 election campaign. Until last week's announcement, several Progressive Conservative backbenchers had publicly expressed displeasure at the delay in seeing the promise become a reality.

Manly agreed that the free vote has been a "number one agenda item for a number of Progressive Conservatives." He noted, however, that the government

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Jim Manly

Lighthouses

Automation issue may be investigated

West coast lighthouse keepers afraid of losing their jobs to automation may get the public forum they've been demanding.

The federal transport ministry's move to cut costs by turning manned lighthouses into automated ones has caused Pacific lighthouse keepers to press for an independent review on the subject.

National media announced last week that transport minister John Crosbie has approved the review. And while it appears the announcement may have been premature, it's also clear the issue is being considered in Ottawa.

"I've got a feeling someone acted a little early on some information," said Rick Bryant, the Coast Guard's regional manager for lighthouses. The Coast Guard's head office in Ottawa informed him the minister had not approved a review yet.

"It's very much in the formative stages," said Robin Burnside, the Coast Guard's acting regional director-general. An announcement regarding the review could come days or months later, he said.

The west coast lighthouse keepers have heard nothing official either, according to keeper Don De Roussie, shop steward for all lighthouse employees in southern B.C.

"We've wanted (the review) since last March," De Roussie said. He said his union would contact the groups which use lighthouses so they know to appear before the review — if it is approved.

Unmanning has gone ahead on the east coast without much opposition from the user groups, such as fishermen, recreational boaters, tow boats and float plane operators, Bryant said.

An independent review is being considered because of the stand taken by west coast user groups in favour of retaining manned lighthouses, he added.

"I think there is room for some unmanning," Bryant said. "We shouldn't be duplicating things. If we have the Coast Guard listening to the radio, we shouldn't have lighthouse keepers doing it as well."

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Five stars

David Koski and Jeffrey Kempling received scouting's highest award at the parent-son banquet - Page 13.



Under study

A committee of residents will review possible solutions to problem of vehicles crowding Fuford streets - Page 17.

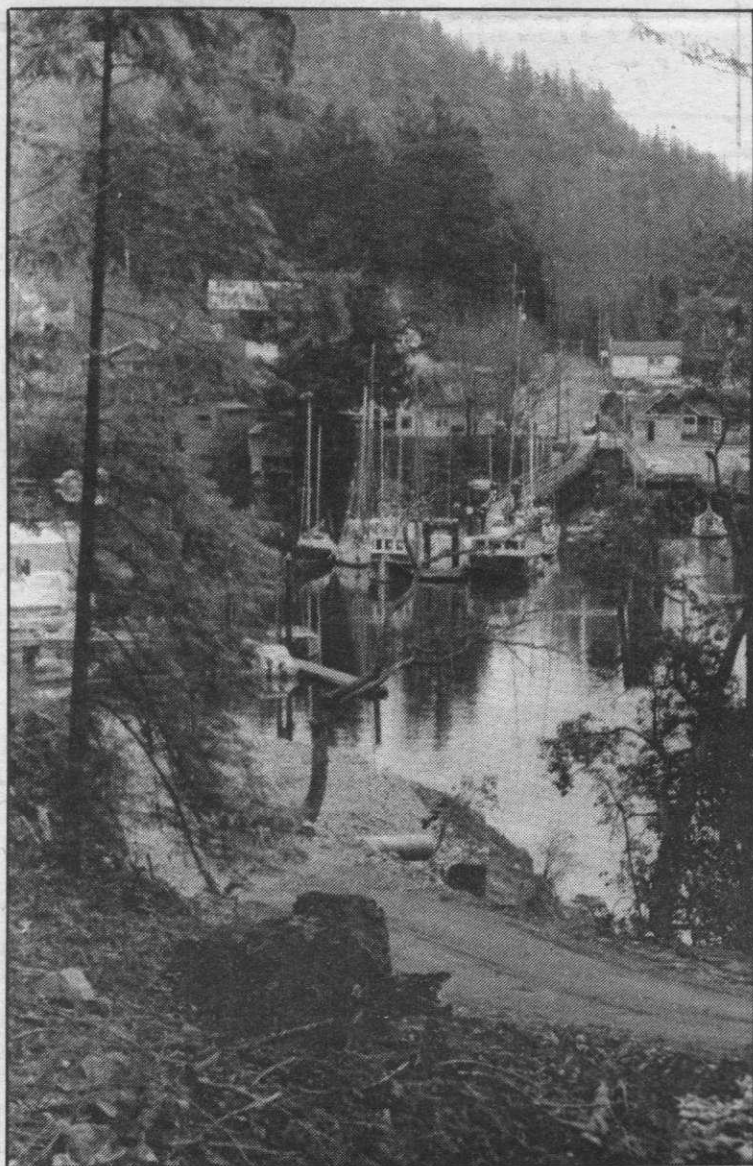


Play opens

Michael Armstrong is one of many people in the cast and crew of the Salt Spring Players' latest production - Page 21.

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Fulford Marina site work on hold 'Wheels of bureaucracy' may stall marina opening

Various provincial government departments apparently fail to share Pat Corneille's desire to see a public marina built in Fulford Harbour.

The Salt Spring businessman is still "mired in the wheels of bureaucracy" as he awaits a provincial foreshore lease to build a 40-berth, \$400,000 marina. He has obtained some government approvals but needs the foreshore lease from the lands ministry immediately if he is to open the marina for this summer's tourist boaters.

"As we get on to March, it's pretty hard to go on," Corneille

said. Work crews have cleared the site but Corneille is waiting for government approval before he installs the floats.

B.C. Ferries engineers are also involved — they're examining possible problems caused by the marina's proximity to the ferry terminal, Corneille said.

Corneille, who was hoping for a May opening, said the project might be delayed a year because the winter is a slow season.

"It might take you two years to get through the red tape and two months to build the project," he said.

Free vote slated

MP opposes death penalty

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hasn't been eager to move on the proposal until now.

"I don't think the government has been too keen about it, realizing that it will be divisive for the country, the party and cabinet," he said. "And I don't

think Brian Mulroney wants to go down in history as the prime minister that brought back hanging."

Manly and his fellow New Democratic Party MPs are opposed to reinstating the death penalty. "I am opposed to capital

punishment, and there has been nothing to change my mind," he stressed.

Capital punishment was abolished in Canada by a free vote in the House of Commons more than a decade ago. A free vote means MPs are not bound by party lines.

Mobile Market awarded park vending spot

The vendor awarded exclusive rights to sell at the south end of Centennial Park has a monopoly he never wanted.

At its Monday meeting, the parks and recreation commission accepted Eric and Pamela Donnelly's bid of \$250 a month so they could set up their fruit, vegetable and drygoods truck in the parking lot opposite Gasoline Alley, seven days a week, year-round.

However, Eric Donnelly told the commission meeting that he only intends to sell on the spot for three days a week, and would have preferred to pay a straight rent which would not exclude other vendors.

Sole vending rights will mean the Okanagan Fruit Man — a fruit truck which has sold there for 10 years — will have to find a new location. "Much against my will, I'm bidding for a monopoly," Donnelly said.

The Okanagan Fruit Man's bid of \$25 a day in the winter and \$50 a day in the summer was one of two others received. He only sells his produce one day a week.

Commissioner Lois Phillips voted not to accept the bid because she felt the monopoly would create enforcement problems if other vendors showed up.

The vendors have previously sold produce on the west side of the park, along Ganges Road, at no charge. Capital Regional Director and commissioner Hugh Borsman explained plans to renovate that side of the park have moved the vending to the south side, and onto scarce parking spaces.

"Donnelly will take three to four parking spaces," Borsman said, explaining why the vending had to be exclusive.

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. . . by Richards

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The bible re-wrote

Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord. I will repay, saith the back-bencher.

Cheap repair job!

Picture appeared in *Driftwood* last November, showing a Datsun somewhat the worse for a collision on Lower Ganges Road, on Salt Spring Island. In due course, the newspaper arrived at my youngest brother's home in England. Was he ever impressed!

The reader is in the employ of a large insurance company and knows every dent in every make of car by its first name. Story which ran with the picture explained that damage to the imported, 1973, sedan was estimated at \$250.

The picture had travelled from insurance engineer to insurance engineer for a rough estimate of the extent of the damage as revealed in a news picture. Consensus was that the repairs in any British shop would have chalked up a bill of three times that amount and even more. It would not have been repaired, however, as the car was worth less than the repair costs.

"If you can do that job for \$250," he wrote, "we'll

ship all our work to you and still be ahead of the game!"

I wasn't there!

It's nice to be missed! There's nothing worse than coming back from holiday only to learn that nobody knew you'd been away. And it used to happen so often.

But that's in the past! I took time out for a couple of weeks to keep house and what with menus and floorplans there wasn't time left to sit at a typewriter. Actually there still isn't, but I'm scared to take the time off from this space or there might be no space available one day.

They wouldn't believe it!

Not yet the end of February and here we are, sitting in the living room without any heat turned on. What's the thermometer reading? A comfortable 70 degrees Fahrenheit at about 11 am! I lay back in the hot water and look up at a blue and cloudless sky while a couple of flies came over on a reco flight and a solitary spider splun his way from the clothes line to the kitchen window.

Only one fly in my ointment! Despite the two blooming roses outside, with the myriad croci and snowdrops amid wallflowers and all those things that ain't weeds over there and that's the warning. I've knocked off two mosquitoes already.

NDP must start campaign now

The B.C. New Democratic Party will have to put its affairs in order during the coming year and start preparing for the next election. NDP leadership candidate Mike Harcourt said here Monday.

Harcourt, MLA for Vancouver Centre and to date the only candidate for the party leadership, told a largely partisan crowd that the first thing the party must do is analyze its performance in the last election.

"Why did we lose the last election?" he said. "There's one simple answer: we didn't get enough votes. We got 832,000 votes in the last election, the most ever and the same percentage that we received in 1983. And if we'd received another 6,100 votes, we'd have won another 13 more seats."

Harcourt said New Democrats shouldn't try to find scapegoats for the party's loss. "Let's just move on down the road and get some more votes," he said.

The Vancouver Centre MLA added that he feels the party should retire its provincial election debt quickly and start fresh.

In keeping with the proposal to pay off its debt quickly, the provincial wing of the NDP should also give more support to its federal counterpart, Harcourt suggested. He praised Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands NDP MP Jim Manly — who also attended Monday's meeting — for his work on behalf of constituents.

Harcourt stressed that in order to win the next provincial election, New Democrats must stand up and tell the people of B.C. why

they belong to the party. He added that the NDP must get people to vote for it rather than simply against Social Credit.

Harcourt said the party must also develop regional economic strategies by working with business, trade unions, municipal and other levels of government. These regional strategies, he said, would provide communities with economic plans for the future.

Harcourt added the New Democratic Party must start planning its strategy for the next election now, "not 60 days before the next election."

"We part of a movement, and we've got to have a game plan," he said. "We've got 1,100 days ahead of us before the next election, and that's how we're going to make up those 6,100 votes."

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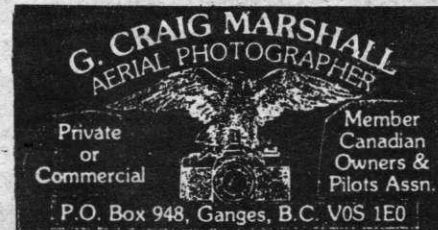
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Land-purchase proposal missing a key element

An Island Futures proposal to bring MacMillan-Bloedel's Salt Spring Island properties under community ownership, outlined elsewhere in this week's *Driftwood*, has a wealth of strong points in its corner. Still missing, however, is the one element needed to better the plan's chances for success—the slated willingness of island residents to grasp the opportunity being offered.

The opportunity cannot be stated lightly: community ownership of MacMillan-Bloedel's 4,800 acres—spread over seven blocks of land located in the southern portion of the island—offers the prospect of nature park and trail creation and managed, small woodlot harvesting which, in turn, could bring tourism and employment benefits to the island. Of equal importance is the promise that the fate of one-fifth of Salt Spring's land surface would be in the hands

of local stewards.

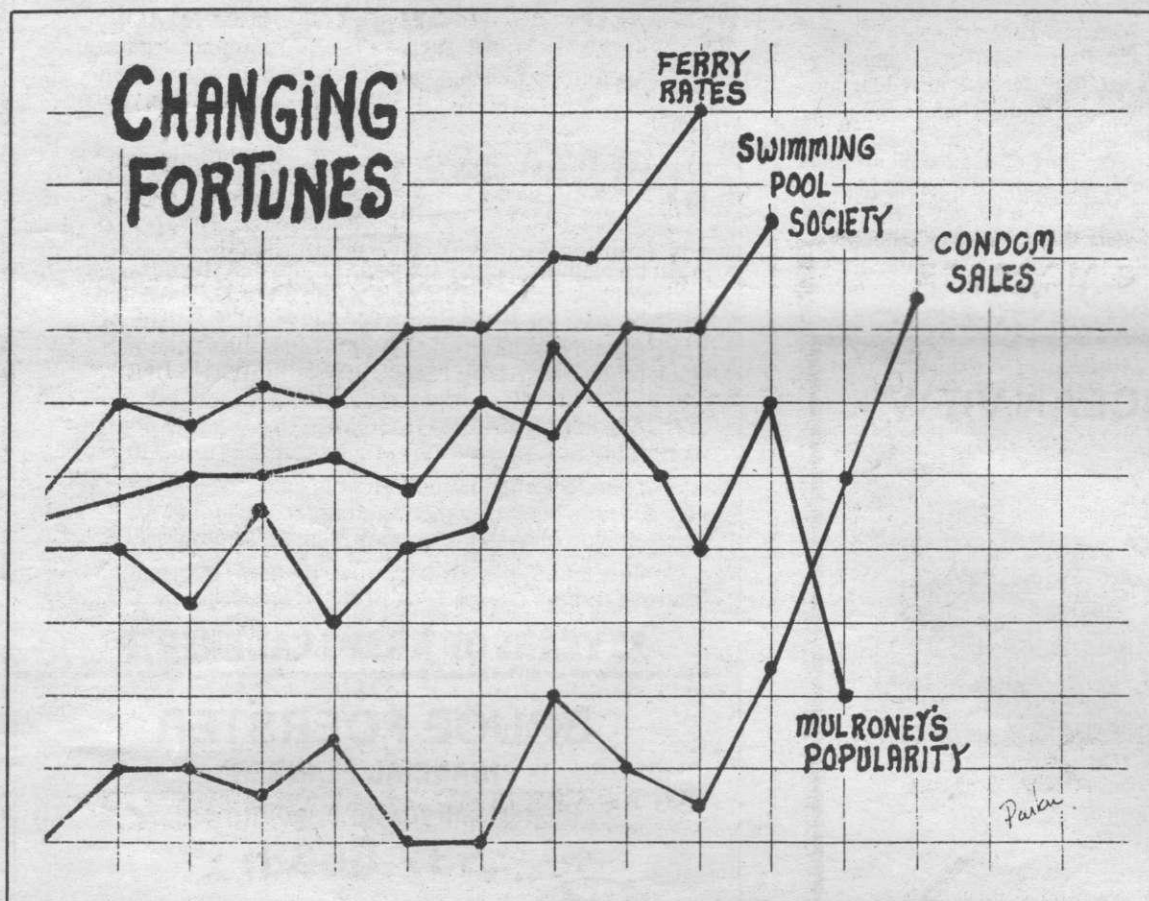
The alternatives are, at present, muddy. According to MacMillan-Bloedel, no buyers are waiting in line to snap up its Salt Spring holdings. If they were, however, islanders would likely react with loud voices of apprehension which greeted a 1986 proposal that would have placed those properties in private hands. The fear then, as now, was that inappropriate development could take place, eradicating forever the chance to preserve a large chunk of the island for future generations.

Those, then, are the two possible paths, as they are viewed by most island residents. The latter option is beyond local hands but the former, because it depends entirely upon the collective whim and will of Salt Spring, is at least within the range of a grasp. Which brings us back to that point about the one element needed to take the Island Futures proposal to a point where success is

possible.

To secure community ownership of the MacMillan-Bloedel properties, a loan from provincial government coffers is required. Reduced to its lowest level, that means the decision is a political one—whether or not an approving nod should be made towards the Treasury Board. And since political decisions are ultimately based on the number of voters—not dollars—at stake, it means that widespread community support for the proposal might be the ticket to ensure the plan's chances for success.

In that sense, the fate of the Island Futures proposal does not depend on practicality, possible benefits or sound reasoning. It hinges, instead, on whether residents can or will voice a united appeal for backing to Victoria...and even then turning the dream into reality is far from assured. But before you consider the odds, consider the alternatives.



Out of control

When Finance Minister Michael Wilson strode into the House of Commons last Wednesday to deliver the 1987-88 federal budget, Canada's accumulated deficit stood at \$250 billion (give or take a billion here or there). When Mr. Wilson's speech was finished 45 minutes later, a glaring certainty was that by this time next year, the national debt will have passed the \$280 billion mark.

We seldom see that grand total noted or discussed. When a national finance minister talks of "bringing the deficit under control," or of "holding the line on the deficit," it is always in reference to keeping the annual flow of red ink below the now-magic \$30 billion mark. But while it has become a matter of pride and career aspirations for a minister to deliver a budget with a hoped-for deficit of \$29.9 billion—and not \$30 billion—the grand total continues to spin madly out of control.

Out of control is the key phrase here. While it is customary to blame the government of the day for failing to manage the national debt, even to the point of dragging out old election pledges of action to the contrary, it's also becoming apparent that the exercise is futile. Nothing, it seems, can or will be done to shrink the deficit, because the \$280 billion total has simply grown too large to be reduced.

Here's to the first day of another kind of spring

Today is the first day of spring. Not the official, calendar spring that arrives in mid-March or the pseudo-spring we know here from mid-winter on, whenever warm breezes waft over the Gulf Islands, but the springtime of the mind.

I know this other type of springtime has arrived because I read it in my daily newspaper, in agate type at the back of the sports section. The note said, simply, that full baseball squads report to *spring* training camps in Florida and Arizona on February 25. Which is today.

That simple little note means little or nothing to most people, but to me it signals that the carefree days of hot dogs, hot sun and another season are just around the corner. For a baseball

fan, one of the two greatest purposes spring serves is to tell us summer is fast approaching.

The other purpose, as far as baseball is concerned, is to give the fan a break from the off-season, business side of the sport. In the spring, we can read reports from camps about the latest rookie phenom trying to break in—hope springs eternal, and all that—or about the veteran trying to drag one last season out of his fading skills. The sound of bat striking ball is a thankful alternative to all the noise about contracts and hold-outs, made in the off-season by a procession of lawyers, agents and owners.

The period between the last World Series game in mid-October and the opening of camps

my
word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

in late February is more and more becoming a no-man's land for fans addicted to the simple beauty of The Game. In the dog days of December and January, we are no longer able to dwell on our favourite team's chances in next year's pennant race; instead, we debate Don Mattingly's audacity in demanding a salary of \$1.975 million a year...and argue about the precedent set for others of equal talent when he wins his case.

The financial side of baseball has never been far from the surface, of course. In the 1920s, when Babe Ruth held out one spring for a then-unheard-of salary of \$100,000 a season, he was reminded that the U.S. president of the day received but \$80,000 per annum. "Well," the Babe is supposed to have replied, "I had a better year than him."

Until 12 years ago, however, incidents like that were relatively rare. The coming of free agency, which gave baseball players status beyond that of mere serfs bound to one club for their entire careers, changed everything. Players suddenly had real chips to bargain with, and the economics of The Game were turned upside down.

Which is undoubtedly for the better, as far as the individuals are concerned. My only complaint is that baseball, as a form of entertainment and, more precisely, as an agent of escape, becomes less appealing when fans have to endure a bombardment of real-life vignettes about the money-grubbing side of the sport. We're interested in what happens between the lines, not on somebody's bottom line.

So here's to the first day of spring and the first day of spring training. Over the next six weeks, we will undoubtedly hear the odd story about early-season holdouts and unsettled contract demands, but those will take a back seat to reports about the simpler side of The Game itself...which is as it should be. Batter up.

At what cost?

Sir,
I'm all for a park on Galiano Island, but why at the cost of provincial parkland elsewhere? What guarantee do we have that any future park will not be chopped up and bartered away, as Strathcona Park has over the last 75 years. This park is a living testament to the willingness of successive governments to trade prime wilderness for the quick buck.

For the past year, Vancouver Island environmental groups have been preparing for public hearings, promised by the last three parks ministers, on proposed boundary changes to Strathcona Park. Last week, Environment Minister Stephen Rogers announced that the changes to the south end of Strathcona Park, recommended by the wilderness advisory committee (the 90-day wonder), would be adopted — and he then asked concerned groups to help with plans in the new park area.

This is like granting timber rights to part of Ruckle Park and then asking islanders to help move the picnic tables and decide where they should be placed.

Some of Vancouver Island's most environmentally sensitive areas have been taken out of the park, or downgraded to recreation status, to permit mining interests (Cream Lake and Sherwood Mines) to develop gold and silver claims. Besides the impact of road construction, there will be lakes and streams dammed for hydro and the inevitable heavy metal and tailing pollution.

All of this is within the confluence of three major Vancouver Island watersheds and near Della Falls, the highest waterfall in North America.

Representatives from Friends of Strathcona Park, with the backing of most major B.C. environmental groups will attempt to meet with Premier Vander Zalm this week in a last-ditch effort to stop these changes until public hearings can be convened.

The integrity of B.C.'s provincial park system is threatened by the political whimsy of each new government. Let's not trade it for the promise of "park opportunities" anywhere. If you want to get involved, please phone me at 537-2833.

DONALD KREYE,
Ganges.

Discrepancies

Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Transportation and Highways Minister Cliff Michael, filed with this newspaper for publication.

Sir,
It seems that every year or two someone seems to think it expedient to increase fares on our provincial ferries and that rarely are the users of the ferries given an opportunity to discuss proposed fare hikes beforehand.

I know you would like to confuse me with all sorts of rhetoric justifying your reasons for your fare discrepancies and increases, but to me it makes no sense whatsoever that I can get a

free ride on the ferries that cross Kootenay Lake and the Arrow Lakes, when I must pay an exorbitant fare to cross the Strait of Georgia. Why couldn't the fares from Vancouver Island to the Southern Gulf Islands have been lowered so that they were comparable to the fares charged to go to Denman and Quadra Islands? Why does it cost more to travel on the Brentwood-Mill Bay ferry than it does on the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry? Why do Galianoites pay so much for their short trip to Tsawwassen?

I could go on *ad nauseum*, questioning you on the vagaries of your B.C. ferry fares. However, let me stop here. I appeal to you for some rationality, giving top priority to the lowering, even the abolishment on some ferry runs, of ferry fares on salt water routes in this province!

ALLAN BROOKS,
South Pender Island.

Twisted ideas

Sir,
Under the guise of humanist freedom, a wolf clothed in the pride of sexual preference is about to gain access to school children; through whatever sex education program comes into play.

Somewhere between August and September, I cut an article from the *Province* paper entitled (typically and sensationally) *Sex book too hot*. British education secretary Kenneth Baker asked city officials to remove a sex education book from school library shelves. The book, titled *Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin*, pictures a seven-year-old girl in bed with her father and his male

letters

lover, both obviously naked.

Do you believe it. Now, instead of only having to deal with what you think your child should know, you may have to try and straighten out the lies they bring home from school, before you even begin. Depending on the level of influence you've gained with your child up to that point, it may be too late for your teaching. The child will simply have to ride out a worldly lifestyle like a junkie, hooked on twisted ideas.

Kenneth Baker called the book "sexual propaganda." Spiritually speaking, the book title should in truth be *Jenny Dies with Eric and Martin*.

TERRY GRAHAM,
Ganges.

Good tonic

Sir,
On Friday night, I was one of many to feel the power of *Dr. Bossin's Home Remedy for Nuclear War*. On the eve of another cruise missile test in Cold Lake, Alberta, with over 300 visits to Canadian ports last year by U.S. vessels carrying nuclear weapons, and with the federal government giving tacit approval to SDI and now considering the purchase of nuclear powered submarines to patrol the arctic, the anti-nuclear movement needs a lift — and Bob Bossin did just that.

It is indeed tragic how the Canadian majority in the political centre and right virtually ignores the peace movement mainly because it has become associated over the years with the political left.

This stubborn, narrow attitude

is going to get us all vaporized. Who cares who you voted for in the last election — write a postage-free letter to the prime minister and to MP Jim Manly: let them know you are concerned about the arms race, and that you want Canada to be a nuclear-free zone. Your grandkids will love you for it.

RICK LAING,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,
Christmas is long since past, but it is never too late to say thank you to everyone in the community who helped to make Santa's Workshop a satisfying success once again.

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only in our community but many were also sent to Nanaimo.

We would especially like to thank Dale Codd and the owners of Upper Ganges Centre who allowed us free use of a large office space for nearly three months.

Thank you.
CAROL SIMPSON,
Co-ordinator,
Santa's Workshop.

Beautification

Sir,
I wish to sincerely thank whomever put the two flower pots back in the cemented area in the centre of Ganges.

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MARY FOX,
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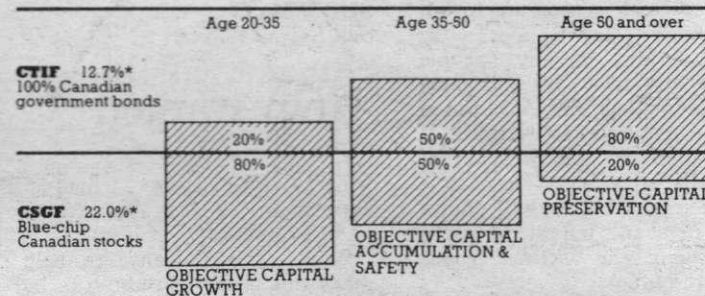
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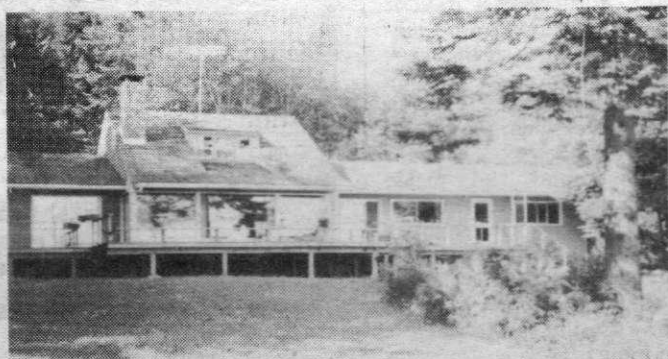
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Sir,
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When food is in short supply they severely control their birthrate. Some of the adults never produce any family of their own, but merely assist other families. They do not practice birth control by abortion, but simply restrain their breeding instincts to conform with their environment.

None of them ever requests assistance from the government or any other agency. If they could make any request it would be to be left alone to survive in their own way. If they attended church they would probably be considered the ideal family.

In fact, they are the family *Canis Lupus*, commonly called, the wolf.

Wolves subsist mainly on a diet of rabbits and small rodents, but they also kill and eat what we call big game animals. They never kill just for the sake of killing and usually kill the easiest prey possible — the old, weak and young animals of any species.

The wolf has never been too anxious to associate with man, perhaps with good reason, but man has always infringed into his territory. The wolf has obliged and moved further into remote areas, but on occasion has killed and eaten domestic animals, for which he was shot and poisoned.

I have flown over remote wilderness areas in B.C. where there are no wolves but a sparse population of any big game animals. Year after year, local hunters are unsuccessful in shooting any wild animals, so it would seem that wolves are not the only reason there is a scarcity of big game.

Wolves and big game have lived in balance for thousands of years, and both have survived. We humans are quick to blame any unnatural balances in nature on everything, except ourselves. However, the government continues with a program to kill more wolves.

Today few, if any, people require the meat of big game animals for their existence, nor is the fur required for warmth. It would therefore seem logical that the preservation of these animals is for the trophy hunter who enjoys the ancient and outdated custom of hanging the victims' heads above the fireplace.

I have no objection to the person who wishes to hunt or kill wild animals but I suspect the real sportsmanship is in the act of hunting and companionship. The actual killing of a wild animal, with

modern firearms, is relatively simple and unchallenging.

Currently, the argument used for the wolf kill appears to be one of preserving big game trophy animals for the tourists, who bring many dollars to the province and therefore create jobs. If our economy even partially requires the taking of a few animal heads, we are in real trouble. Prostitution, drugs and crime also create employment for doctors, police, lawyers, etc, but who needs employment at any cost?

Presently, it's common practice to dub environmentalists as kooks and roadblocks to economic progress, but they should be considered the saviours of future generations. Surely, parents or grandparents do not wish to leave a legacy of an environment filled with denuded mountains, singular species of animals, polluted beaches and questionable water.

Each time we destroy a species of nature, be it animal or plant, it's another step closer to the inevitable day when mankind will be next in line. If we chose the path of living for today only, and remain unprincipled regarding the environment, perhaps we should consider the mining of uranium in British Columbia or even the manufacture of atomic bombs. Think of the employment that would create.
C.S. SCARFE,
Ganges.

Apologies

Sir,
The Salt Spring Players would like to publicly apologize to those people who were not informed or did not know about the auditions for *Lovers*, due to a lack of communication which resulted in no advertisement in *Driftwood*.

The director has cast the play from those who were present and, because of a pressing need for time before the production date, no further auditions will be held. Once again, our apologies to those disappointed.
SUE WYATT,
Salt Spring Players.

Help wanted

Sir,
Salt Spring's summer extravaganza is fast approaching — *Sea Capers* 1987.

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Volunteers

Sir,
Meals on Wheels are delivered three times a week — Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They are picked up at noon at Alisi Catering, Upper Ganges Centre, in insulated containers, and delivered to the homes of the recipients.

The island is divided into four areas for delivery, and 25 to 30 meals go out each day.

We have a few very faithful drivers but we need more. If you can spare an hour one day a week for a month, we really need you. Please phone me at 653-4541.
NELL BUSHBY,
Fulford Harbour.

Ad changes

Sir,
Readers will notice a slight change in some of the advertising in *Driftwood* beginning in this issue. *Driftwood* has agreed to let local advertisers indicate their support for the Salt Spring Pool Society by allowing either a small graphic or the Pool Society logo to be placed in a corner of their advertisement, at no extra cost to the advertiser.

The Pool Society very much appreciates the generosity and co-operation of both the advertisers and the newspaper. Any local advertisers wishing to participate in this venture may contact Evelyn Harker at 537-5149 or Jeff Outerbridge at *Driftwood*.
WENDY VINE,
Chairman,
Swimming Pool Society.

Interested?

Sir,
Soccer players of all ages use the field at Portlock Park, rain or shine. Walkers, runners and joggers can also be seen at the track at all times. A flock of Canada geese frequently descends for an afternoon snack near the ball-field.

The playground and picnic areas are popular in the summertime, used by Salt Spring families and visitors alike. The aerobics class gyrates to the sound of music while tennis players in the thousands use the courts when it is not raining.

In July, 1974, the Lions Club raised the money toward the cost of the 10-acre parcel at Central. The club received a federal LIP grant and a provincial government grant to level the grounds and provide a football pitch, an oval track, two tennis courts and adjacent parking.

The Capital Regional District (CRD) took over when a referendum was held to raise \$2.5 million to finish the two tennis courts, prepare the soccer field, surface the track and complete the parking area.

The two tennis courts were completed on Sunday, July 10, 1976. After Mrs. Ruth Heinekey

performed the official opening by cutting the purple ribbon of the Lions — on Sunday, August 22, 1976 — the first tennis tournament was held.

Tennis lessons moved from the old school grounds to Portlock Park or any of the 25 private courts on Salt Spring. Anyone interested in tennis lessons, improving skills or just a friendly game, please call me at 537-2078.
LOES HOLLAND,
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Financial report won't raise spirits

VICTORIA — There's good news and bad news in the finance ministry's third (and Finance Minister Mel Couvelier's first) quarterly financial report.

Which do you want first, the good or the bad? Why not take turns?

• Bad news: revenue for the first nine months of the 1986-87 fiscal year, ending December 31, was \$131 million lower than expected. Good news: expenditures also came in lower than anticipated — by \$149 million.

• Good news: revenue was 2.4 per cent higher than for the same period last year. Bad news: spending was up by 4.9 per cent for the corresponding period.

• Good news: the deficit for the first nine months of the fiscal year was slightly lower than originally expected. Bad news: the full year's deficit is expected to be higher than the \$875 million forecast in the current budget.

• Good news: B.C. Ferries, the B.C. Lottery Corporation and the Liquor Distribution Branch made a profit. Bad news: B.C. Hydro lost money.

• Good news: Retail sales went up by 7.5 per cent and manufacturing shipments by 7.8 per cent. Bad news: The unemployment rate still averaged 12.6 per cent.

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

revenue, the effects of the labour dispute in the forest industry and lower-than-expected income tax revenue," the minister says.

I should mention here that Couvelier's reference to the softwood lumber export tax may be a bit of claptrap. Now that he's raided that tax fund, effectively removing at least for the time being the \$360 million a year from reforestation and silviculture, his boss will have about a million dollars a day to make British Columbians happy.

Perhaps the lottery corporation's \$118 million profit explains Premier Vander Zalm's determination to bless us with legalized gambling. And don't be fooled by the limited extent to which gambling will initially be allowed.

It may start with slot machines and a card table or two on the Princess Marguerite which shuttles tourists — mostly American — between Seattle and Victoria, but that's not where it will end.

Sooner or later, encouraged by handsome profits, the government will allow gambling on the regular ferry system, in specific tourist destination spots, such as Whistler or Barkerville, and before you can say *rouge et noir*, the roulette tables will be spinning all over the province, and slot machines everywhere will eagerly rob you of your last quarter.

Never mind that gambling is a regressive form of taxation. Never mind that it's mostly the lower-income earners and the outright poor who gamble in the hope of escaping financial misery via that elusive jackpot. We'll be expected to gamble our way to a balanced budget.

Back to the quarterly report. I don't envy Couvelier his job. While the premier is engaging in lofty discourses about open government, ethics and morality, his finance minister has the lousy duty of telling us that things aren't all that well in British Columbia.

Couvelier's report also dims prospects of an imaginative budget that might fire up some of the economic engines which stalled during the recession and the restraint period. Incentives of any kind will probably be mere tokens, too insignificant to make a difference in terms of creating economic activity.

Judging from the economic picture Couvelier painted in his third quarterly report, the budget will look more like a Bill Bennett restraint document than a blueprint for recovery.

**'His finance minister
has the busy duty of
telling us that things
aren't all that well in
British Columbia.'**

What's all that mean? That economic recovery is still refusing to visit British Columbia. The best one can say for the conditions described in the quarterly report is that things could be worse. And Couvelier's own outlook doesn't do much to raise spirits.

"There are a number of uncertainties in the 1987 outlook, including the effect of the new 15 per cent export tax on sales of Canadian lumber, the impact of tax reform in the United States on housing activity, and the extent to which protectionist pressures in the United States may result in further action against exports from British Columbia," Couvelier says.

Couvelier blames a number of events and circumstances for the relatively poor showing of the B.C. economy during the first nine months of the current fiscal year.

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Can you identify these people?

Looking back

Sir,

The above photograph was taken on Mayne Island on a summer day in 1934, very near the date of birth of the Dionne quintuplets. I believe the scene was in the vicinity of the Campbell farm at the head of Campbell Bay.

I and my brother, Maxwell, were guests for three weeks at the home of a Mrs. Shaw at Miners Bay. We had recently been involved with the Youth for Christ movement and had been invited to meet the people of the island to speak about that movement.

I recall a most pleasant time because of the warmth and hospitality shown us, especially by Mrs. Shaw and the Campbells.

I would very much like to know the names and locations of those shown in the photo. Of special interest to me is the identity of the blond young lady in the centre. She bore then a most remarkable resemblance to my late wife, Dorothy Ewing of Lachine, Quebec, born in 1923. I am at the top right; Max is at the lower right, by the dog.

HARDY POYNTZ,
Ganges.

Invitation

Sir,

We extend a warm invitation to all Gulf Islands women to join us at Off Center Stage on Sunday, March 8, to celebrate International Women's Day.

The festivities begin at 11 am

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with a potluck brunch (tea and coffee provided), followed by a discussion with a visitor from El Salvador, then a brief update and letter writing blitz on half a dozen topical issues.

The Salt Spring Island Voice of Women's exhibition, *Between the lines: Chilean Arpilleras* (just returning from six weeks at Women in Focus in Vancouver) will be on display.

Susan Cogan, Judith Boel, Mary Williamson, Lynne Quinn, the A Cappella Sisters and others will share music, readings and some surprises throughout the afternoon, wrapping up by 4 pm.

Bring an edible contribution, plate and utensils, your pen and a friend. Drop in or stay the day.

WOMEN'S PLACE SOCIETY,
Ganges.

Serenity?

Sir,

"Motorcyclists have reduced their activities to two hours a day, three days a week to lesson irritation to neighbours," according to Norman Twa.

Every day for the last 12 days, including four hours on Saturday and three hours on Sunday, the fiendish noise of the trail bikes could be heard, not only by Bill Thomas 200 feet from Norman Twa's track, but also by us one mile as the crow flies from there.

"Approved mufflers," "no official direction to alter the use of the track," "going out of one's way to compromise," do not lessen the

discomfort caused to any feeling creature.

No law, however specifically codified, will ever be able to regulate all facets of behaviour or existence. How about showing some plain consideration?

The motorcyclists are much the same as the "aggressive protectors of rights" on St. Mary Lake, the ultralight aircraft soon to bless us again, or those who produce obnoxious smoke by burning plastics and sensitive materials, to name a few.

Could we not bring one island book to the idyllic, tranquil, serene state — still commonly presented in real estate promotion literature?

ALFRED TEMMEL,
Cusheon Lake Road.

Corrections

Sir,

The 1987 Salt Spring Island Directory, produced by the Lions Club, is now out and by the time this letter is printed, everyone should have a copy.

Please take a moment right now and make the following changes in your book:

- Page 1 - B. C. Automobile Association Emergency Night Calls should be 537-9712 or 537-9730; Santy Fuoco, publisher, should be 537-5577 or 537-2773.
- Page 19 - Hot Doggies Pet Grooming should be 537-4367.
- Page 21 - James, J. P., 531 Fulford-Ganges Rd., B1022, should be 537-5224.
- Page 31, and on the back cover - Salt Spring Shell Bulk Products Plant should be 653-4414.

We extend our apology to these business people for the inconvenience caused to them, and to those phone numbers we inadvertently listed as belonging to any of the foregoing.

To the business community as a whole, we thank you once again for your support of this major Lions Club project.

To the general public, any comments or suggestions you may have for future editions, please call us at 653-4305 or write us a note at P.O. Box 165, Ganges.

FRED BROOKBANKS,
Ganges.

Righteous

Sir,

I read with interest Mr. Eric Moncur's letter in your paper stating the excellent journalistic policy that the CBC tries, indeed does, in Mr. Moncur's words, have.

It seems incomprehensible that Mr. Moncur writes so righteously and fails so monstrously in meeting these highly desirable policies. On so many occasions I have been amazed at the feeling of bias and condemnation that the script can inflect into the reading of the news, and I would say it is

high time that Mr. Moncur pull the wool from his eyes and out of his ears and "listen" to the newscasts. That should jog his memory to those excellent policies that he advocates.

Having just become a new resident of Salt Spring Island and having had the pleasure of discovering the down-to-earth *Driftwood* newspaper, I can thankfully turn the TV off, the CBC radio on (which is a far better candidate for those elusive journalistic policies that Mr. Moncur writes) and read the "little" newspaper.

RAYMOND PETERS,
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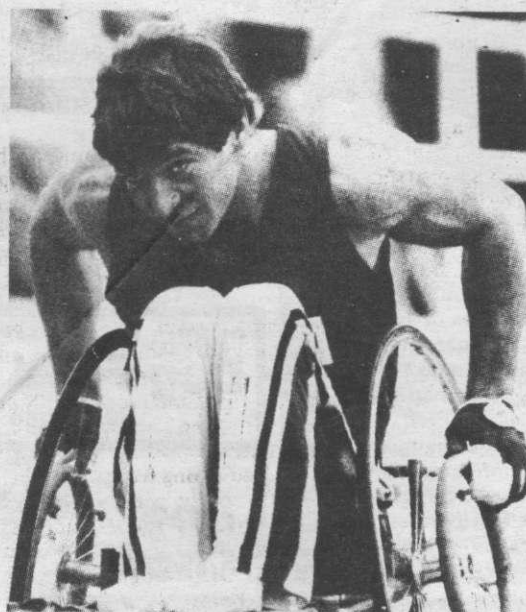
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One that got away

We knew it couldn't last—after showing several examples of letters delivered locally, despite cryptic scrawls, we have one that posed

problems. Sent special delivery from Whitehorse to musician Valdy, letter took almost one month to arrive. A clearer address might have helped, but you can't win them all.

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More to add

Sir,
I would like to add a few more items to Mr. O'Brien's article dealing with Norman Twa and his noise.

After my amputation, and previous to that, having a lung removed, we did think things might stop on compassionate grounds. My wife appealed to Mr. Twa on these grounds and received the rude answer that since my leg had not been lost because of a motorcycle accident, he was in no way to blame.

At the same noise bylaw meeting he told her that if we persisted in our stand on noise, he would cut every tree down up to the fence line. The trees he refers to are the so-called buffer zone of 200 feet mentioned in the article. I bring up these points to show what we are dealing with.

As for Mr. Twa's statement about riding three times a week — pure rubbish. I have the times and dates in front of me: from one to four riders every day for the last 12 days.

I once again appeal to the regional director to put a stop to this nonsense.

W. THOMAS,
Blackburn Road.

Died needlessly

Sir,
Our cat Midnite died. He was an abandoned stray cat that we adopted, neutered, doctored and loved. He was not a good hunter; he was fat and lazy. He defended his property but opened his heart to the abandoned, stray children that we sometimes have in our home. He slept indoors every night. He followed us up and down the stairs. He sat nearby while we worked and studied. He was just like a lot of other cats.

Somewhere in our neighbourhood, though, someone doesn't

like cats. Midnite came in contact with poison and died.

In the scope of world problems this is trivial. For our family we find it appalling that a defenseless animal died needlessly.
The CROUSE FAMILY,
Beddis Beach area.

Right track

Sir,
Must smoking always lead to bad lungs and hospital wards, as Duncan MacDonnell suggested in his February 11 column? I think not.

Whenever millions upon millions of people have allowed an idea to go unchallenged because its truth appeared self-evident, history has shown that there was something wrong with that idea.

It is also true that human beings, being what they are, have never at any time let an idea go unchallenged.

The reason both these statements can be correct while seemingly contradictory is that, historically, opposition to an idea held by a vast majority has usually been silenced, leaving in the frequently red wake of its repression the prevalent yet false impression of a massive consensus.

Massive consensus always spells trouble, whereas the concept of universal (unanimous) agreement, said by majorities to be impossible, can have only benevolent effects upon the world, emerging as it does from individually thinking and feeling individuals.

All this to say that I, for one, do not believe that cigarettes cause cancer, or that murderers are bad people, or that the earth is an unconscious mass of rock, three ideas upheld by an apparently hell-bent civilization.

What evidence do I have to support my views? None that I can readily share with you, but apprehension of truth must precede comprehension if one is

to retain proper learning perspective.

There seems to be a pattern to these three thoughts, a common thread of light that has to do with a new awareness which is greater than my own.

I am a common, average person. There are no other — and there is a fourth thought. Yet these thoughts are neither average nor common. So what's going on?

Well, it seems that the Universe does not look at a person's glamour ratio, prestige quotient, social standing or payroll scale before granting answers. Or truly fresh questions which per (gentle)-force must open new vistas. I was almost going to say 'secrets', but there are no secrets — make that a fifth thought.

All it asks for, it seems, is an open mind, and the realization that massive consensus opinion notwithstanding, we do live in a Universe of Love.

This particular idea may seem strange to many people, while in reality it should be self-evident.

A majority who questions the thinking of its marginals, related mavericks, and as likely as not cultured and distinguished dissenters, rather than squelches it, has got to be on the right track — the one that really leads to peace, joy and harmony.

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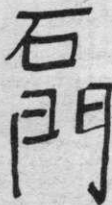
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Change in tax status sought for MB properties

An Island Futures committee will ask the provincial government to re-classify MacMillan-Bloedel's holdings on Salt Spring Island — a move its chairman says should make the properties more difficult to sell.

Ken Renaud's committee is seeking an option for a community-initiated purchase of the 4,800 acres of timberland MacMillan-Bloedel owns on Salt Spring. The property, contained in seven blocks, has been on the market for the past 18 months and carries an asking price of \$5 million — although offers of \$3.5 million

have reportedly been entertained.

Renaud said Monday he considers the asking price grossly inflated in terms of the value of the timber inventory on the land and the property's potential for development.

"Even at half the price, there's not enough margin in this market to log or develop the land, or even both, if you wanted," he said. "Plus, with the glut of real estate listings and Channel Ridge coming on stream, it would be impossible to bring any other development on at this time."

By asking the province to

re-classify the land, Renaud hopes to publicize the tax benefits the properties have given MacMillan-Bloedel over the years, and the tremendous profit it stands to make from any sale.

"The issue is MacMillan-Bloedel has held the lands at a tax advantage for a number of years, and now it wants to sell them at 'real estate' prices," Renaud said. "There's a big inequity there. It's land speculation at its worst — here we have a company that's held land at a nominal tax rate, almost tax-free, and now it wants to sell it at a huge profit..."

on the backs of the community."

Renaud said MacMillan-Bloedel gained the tax break by holding the properties as part of a larger Tree Farm Licence — not as real estate — while declining to effectively manage the lands.

As of January 1, 1987, he added, the provincial government eliminated Tree Farm Licenses, replacing them with two taxation classes — 'managed' and 'unmanaged' forest lands.

"We are going to raise the issue that since the land here has not been properly managed, it has little value as timberland, and

that we question the company's move to sell it at real estate prices," Renaud said. "We'll ask that it be reclassified as unmanaged forest land, which should drive the price down because the taxes on it would be so outrageous."

He added: "We also want to make it possible for the politicians to let them go ahead and sell the land at (lower) prices," like what Island Futures would prefer to pay for the holdings.

MacMillan-Bloedel, meanwhile, says it has received no offers for the properties.

Timberland purchase requires government loan

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islanders and visitors alike, while small-scale selective logging could create employment and revenue.

"Island Futures is concerned that the timber land be brought back into the community," he said. "We've had discussions with MacMillan-Bloedel, but so far they haven't been overly co-operative. Their real objective in putting the land up for sale, I think, is they hope Salt Spring Islanders will make enough fuss so that the provincial government will give up some Crown land in the southern Vancouver Island region to feed MacBlo's mills."

Renaud said Island Futures' members have been trying to develop a feasible purchase plan for the property for some time. The primary problem, he said, was financial: where could a local organization obtain the necessary capital to buy the land?

Renaud said at least partial funding for the land purchase might be obtained in the form of a loan available through a five-year federal-provincial tourism industry development program. He has discussed the Island Futures proposal with officials in the ministry of tourism and small business, who expressed interest in it.

"The program is focused on larger projects like this," he said, adding that the loan would have to be repaid over 10 years.

Renaud said the group got the idea for its purchase proposal from similar European projects. In Finland, Sweden and other European countries, campsites or cabins are developed on forestlands and leased out to users. He said that by creating approximately 230 campsites on the MB property and renting them out on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to tourists, a Salt Spring corporation would be able to raise some of the money needed to repay the loan.

A network of walking trails could also be developed to give hikers access to the area. "Salt Spring could be a walker's paradise," he noted.

Renaud agreed the creation of a trail system serviced with

campsites, washrooms and perhaps shower facilities (the latter located in or along the island's developed corridor) would likely bring more tourists to the island — and thus be opposed by some islanders.

He said, however, that purchase of the MB property and the subsequent creation of a trail/campsite system would give island residents more control over visitors.

He explained that if island residents owned the land, they could create a tourism environment that would draw a particular type of visitor — those who enjoyed hiking and camping. He added that if a trail network was established, visitors to the island would have areas where they could hike without infringing on private property, and would thus create fewer problems in other areas of the island.

"They'd be dispersed throughout the island, instead of everyone being in downtown Ganges on a Saturday," he said. "The impact would be relatively minimal."

"The tourists are going to come anyway," he pointed out. "Salt Spring is getting a lot of national and international exposure, and the people are going to come eventually. If we don't do anything we'll have an even bigger problem."

Renaud stressed that increased tourism might be the price local residents have to pay to save the MB land from large-scale development.

"The ultimate object isn't tourism, it's to develop the forest, save the MacMillan-Bloedel land," he said. "We might have to pay for it with campsites, but there'd be no roads, power lines into the area or water lines — only hiking trails."

Renaud, who also serves as president of the local woodlands association, noted that management of the MB land could have significant economic, social and environmental benefits. He added that projects similar to the one proposed here have proved successful in other areas.

"Allowing artists and photographers access to the area could be beneficial," he noted. "There would be no clear-cut logging. And you can also enhance the wildlife by the way you manage the forests. It's a kind of holistic forestry."

Renaud noted the entire project would be in keeping with Island Futures' philosophy of trying to help islanders and island businesses. Employment could be created on the island by managing the woodlands and perhaps developing new products from timber harvested on the property.

"The project could have huge long-term benefits for the island," he said.



Renaud said he feels purchase of the MB property is feasible under this proposal. However, he claims the key to the project lies with the forest company.

"We have to get MacMillan Bloedel to treat us seriously," he said.

Island Futures was established in 1984 with the goal of creating employment on Salt Spring

Island. Since that time, however, its focus has changed slightly. Renaud said the apolitical organization wishes to enhance island self-reliance and autonomy. The strategy is to identify renewable resources here, then develop and market them for the benefit of the community as a whole — while at the same time trying to preserve and protect Salt Spring's unique qualities.

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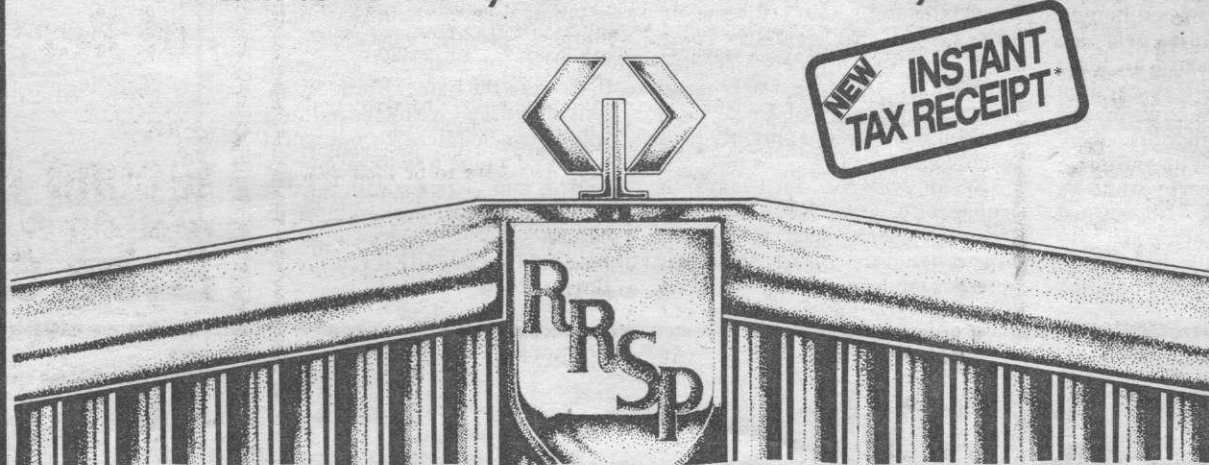
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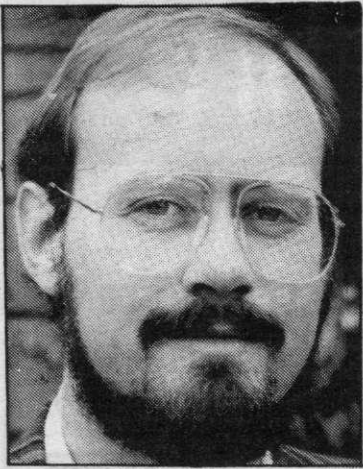
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Businesses show interest in programs

Gulf Islands employers are using the services and expertise offered by the Peninsula Community Association in Sidney, according to association employee Chris Brown.

Brown said last week he has drawn up a number of new contracts for Gulf Islands businesses interested in training employees with assistance from the Job Development Program.

"I have a contract on Galiano, two on Pender and one pending Pender," he said. "We have signed two on Mayne and four more on Salt Spring." All these contracts have been prepared since last fall, he noted.

Brown offers aid to both employers and prospective employees. In addition to helping unemployed workers "link up" with businesses willing to train them, he can prepare the contracts needed to establish such training programs.

Employers who feel they may be interested in establishing a training program should contact Brown at 656-0851.

"We recognize that small business training programs are expensive and risky, because the businessman doesn't know if the employee will work out," he said.

"What I'll do is make a personal visit to the work site and give them the program information. I will help them with setting up the training program. There is a wage subsidy available (through the Job Development Program) that helps offset the costs of any training program and reduces the risk to small businesses.

"It (the program) can have a positive impact on the business," he continued. "It can be good PR, because it shows a growthful business, a positive business."

To qualify for training assistance, a business must be willing to provide at least 12 weeks of work — although it is hoped the trainee will be employed after the training program is completed.

Training projects can be tailored to suit the individual's needs or those of the employer.

Brown encourages Gulf Islanders to utilize the services offered by the Peninsula Community Association.

Parking peculiarities prompt police warning

Ganges RCMP officers are asking for public co-operation in preventing a serious accident from occurring in downtown Ganges.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the Ganges RCMP detachment said Monday that parking is becoming a problem along the lower end of Fulford-Ganges Road past Centennial Park. He expressed concern that vehicles incorrectly parked and extending out into the travelled portion of the road could cause an automobile accident.

"Vehicles whose bumpers extend over the white line and into the travelled portion of the road are in violation of the Motor Vehicle Act," Sgt. Hanks said. "Under the new Motor Vehicle Penalties Act, they are obstructing the normal flow of traffic and can be charged under Section 188.2, which carries a \$50 fine."

The RCMP sergeant said that the lower end of Fulford-Ganges Road is the "worst area" in terms of parking infractions.

"We're going to have to enforce the Motor Vehicle Act," he said. "(If the problem continues) someone is going to get hurt."

Police made three liquor seizures over the weekend, and apprehended one impaired driver.

Charges are also being processed against two local persons who were allegedly found consuming alcohol in a public place. That incident occurred at approxi-

police report

mately 10:15 pm February 21 in the Harbour House Hotel parking lot.

A third charge of consuming alcohol in a public place is also being processed against another individual. The charge stems from an incident that occurred February 21 at 9:15 pm along Fulford-Ganges Road.

Under a new provincial policy, individuals charged with this offense have the option of fighting it in court or voluntarily paying a \$100 fine.

In other matters, the theft of a Fairbanks-Morris deep well pump from property along Menhenick Road has been reported to the Ganges police detachment.

The pump, valued at approximately \$250 and owned by Alan Kergin, was stolen sometime during the last three months.

And finally, police are currently investigating the alleged shooting of a horse on Galiano Island.

Sgt. Hanks said the animal — owned by a Mrs. Blackwood of Penfold Road on Galiano — was apparently shot in the right foreleg with a small calibre weapon sometime February 20 or February 21.

U.S. Tax Reform Changes

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Since U.S. federal tax liability arises from citizenship and not residency, U.S. citizens resident in Canada are still required by law to file a U.S. return, even if you owe no tax. A non-U.S. citizen faces the same filing requirements if they have income effectively connected with a trade or business in the U.S. This is in sharp contrast to the Canadian rule mentioned several weeks ago that a return must only be filed if tax is payable or upon demand from the Minister of Revenue.

The U.S. emphasizes all the penalties that apply for failure to file a return, and a new penalty for failure to pay as well, including interest on the penalties compounded daily. However, in actual practice, penalties are based on unpaid tax, therefore if there is no tax due there can be no penalty.

The current U.S. graduated tax structure with rates ranging up to 50% has been compressed into only two brackets beginning in 1988, 15% and 28%. Transitional rates ranging from 11% to 38.5% apply in 1987.

Capital gains have lost their special status of being 40% taxable and 60% exempt. 100% of the gain will now be treated as ordinary income, albeit at the 28% top rate of tax.

Beginning in 1987, the

maximum annual foreign earned income exclusion for U.S. citizens is reduced from \$80,000 to \$70,000. This particular exclusion has been kicked around like a football, going from \$15,000 to zero to \$80,000 within a few years.

New rates of depreciation will apply to real property put into service by its owner after 1986. The change affects Canadians having an interest in such items as a mobile home in California or a condo in Hawaii, from which rental income is being received. This type of residential real estate must now be depreciated over 27.5 years on a straight line basis.

Canadian corporations with a U.S. branch may be subject to withholding tax on interest paid to non-U.S. persons. If the interest is paid to a Canadian, under the Canada-U.S. Tax Convention the withholding tax will be 10%.

If a U.S. citizen resident in Canada applies for a passport, or if a Canadian applies for a U.S. "green card" visa, information returns now have to be filed with the I.R.S. There is a \$500 penalty for failing to file this return, a case where the penalty is not based on unpaid tax and thus cannot be avoided.

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Approximately 120 attended annual event

Ganges Scout group holds parent-son banquet

Approximately 120 parents and children crowded into the Salt Spring Island Rod and Gun Club hall last Tuesday night for the annual Scouts-Cubs-Beavers parent and son banquet.

The banquet, which has been held for more than a decade during Scout-Guide Week, was judged a success by organizers.

Pat Beitel, chairman of the First Ganges Scout Group committee, estimated the banquet drew "almost a 100 per cent turnout" of boys and their parents.

"We set for 120, and I think we

had between 110 and 120," Beitel said.

After the banquet, several activities took place. The Cubs opened the program with a "hiking up" ceremony for Jeffrey Kempling, who has gone as far as he can as a Cub. Once Kempling had been welcomed into the Scouts, the latter group showed parents the opening and closing ceremonies they perform.

The Beavers then closed the evening with a few songs and Taps.

A few honors were also handed out at the Tuesday evening event.

Kempling and fellow pack member David Koski were presented with their Five Star Cub awards. Few Cubs ever achieve the Five Star award.

Approximately 60 local boys are members of the First Ganges Scout Group. There is one Scout troop, one Cub pack and two Beaver colonies (one in Fulford, the other in Ganges).

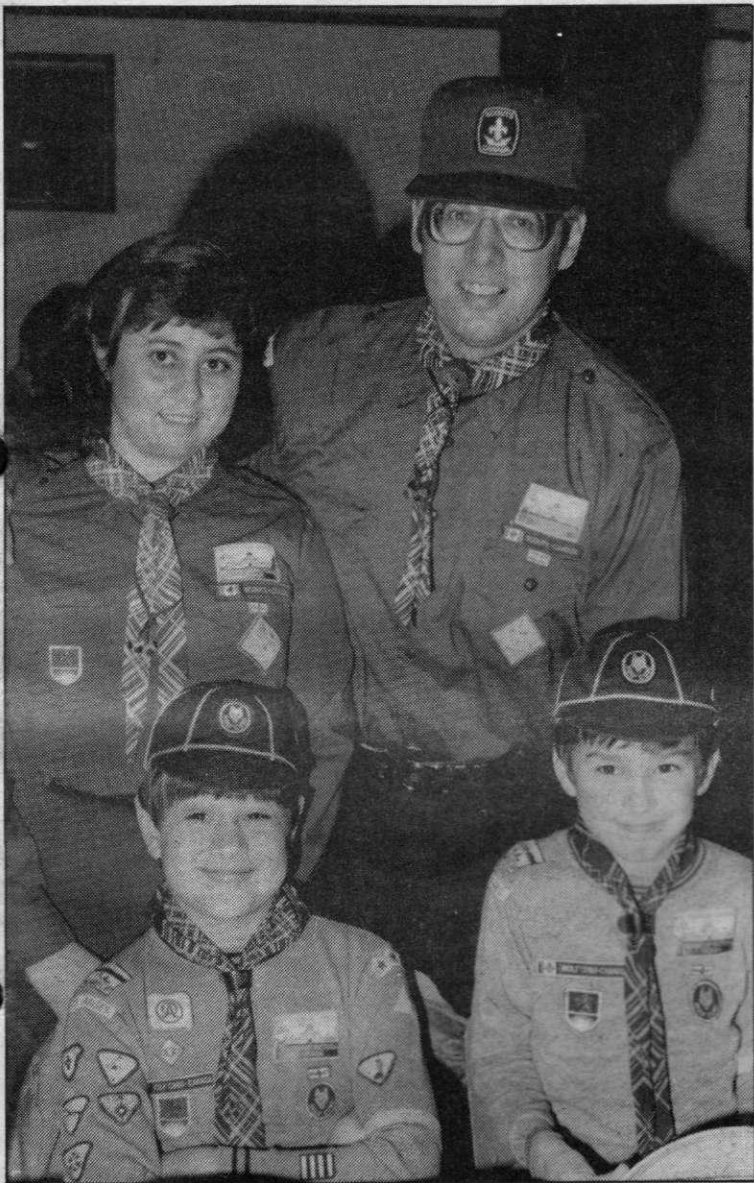
Beitel said the First Ganges Scout Group is always in need of a few more volunteers to help organize fund-raising and activities for the boys. Anyone with any Scouting background is welcome to help out.



Cubs Jeffrey Kempling (left) and David Koski received their Five Star Cub awards at the

annual parent-son banquet. The Five Star Cub award is the highest honour a Cub can achieve.

*Story and
photos by
Mike Turkki*



The Parrott family was out in force at last week's parent-son banquet. Dawn (back row, left),

husband Gerry and son James (front row, left) were joined by young Allyn Thomas and more than 110 others.



Scoutmaster Pat Baines (centre) is joined at the banquet table by his sons Adam (left) and Simon.

Adam is a Scout, while Simon is a member of the local Cub pack. A wide variety of foods were

wide variety of foods was available for hungry Cubs, Scouts and Beavers at the banquet.

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School singles out students for academic excellence

Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) has released the list of students earning a place on its honour roll.

The students singled out for academic excellence in the January reporting period include three named to the principal's honour roll for earning straight A's: Robin Coombes (Grade Nine), Eva Lam (Grade 10) and David Jacquest (Grade 11).

Other students named to the GISS honour roll are:

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Robert Bradford, Erin Fewings, Chris Koski, Amos Lundy, Melanie Marshall, Naomi Potter, Chris Watson and Samantha Wellingham.

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At adolescent stage

Communications industry imperfect

By GARY LUNDY

Two psychiatrists passing each other.

First psychiatrist: "Hello."

Second psychiatrist (to himself): "What does he mean by that?"

Look where you may; meaning can be an elusive commodity. What you heard me say is not what you think I meant.

It seems we are at a particular point in communication where recognition of what is being communicated really isn't coming through. Characteristics like incompleteness of message and vagueness sets the communicator in an isolated condition. Any attempt to flesh out and build on the theme sinks further into meaninglessness. Telltale signs of impending doom appear with utterances "know what I mean?" or "you know." communication based in a person whose experience expresses the truth of themselves. This determines whether there is meaning in the content of the message. Vocabulary and training are additions.

In my experience, I can not only comprehend such a person but rather thoroughly enjoy the process regardless of whether I like or dislike the content. Imagine enjoying your wife telling you off, and vice versa.

Recently, I was reading about U.S. researchers studying what they called an acute social disease whose victims afflict almost everyone around them: bores.

It seems the scientists are looking at why some people are boring, and just how boring they can be. Their studies suggest that people who complain about themselves and mutter trivialities are more boring than people who overuse slang or try too hard to be nice.

They also found that boring conversation tends to include more questions with fewer statements of fact or self-disclosure than more interesting talk. It seems help is on the way for "chronically and excessively boring persons," those who complain and show no interest in others.

The desire to give changes everything. To do so with communication can summon all the energy required to gather the factors related to the communication content, plus the factors surrounding the receptor.

Now what about the media? Are journalists and commentators

guest column

exempt from the process? Not so, says Dr. Tom Cooper, assistant professor of communication at Emerson College.

To delve "inside the media" leads to delving inside the media professional. Mass communication is no longer mysterious when it is discovered to be no more than the sum of individual choices, actions and attitudes, all of which are reflected in the technologies,

'It is impossible to substantially change mass media without altering the people at its core.'

institutions and media products.

Consequently, it is impossible to substantially change mass media without altering the people at its core; the quality of the communicator's private life and personal atmosphere will influence the tone and quality of what they produce.

The state of the professional's "heart" — the emotion state and motivation of communicators — is no less significant than their mental health. Emotional entanglement with or political loyalties to their subject material plus emotional motivation (acquire fame and fortune, outdistance their competitors, win the Pulitzer, obtain editorial approval) may just as easily influence the shape and tone of a mass-communicated product as the subject matter itself. What we communicate internally — whether in dreams, fantasies, fears, or aspirations — is to some degree written large upon the billboards, headlines, screens and ads of our civilization.

Media technology is often scapegoated as the major problem; so, too, is media programming. Probing deeper inside the media reminds us that media professionals, first as individuals and secondly as groups, are responsible for the state of mass communication, and all of us are responsible for the larger field of human

communication.

And finally from a larger context, communication is much vaster and all encompassing than usually defined on the reporter's beat or assignment. From the scientist's perspective, far more than 99 per cent of what is constantly communicated throughout the universe is beyond the detection of our instruments. Very few of the books, magazines, newspapers are read cover to cover (excepting *Driftwood*, of course), and what we communicate as a species reveals what little we do know.

And so communication is now looking at itself, revealing an adolescent stage and imperfections — perhaps an accurate description of the present condition of most. The world underneath the professional facade is a tangle of underlying motivations which can be discarded; shifting or unsteady emotions which can be discarded; and finite concepts in an infinite reality, which can also be discarded.

But what would be left? A new direction toward the rediscovery of creativity and a larger vision of the truth; much more purposeful, accurate and full-bodied communication; a move away from the well-ordered but artificial reality. Know what I mean?

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Lyon in winner's circle

Bunnies breed humour, one more speech

By MIKE TURKKI

Anne Lyon will represent the Salt Spring Speakers International Training in Communication (ITC) club at an upcoming ITC council speech competition.

Lyon's speech was judged the best of six delivered February 17 by local ITC members at a dinner held at the Harbour House Hotel.

Lyon, a Margolin Drive resident, gave an entertaining and informative talk on rabbits and the danger of letting them roam free. Entitled *Dwat Those Was-cally Wabbits*, it pointed out that while rabbits are cute and cuddly, they aren't as harmless as the well-known Bugs Bunny cartoon character.

Lyon related several cases in which environmentally-sensitive areas were severely damaged or destroyed by rabbits allowed to roam free.

At the upcoming Council No. 5 competition, to be held here April 11, Lyon will compete with representatives from as many as nine other ITC clubs located on Vancouver Island between Victoria and Gold River.

Winner of the council speech contest will advance to the regional competition scheduled for late May in Washington State. The international competition will be held later this year in Vancouver.

If she is unable to attend the council competition, the Salt Spring Speakers ITC club will be represented by Alice Richards, its president.

Richards' speech entitled

'She spoke persuasively and with the authority that comes from knowing a subject well.'

Swimming: *The Perfect Sport*, earned her second place at the speech competition. Richards pointed out to an audience of 25 the many benefits of swimming as a recreational activity. She spoke persuasively and with the authority that comes from knowing a subject well.

The third-place finisher in last Tuesday's competition was Gwen Albhouse, a 16-year island resident and charter member of the Salt Spring Speakers. Albhouse had the audience laughing for almost a full seven minutes with her humorous lecture, entitled *The Art of the Theatre*, which traced the growth of theatre from its prehistoric beginnings.

Three other contestants participated in the Salt Spring Speakers' contest: Zoe Woodside (who spoke on *The Role of Fear in Ancient Times*); Mae George (whose talk on hobbies was entitled *To Each His Own*); and



Top three finishers at Salt Spring Speakers ITC speech contest were

Phyllis Sinclair (who discussed coffee in her talk, entitled *What Makes The World Go Round*).

ITC contest rules stipulate that all club contest speeches must be a minimum of five minutes and a maximum of eight minutes. All contestants met this requirement with the exception of Sinclair, who spoke for only four minutes 48 seconds and was thus disqualified.

Prior to the competition, the contestants each selected a sealed envelope containing two words and a saying. They then had two weeks to prepare a speech based on the contents of their envelopes.

ITC member Catherine McFadyen served as speech contest chairman. Program leader for the evening's activities was Rosemary Foerster. The judges were Maralyn Horsdal (editor, publisher and co-owner of Horsdal and Schubart Publishers Ltd.), Gary Machell (an English teacher with experience in judging public speaking competitions) and Dr. Margaret Warbey (a linguistics teacher at the University of Victoria).

Timers for the competition were Nell Bushby and Tor Forsberg.

The Salt Spring Speakers Club ITC was established in November 1985.

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Gwen Albhouse (left), Anne Lyon and Alice Richards. Six club

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Clean out those coldframes

Get a head start on spring planting

With March just around the corner, and the weather being as fine as a day in April, we can safely commence with our spring chores and activities in the garden.

On the odd day when wind and rain make the out-of-doors inhospitable, you may turn to your greenhouse, coldframe or windowsill to make preparations for the spring and summer ahead. Before you start any seeds off, thoroughly clean all of your tools, flats, benches, walls, glass, watering cans, pots, hoses etc., to ensure that there will be no carry-over of fungal spores, insect eggs or bacteria. Use a general disinfectant such as bleach (½ cup/gal) or Lysol (¼ cup/gal), and if you've had previous experience with damping off, you should notice a difference. A few other things that you can do to reduce losses to damping off, besides drenching with a fungicide (No-Damp), include giving the plants good cross ventilation, using a sterile, well-drained, sand-capped soil mix, and watering only as necessary and always early in the day.

A few roots, tubers and corms should be started up now in the greenhouse, notably dahlias, begonias (discussed in previous articles), calla and canna lilies. Bring your lilies up out of cool storage, sprout them in peat, and once they've sprouted, divide them with a sharp knife. Five-to-six inch pots should do fine to keep them growing along until you can set them out in late April.

You should start sowing your annuals including cosmos, dusty miller, dianthus, lobelias, pansies, petunias, nemesia, statice, nicotiana, salpiglossis, salvia, sweet alyssum, African marigolds, stocks, schizanthus, zinnias, snapdragons as well as dahlias and begonias from seed, which are rather slow to get started.

Perennials that should be started now for some bloom this year include lupins, poppies, arabis, bellis, achillea, myosotis, linum, pyrethrums, gaillardias, coreopsis and cerastium. Try to keep temperatures around 65 to 75 F. (days) and 50 to 55 F. at night, water only when needed, with tepid water in the morning, provide as much light as possible, and if you can provide some bottom heat, the germination will be more rapid, and initial growth will be faster and healthier. When the seedlings get their first set of true leaves, prick them out into flats or pots to give them room to grow. Always reduce planting out shock by gradually hardening off the seedlings, adjusting them to the cooler out-of-doors over a ten to fourteen day period.

Vegetable that should be sown now indoors include brussels

your garden

by
Chris Schmah

sprouts, summer cabbages and, late in March, start off your tomato seedlings. As soon as the soil in the veggie patch is dry enough to turn and work with, you can plant out your started plants of early cabbage, leeks, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, lettuce and onions. Keep sowing peas every two weeks to yield a steady crop. Direct sowings can be made of radishes, spinach, turnips, carrots, green onions and kohlrabi. Your parsnips should have been sown by now, but if you haven't, better get to it. March is a great month for planting rhubarb and asparagus, and don't forget to plant a few early potatoes to get your first crop underway.

Out in the flower garden, watch out for those seeds which overwintered and will soon be germinating to give a great floral show again this year. Notable self-sowers such as nasturtiums, calendulas, california poppies, godetias, clarkias and cosmos may also be direct-sown out into prepared flower beds now. Larkspurs and mignonette may also be sown out now. March is a good month for planting perennials as they become available in nurseries and garden centres, or as you divide or relocate them. Once you've cleaned up around your delphiniums, phlox, hollyhocks and peonies, spray the crowns and surrounding ground with a dormant spray such as sulphur or Bordeaux mixture (very effective). Perennials that flowered late last year, such as michaelmas daisies, fall asters, delphiniums, phlox and chrysanthemums, should be lifted, divided, and replanted into a rich, loamy, well-drained soil.

In the herb garden you should sow out some parsley, lift and divide your chives, prune back your dead tops and rank growth of your perennial herbs, and you can also take any cuttings that you want to make from lavender,

santolina, sage, and rosemary. Tip cuttings should be set into a sand/peat mix and kept out of direct sunlight until some new growth becomes evident.

I've been asked about what to do with those overgrown snapdragon plants that grew and thrived all through the past winter. I suggest that you cut them back to less than six inches in height, clean up and burn the tops, and spray the soil and cut-back stems with a garden sulphur spray to reduce the number of overwintering rust spores which might become a problem.

As usual, the rest of the garden could use a thorough cleaning, and the non-infected plant matter should be chopped up and put in the compost. Work the soil in beds, rockeries and planters to improve the tilth and reduce weeds.

There are still lots of other things to do in the garden, and next week we'll finish off with timely activities in the orchard, small fruits, trees, shrubs and lawns. Happy gardening.

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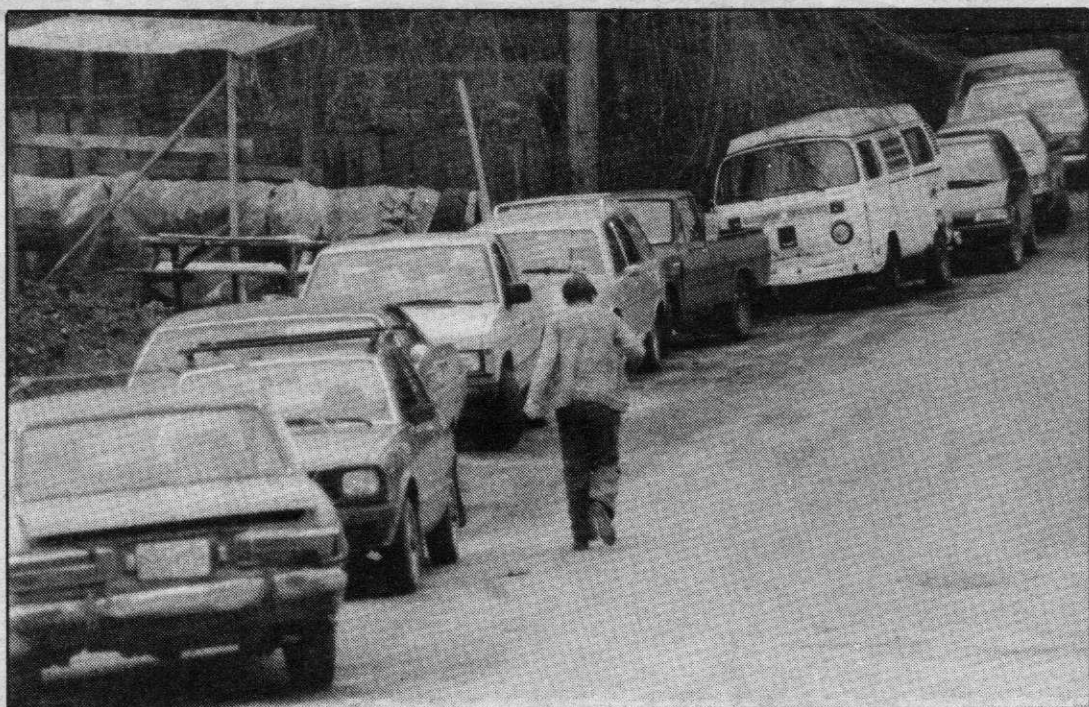
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Parking congestion a problem in Fulford

Residents' association to study Fulford traffic, parking problems

Possible solutions to traffic and parking congestion problems in Fulford Harbour will be studied by a South Salt Spring Residents' Association committee.

Struck at the association's recent annual general meeting, the committee will sift through about 125 responses to a questionnaire which asked island residents to rate Fulford's vehicle-related problems and suggest ways they can be resolved.

Fulford's traffic problems are caused by a shortage of parking places and compounded by ferry commuters who leave their vehicles sitting in the village all day. The situation is such that some residents fear streets packed tightly with cars might pose a roadblock to emergency vehicles.

The questionnaires were distributed late last year. The association's decision to send responses to a committee was prompted by the diversity of solutions offered, member Syd Wigen indicated. Among possible cures put forward were:

- have ditches on Morningside and Orchard piped and levelled to create more parking space;
- cover up ditches on Fulford hill for more width for moving and parked vehicles;

- operate a shuttle bus from the Fulford Inn to the ferry terminal;
- construct a floating parking lot; and
- have commuters rent yard space to park their cars.

Wigen said the committee will review the proposed solutions and pick "two or more" that will be recommended to the association at its March meeting.

"From there, we expect we'd go to a community meeting and seek a consensus before taking it to higher authorities," Wigen said.

The 'higher authorities' would be the highways ministry, B.C. Ferry Corporation and local MLAs Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts.

From the start, the association's plan has been to seek government help in solving Fulford's traffic woes, but not before it could go to the province with definite options.

Wigen said the process of selecting options is "moving a little slower than anticipated . . . (but) it's not dead by any means."

Gulf Islands population to rise

The population of the Gulf Islands is projected to increase by about 25 per cent over the next 15 years.

The estimate is contained in a population forecast prepared by the Capital Regional District (CRD). It says 9,657 people were living on the Gulf Islands as of 1986, and that the number should jump to 13,108 by the year 2001.

Calculated from historical patterns by the provincial ministry of economic development, the Gulf Islands forecast does not offer breakdowns for individual islands.

The CRD document also estimates the percentage of growth to

CRD estimates

be expected on the Gulf Islands in each of the next three five-year spans:

- from 1986 to 1991, the islands will see a 2.48 per cent population jump;
- from 1991 to 1996, population will increase by two per cent; and
- from 1996 to 2001, population will grow by 1.7 per cent.

In the last five years, the breakdown says, Gulf Islands population has swelled by 3.78 per cent — from 8,023 in 1981 to 9,657 in 1986.

Of all the areas within the CRD, the breakdown predicts the municipality of Saanich will have the largest population growth, adding 23,000 people to its current total of 87,537. The Saanich Peninsula, meanwhile, is expected to add 11,500 people by 2001.

The least growth is expected in Victoria, Oak Bay and Esquimalt, reflecting "the degree to which these municipalities are fully developed," the CRD says.

Overall, the CRD's coverage area is expected to include 318,160 people by 2001. At present, total population in the region is listed at 264,913.

Alert line topic of TV report

A filmed report on Salt Spring Island's medical alert line program will be aired this Friday, February 27, on CHEK-TV.

A crew from the Victoria television station visited Salt Spring last week to film the story, alert line program co-ordinator Sue Ramsey said Monday.

She said the report will air on the station's *Daily Edition* program, between 4 pm and 5 pm this Friday.

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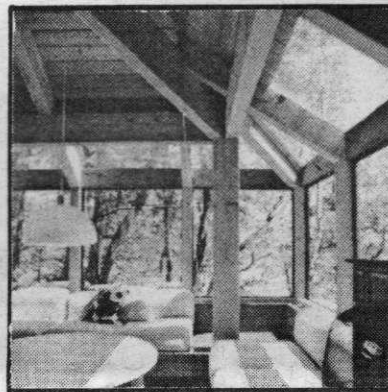
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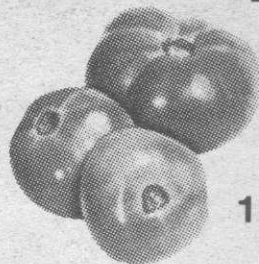


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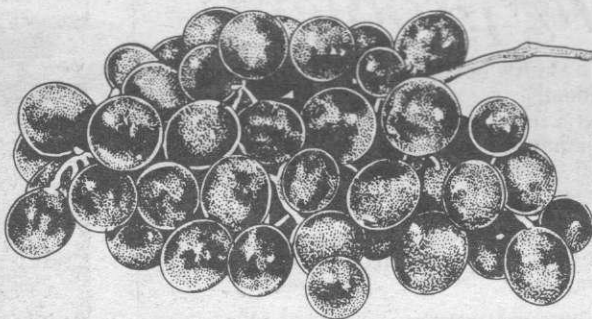
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Off Centre Stage hires employees

A new era is dawning for Off Centre Stage, its president said last week.

"Having received a grant from the federal government, through the department of employment and immigration," Keith MacHattie says, "we've been able to hire a working staff to better serve the needs of the community."

An Off Centre Stage hiring committee has selected Elizabeth Martin to serve as curator-programmer, Caroline Rine to take charge of advertising, and Wendy Norton as its bistro manager.

The grant, in effect as of February 23, will support Off Centre Stage for seven months, "by which time we must be able to continue with our expanded operation," MacHattie said.

He added: "Since Off Centre Stage opened a year and a half ago, we've gained a lot. What one gets out of life is proportional to what one puts in. This seven-month grant has been entrusted to us, for you. Come in and make OCS your space, too."

Off Centre Stage is now open six days a week. MacHattie invites local artists to call 537-5211 to enter works for a group show that will open in mid-March, and to be included on a schedule for subsequent shows.

"Musicians, actors, orators, ideologues, soap-boxers and everyone with something to offer are also invited to perform during coffeehouse hours, to provide the public with an ongoing variety of entertainment and educational sets from the small stage in the gallery," MacHattie said.

Plans for building a small, professional-quality theatre in the back half of the Off Centre Stage space are ongoing, he added, and will include room for workshops. Interested builders are invited to attend a workday on Saturday, February 28 at 9 am. A pot luck supper, beginning at 6 pm the same day, is open to everyone.

The LETS system office is moving to Off Centre Stage.

"If you have a skill or product to trade for other necessities, the LETS system makes it possible for you to basically trade your work through the use of fictional but accountable green dollars," MacHattie explained, adding that Off Centre Stage will accept green dollars for admission to most events. He also invited LETS members and anyone else interested in the system to contact Off Centre Stage.

Another new program at Off Centre Stage is for single mothers and fathers. Single parents and their children — and singles with estranged families — are invited to get together on March 9, at 7:30 pm, for a first family meeting.

"Through this," MacHattie

said, "we hope to facilitate a more family-oriented life for all concerned."

The Off Centre Stage space is now available for rent at \$6 an hour, for meetings and other events. "This is our basic business rate," MacHattie said. "Other arrangements depend on the nature of event planned. Give us a call."

Washington glass school offers five-session program

By GARY CHERNEFF

The Pilchuk Glass School is largely unknown to many people interested in art in B.C., but among craftspeople in B.C., Washington State and North America in general, its reputation has soared over its 16-year existence.

The school is located on a 140-acre campus 50 miles north of Seattle, and overlooks the Olympic Mountains, Skagit Bay and the islands of Puget Sound.

The Pilchuk School is unusual as far as craft schools go in that its prime emphasis is centred around one activity — glass forming and its many-faceted techniques. The five-session summer program begins on May 31 and ends on September 14. Within each session three or four workshops offer a variety of techniques taught by internationally known artists.

The instruction program is complemented by visiting artists who collaborate with other artists and respond to student needs through formal and informal discussions.

The techniques of glass forming are not particularly well understood by the layman, so it does seem appropriate to give some explanation of the scope of the instruction. For instance, workshops will be offered in stained glass work, and surface decoration on glass such as sandblasting, engraving, electroforming, enamelling and painting on glass.

Lampworking will be offered (but not the variety which emphasizes swans and bunnies so popular at shopping mall exhibitions). Hot glass blowing is offered for all levels of experience. Workshops will also be offered in glass casting, printmaking from glass plates, glass fusing and the

COMING EVENTS
 • Saturday, February 28: LETS meeting, noon to 3 pm; work party and potluck, 9 am to 6 pm.
 • Tuesday, March 3: mixed media night, open stage, 7:30 pm, admission \$1.
 • Saturday, March 7: the return of comedy night, 8:30 pm. Comedians needed: call 537-5211. Admission is \$3 general, \$2.50 for members, \$4 "green" dollars.
 • Saturday, March 8: women's group branch, 10 am to 4 pm, speakers and entertainment. Contact Gillian Smith.
 • Monday, March 9: single moms and dads first meeting, 7:30 pm.

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fabrication of tubing for neon lights.

This latter course investigates the potential of neon as a sculptural material. Students will learn fundamental glass bending and sealing techniques to produce units for experimentation with light, line, colour and space.

The Pilchuk School is committed to an intensive educational experience. Students live and work on campus. Classes are normally limited to about 10 students, the exception being glass-blowing, where up to 20 students may be accommodated. The studios are available 24 hours a day. Information can be had by contacting Pilchuk Glass School, 107 South Main Street, #324, Seattle, Washington, 98104.

Where can you see handformed glass? Pegasus and Orcas galleries on Salt Spring have some. In Victoria try Fan Tan Gallery on Fisgard Street. In Seattle, the Foster White Gallery probably has the best selection in the Pacific Northwest. In Vancouver, David New-Small's glass studio on Granville Island is an excellent place to watch the process in action.

If you do get to Granville Island, the Cartwright Gallery is having a show of handcrafted clothing. *Uncommon Threads* opens on February 26 and runs until April 5. Many of the 14 participants are well-known B.C. weavers. Look for work by Kathy Robertson, Diana Sanderson, Lesley Richmond, Paula O'Keefe and Mienke Mees.

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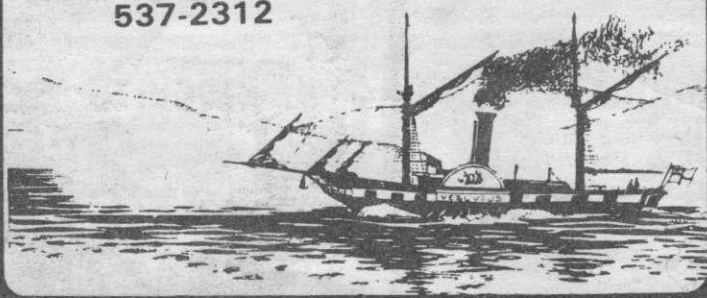
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