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Skeleton unearthed at marina

The skeleton of a young girl—who may have lived anywhere between several hundred and 1,000 years ago—was discovered last week at Harbours End Marina. The remains were found less than two feet below the surface in a shell midden when a backhoe digging a trench between the

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Archaeologist Bjorn Simonsen told *Driftwood* Friday that half of the skeleton was recovered. The other half was disturbed by the backhoe. He said the skeleton was that of a young native female, likely in her mid-teens. He said the sex was determined by the shape of the pelvic bones and the age by the wear on the teeth.

She was found in a flexed position—with knees and arms drawn into the chest—which Simonsen said indicated the girl died before the arrival of Europeans. Following the arrival of missionaries natives began burying their dead with arms and legs straight.

had an accident that resultamen her death but it was unlikely that she was a victim of the Indian massacre that took place in Ganges Harbour about 130 years ago. He said the bones showed no

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Quentin Mackie of Sidney travelled to Ganges last week to assist in removal of skeleton found at Harbours End Marina.

Remains are being analyzed by anthropologist at Simon Fraser University.

Little League needs money

Bingo for baseball Thursday

Salt Spring Island's Little League ball players—who number more than 150—will be the main beneficiaries of a benefit bingo Thursday.

The island's Rotary Club, which has been operating a regular bingo for several months, has offered to donate the proceeds of this week's game to the Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association.

While play began for the Babe Ruth team late last month, the other 13 teams in the hardball league got their start last week. A large number of islanders turned out at the Ganges school grounds to see the game make a big comeback on Salt Spring.

The Babe Ruth team will play all its games on Vancouver Island. According to a league spokesman, none of the Salt Spring fields can compare with those on Vancouver Island, which are in excellent condition. Remainder of the teams are playing all their games at Ganges. Games are being held Monday through Thursday, although most are on Monday and Wednesday. Game time is 6 pm.

Victoria Day holiday

Many businesses as well as government operations will shut down Monday for the Victoria Day holiday.

The *Driftwood* office, however, will remain open and news and advertising deadlines will be unchanged.

The Victoria Day weekend has long been considered the herald of the tourist season, bringing flocks of visitors to the islands.

According to baseball association president Roger Chernenkoff, the island may one day have a permanent place just for baseball. The B.C. Hydro employee and ardent Little League fan told a meeting of the Rotary Club two weeks ago that he would like to see his group acquire five to 10 acres that could be developed into a ball park with four diamonds.

Chernenkoff spoke enthusiastically about the excellent response from players and the help from supporters that the league has gained since its inception. But he was equally negative about facilities on the island, and pointed out there was no comparison between the island's ball parks and those in Chemainus or other areas.

Thursday's bingo will be held at the Rod and Gun Club on Long Harbour Road. Fifteen games will be held, with the first beginning at 7.30 pm. Initial plans to stage the event at the Ganges activity centre had to be changed due to licensing regulations.

Youthful baseball players will be on hand Thursday to assist in running the games.

Summer vote is mooted for incorporation

A summer referendum on the incorporation of Ganges could see a mayor and council in place in the village as early as November.

An incorporation study initiated close to one and a half years ago by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce is presently before the ministry of municipal affairs awaiting comment. Should the ministry approve the study in its present state, a series of public meetings could be followed by an incorporation referendum this summer.

Incorporation of Ganges would put a greater degree of decisionmaking in local hands, and provide access to a number of provincial grants. According to incorporation committee spokesman Pat James, Ganges would take charge of its own land-use planning, building permits, business licensing and tax collection.

The proposed boundary of the Ganges village area includes between 600 and 700 residents and business owners. The area would incorporate the entire downtown core, border Beddis, Charlesworth and Douglas Roads to the south, take a jog to the west to include Mouat Park, then run north along Atkins and Norton Roads. Leisure Lane and Long Harbour Road would form the northern boundary. The eastern boundary would run from a point just east of the Rod and Gun Club and cut across Ganges Harbour to Walter Bay, taking in the point at the end of Churchill Road.

James is chairman of the Ganges Advisory Group, which co-ordinated the study. She told Driftwood that most people considering the incorporation option are concerned about the potential increase in local taxes.

The study, however, suggests that "most likely, (taxes) wouldn't go up any more than normally," James said. Speculation has it, she continued, that the government intends to increase taxes in unorganized areas as an incentive towards local government.

ment.
"Given that," she said, "we might save a bit."

James feels the greatest advantage to incorporation is local administration. She said travel between Salt Spring and Victoria to facilitate simple procedures accounts for much lost time and tax dollars. Instead of having Victoria attempt to co-ordinate Ganges activities, a local government office would lead to a local "integrated approach to problem solving."

The administrative structure

would allow the incorporated village to take charge of its own community plan and bylaws. Should a referendum lead to incorporation, James said, the first move would be adoption of the present community plan and bylaws. From there, the council would receive a grant to begin re-working those items.

James said incorporation would probably leave the Islands Trust in an advisory position for the area.

The incorporated village would also become responsible for road maintenance. A previous study, which considered incorporation of Salt Spring as a whole, failed to garner support largely due to this factor, James said.

The smaller and more dense area of Ganges, however, would make it feasible, James said. If Salt Spring incorporated as a whole, local government would be in charge of all roads. With just Ganges incorporating, the provincial government would maintain arterial roads — or those connecting ferry terminals.

Furthermore, James said, the first five years of road maintenance would be covered by govern-

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New hall

Legionnaires congregated at Ganges Saturday for opening and dedication ceremonies at the new hall on Blain Road. Story Page B1.

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Supermarket opening set for May 23

Management at Ganges Village Market says the grocery store's new location in the Upper Ganges Mall will increase its competitiveness and reduce off-island shopping by Salt Spring Islanders.

Manager Mike Tyson says islanders have been waiting 15 years for the "ultra-modern" supermarket, which will offer the "utmost" from a service standpoint.

The Village Market recently conducted a survey which indicated some 30 per cent of islanders travel off-island to purchase the bulk of their groceries. Tyson feels the new supermarket will hold more shoppers on the island by providing a greater variety of goods at lower prices.

The size of the new location some 22,000 square feet compared to the 5,500 square feet at the old store, will facilitate most of the improvements.

"Starting at the front door, there is a wide open feeling,"
Tyson said. "It's clean: brand

As well as having wider aisles and enlarged meat and produce counters, the new market will offer a meat, cheese and barbecue deli, plus a bakery and flower

Police investigate hit and run

Local RCMP are continuing their investigation into a hit and run, which took place Saturday night in the Harbour House Hotel parking lot.

Two passengers in a vehicle driven by Rob Luscombe of Park Drive sustained minor injuries in the 11 pm incident. The accident occurred when Luscombe drove out of the parking lot and was struck by an incoming vehicle, which approached him on the wrong side of the road.

Police, who are still continuing their investigation, have not yet determined the extent of damage to the vehicles involved.



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Bin and Barrel Bulk Foods will be incorporated into the new facility, offering a large bulk food section.

The new produce counter alone is one-third the size of the old store, Tyson says. A holding cooler will keep produce better, allowing for more frequent and varied deliveries.

The expanded area means the addition of an express lane checkout, plus a wide check-out for shoppers with strollers. The new store will hire an additional 20 employees to service the various food sections and check-out lanes.

Although the store is hiring additional staff, Tyson describes the labour savings as tremendous. In the old store, for example, boxes of food are handled at least three times as they move from one storage area to another. Increased space at the new facility will eliminate several

It is due to these labour savings, Tyson says, that the



Mike Tyson

store will be in the position to lower food prices and make it competitive with off-island supermarkets.

"Everyone has been waiting for this for a long time," Tyson says. "It's everybody's dream."

Tyson notes that the supermarket belongs to the community. and welcomes people to view the final stages of construction.

Opening day is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 23.

Suicide prevention is topic

The prevention of suicides among teenagers was the topic of a recent workshop at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Presented by Victoria counsel-lor Madelaine Meuser, the workshop focussed on the warning signs that a suicidal person will display. Indications of suicidal tendencies are: severe depression, no desire to do anything, a rebellious "I don't care attitude", and a total personality change. Meuser stressed that people who try to kill themselves don't really want to die. They just see suicide as the final and only way to end their suffering.

When she was younger, Meuser's own life was saved by her concerned art teacher, who happened to realize that she was not herself. Had it not been for him, who knows what the consequences might have been. Meuser pointed out that the best way to deal with suicidal thoughts is to

talk to someone. It doesn't matter who it is, just as long as you get somebody to listen.

Meuser created a relaxed atmosphere that made this awkward topic easier to deal with. GISS guidance counsellor John Bergsma stated that the "fine presentation was well received" by all who attended.

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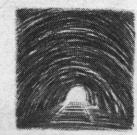
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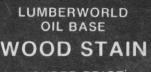
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Russkies and Newfies

She comes from Hungary and has little love for Mother Russia. It is some 30 years since she left her native soil, with the Russian troops close on her tail. And she has some tales of the Russian soldiers.

Straight out of the boondocks of rural Russia, many had seen few modern bathrooms. And she related one story of the conquerors.

There is some resemblance between the Russkie joke and our Newfie tales. The big difference is that the national jokes here are recounted in jest, whereas the Hungarian tale is told with the bitterness of bloody war and death.

She related the story of the Russian soldier who used a nearby Hungarian home as a convenient stop to wash his fish. What better place than the bathroom, with its taps and running water? He marched into the bathroom, his fish at the trail, and dropped it into the toilet bowl.

The fish lay in the bowl, the shallow water not even covering it. The brave soldier turned on the tap for more water; the toilet flushed and fish and water went out in a splash. The fellow is probably still looking for that fish.

And the other tale is even sadder.

It tells of the soldier walking into the watchmaker's store with a grandfather clock.

"I want you to make me up 10 wristwatches out of this big one," he told the watchmaker, "then you can keep the rest of the clock for your own use!'

can't keep a good man down!

Windsor Utley is back where he started. Until a few years ago, the Utley family were residents of Salt Spring Island. Windsor and Josie came here with their son, from Seattle.

They built Windsor's Castle on Beddis Road and became a part of the island for years. They moved to California to enjoy a sunshine of a different brand.

This week I had a note telling me that Utley's Art Galleries and Studio opened in Seattle on April 17.

Not only is he back among friends in his old stamping ground, but the new studio is close to his friends on the island.

Opposite numbers

Tony Farr came to the rescue after I reflected on the strange Air Force use of the term "oppo" for

e explained that the Royal Navy used the ression "opposite number" to identify another han performing the same duties in the sister ship.

Thus the skipper of HMS Peter was the opposite number of he who was captain of HMS Paul. Similarly, the cook in Peter was opposite number of the cook in Paul.

The Royal Air Force was formed from army and navy flying branches and many naval terms are still in use in the RAF. The ground is the "deck"; a flightsergeant or warrant officer is "Chiefie".

Oppo, however, was adopted and adapted. It did not mean the fellow holding a similar position, but rather the buddy or the crony of another.

Just one for just one!

"My husband doesn't like salads!"

I can remember Women's Lib telling the story so often.

She didn't know the half of it. Ever tried making a salad for one? I mean, take the lettuce to start. One lettuce: costs you, depending on the day and the place, somewhere between 50¢ and \$1. Then you start on the lettuce. Two leaves, washed and dried and ready to be eaten. You know, you wouldn't know that lettuce had lost two leaves. It looks just the way it was when it walked into the kitchen. So now you got a healthy fat lettuce waiting in the socalled crisper. Two leaves a meal means you're probably going to be eating lettuce two weeks next pay day. Or you can pretend it's cabbage and boil it!

But what goes with lettuce? It was just that I had over-rated my capacity for salmon and I had this shot of cold salmon. I looked through every book we got on cooking and nobody ever thought of telling me how to make a salmon salad. The cookbooks all figure that any housewife worth her salt, and pepper, could throw together a salmon salad without even thinking.

I thought.

I got a radish or two and there was some cucumber still in the fridge. And I had tomatoes. After I'd finished with the bicarbonate of soda I got to thinking, yet again. You know, it wasn't a bad salad when all's said and done. There was some potato and a couple eggs and lots of mayonnaise and seasoning and when I put away tomorrow's dinner because I had too much, there it was! I'd forgotten the cucumber, drying in the crisper, so-called, but

A one-man salad? Ain't no such thing!

Is that what the man meant?

The banner was on the car: "Have you hugged your kid today?"

You know, that guy just ain't seen my kids!

Bones unearthed

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evidence that the girl had been hurt but a more detailed analysis of the skeleton would be carried out by a physical anthropologist at Simon Fraser University.

at Ganges

Skeletons and Indian artifacts are not uncommon finds in the area. Bones were discovered by an archaeological team working near the canal between North and South Pender Islands two years ago. More recently, archaeologists have been digging on the western side of Ganges Harbour, unearthing artifacts from a shell midden. The Harbour House Hotel is thought to be located over an old Indian burial ground.

Active volunteer members of the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary were entertained at a wine and cheese party April 29 at the Salt Spring Island Golf Club.

Guests were greeted by hospital board chairman Sandy Gordon, administrator Diane Horovatin and chief of staff Dr. Hugh Borsman.

The event was hosted by the Lady Minto Hospital board of management.

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Choices are limited for the Canadian voter

Should Prime Minister Mulroney decide to call a general election in the fall — and the vast majority of Canadian media organizations tell us this is indeed what will happen — then Canadian voters will face a predicament of growing proportions.

We have to assume that a great number of Canadians of voting age are not going to vote in favour of any specific political party. Like British Columbians, who either vote against the New Democratic Party or against Social Credit, the citizens of Canada will decide which party it is that offends them least, and pencil in their X accordingly. What else can a voter do when the choice is so limited?

The limitations are somewhat more pronounced following the latest round of infighting by the federal Liberals. Leader John Turner faces a tremendous challenge in not only pulling his party together — including his supporters and otherwise but in convincing the nation that he and the Liberals are capable of governing the country and managing its financial affairs.

Unfortunately for Mr. Turner, he and his party's record on both counts do little to instill confidence among the members of a public who are already fed up with poor fiscal management and the element of sleaze that has surfaced so often since 1984.

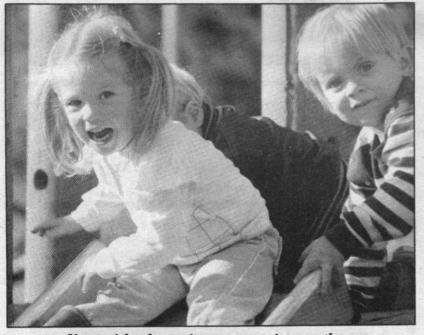
Not only does John Turner have to contend with shortsighted rebels who have no sense of timing but his party's debt is reported to total more than \$6 million. That is not an enviable position for a party that has been and still is leading in the polls of Canadian public opinion. And for those who doubt the polls, another indication of Liberal popularity is the massive increase in support they've gained at the provincial level, with four provinces now under Liberal rule.

You'd think that with so much in their favour the anti-Turner faction would recognize the folly in continuing their campaign to oust the leader. Perhaps their vision of a Liberal victory in the next election is clouded by that of the leader-in-waiting taking control. Jean Chretien, we understand, is waiting in the wings for the party's call. Should the call go out before the next election and the Liberals declare a leadership vote, political analysts who are paid to forecast election dates will be out of work. Mulroney would not likely wait long to call a general election when his main opponents are leaderless.

It is difficult to identify any other potential leader among active members of the party. And it would be folly indeed to agitate for a leadership change without a replacement leader.

In the West, meanwhile, we may be given i choice of a fourth party. The degree to which the Reform Party of Canada offends the voter will depend chiefly on the effect of the ultra-right-wing rumblings from Alberta. Should the rumblings grow in volume we can expect more people to take offence and, in the process, take their vote

For Canadians, the chances of making a simple choice are getting steadily slimmer.



Young islanders enjoy warm spring weather

Recreation planning essential

As leisure time increases, as the Yuppies (Young Urban Professionals) turn in Woopies (Well Off Older People) and as the population of Salt Spring Island continue to grow, we must think seriously about recreation.

When one considers the growing importance of recreational and leisure activities today it is surprising that Salt Spring faces difficult times in managing and maintaining its recreational facilities. The root of the problem, of course, is money, or lack thereof.

A number of islanders had a problem voting for the swimming pool last fall because they were worried about funding shortfalls for upkeep of existing facilities. That situation appears to be worsening. A simple money vote come civic election time in the fall could provide the Parks and Recreation Commission with a realistic budget, one that would allow it to look after the parks we have.

But let's think ahead, too. Portlock Park will one day soon prove too small to handle our needs. The new baseball association is taking about buying its own land for a ball park. And swimming pool boosters have not given up despite last fall's vote.

It's time for the recreation commission to do some long-range planning to ensure that enough land and facilities are available for future needs.

Chocolates from White Rock can be hard to swallow

By FRANK RICHARDS

So long, Mr. Roberts! It's been good to know you!

Mr. Roberts has already made his farewells to Mayne Island. Mind you, he hasn't gone yet. But he's going.

The Roberts operation on the island has been part of the islands for the past seven years. While the restaurant and gift shop were wellknown to Mayne Islanders as well as tourists, the chocolates produced by Robert and Sylvia Atwell have been enjoyed by many who never visited the island of their manufacture.

The significance of plans made by the Atwell family to transfer their operation to White Rock is contained in the circumstances that have led to that decision.

The chocolate factory was established years ago and was operated from a private residence. The business was smaller in its initial years and regulations controlling home industries represented no problem. Today, the Islands Trust is enforcing its own bylaws and the community is demanding this be done.

While a small, newborn business could operate freely, the adult operation was no longer small enough to conform to regulations regarding space and usage.

The Islands Trust has already expressed willingness to reexamine the issue and to seek a

Tight, hidebound restrictions on home occupations will be seen as excessively limiting a rational use of residential property. Excessively flexible regulations lead to greater problems in the future when such a use outgrows its accommodation.

The Islands Trust cannot be faulted for enforcing its own bylaws. A bylaw which is destined never to be enforced is a waste of public money devoted to its preparation and its printing.

It is by no means a problem peculiar to Mayne Island. It is a problem which faces all the Trust islands and it will not go away. There is no simple, easy solution. There never is in the realm of

solution acceptable to the operators as well as the island community. Irrespective of what might develop from such an examination, the question of cottage or home industries will always be vexing to three parties. The restrictions on business use of residential property will irritate those engaged in home industries. No less will such restrictions irritate should the business outgrow the provisions of the community plan governing such uses. The home industry may well annoy nearby residents who have relied on land-use controls to protect their interests in maintaining a quiet residential neighbourhood. In the middle will

equivalent regulatory agency. planning a community. The only successful resolution comes from a thorough study by the people in the affected community, with the guidance of the planners.

For a time the idea of Roberts White Rock chocolates takes some swallowing. The islands cannot afford the alienation of small, successful businesses so well-suited to an island setting.

Planning means just what it says and it is up to each community to make its adequate plans for its own needs, now and in the future.

Vision

Gary Cherneff's statement in his excellent column (Artseen, April 27) describing self-sacrifice as "the most profound of acts" in the combined vision of Japanese novelist Yukio Mishima and photographer Eikoh Hosoe, entitled Ordeal By Roses, may reflect deep conventional wisdom as far as they are concerned, but it is a tragically inverted sort of depth since Wisdom, by definition, leads to life, not death.

Belief that it can be otherwise has had immensely destructive repercussions on human civilization since the mega-happening of the Cross and its glorious Resurrection sequel. Indeed it can seem that Jesus sacrificed himself for the good of the world, but only people who believe in a non-loving (i.e. capable of violence) God could possibly

Over the centuries, a great many people have bought into this scheme of thought with their blood, including Yukio Mishima, only to see their good intentions and misguidedly generous heroic deeds lead to destruction - theirs and others — which is one main son why so many people wadays are bitterly afraid of

If Yesu ben Yosef has taught us anything, surely it is that sacrifice of self or others is not only completely unnecessary for our peace of mind or theirs, but also unequivocally antithetical to anything susceptible of promoting harmony among the people of the world. Even the usually vengeful God of the Old Testament said as much when Abraham was about to sacrifice his precious son Isaac: "Come on, Abe, I know you love me; you don't need to do that!" Is it likely He would have asked His #1 spokesperson to die on a cross as the gory version of that New

Testament story goes?

Jesus did not sacrifice himself: was murdered, which is gether different.

Self-sacrifice always implies that you are willing to hurt yourself to a large or small degree for the sake of someone else or even for your own sake. How lofty this sounds, yet regardless of the often heartrending and altruistic garb it may borrow, self-sacrifice sooner or later leads precisely to the pathological withholding of love and wealth which is currently crushing our world to a pulp,

Self-giving is a bird of a completely different feather. Indeed it is a bird of paradise

because, according to the wise women and men of the world, it leads to profound contentment with oneself and others, to a childlike trust in the fundamental goodness of the universe, to a

breathless desire to share one's good fortune, and to a willingness to shoulder as much as one can possibly carry in the way of responsibility and "good works", but never past the point where the effort of the haul ceases to be uplifting, inspired, gladly undertaken and therefore deeply satisfying (hence the words "My yoke is easy and my burden is light!").

Yukio Mishima died because he thought to find meaning in a concept so entirely contradictory ("sacrificial love") that he had no choice but to destroy himself. That he did so in a ritual manner and in the tradition of gruesome art happenings clearly showed his decorative attempt to instill meaning where none can be present. Like the Flower Power movement, Yukio Mishima met his demise because he did not realize that the real power of roses is in their petals, not in their

FRANCOIS JAUBERT, Beaver Point.

Dinner time

Sir, The Fulford Community Hall Committee is beginning a drive to raise funds to upgrade the water system of our community hall. Over the years the Fulford Hall has provided many services for the island — roller hockey, meeting place for Beavers, benefits for those in need, a home for the OAPO. We hope to raise \$5,000 over the next few months, and, as a start, the Hall Committee is putting on a fund-raising dinner on Saturday, May 28. The evening will begin with a Happy Hour at 6 pm and dinner, at \$15 a plate, will

be served at 7 pm.

The Hall Committee wishes to express sincere thanks to the South Salt Spring Residents' Association who have already offered us \$1,000 towards this project. Please come, all you islanders, and support Fulford Hall by joining us in a scrumptious dinner to get our fund-raising off to an exciting start. For further information call Carol Walde - 653-4329; Sherrill Adshead - 653-4224; Bev Byron -653-4450. We ensure an enjoyable evening for all.
FULFORD HALL

COMMITTEE. Fulford Harbour.

Properly plan

On Tuesday, May 3, we witnessed a human centipede cross over the Ecological Reserve onto our Mt. Tuam property. Thirty or so members of the hiking club were out seemingly enjoying themselves as they meandered up, over and out of sight through our Mt. Tuam property. What amazes us is that some of these members write nasty little letters to the editor describing certain perceived encroachments, etc. When the hiking club decides it's time to take a hike, nobody in charge bothers to even phone and ask the owner's permission.

Provided we have been given the opportunity to decide, we normally would not be adverse to the idea of "hiking" through our property. The above seems to indicate a lack of proper organization therefore we specifically request that the hiking club take a "leading step" and join forces with the Planning Association and the Parks and Recreation Commission in an effort to properly plan this important area of our island. BOB McLEOD,

Planner, Pepperbrook Retreats Ltd. Ganges.

Splendid facilities

I am a new resident of Salt Spring and I wish to say how pleased I am to find the excellent tennis courts in Portlock Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission and any other persons responsible deserve congratulations for providing such splendid facilities.

DAVID R. AMIES,

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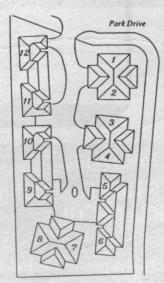




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Early moulding led to wariness of women

Once upon a time two little girls were playing in the meadow. They were happily making daisy-chains with which to tie up their rag dolls, preparatory to hanging them by the necks from a nearby thorn tree. So absorbed were they that they didn't notice the apprach of a little boy. Golden-haired he was, with a trusting, one might almost say vacuous look.

"Hello. Can I play too?" he piped in his childish treble.

They looked up. Their eyes narrowed to slits.

"It's that little beast," one whispered, "let's throw rocks at

"It might kill him, and then we'd have to go to bed without dinner."
The meadow was used as a

pasture, and nearby a strolling cow had deposited an offering. An old newspaper was caught in the thorn tree branches.

"You keep him talking," hissed the first, "while I fix something up." She slipped away.

Her friend comprehended instantly. "Well, hello there," she said to the little boy. "Do you want to help us make a daisy chain?"

A few minutes later the first little girl emerged from the tall grass, holding something behind her

"Hello, Margaret," I said (the beautiful golden-haired innocent child was indeed me). "What have

you got behind your back?"

"A surprise," she lisped. "If you close your eyes I'll let you have it."

I did, and she did.

Shocked, shedding torrents of tears, I rushed home to a rather ambivalent reception. My sister's eyes sparkled as she guffawed her sympathy. My father, picking up an 11-foot pole, guided me to a rain barrel and bade me immerse myself.

This experience moulded me. It was one of the mouldiest I have ever had, and to it I attribute the fact that now, many decades later, with the golden hair but a gossamer aureole, visible only in certain lights, I'm still helplessly wary of women.

During my larval years by far the majority of my experiences with females, if not as shattering as the above, were negative. Some were caused by lady teachers who quite frankly ruled by terror, the others were caused by tough little girls who led me to destruction in the manner of the Cornwall wreckers.

Representative of the former was Miss Grimmisch. I concede that she was probably young and comely, but to my terrified eyes she seemed to be a timeless elemental force. She knew what I was doing, even with her back turned. She could read my thoughts, and if I strayed from abject servility would produce her strap, ever supple from contact with my quaking

She and her sorority weren't my big problem, though. It was no disgrace to be reduced to tears by them, but it was the little girls who really humiliated me. I remember particularly Lena - a name I have detested ever since. She was my age (six), and about the same size, but whereas I was all baby fat, she was lean as a cobra, with a similar disposition. She used to stroll over

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from the girls' playground, search me out and, with hands on hips, challenge me to fight in front of my peers. I always lost, and if, in the wild flailing, I landed a blow, she screamed male brutality, thus completing not only my physical but my spiritual destruction.

An encounter with another Margaret years later finished me off. I was about 12, and so small that I was seriously considering a career as a professional dwarf. She was small too, but lean as a lariat (like Lena). I had the temerity to scoff at her muscles, whereupon, after beating me up in silence, she screamed for help. I then got a licking from my father, who was outraged by what he considered a lack of gallantry towards the ... choke ... weaker sex.

The years passed, and if I was warped by these experiences, my spouse, a lady of discernment and compassion, has now got me bent back almost into shape. But I remain obedient to females. Not long ago I was strolling aimlessly in a shopping mall, unprotected by my wife, who was having her hair made temporarily permanent. A lady tapped me on the shoulder, held out a mountain of packages, and, motioning me to a bench, barked, "Sit down and stay here until I come back!"

Half an hour later she stormed back. "Well!" she snapped. "Why didn't you tell me you weren't my husband? Of all the nerve! I've got a good mind to ... She snatched up her parcels and strode off, looking around furiously for her unfortunate mate.

To me, women remain an intimidating mystery. In their contacts with males (other than Michael J. Fox or Tom Selleck) I seem to detect something speculative, ironic, and, however youthful they are, as old as Eve. What are they thinking when they smile so charmingly? Perhaps things like, "Boy, have I got a surprise for you. If you close your eyes, I'll give it to you.

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This week, Driftwood informs me the same enterprising gentleman has recently purchased and moved onto the meadow directly behind my home, where he is proposing to install "a private airstrip"

While I am on tenterhooks to see what next week's Driftwood will reveal to me about the further adventures of this man of many parts, there is a world-class worry on my befuddled mind. I'm bothered because that field never has been able to contain anything that was kept in it.

For some time, curious cows have been escaping to graze in our gardens. Last month, a determined steer went A.W.O.L. from that field and had to be herded off my

property by helpful neighbours.

Now, I think maybe I need

Driftwood and Shilo Zylbergold to tell me how to keep an airplane out of my backyard.

May-Day! May-Day! "GRANNY BARB" ARMSTRONG, Maliview Dr., Ganges.

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Salt of the Earth Productions would like to thank the Community Arts Council for their continued support of the arts on Salt Spring Island. Through the C.A.C.'s Grants-In-Aid of Individuals as well as their group and project programs, many individual artists and groups have had the opportunity to put their visions in motion and in so doing have offered the community a unique, creative environment. For this we are most grateful.

Our director, cast and crew wish to thank the C.A.C. for their recent sponsorship of our upcoming show, For Better, For Worse; — two one-act plays — Edward Albee's Counting. The Ways and Harold Pinter's Landscape.

Again, our sincere thanks to the Community Arts Council for their generous and continued support of artists on Salt Spring Island.

DIANA HAYES, Production Manager, Salt of the Earth Productions,

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Decision will open can of environmentalists

VICTORIA — The last thing the B. C. government needed was another environmental battle, but they've got one on their hands, and a big one at that.

The government's decision to grant Diamond Resources a licence to poke around in South Moresby's national park soil in search for gold, silver, platinum and other precious metals will place the politicians and bureaucrats in Victoria in the kind of spotlight they do not want.

With the ink still wet on the agreement or "Memorandum of Understanding," establishing a new 145,000-hectare national reserve on South Moresby Island, Energy Minister Jack Davis gave Diamond Resources the go-ahead last week to start drilling, a decision that is bound to bring out the worst in the environmentalists.

The minister takes a rather peculiar stand on the issue. He says he hopes Diamond won't find anything of value and will go away. As for the other 135 mineral claims South Moresby, most will

obably never be acted on, he says. That's like giving a kid a loaded gun and hoping he won't use it.

The provincial government is, of course, right in pointing out that the federal-provincial agreement recognizes the existing mineral claims. And that's the problem.

'That's like giving a kid a loaded gun and hoping he won't use it.'

When the agreement was signed st year, neither party was willing buy out the claims. Instead, the land covered by valid mineral claims was to remain under provincial jurisdiction until the claims lapse. Only then will the land be incorporated into the federal park.

Just how much of the national park is covered by mineral claims? About 11,000 hectares or eight per cent. Ever hopeful, Davis says this figure was 25 per cent in 1983. Since that time, he says, numerous claims have lapsed.

The minister also points out that the federal government has the option to buy out the claims before they lapse. That prospect doesn't really appeal to Ottawa as long as it is grappling with a crushing deficit. Better to let mining companies dig up the park for

Well, it isn't going to be that easy. Both Victoria and Ottawa will be in a spot of trouble over this issue. The people whose pressure, lobbying and protesting got the park established in the first place aren't going to sit still for this assault. They'll be out in great

numbers, trying to keep Diamond

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from doing its work in the park.

The environmentalist groups are, by now, well organized. They've learned from the campaigns they fought over South Moresby and, more recently, over the proposed logging of the Stein Valley and mineral exploration in Vancouver Island's Strathcona

Park.
The protest groups know how to get the publicity they need, be that by organizing press conferences or by lining up for wholesale arrests.

Mind you, the environmentalists aren't the only ones who have learned how to manipulate public opinion. In the case of the Stein controversy, those in favour of logging have just distributed a slick eight-page tabloid with pretty pictures, graphs, maps and feature articles, reinforcing their position.

The B. C. government, meanwhile, has distributed copies of the *Strathcona News*, also an eight-page tab, dealing with the Strathcona issue. It's one of the better examples of damage control

In the case of South Moresby, it may not be as easy to control the damage, because the controversy will be of national significance. Already, the opposition parties have raised the issue in the Commons. And even though some of the blame will be directed towards Ottawa, there will be enough left over to give the B. C. government a giant headache.

Davis may also be wrong in assuming that most claims will not be acted on before they lapse. The opposite may be the case. Hoping for eventual compensation, a number of companies may follow Diamond Resources' example and start drilling to determine the value of the claims.

If the controversy heats up, as it probably will, the two governments may cave in and start negotiating a compensation package, based on the value of the mineral deposits. That means there could be quite a scramble for drilling licences in the near future.

All of which leaves the government with two equally unpalatable choices; it can buy out the claims at considerable financial costs or fight a series of nasty battles with the environmental groups at a political cost that should not be underestimated.

My guess is that the companies will eventually be compensated for their claims, but not until after the controversy becomes full-blown and Ottawa promises to pay the

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Centennial Park too big for Job-Trac budget

Everyone appears to agree. Our local Job-Trac program was a tremendous success. Not only because of the 14 worthwhile projects completed, but because the community responded so magnificently in raising close to \$50,000 as our local contribution. At some time soon, we must recognize the many volunteers who assisted with the program. But Job-Trac couldn't have happened without an all-out effort by the Chamber of Commerce in the persons of Jack Cherry and Spencer Marr. Our successful fund-raising drive was due to a number of people, but could not have succeeded without Tom Hoover.

Now for the "but". The one project that was just too big for our budget was Centennial Park. This project had been progressing slowly for three years on locally raised funds, plus one lottery grant. The estimates to complete the park under Job-Trac were too low, and although Job-Trac was able to make up some of the shortfall, the park is not finished. We are hoping that money will still continue coming in for a while longer so that as much as possible can be done this year. What remains?

The grassy area needs a lot of work and attention. Due to its heavy use, this will require sod, which will now have to be placed this fall. The toilets are not quite finished, and although two of the Recreation Commission members. Phil Hume and John Woodward, are doing the work, some materials are required. We have been promising a new play area, and this will probably come about with some fund-raising assistance by an energetic group of ladies, along with a sizable donation from the NDP Club.

Maintenance of the park will be a major item. It will be assisted by the much appreciated weekly donations by the Saturday vendors. Their support and cooperation is invaluable. They are also planning on providing some annuals for the flower beds.

Garden Club to Help

As you will be hearing in the next few weeks, the Parks and Recreation Commission finances are unable to keep pace with the increasing demand. There is a real problem at present, and one of the more minor problems is that there is no money available to hire someone who could include in their duties the maintenance of Centennial Park. To help the commission over the hump, the Salt Spring Garden Club has kindly agreed to supervise maintenance of the park for this year. Along with a grant-in-aid, and some other donations, the club will be able in the next week or so to plant the required shrubs and various perennials and some annuals. The willingness by the club to assist will certainly be

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appreciated by the whole community. We can look forward to Centennial Park becoming a real showpiece for the village, and for the shole island.

Solid Waste Disposal

For those who have for many years been concerned with our land-fill being on watershed, the plans for correcting this undesirable feature must move much too slowly.

The local solid waste committee is working with the CRD engineering department and may be near some solution.

As you may recall, the Capital Region has agreed to pay up to \$100,000 for a transfer station. Finding a location was difficult, but Norman Twa, who owns the present landfill site, appears to be agreeable to us using his property for a suitable facility. This would also include the provision of a more adequate recycling depot. At least until another landfill site can be acceptably located on Salt Spring Island, waste would be trucked to Hartland Road in Victoria. The costs associated with this would be determined, and a bylaw prepared for referendum this fall would enable us to raise the required funds through tax requisition.

For each ton of garbage deposited at Hartland Road, it is expected that about \$3 would be returned to each community to be used to encourage and expand recycling. In addition an incentive would be added by increasing the grant where increased recycled material is produced.

A proposal has been made by

Auxiliary entertained

The board of directors of Lady Minto Hospital entertained the Ladies Auxiliary to the hospital at a wine and cheese party April 29.

The affair was held to recognize the contribution of the auxiliary to the operation of Lady Minto. Guests were greeted by hospital board chairman Sandy Gordon, administrator Diane Horovatin and chief of staff Dr. Adam

director's report

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our local committee to Mr. Twa, and he is studying it.

The Victoria Health Project

As chairman of the Capital Region Community Health Committee, I am involved in the planning of how the \$4 million per year announced in the recent throne speech will be used in the Capital Regional District. The fund is designated for the frail and isolated elderly. But increased stress on keeping people healthy at all ages, and particularly enabling the elderly to remain in their own

homes, or in assisted housing projects, i.e. keeping them out of hospitals when possible, is a primary aim. This will include making suitable arrangements for their return to the community rather than having them languish in hospital for want of a more suitable place for them.

Needless to say, I will be looking for ways in which some of these funds can be legitimately used on Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf

Proposed Health Care Society

Our aims are very similar to those of the Victoria Health Project, but somewhat more encompassing. As I have pointed out to Health Minister Peter Dueck, Salt Spring was several months ahead of Victoria, as we were with the Alert Line, in increasing planning for total health needs.

Rather than describe progress to

date, this is a reminder that the next general meeting of the proposed health care society is on Thursday at 7.30 pm in the elementary school library. Everyone is welcome. Reports will be presented by the chairmen of the Lady Minto Hospital and Greenwoods boards, and committees will report on housing, substance abuse, senior day care, mental health and home care nursing. Members of all committees are urged to attend.

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The implementation of these farreaching measures was indicated by Baha'u'llah: "The time must come when the imperative necessity for the holding of a vast, an all-embracing assemblage of men will be universally realized. The rulers and kings of the earth must needs attend it, and, participating in its deliberations, must consider such ways and means as will lay the foundations of the world's Great Peace amongst men."

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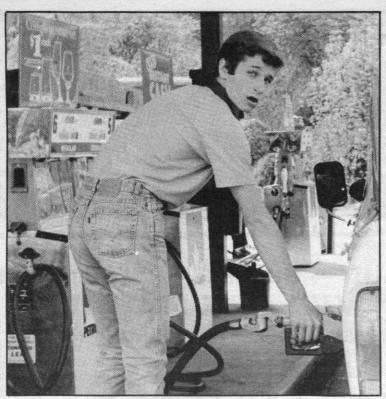
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Work experience takes students into community

Forty-one grade 10 students ere excused last week from classes at Gulf Islands Secondary to participate in a community

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Developed by consumer education teacher Scott Bergstrome, the program has been in operation at the school for eight years. Through consumer education 10 and 12, students can spend a week in the work force. At the grade 12 level, students can choose a career exploration course which provides for 110 hours of work experience. Next year two career preparation courses will be offered in graphic art and business education. Each will provide 110 hours of related work experience.

The program gives students ome job training and often enables them to find summer employment. Last year, out of 55 students, over two-thirds received summer jobs through the government's Challenge '87 employment program.

Students are positive about the program, and not just because they're avoiding classes. Many feel they have acquired good business experience through interaction with the public.

Participating in this year's program were the Esso service station, Salt Spring Elementary School, Murakami Auto Body, the Salty Shop, Breadwinners, the General Store, Foxglove Farm and Garden Supplies, The Deli Shoppe, Pharmasave, Sky For-rest, Mansell Farm, the Golf Club, Kanaka Place, Don Irwin Collision, Harbours End Marine, Robin Wood, Gulf Island Veterinary Clinic, Lickety Sip, Ganges Village Market, Embe Bakery, Salt Spring Island Daycare Society, McColl's Shell station, Silk: Ouesto, the RCMP, Waterfront Gallery, the fish farm, Petro Canada service station, Sue Binkley, Eddie Jang, Heritage Boutique, Gulf Island Trading Co., Driftwood, Mariner Towing, and Huser Construction

Capacity crowd attends fashion show

A capacity crowd of IODE members and friends attended the semi-annual IODE fashion show April 28, viewing a total of 70 outfits at the Harbour House

The day began with lunch, followed by a "well thought-out and stylish parade of casual and formal wear...complemented with matching jewellery," described

Co-ordinated by Ann Leigh-Spencer and Roma Aston, the fashion show also benefited from the choice of fashions and accessories by Ganges ladies' and men's wear store, Carolee's Fa-

Proceeds from the event are directed to education and community needs.

The next scheduled IODE event will be the annual coffee party, set for June. It will be hosted by Dorie Cherry at Arnell Way. Organizers'say the view, service and refreshments will be superb.

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For high school planning

Community involvement is sought

A motion passed at last week's school board meeting will see Gulf Island residents involved in long-term planning for the high school on Salt Spring.

Trustees, who met last Wednesday on Mayne Island, passed a motion to initiate public meetings and increase the community's involvement in the high

school.
While the motion was originally made at last month's meeting by chairman David Eyles, trustees tabled it for further consideration. Eyles felt the public should be involved in revitalization plans from the beginning and that the ground work could be laid before the board hired a site develop-

Other board members felt a meeting would need a focus and an agenda, and that trustees should do the initial planning.

Wednesday's decision to lift the motion from the table came in the wake of a firm decision to hire a consultant for a site study.

The board outlined four objec-

tives for the public meetings. The initial, broad objective is to "increase public involvement in the high school." From there, the board hopes to lessen the gap between high school education and the continuing education program; establish priority courses pertinent to the Gulf Island community; and determine public concepts of high school site development.

the community to provide input as the "joint owner" of the high school. The meetings, Eyles stressed, are not limited to parents of school children.

The school board is looking to

The tentative date for the first meeting is June 1.

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Parents propose conference

have given general support to an initiative by the Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) Parents Advisory Group to organize an "effective parenting" conference for next October.

The group hopes to sponsor the event through a grant from B.C. Tel. If the money should not be forthcoming, school board chair-

Legacy of restraint will go

The Gulf Islands school board has decided to hire a district secretary-treasurer.

School trustees agreed at their monthly meeting last week on Mayne Island to re-establish the position and reduce some of the Turn to Page A13

man David Eyles said, the board would consider funding the initia-

A paper outlining the goals and objectives of the parenting conference notes that local parents and teachers of high school students have been "partners in their children's physical, social, emotional and academic well

The "Bridging Gaps" effective parenting conference would be a "logical step forward" for par-ents determined to participate in their children's high school edu-

Proposed workshop topics for the conference include: bridging the gap between elementary and secondary schools; drug and alcohol abuse; student health and learning; problems and solutions of teenage years; achievement motivation; teaching responsibility; and communicating with teen-

The principal objective of the conference would be to increase a sense of shared purpose between students, teachers, parents and community members in high school education. Further purposes would include expansion of parenting skills and knowledge of adolescent needs, increased community support for the school, and improved lines of communication between parents, teens and school.

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Boundaries of Ganges under incorporation

Incorporation vote

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ment grants as part of the incorporation incentive.

James said the surrounding area — both the rest of Salt Spring and Outer Gulf Islands would benefit from improved services, should Ganges incorporate. There is also a provision that would allow outlying areas to join the village with a 51 per cent majority vote. Acceptance of such an area would be dependent on village approval, however.

The group studying the incorporation issue feels the summer months would be an appropriate time to hold the referendum.

'It's far too important to be clouded by other issues that come up at (the November) referen-dum," James said.

All those who live.

or own property in the designated area would be eligible to vote in the referendum. Anyone who is a ratepayer in British Columbia could run as a candidate for mayor or alderman.

The public will have the opportunity to question all aspects of the proposal in a series of public meetings, which will hear speakers from newly incorporated areas.

Those on the committee studying incorporation include Pat James, Nick Gilbert, Hugh Borsman, Ron McQuiggan, Spencer Marr, Jonathan Oldroyd and Bob

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Secretary-treasurer to be hired

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workload presently undertaken by chief executive officer Mike Mar-

School board chairman David Eyles told Driftwood the board has discussed the move for some time. Most districts use a dual system, employing both a superintendent of schools and a secretary-treasurer. The Gulf Island district used the system until five years ago, when restraint forced the elimination of one position.

Eyles said only three districts in the province are still using the chief executive system: one is now advertising for a secretarytreasurer, and the other is onethird the size of the local district.

A provision exists in the school board budget to allow for the

The new employee will take some of the workload off Marshall, who sometimes works between 60 and 80 hours a week, Eyles said.

A motion was passed to undertake the change but the position may not be filled until next January

In other matters, trustees agreed Wednesday to relinquish a lease with the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute.

The board presently rents the institute building for the high school agricultural program. But the school district owns five acres of land on Rainbow Road, which is more accessible to the school.

Eyles said the property will be ideal for the program.



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Student musicians

New Zealand orchestra to perform next week

Salt Spring Islanders will have the opportunity to hear new and old orchestral favourites as the Auckland Youth Symphony Orchestra wraps up a North American tour in Ganges on May 17.

The orchestra, under the direction of Michael McLellan, will have performed in Honolulu, Vancouver, Powell River, Courtenay and Victoria when it arrives on Salt Spring for its final tour

performance. The event will commence at 8 pm at the Salt Spring Elementary Activity Centre.

The 78 student musicians range from 16 to 25 years of age. Some are still in high school or working; others are studying music at Auckland University Conservatory; and others are pursuing university courses in arts, architecture, medicine and maths.

The orchestra's program will feature three world favourite orchestral works, plus one which will be unfamiliar to audiences outside of New Zealand.

The first work - Leonore Overture No.3 — is a romantic piece by Beethoven. Kaleidoscope Variations, written by New Zealand composer David Hamilton, will follow. This new work is described as "exuberant, with lots of orchestral colour, rhythms and...vitality."

Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations will feature the orchestra's talented cellist, Rachel Atkinson, followed by a full rendition of his Symphony No.6 "The Patheti-

Several island families have offered to billet the students for their two-night stay on Salt meet the students at 3 pm May 17 at the Activity Centre. (Further inquiries should be directed to Margie Korrison, 537-2707.)

Advance tickets for the concert are available through et cetera, at a cost of \$5 per adult, and \$2 per student. The performance is sponsored by the Gulf Islands Community Arts Council.

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Musician urges purchase of community piano

An upcoming concert at Mahon Hall in Ganges has focused attention on the need for a good piano on Salt Spring Island.

Pianist Chris Kodaly, one of several musicians who will perform at the May 20 event, pointed out this week that obtaining an adequate instrument for concert use will cost \$480. Cost of renting the medium-sized grand piano from Victoria for one evening will run at \$200. The freight charge for moving it to Ganges and back will amount to \$230. The remaining \$50 will be required to tune the piano.

Says Kodaly: "If 100 people come to the event at, say, \$5 apiece, that leaves \$20 for the performers, hall rental and advertising. Hardly an appealing situation for the artists. The alternative, equally unappealing, is to use the piano-shaped objects such as sit in Mahon Hall and in various schools and churches.

"These are all horribly inadequate, impossible to tune accurately at the high and low ends and devoid of tone and response in these same areas."

Kodaly suggests the community purchase a piano. He points out that the concert society has found solo piano recitals are the most popular of their events, followed closely by ensembles with piano.

The Salt Spring musician projects the cost of obtaining a piano at about \$15,000. If a lottery grant could be obtained to cover onethird of the cost, the remainder could be financed through rental savings over a few years of concerts.

looking for a skilled and enthusiastic fund-raiser, private and corporate financing and perhaps loan guarantees to carry out the

Arts centre vision still alive

The vision of an arts and performance centre for Salt Spring Island is still alive.

A day of hearings and discussions will be held May 28 to investigate the possibilities for such a facility. Input will be sought from individuals and organizations involved in the arts on the island.

The workshop, a project of the Community Arts Council and the Festival of the Arts Society, will run from 10 am to 4 pm at the Community Centre.

Painters to hold

Co-ordinated by Salt Spring artist Dennis O'Connor, the show will display guild artwork created during the winter program, which thrived on watercolour instruction by Jack Avison and Allan Ed-

The winter program also involved life drawing workshops, a two-day session with artist Molly Greene Mitchell, oil instruction with Adrien Towne and composi-

benefited from a silk workshop with Olive Clayton, paper and texture with Joan Tiernan, and an exploration of colour in shadow

all novices to "join and enjoy."

ninth show

The Salt Spring Painters Guild will celebrate its ninth annual spring show May 21 through 23 at the Salt Spring Art Gallery.

tion with Gary Thurber.

Senior guild members also shared in the teaching; members with Margaret Threlfall.

The guild holds exploration, enjoyment and success as potential ideas for all artists and urges \$10 membership fee ensures hanging of work at the annual spring show.

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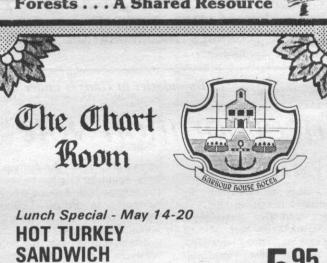




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Vera Petapiece lifts pot from reduction material while Nel Bovey looks on. Potters were

attending a Raku workshop given by Vancouver artist Mas Funo.

•Raku ceramics topic of workshop with potters

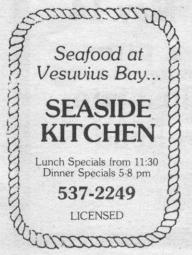
Vancouver artist Mas Funo shared his approach to Raku ceramics with members of the Salt Spring Potters' Guild in a recent weekend workshop.

On the first day of the workshop the participants occupied the art room at the high school where they learned to pinch large closed clay forms similar to Funo's, and then alter them, even doing some preliminary decoration.

Sharon Volkommer and Lee Sollitt hosted the second day's ctivities at the Volkommer dence. Participants had an pportunity to fire their pieces in the Volkommer kiln or in a small temporary kiln built by Mas at the beginning of the morning. Dozens of pieces were processed without any breakage at all - unusual for a

raku firing. Raku is a North American adaptation of an ancient Japanese pottery technique. Best done outdoors, Raku requires little in the way of equipment and the results are immediate. The glazed pots are heated in the kiln until red hot and then quickly removed with tongs to a lidded can containing sawdust, newspaper or leaves. The hot pottery ignites this material and the flames bring out the metallic copper reds and brilliant hues which make Raku ware so attractive. The resulting smoke blackens the unglazed parts of the pot to augment the effect.

Funo's earliest memories are of the U.S. Japanese internment camp where he spent the first years of his life. He completed high



school in Chicago where his father was a Buddhist priest; his teenage years were a mixture of a calm spiritual life and the street gang violence of Chicago's South Side. He has worked as a farm labourer and medical secretary, instructed at the Chicago Police Academy and done many types of social work.

He worked in a traditional pottery in Morocco where he learned all aspects of pottery making, also learning that simple even primitive - technology can produce an excellent pot.

Using clay as a medium to discover the underlying principles of art and life, Funo chose the egg as his basic shape. Over the last eight years he has made hundreds of small hand-formed boxes which he Raku fires. Their form is universal, the tools are simple (his entire setup fits in the back of a small car) and the end product is highly refined, reflecting the variety of the natural world: insects, rocks, sea creatures, husks or uncut gems.

When he began, tew protessional potters were seriously exploring the possibilities of Raku. Today, many of Canada's finest potters are working with Raku, and Funo has gained international recognition for his pieces.

Tuned Air to perform

A concert of choral and solo piano music will be heard at Mahon Hall next week. Pacific Choral, renamed Tuned Air and led by Bruce Ruddell, will perform works which span the centuries from Renaissance to contemporary Canadian compositions: madrigals to barbershop and Beatles.

The solo piano pieces performed by Chris Kodaly, will include late romantic period works by Brahms and Scriabin as well as recent works by Vancouver native Alexina Louie and a tour de force by Polish-American composer Frederich Rzewski.

Ruddell is one of the few Canadians who earns a full living from music composition. He has been active in theatre and film music for some years and recently was commissioned by the Vancouver Chamber Choir to

compose a work for them.

Chris Kodaly is an associate of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto with degrees in teaching and performance. He has taught piano and music theory for some 20 years. In addition to regular solo and ensemble performances,

he records for theatre and film. Ruddell and Kodaly are involved with "new" music and music education. The program for this concert reflects their concern for presenting new works in an historical context. They feel that in this way listeners will be able to perceive and appreciate a coherent line of development from the great compositions of the past to those of the present.

The Community Arts Council has assisted the project, mainly with money for rental of a grand

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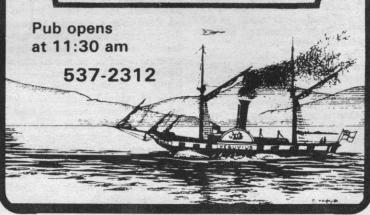
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Recreation program director plans to broaden activities

Registration for a variety of summer recreational programs will begin May 30 in Portlock Park.

Recreation program director Sandi Geiger said last year's activities will be broadened to include different and more advanced programs.

Geiger, who has been hired for the position by the Parks and Recreation Commission for the second consecutive year, will co-ordinate programs such as summer day camps for children, swimming, tennis, and youth leadership.

Geiger and returning swimming instructor Mark Dodd have expanded this year's swimming program to include classes in Red Cross water safety instruction and Bronze Cross. The prerequisite for August's Bronze Cross program - Bronze Medallion scheduled for July, making it possible to obtain both levels in one summer.

To get into the Red Cross Water Safety Instruction class, individuals must have achieved the green level in swimming, and be at least 16 years old.

Other swimming programs will offer parent and tot sessions, recreational swims, plus preschool, youth and adult instruc-

Geiger intends to "expand components of the day camp," by providing more in-depth survival training, different arts and crafts



Sandi Geiger

and a greater number of special events.

The day camps will run from 8:30 am to 3 pm, five days a week, and offer children aged six to 11 games, hikes, sports, nature awareness, beachcombing and theme days. Cost will be \$50 per week, or \$10 a day, on a drop-in

Pre-school children will also have the opportunity to attend a week-long day camp in each of July and August.

Like last year, Geiger intends to organize a youth leadership program for teenagers. Geiger sees herself as a "facilitator" for the program, in that the particip-

ants will provide the leadership. Last year, Geiger says, youths involved in the program volun-teered their leadership skills in the aquatics and day camp programs. The teens were also involved in organizing a teen dance — an activity Geiger hopes will be repeated this year.

Tennis instruction will be offered to individuals of all ages. Geiger is also looking to implement a gymnastics program, but that has not been finalized.

The 26-year-old Geiger has one year left at the University of Victoria before obtaining her recreation degree. Before working on Salt Spring, she had a number of recreation-related positions, including a term as aquatic director at the Victoria YM-YWCA. Two summers ago she designed and directed a wilderness youth day camp in the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Geiger will hold office hours between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and between noon and 8 pm Wednesday and Thursday. During May the office will be located at Ganges United Church (111 Hereford Avenue) through the basement door. In June, July and August Geiger's office will be at Portlock Park.

Geiger can be reached at 537-5812. Program registration must be in person only. There will be a nominal cancellation fee to cover administrative costs

This year's grad class biggest in history of Ganges high school

Nearly 65 Salt Spring Islanders will mark the culmination of 12 years of study next month at the Gulf Islands Secondary School

graduation ceremonies.
The Grade 12 students—who form the largest grad class in the school's history—will receive their diplomas on June 25. A dinner and dance for graduates, escorts and parents is set for June 24. The grads have chosen Never give up on a dream to be their theme.

Steps are being taken this year to respond to concerns expressed by some parents over the postgraduation party. Vehicle access to the party and some form of communication are being provided. Grad council president Gregg Dow stresses that "parental gui-dance" should be used when deciding whether or not to allow Grade 8's or 9's to attend.

The combined organizational skills of the grad council have helped to provide numerous fundraising events. These activities have ranged from dances to car washes and even a slave auction. The latter event saw the grads expose their legs to some fast and furious bidding as they broadened eveyone's horizons on

what's hot this summer in foot apparel. Excellent parent support and business contributions enabled the grads to earn sufficient funds. The grad council plans to use the money to cover the costs of the ceremony, dance and

This year's council members are Gregg Dow, Tina Pringle, Pat Melancon, Suzanne Burch, Paula Marcotte, Sean Severs, Lisa Foster, Kathy Mouat, Karelia Hogan, Kathy Caldwell, Leanna Wagg, Debbie Topping, Nicki Dewald, John Thomas and Anthony Archer.

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League installs officers

The Salt Spring Island council of the Catholic Women's League held its monthly meeting May 4, beginning with mass and installation of new officers.

Offices are now held by Valerie Gyves, president; Mary Whelan, first vice-president and spiritual life convener; Shirley Graham, secretary; Lillian Beauchemin,

treasurer; Fordine Kavanagh, membership convener; and Ruth Liston, community life convener.

At the business meeting which followed, membership discussed the upcoming confirmation of 13 youths by Bishop Remi de Roo on Friday, May 13 at 7:30 pm.

Jean Anderson updated members on Father Bergin's 50th anniversary celebrations June 4 and 5. She also noted the committee in charge of the event will be holding a garage sale May 21 in Our Lady of Grace Church hall.

Family life convener Ruth Liston suggested proceeds from a bulb sale in the autumn be contributed to Birth Right.

After discussion, it was decided

the Salt Spring Island Council, along with other councils of the Victoria diocese, will help contribute to the education of the seminarians of the diocese.

After mass at 11:30 am Wednesday, June 8, the CWL will hold a luncheon meeting at the Harbour House Hotel in place of its regular business meeting.

Auxiliary to donate \$7,000 for equipment

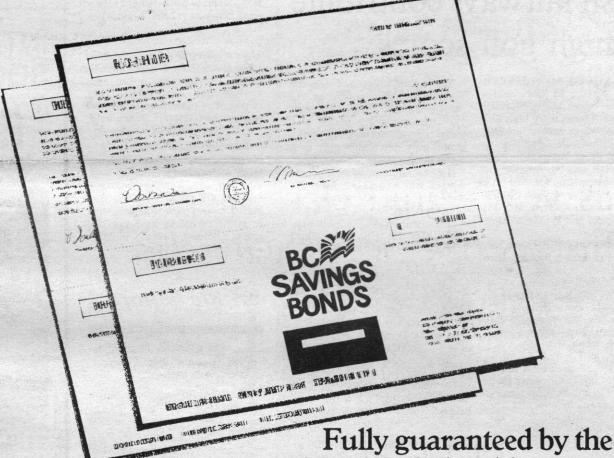
The Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary has agreed to donate approximately \$7,000 for the purchase of equipment at Greenwoods. Auxiliary members approved the expenditure at their regular meeting April 25 at Ganges.

A previous meeting had received from administrator Marg McKay a list of equipment needed by the intermediate and personal care facility.

After president Betty Galt ened the 2 pm meeting, various reports were read, followed by the president's report on a recent trip to Port Alberni, where she attended the British Columbia Association of Hospital Auxiliaries conference.

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*The interest rate will be set May 16, 1988.

Gulf Islands Secondary School Midget Girls team are (from left) Maru Brinkley, Caitlin Hayes, Jessie Maron, Tracy Cunningham (seated), Cheryl Tyson, Lori Quesnel, Sandrine Contant, Dana Hohmann, Michelle Beitel (behind

jacket), Amy Twa (seated), Anna Hughes, Stacy Proctor, Cathy Akerman and Candice Walde. Missing are Jody Bradley, Liz Sampson, coach Strick Aust and manager Scott Bergstrome.

The qualifying round for the

Matson Cup was played at the

same time, with the top 16 gross

participants playing match play

for the cup. The remaining partic-

ipants play net match play in a

• The second round of men versus

women was rained out April 29,

and has been rescheduled for

• The men's next round will take

place May 12. This is the third

round of the Ringer and Best Ball.

consolation.

Monday, May 9.

Lush fairways contribute to high golf scores

By ANN LOUISE MCALLISTER · Ladies playing 18 holes held a qualifying round May 3 for the Rose Bowl. Scores were high due to lush fairways, recent fertilization and heavy rain.

The low gross win went to Irene Hawksworth with 90. Runners-up included Mona Coulter and Ann Munro, both with 96. Marie Hopkins earned low net with 71, and the putt pot went to Irene Hawksworth.

 On Wednesday, May 4, ladies playing nine holes honoured Jean Williams with both low net and low gross. Putt pot went to Vi Huska. There were 24 ladies in attendance.

• On May 5 and 6 the Salt Spring Island Ladies Invitational was held with 88 participants from Salt Spring and various golf clubs on Vancouver, Galiano and Pender Islands. We would like to give a special thanks to the Ganges Village Market for donating a prize for this event. Results will be announced next week.

• The men played for the Mouat Cup (gross) and Morris Cup (net) on April 30.

Richard Nemeth took the Mouat Cup with a 76, followed by Bruce Kirwin at 80, and Larry Davies at 81. The Morris Cup ended with a tie between Richard Nemeth and Bruce Kirwin. There will be an 18-hole playoff to decide a winner. The second runner-up was Henry Jefferies with a net of 70.

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Golfer on fairway during ladies' invitational at Salt Spring last

Three games, three wins

Midget girls are mid-island champs

Salt Spring's Midget Girls Soccer Team captured the midisland championship in Duncan last week. The team has been dominant throughout league play, winning every game, including eight shut-outs for keeper Stacy Proctor. During that time they

have scored 29 goals and allowed

Junior girls make soccer playoffs

The Gulf Islands Secondary School junior girls soccer team made it to the playoffs last week but failed to take top spot.

The team went into the tournament second in league play, with only one defeat in an eight-game schedule. Their first victory was 3-0 against Bonner High but the second game, against Duncan Christian, ended in a scoreless tie, despite Gulf Islands' twoyear, no-loss record against the

As a result of the tie, the local girls were forced into a third game, a must-win situation, against Quamichan High. They came out of that match with a 2-0

The GISS team went into their playoff game against Cowichan High with only 15 minutes' rest, allowing the Vancouver Island team to pull ahead 3-0 in the first half. Despite their determination to pull themselves back into the game, the girls were unable to score in the second half.

bridge report

Gulf Island Bridge Club winners on April 18 were:

• [North-South] Isabelle Richardson and Dorothy Crofton; Dawny Scarfe and Lorna Pentz; Bunny Jordan and Helen Shandro.

[East-West] Corinne Forster and Althea Morrisette; Marion Ashmore and Shirley Love; Fran and Dick Tipple.

Tuesday night was the Victoria unit championship - winners

• [North-South] Fred Struve and Conhor Hunt; Gordon Dafoe and Don Nemeth; Jim and Sue Bradford; Dorothy Crofton and Helen Shandro.

• [East-West] Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; Isabelle Richardson and Marion Ashmore; Gerry and Pam Ford; Peter Jacquest and Tom David.

Bridge Club members are again reminded to pre-register for the June 3 world contest, in which games played in 80 countries will have the same hands.

only one.

The team's competition is made up of Grade 8 students, whereas Salt Spring's side of 16 girls includes six Grade 7s.

The final four teams met in Duncan last week to decide the mid-island champs and Salt Spring won all three of their games (2-0, 2-0, 1-0). The games were closer than any during league play, but the girls were determined to be strong defensively, and dominated in their own end while using their wings and solid passing plays to set up opportunities in front of their opponents' goal.

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Mr. Anthony Keble's Under 16's soccer team at St. Michaels University School, which tied this year for the B.C. Independent Schools' Championship, was truly international with representatives from 12 cities and towns, 8 countries and 4 continents.



(Photo by Ed Bermingham,

Back row, left to right: Oscar Rivera, Madrid, Spain; Andres Costafreda, Barcelona, Spain; Adrian Valenzuela, Mexico City; Thor Margison (Captain), Victoria; Mr. Tony Keble (Coach); Justine Shiu Fai Yau, Hong Kong; Selkirk Watler, Grand Cayman Island; Graeme Leeming, Victoria.

Front row, left to right: David Guernsey, W. Vancouver; Jacobo Payan, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Craig Farrish, Sidney, B.C.; David Chang, Taipei, Taiwan; Edward Narain, Fiji and Australia; Sean Ewart, Fernie, B.C.

Mr. Keble, who teaches Spanish at SMUS, and who holds a Master's degree in the language, is a fluently bilingual coach.



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No time for enjoyment, appreciation

For gardeners, the arrival of May and the passage of Mother's Day, indicates the commencement of the "uninhibited" gardening season. All danger of frost is gone, the nights are getting warmer, and the days are getting longer. The birds are filling the air with their sweet strains, and the bees are busily gathering pollen and nectar; life in the garden is unfolding as it should, but there's so much to do that little time is left over for enjoyment and appreciation. May is a busy month in the garden, so let's get down to the listing of timely chores and activities.

The two predominant areas of effort are the vegetable gardens and the flower beds. Main sowings of peas, potatoes, scarlet runner beans, dill, New Zealand spinach, beets, carrots and more lettuce may be undertaken in the first half of the month, and during the last half you should sow down more of the same, as well as the bush beans and other uncommon varieties of beans such as soyas, limas and pintos. Sow your corn in the latter part of May and start off additional crops every three weeks provide continuous harvests on through to fall frosts. Keep them planted in close rows or blocks to ensure good pollination by wind, and full ears of corn.

Start to hill up around your early potatoes as required, thin out your over-dense sowings of radishes, etc., to give lots of growing space, and keep up with weeding so it doesn't get out of control. You can undertake sowings of your main crop (fall and winter harvests) of brassicas such as Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, broccoli, kale and cabbage late this month, and don't forget the lime in each planting

In the flower garden, most bedding plants can now be planted Baskets, planters and border should be turned, weeded and mended with manure or compost before planting. Water the young plants well right away, but refrain from using fertilizer for a week to 10 days, as the new roots would appreciate an opportunity to get settled in first.

After the blooming has finished on your early spring bloomers such your garden

By CHRIS SCHMAH

as aubrietia, arabis and creeping phlox cut them back fairly hard to improve shape and remove straggly growth. Shear back your pansies as they finish a blooming cycle, to stimulate another flower show. Later on pinch out the growing tips of most annuals such as stocks, snaps, petunias, phlox and schizanthus once they reach four to six inches in height, but refrain from pinching out nicotianas, asters and poppies, as pinching out actually hinders their blooming development.

Hold off planting out your zinnias, nicotianas, fibrous begonias and impatiens, as they need to have warmer night-time temperatures to flourish. The second half of the month is preferable. Overwintered dahlias, mums, fuchsias and other tender plants may be planted out as the soil warms up, and gladioli, montbretias and other bulbs should be planted out now too.

For continuous blooming until fall frosts arrive, plant some glads, in succession, every two weeks until mid-July.

For direct sowing out into the garden this month, try calendulas, marigolds, sweet william, candytuft, California poppies, sweet alyssum, larkspurs, asters and nasturtiums (to name but a few). For future blooms from perennials and biennials such as foxgloves, columbines, hollyhocks, campanulas, delphiniums and lupins, sow seed out this month in a border bed, or even a vegetable bed, and grow them as you would annuals or vegetables, then thin them and transplant later on into their final flowering places.

In the greenhouse or coldframe, you should have started plants of zucchini, melons, pumpkins, cucumbers, eggplant, watermelon, basil, peppers and squash. Don't plant them out without providing some protection or wait until the end of the month, as they really need warmer temperatures in order to grow and flourish. Tomatoes may be planted out, or kept in for a couple more weeks. If set out they need protection or shelter to do

best. Plant them deep enough to cover up the stem to the first set of true leaves, and set them in at an angle to stimulate more root formation on the lower side.

Don't set out your tuberous begonias until night time temperatures reach a 50 degree F. minimum (almost June), and water them from below, in the morning, with tepid water for best results, and fertilize with 20-20-20 every three weeks or so.

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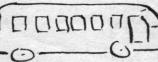


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New party holds constituency meeting

A number of Gulf Islanders were among the 260 individuals who turned out May 1 for a constituency meeting of the new Reform Party of Canada.

The Saanich and the Islands constituency meeting, which took place in Central Saanich and elected an executive, attracted people from all over Southern Vancouver Island.

The meeting held discussions on the withdrawal of Bill C-72 the proposed official language act — closing the "back door" on immigration and Senate reform. The party is calling for a "Triple E" senate, one that is elected,

effective and equal for all parts of

The constituency has enough members to nominate a candidate for the next federal election, and is close to the 500-member mark required to support the candidate in the campaign for election.

There are two party workshops scheduled for next week. The first, on May 16, will be held at 7 pm at the Robson Square Media Centre in Vancouver. The second is slated for the following day at 10 am at White Eagle Hall in Victoria. On Wednesday, May 18, a "constitutional" train ride on the E & N Railway to Parksville

will meet the four western premiers. A presentation will be made by the leader of the Reform Party, Preston Manning of Edmonton.

Further information on the Vancouver workshop and the train ride can be obtained through Ron Gambel at 688-8090. Information regarding the Victoria workshop can be found by phoning Ed Kenny at 721-4574.

Preparations for a Salt Spring and Outer Gulf Islands meeting, in which key speakers would attend, are presently underway. Information on Salt Spring can be obtained through Arnold and Sabara Humes at 537-5672.



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