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Board puts off entry change

Dual entry is causing headaches for the Gulf Islands school board. Under the new school structure, children are supposed to enter kindergarten either in September or January, according to when their birthday falls within the year. For children born between May 1 and October 31, entry should be in September.

For children born between November 1 and April 30, entry should be in January.

Under other changes to the School Act, five-year olds won't be entering kindergarten. They'll be entering a four-year primary level classes which covers what used to be kindergarten, Grades 1, 2 and 3.

Ostensibly, the date of entry does not matter because within the new structure, children advance at their own pace.

But the changes, to go into effect in September, will affect some children.

To address the effects which the changes have on those children, local school trustees agreed to ease the entry rules for at least one year. Children reaching their fifth birthday before the end of December will be permitted to enter the primary classes in September.

As an example: twin girls were born on November 2. They have, for the past two years, attended pre-school classes. Under the new rules, the girls must wait until January to be

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Summer returned with a vengeance last weekend, treating the islands to clear skies and high temperatures after far too many days of unseasonal conditions. There was even some wind to send sailboats, like this one in Booth Bay, scooting across local waters.

Last chance to participate in legs contest

This is the final week to enter the Hot Legs Contest sponsored by *Driftwood*.

The contest offers a first prize of a portable propane barbecue, second prize of a cooler chest, and third prize of a patio umbrella.

Entrants are asked to identify the stores where they can find the legs featured in the contest photographs — not the persons themselves. Clues are found in the accompanying ads for each store.

Entries are to be made at participating stores.

For further information, please see pages A10 and A11 of this week's edition of *Driftwood*.

Saturday Farmers' Market struggles with controversy

By BILL WEBSTER
The Driftwood

Controversy has returned to haunt the market held in Ganges each Saturday.

The island vendors are unhappy. Merchants in the area of Centennial Park despair of seeing customers at the market. The Parks and Recreation Commission, perceived villains during the last eruption of controversy over the market, is seeking a solution. And despite the real lack of parking space in the village each Saturday, the RCMP can do nothing.

"What happened is that it's too successful for its own good," said Vendors' Association president Linda Quiring.

For instance, the Parks and Recreation Commission has on its books one bylaw to control the market. No vendor is supposed to set up before 6 a.m. Saturday morning. No vendor is to be there after 2 p.m. that afternoon.

Trucks, vans and cars park along Fulford-Ganges Road, from Gasoline Alley to the entrance to the government wharf, on Friday evening and camp there until the morning. Some vendors set up tables Friday to ensure themselves of a good location.

Last Saturday, the situation came close to violence. Vendors arriving late — 5 a.m. Saturday morning — set up their stalls in the centre portion of the tiled patio of the park where the market occurs.

They were asked to move, to keep the centre portion clear for foot traffic. Some vendors complied. Others argued. Violence came close.

Quiring told the *Driftwood* that a representative of the vendors' association collects \$25 rental for space from each vendor. Without exception, island vendors comply. Some vendors from off-island, on the other hand, have become verbally abusive when asked to pay for the space.

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On St. Mary Lake

Gas-motor use challenged -- again

By NANCY VAIL
The Driftwood

A joint petition has been filed with the B.C. Supreme Court by two groups and a resident on St. Mary Lake asking that gasoline powered boats be banned from the lake.

The petition was filed by the Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society, the North Salt Spring Water District and St. Mary Lake resident Aubrey Marler.

The case is expected to be heard in October.

Tom Gossett of the Preservation Society says filing of the petition was prompted by a 1989 Canada Appeals Court ruling in a case in Invermere. The court said an earlier B.C. Supreme Court decision in the St. Mary Lake case — which said the province did not have the authority to regulate the type of boats used on the

overtaken the electric-motors-only (EMO) designation the province placed on the lake in 1985, saying the federal government — and not the province — had jurisdiction over such matters.

The Invermere decision essentially said the province has the right to enact regulations to protect inland waters.

Gossett says the Preservation Society and the other petitioners want the ban for safety and environmental reasons. He says there have been "numerous close calls" between swimmers and water-skiers using the lake, and that outboard motors leave a residue of oil on the lake which does not decompose.

Gossett also says the Preservation Society is concerned about milfoil — a freshwater seaweed — being introduced to the lake by off-island boats.

Henry Jewell, owner of the Shady Willows Resort and Campsite which

(the other three are Ed Davis, Richard Rockliffe and the Blue Gables Resort) says he plans to fight the case even though it means spending his own money to cover the legal fees.

Jewell says that during the many years he has lived on the lake, there have been few instances the public was at risk. He suggests that if the Water Preservation Society is concerned about pollution, it should look at contamination of the lake from nearby septic fields.

Ed Davis and the owner of the Blue Gables Resort say they do not plan to take action. Rockliffe, who no longer lives on Salt Spring, could not be reached for comment.

The attempt to have an EMO regulation on St. Mary Lake dates back to 1981, when the Islands Trust applied for EMO status as a result of concerns about water quality in the lake. Several residents suggested that gasoline-powered boats and planes

Couvelier to address private-land logging

Concerns over private-land logging will be discussed at a public meeting to be held this Saturday (July 14) on Salt Spring. MLA Mel Couvelier (SC, Saanich-The Islands) is to be the featured speaker of the meeting, which will be held at Central Hall beginning at 2 p.m.

Others invited to address the meeting include: John Dunfield, vice-chairman of the Islands Trust and Trustee for Thetis Island; Melinda Auerbach, head of the Trust's forestry committee and Trustee for Lasqueti Island; and Jim Windsor, general manager of the Trust.

Local speakers were still being lined up for the meeting as *Driftwood* went to press Tuesday.

Salt Spring Trustee John Stepaniuk said Couvelier will respond to earlier concerns expressed by islanders over forestry issues in general, and on the Gulf Islands in particular.

Stepaniuk invited the public to attend the session "to further the dialogue" on the private-land logging issue. "It is our desire to get the community as involved as possible in the debate."

The trustee added that the meeting affords islanders "a tremendous opportunity" to influence government policy on forestry issues. He maintains that islanders must respond to local private-land forestry concerns before regulations are imposed

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Parking, vending site woes surface at Farmers' Market

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The money collected helps cover administration costs for the vendors' group, with the bulk of the money collected being turned over to the commission to help cover costs of maintenance of the park.

On Saturday, vehicles jammed the village from the bakery to Mahon Hall and along the side streets. All the parking lots were full.

Although the market is supposed to end at 2 p.m., some vendors were still in position at 4:30 p.m.

Another bone of contention involves what is offered for sale in the park.

Originally and for many years, the Saturday market was for island craftspeople and farmers. Items for sale were to have been grown or made on the island.

Now, however, the situation has changed. Many vendors from off-island bring commercial goods with them — sunglasses, carpentry tools, second hand clothing, items made in foreign countries.

The situation with such vendors causes concern with island vendors and frustration by local merchants. The business people of the area are circulating a petition to urge the Parks and Recreation Commission to do something.

The merchants agree that a Farmers' Market, as originally conceived, adds benefits to everyone. But they want something done about the current situation.

Several years ago, when renovations to the park were completed, the commission attempted to impose restrictions and regulations on the market. The effort was rejected by the vendors.

The vendors asked for and received permission to regulate the market themselves. The commission asked for, and has received over the years, money to help cover the costs of park main-

tenance.

But now, Quiring said, the vendors have no real authority and cannot enforce the accepted rules on some off-island vendors.

"They really don't care about the problems of our little market," she said.

The island vendors would welcome ideas and suggestions of how to correct the situation, she said.

"It's not affecting the merchants, the Parks and Recreation and the vendors," she pointed out. "It comes down to islanders having to decide what they want (in the market)."

Bill Blundell, of Salt Spring Souvenirs, is typical of island vendors. He sells hand-made craft items as his only source of income because of problems with his health. Last Saturday, he showed up at 5:10 a.m. to set up his wares. The only open space was in the centre of the tiled area.

But once he had set up, he was told to move. He did, taking his items to the parking lot of Gasoline Alley. From there he watched in frustration as other vendors, coming later than he did and ignoring requests to move, set up in the centre portion of the tiled area at the front of the park.

If the situation continues, Blundell notes that he may have to give up being part of the market. He suggests that the regulating of the market be taken from the Vendors' Association and assumed by the commission.

Complaints of overnight parking in front of the market by vendors seeking an early start on the competition have been received by the Ganges detachment of the RCMP. The police can do nothing. There are no parking restrictions in the area and if people park in accordance with the Motor Vehicle Act, which governs such things as parking for a rural area such as Salt Spring, the police can do nothing, said Sergeant Larry Wendel.

Court decision in Invermere case cited in St. Mary Lake challenge

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threatened the environment and the safety of other recreational users, including swimmers and canoeists.

Following a public meeting in September, 1982, at which a majority of the residents favoured a ban on gasoline-powered boats, an application was made to the federal government for an EMO designation. The application cited the Canada Shipping Act as the regulatory statute. The regulation was approved and went into effect in January, 1985.

Three resort owners on the lake opposed the ban, however, and petitioned the B.C. Supreme Court that year. They argued that the basis under which the EMO had been ap-

proved did not comply with the terms of the Shipping Act and was therefore unconstitutional. Under the Act, a ban could only be used to protect public safety. Protecting water quality was considered the major concern of residents when the ban was originally imposed.

The court ruled in 1985 that because the ban was placed for environmental reasons, it did not comply with the federal statute and was therefore ultra vires.

In the Appeals Court case in Invermere last year, the judge ruled that the province did have the authority to pass regulations to protect inland waters. (One of the legal arguments used in the original case was that

allowing the province to enact the ban in this particular case would give the provinces new regulatory powers.)

In the Invermere decision, the judge ruled that he did not regard the power to regulate pollution of waters by vessels being navigated in those waters (or noise pollution created by those vessels) as being "incidental" to the power to regulate navigation.

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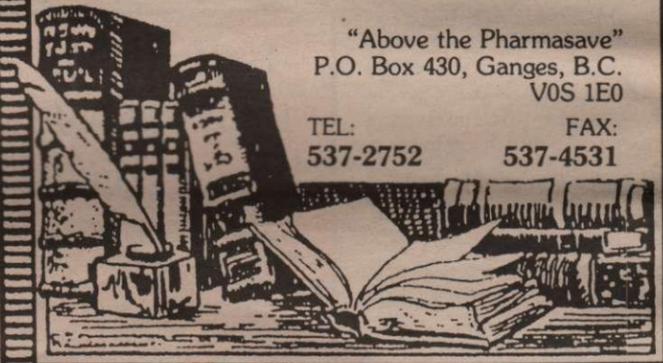
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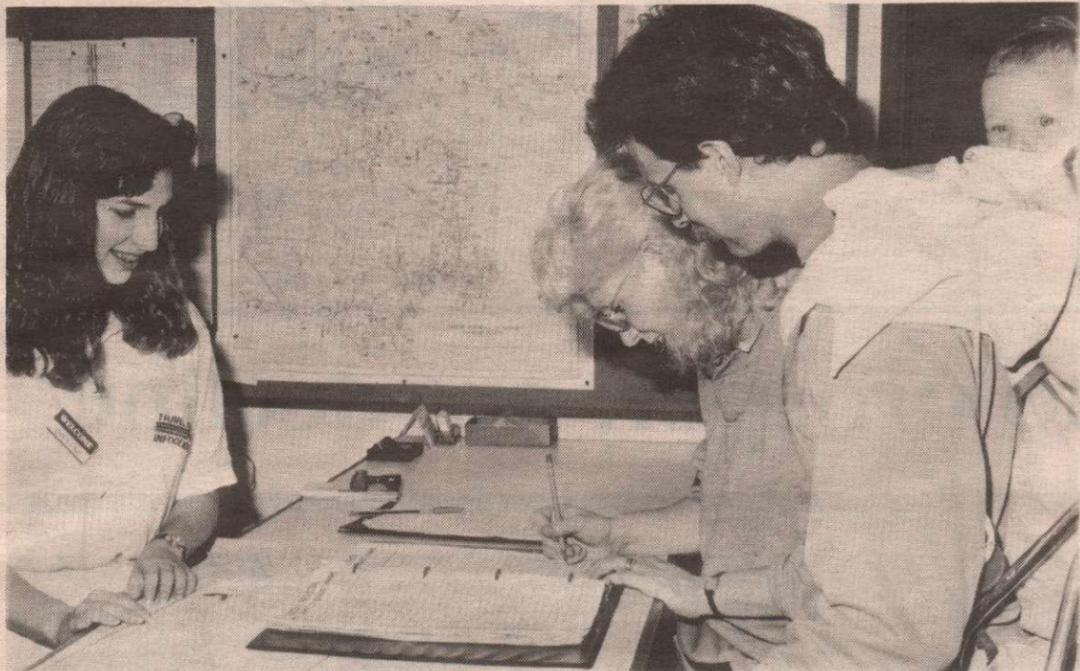
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Travel consultants at the tourist bureau estimate that 50 people a day are visiting the tourism information centre on Salt

Spring Island. However, the overall number of tourists coming to the island is down from totals in previous years.

Salt Spring visitor numbers down to date this summer

The good news for the Tourist Information Centre is that more than 50 visitors a day have been dropping by since the start of the summer season.

The bad news is that the overall number of visitors to the island is down from what it was in the past.

Neville Atkinson, manager of the Chamber of Commerce, says the decline in the number of visitors reflects an overall drop in tourism throughout the province since Expo '87.

He added that this year's rainy, cold weather has contributed to the disappointing numbers.

"The weather has been very much against us," said Atkinson, adding that he suspects people have less disposable income to spend on holidays.

"I sense people are being more careful with their money."

He added, however, that it is still only the start of the season, and that the numbers generally climb toward the middle of summer.

A total of 14,353 tourists visited Salt Spring last year, and over half of them — 7,264 — arrived in August.

In 1988, a total of 18,303 tourists registered at the tourist bureau.

Sixty-eight per cent of all those who visited last year were from British Columbia, 15 per cent were from other parts of Canada, and 14 per cent came from the southern United States.

Only three per cent came from overseas — a number which Atkinson expects to see increase this year.

Christine Noble at the tourist information office in Ganges says most of the people visiting the centre are looking for information on accommodation, or about ArtCraft and the Festival of the Arts, the main tourist attractions on the island.

And she added that while resorts and campgrounds are often full (camping spaces usually cost \$8 a night), there is generally space available at several of the 60 bed and breakfast operations on the island. The cost of B&B accommodation ranges from \$35 to \$165 a night for single and family accommodations.

The information centre, located on the Lower Ganges Road, is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Dual entry changes extended by board

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allowed into school.

They are ready. Their friends, having birthdays earlier in the year will attend school in September. Yet, because of a two-day difference, the twins must wait until January.

They do not understand why they must wait. Their friends go to school in September. They are hurt, confused and more than a little sad not to be going to school with friends, just as they have the past two years.

Mike Marshall, superintendent of schools for the Gulf Islands, said he hoped the ministry of education would rethink the dual entry dates.

He told last week's school board meeting that the ministry will hold back funding for those children who do not meet the age criteria, as a means of ensuring compliance with the new regulations.

"In simple language," Marshall told the school trustees, "I think they (the ministry) are being simple and punitive."

He later told the *Driftwood*: "Dual entry has significant merit but the

dates chosen are not in the best interest of the children."

Salt Spring school trustee Charles Hingston, in urging the school board to approve the extension of two months to the end of December for the September entry date, described the ministry withholding funding for children too young for the entry dates as "sleazy."

He urged the board to allow the extension for one year but to make clear that the regulations would be followed in future.

When the trustees agreed unanimously to allow the extension for this year only, Hingston commented: "Think of it this way. We won't be alone." Up to 15 other school districts have agreed to an extension of dates for this year as well.

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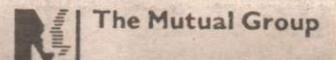


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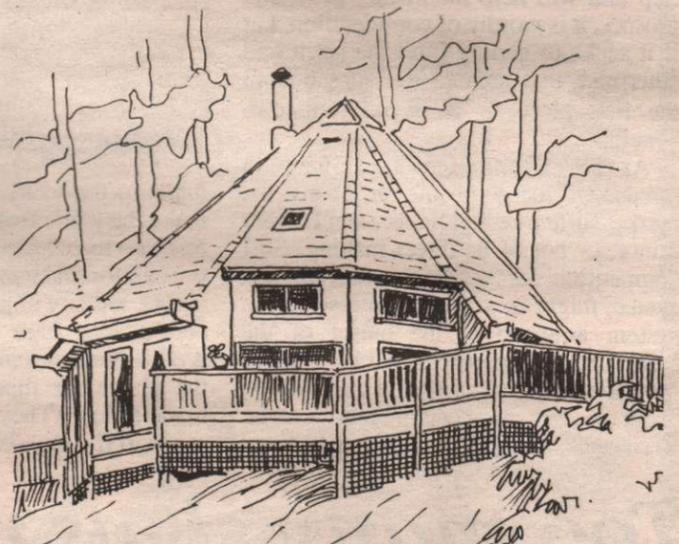
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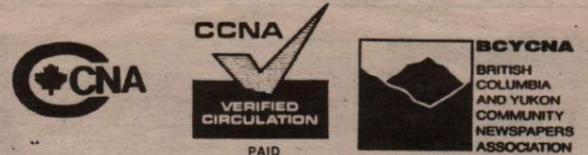
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Help the market to prosper, not decline

Like the degree of activity it enjoys, the Farmers' Market attracts a level of public comment according to the seasons.

In fall, winter and early spring, the market serves a skeleton audience made up primarily of island residents and the odd gaggle of visitors who hazard an off-season tour. The ebb and flow of vehicles, vendors and customers is leisurely, a pace in keeping with the mood of those moments.

Come summer, however, the hustle and bustle of the market becomes a mad, delicious jumble. And as attendance rises, so do the tempers of on- and off-island vendors jostling for selling space, of motorists competing for room to manoeuvre on downtown streets (never mind finding a parking stall), and of nearby merchants who consider crowded streets and stalls at the market to be an impediment to their businesses.

"It's time to clamp down on the market," then, is a call that must be viewed in its seasonal context. And one that must be tempered with caution, lest we kill the golden goose.

We must not forget that the market, viewed year-round, brings more good than harm to the island. And not just a monetary return for vendors and (yes!) their merchant neighbours. To those who live here, the market is most highly regarded as a meeting place, as a weekly touchstone for the spirit. We would suffer greatly without it.

So what to do with an island institution that works well three-quarters of the time, and suffers from little else than growing pains for the remaining season?

For openers, apply a simple litmus test to any suggestion for changes: if it is a step that will help the market grow and prosper, it is worthy of consideration; but if it seeks to unduly limit the spirit and enterprise that created the attraction in the first place, it is of no long-term benefit.

As for specific responses, keep in mind that many of the problems the market suffers or highlights are relatively minor, or not of its direct making. Stiff competition for vending space, for instance, might be solved by a reservation system arranged at the outset of the busiest season, accompanied by a semi-formal vendor-administered registration program or membership requirement. Resistance, likely based on a perceived



threat to the whiff of anarchy that helps make the market what it is, should be offset by a realization that the greater threat is a call for much more stringent controls.

The scarcity of parking spaces and uncomfortably high traffic flows which greet a summer's market day? Do not lay the blame for those difficulties on the market alone. They can be traced just as much to the population growth of the is-

land, the scale of redevelopment in the downtown core, the accompanying — and obviously insufficient — alterations made to our downtown road patterns, the general lack of parking stalls, our collective love affair with automobiles, even to the beauty of our surroundings, which does so much to attract visitors.

Ah, yes, the visitors. Means it must be summer. Means it must be the season to

worry about the market.

Don't fret. Come fall, we will realize again that the difficulties are not insurmountable, that they can be talked out. We would encourage the parks and recreation commission and the vendors — both local and off-island — to do just that. And ask them to remember that any changes suggested should help the market prosper, not decline.

Too many signs means too little wilderness

By **DUNCAN MacDONNELL**
 Went into the Carmanah Valley recently. It was my second visit in less than three months: the first trip was spent exploring the lower reaches of the valley, down past the Emerald Pool and the Big Tree and onto the West Coast Trail; the second time I poked about the upper part, devoting time to less-well-travelled spots like the side channels of Carmanah Creek.

Both times out, a pleasant surprise greeted me. The entire valley is remarkably free of the litter normally left behind by the brainless dolts who regularly desecrate other scenic spots on this coast.

My total haul from both visits was

visited Carmanah, and given the difficulty of the sheer incline all hikers must cover to leave the valley bottom and return to their vehicles on the road above.

(The grade is the kind that strikes fear into any set of legs; it doubtless tempts all but the most devoted wilderness-lovers to consider lightening their packs by tossing aside a tin can or two. Here's to those who didn't yield.)

Mind you, visitors to the valley may not be as tidy as my stops there lead me to suspect; it could well be that any trash being left behind is taken away by more earnest hikers and campers, or by the Western Canada Wilderness Committee

GUEST COLUMN

wilderness spot and find it relatively unspoiled by the ravages of thoughtless litter.

Now, if only someone would do something about the signs in the valley.

I have nothing against signs erected in the bush out of necessity. Signs to mark trails, to hold notices, to point out stops of interest that may not be obvious. These are helpful, instructive signs, the kind you depend on for information.

Carmanah has these types of

valley, points to a collection of windfalls. It reads: "Dave Parker Memorial Grove."

A political statement, the sentiment behind this sign would be better left to the pages of newspapers, not in the midst of my wilderness experience.

Another example: You wander along the trail, past grove upon grove of large spruce, lost in appreciation. Stepping around a corner and into an opening where more of the same are found, you are greeted by a sign pointing to the opening and reading: "Big Trees."

Not necessary. It would make just as much sense to erect a sign that says "You Are Here." Or one that says "Viewpoint Ahead"

school. It announces that the nearest tree has been adopted by that class, presumably in keeping with their hopes to save the valley.

While I can appreciate — even applaud — both the thought and effort behind this sign, I find it paradoxical to "save" the wilderness by polluting it with signs announcing the purity of your purpose.

Worse, I fear erecting a monument to your cause may tempt others to do the same. Which leaves us one short step from Kingsway.

A twisted vision enters my brain: I am alone in the valley as it suffers under the weight of a horrible storm. Hypothermic, I stumble in my struggle to survive.

And then salvation arrives.

Driftwood

Letters

Thank you

To the Editor,
Island Cinema would like to thank the audiences that suffered with us through our teething troubles during the first week of movies with our 35 millimetre equipment. We have since fixed or replaced all the elements in the system that were causing difficulties.

Now that all the problems have been solved, we would like to invite our patrons who attended *Ninja Turtles*, *Pretty Woman* and the first two nights of *Dick Tracy* to come and see a movie on the house so we can show you that we now have things under control.

See you at the movies.
Danny Evanishen,
Fulford

Summer's here

To the Editor,
You can tell summer is here on Salt Spring Island when the congestion of cars, bikes and pedestrians make it almost impossible to get where you're going. And where you're going is to the bank. The same bank you've dealt with since last summer, only this time you're asked to show ID before you can cash a cheque.

Next stop is the video store. The clerk there mistakes you for an off-islander and asks you to produce a drivers' licence and/or a major credit card before you are allowed to rent a movie. The clerk apologizes profusely to you, explaining that they have had many movies and VCRs rented but never returned.

Finally you decide to grab a bite to eat at a local casual restaurant. Upon leaving you discover that the usual tip jar is missing. The waitress informs you that the system has changed because a considerable amount of money was taken from the jar over the long weekend.

I believe this whole fiasco reflects something all islanders can relate directly to their summer lives. Congestion, bureaucracy and crime are the three main reasons why people have escaped to Salt Spring and other islands. We don't want these three traits to follow us here, so please don't prey upon us and our system. Let us be "quaint" islanders.

GREG DAMIANI,
Fulford Harbour

Happy Tourist

To the Editor,
Two weeks ago I visited Salt Spring Island. I wanted to thank the friendly people that made my visit so enjoyable.

I had a splendid time touring your Island. The views were absolutely spectacular.

Thanks again to the people of Salt Spring. See you next year!
EVELYN GRAHAM,
Toronto

All in a name

To the Editor,
As we approach the formal announcement of our decision to proceed with the development at Creekside on McPhillips it is extremely important that the *Gulf Islands Driftwood* correctly identify our project as separate and distinct from Leon Aptekman's project (Creekside) on Fulford Ganges Road.

While the two projects will be complementary to each other and although they are on contiguous sites, they are two independent and competing projects.

The names are confusingly similar; however, over the course of time, with your help, they will become distinct in the minds of the

Gratifying

To the Editor,
Maybe the entire letters section is filled with praise for the people who made the first donation to the new Trust Fund. But just in case, I will send this note to the editor.

In our "pursuit of unhappiness," we sometimes overlook heartwarming and gratifying events such as the placing of a covenant to restrict logging and to protect tree cover on 160 acres in the Musgrave Landing area, by the owners of the property.

I would like, as a citizen, to thank Christine Tate and Suzanne Tate Ondre, whom I do not have the pleasure to know personally, for the gracious gift, and for reminding us that private property rights do not only include taking but also giving.

Thank you for your imagination, and thanks to your lawyer for his search for the right covenant.

One question arises: could the Trust, with the owners' permission, make the text of the covenant available for examination by potential donors?

MAX SODER,
Ganges

Job well done

To the Editor,
We live on Bonnet and during the past week or so we have had the Highways department road crew mowing the boulevards and trimming overhanging trees. They have done an extremely fine job on Drake and Bonnet, so well in fact that the road seems twice the actual size.

Our sincere thanks for a job well done.

PAT THOMPSON,
Ganges

Macho values

To the Editor,
The title of Rosey Siney's article in July 4 *Driftwood* should read: "Macho/Life-centred values at odds in tree debate."

There are life-centred masculine and feminine values, just as there are macho/feminine and masculine values.

To equate masculine with macho, and feminine with life-centred, is a mistake commonly made by feminists who do not understand feminism, and by masculinists who do not understand masculinism.

By definition, life-centred values are balanced since they represent that which is true and nurturing in both the male and the female aspects of life.

That is why they are life-enhancing.

That is also why any interaction among them can result only in a compatible match, mutually enhancing and creatively complementing.

Macho values clash with their gender opposites because forceful separation between the feminine and the masculine principle is at their core.

Macho is the way of war, and war thrives on conflict. Clashing is the way to keep the conflict going.

Ultimately the tree debate, like all controversies, is an opportunity for healing ourselves of macho attitudes by opening our hearts and minds to life-centred messages voiced by any source.

It is a macho attitude to assume that realistic/reasonable people

belong exclusively to one side of this debate... or that deeply-feeling/life-centred people are to be found only on the other.

Logging exploitation/Environmental hysteria is not the problem. That which makes hysteria and exploitation possible is.

Feminine/Masculine enmity is not the problem.

Macho is the problem.

Life-centredness is the solution.

And Masculine/Feminine unity is fundamental to life-centredness.

That is why hand-in-hand is such a pleasant way for men and women to walk the way of Peace, which is what life-centredness is all about.

FRANCOIS PHILIPPE
JAUBERT,
Fulford

Misdirected

To the Editor,
The *Driftwood* editorial which criticized the lack of leadership by our two Island Trustees during the Weldwood crisis, is misdirected. First, the establishment of a citizen's committee was not a cop-out. It was, and still is, necessary to develop a consensus on private land logging policies. The council failed because the pro-stump faction refused to consider any community input into their legal rights to log as they wish. In fact, several large land-holders sitting on the council vehemently opposed its establishment. They volunteered only to block any possible recommendations which would have affected their private rights.

Second, it is unfair to characterize the performance of both trustees as simply "bolting to opposing camps." Mr. Gilbert has consistently and prominently supported community and Trust involvement in managing industrial scale private land logging. This is entirely consistent with common sense and the Trust's mandate. Mr. Gilbert supports the current Trust resolution proposing that the Ministry of Forests regulate large scale logging in consultation with the Trust and its policies. This is hardly an extremist position, particularly since the Trust would be playing only an advisory role in the process.

Mr. Stepaniuk, who in the past has publicly supported some kind of private logging regulation, voted against the resolution. His stance on the Weldwood issue has been confusing and obstructive, and I believe he owes islanders an explanation of his position.

Third, it is important to remember that the Trust is a creature of the provincial government, and can be effectively overruled on virtually any issue. Certainly it has no legal authority whatsoever to regulate private logging. Until the Trust is conferred real legislative authority, as it should be, the provincial government must ultimately bear responsibility for lack of leadership on the logging issue.

There have been repeated pleas by the Trust and by islanders over the past two years to Claude Richmond and Mel Couvelier to initiate or support some kind of constructive policy measure. The silence from these ministers has been deafening, despite a provincial inter-agency task force report submitted to them in the Fall of 1989 recommending immediate action. All of us who have been involved in the Weldwood issue must bear some responsibility for the failure to integrate private logging

into land use planning on Salt Spring. But as local and provincial elections approach this fall, let us not forget those who honestly attempted to contribute to this process and those who

did not.
GARY HOLMAN
Fulford

More letters, pages A6, A7

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Opinion

Capital Comment

HUBERT BEYER



VICTORIA — I've come to praise Bud, not to bury him. After all, the attorney-general's an honourable man. And a fair one; let's not forget fair.

When I think of how gallantly Bud Smith defended the down-trodden taxpayers last week, I feel proud of our chief law-enforcement officer.

Smith was the only Socred politician who figured out the real reasons behind the media's slanderous treatment of Government Services Minister Carol Gran.

Smith knew that the flood of stories about the misuse of government aircraft by cabinet ministers in general, and Gran in particular, was nothing but a smoke screen. And sharp guy that he is, he figured out what was behind the smoke screen.

Reporters at the legislative press gallery, Smith found out, had been ripping off the taxpayers for years, and nobody had ever taken them to task, until now.

Reporters at the press gallery — there are about 20 of us working full-time — get free parking on one of the government parking lots, Smith had found out.

But that's not all. Smith also stumbled on the fact that the press gallery phones are hooked up to the government's province-wide telephone system, called PROVNET. And what about the beer machine on gallery premises? What about a licence to operate the thing?

It didn't take Smith long to assess the consequences of that little rip-off scheme. Why, that meant reporters could call anywhere in the province, free of charge, just like the bureaucrats and the politicians. And all they probably used the phones for was to gossip with their friends, he said.

Sycophantic lackeys of the NDP

And now the coup de grace. There was even a fax machine in the gallery, recently installed on the orders of Speaker Stephen Rogers, at the taxpayers' expense.

Well, that did it, as far as Smith was concerned. He let the low-life reporters have it right between the eyes, calling them "jerks and sycophantic lackeys of the NDP." Spoken like a true attorney-general — cool, dispassionate and sophisticated.

Smith didn't like the fact that reporters at small papers, like the Prince Rupert paper, didn't have the same access to the government phone system.

For one thing, I got my own fax machine, and my own telephone. I bought the fax machine two years ago; paid \$2,400 for the thing. My phone costs me about \$40 a month plus long-distance charges. Give me a call sometime, Bud, on my phone, not the government one. My number is 383-6783.

Now, it's true that some not so well-to-do organizations, small companies with little or no cash flow, are using the fax machine provided by the taxpayers. The Vancouver Province is one of them. The Times-Colonist in Victoria is another one.

Actually, the Province used to pay me \$50 a month for using my fax machine, but I guess things are tough all over. Maybe Southam and Thomson had a bad year and need to use free fax services paid for by the taxpayers.

A filthy little freelance capitalist like myself, on the other hand, should damned well pay for his own fax machine and phone. I can see that.

Unhindered dissemination of the news

Smith wondered whether small papers can take advantage of the government phone lines. The can and they do. I write for more than 40 community newspapers, including the Prince Rupert weekly about whose welfare the attorney-general was so concerned.

The editors of these "ma and pa papers," as the attorney general called them, will often ask me to track down a story for them, which I do, making calls to places throughout the province — on the government network.

That's how small papers in Prince Rupert and Quesnel, in Fort Nelson and Winfield, in Courtenay and in Golden, can take advantage of the government phone system — just like the bureaucrats, just like the politicians, just like the Honourable Bud Smith.

I agree that life for the attorney-general and his colleagues would be so much more pleasant without the media breathing down their necks, but alas, with the British Parliamentary system, which we embrace, came freedom of the press. That includes facilitating the media, assuring unhindered dissemination of news. There isn't a jurisdiction in the free world where reporters covering parliament don't have free quarters, free phones and probably free parking.

Letters

Just lovely

To the Editor,
We had heard a great deal about Salt Spring Island, its hospitable residents, its unique character, its pleasing atmosphere. And now that we've visited, we know first-hand that these rumours are all true.

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Opinion

Canadian gov't must address growing challenge of poverty

Toronto Blue Jays baseball fans made a deposit recently — but it wasn't nearly enough.

At a recent series in the Toronto Skydome, baseball fans gave 27,000 kilos of food — nearly 30 tons — to that city's Daily Bread Food Bank. Thirty tons may seem like a lot of food, but even in Canada's richest city, it only lasts three or four days.

Food banks are the last resort for many poor Canadians. Now, because of high demand, even they are forced to ration out nourishment.

In Canada today, 3.3 million people live at or below the poverty line. In the provinces of Newfoundland, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Statistics Canada says one in four children is raised in a poor household. Here in B.C. 30.6 per cent of all single parent families are considered to be of low income. The National Association of Food Banks found that 40 per cent of their users are children.

The face of poverty is changing. A recent Library of Parliament report says that poverty is shifting from the elderly to the young. The report says a larger proportion of two-earner families are becoming the working poor, and that poverty is more concentrated than ever among single women raising families.

What does poverty mean for someone in Canada this summer?

- A child-care worker in Nova Scotia says it means pre-schoolers bringing mustard sandwiches for lunch.

- A B.C. teacher says poverty means kids arriving at school hungry, exhausted and unable to concentrate on their work.

- A mother in Montreal says poverty is trying to pay all the bills and never having anything special left over for the kids — like a ticket to a new summer movie.

- The federal Department of National Health and Welfare says poverty means facing twice the national risk of infant mortality.

Why are so many people forced to depend on food banks when we live in a country this rich?

The main reason is the lack of political will to attack the roots of poverty. The government must focus its full attention on the problem if we are to see any results.

By LYNN HUNTER
MP, Saanich-The Islands

Another reason is the tax system. Canadians know the proposed GST is regressive and unfair. My colleagues and I want to ensure that the 95,000 profitable corporations that don't pay any income tax should begin paying their fair share of the tax burden. The GST hurts those with the least discretionary income.

Brian Mulroney wants this GST, Jean Chretien won't rule it out, and the Liberals in the Senate won't stop the tax.

It will be the poor and middle income people of Canada who pay the price.

Over the past decade, Canadians have seen a series of deliberate attacks on our social safety net. The minimum wage is critical to low-paid, non-unionized workers in Canada. Since 1979, inflation has slashed minimum wages by about 30 per cent. Family allowances and child tax credits have not kept pace with inflation.

Workers are not trained to meet workforce needs. The 30 per cent school drop-out rate for Canadian youth is one of the highest in the industrialized world. A recent international report says Canada ranks third from the bottom of major industrialized nations in providing labour market training, apprenticeships and training for youth.

Affordable, quality childcare is critical if single parents, mostly women, are to enter the work force. In the 1989 budget, the Mulroney Conservatives scrapped their promise of a national childcare program.

More than two decades ago, New Democrats set out to end poverty among our senior citizens. The Canada Pension Plan was born, affordable housing was built and better access to health care was provided. The number of poor seniors has dropped dramatically in Canada.

We can do it again. We must address the growing challenge of poverty.

Canada has much more to offer its people than mustard sandwiches.

Letters

No comparison

To the Editor,

As a fellow Dutch-Canadian, I would like to make some comments about Audrey Buitenwerf's letter to the residents of Salt Spring Island.

In my opinion, there is no reason to insult the Canadian government by comparing it with the Nazi regime that occupied Holland during the Second World War.

The principle of preserving farmland for future generations is a good one. For many Dutch citizens, especially farmers, the main reason for emigration to Canada was the opportunity to obtain cheap farmland.

Perhaps Jake Buitenwerf, if he was still alive, would be pleased to know that the soil that he cared for and improved with his hard work will be used again and again by our children and grandchildren to grow food. Too much farmland in B.C.,

especially in the Fraser Valley, has already been taken away through the establishment of housing.

I realize that Audrey Buitenwerf's problem is related to money. She might not be able to retire as a wealthy widow. On the other hand, the Canadian government does take reasonable care of its senior citizens by providing old age pensions, free medical care, reduced property tax and free ferry rides.

As a caring citizen, I would like to show my gratitude for Audrey Buitenwerf's late husband's hard work. She can phone me (and others, I believe) if she needs other help, like getting a car ride. But again, there is no need to insult my government by comparing it with the Nazis. I remember the war, too, and life in Canada is good.

MARVOLYN VAN ZANTEN,
Ganges

Letters Welcome

Driftwood welcomes letters to the editor on matters of public interest. We reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity, brevity and legality.

Due to the high number of letters received by the Driftwood each week, letter writers should not expect to see their letters in the paper the same week they are submitted.

The number of pages available for letters is determined by the size of the paper. This, in turn, is determined by the amount of advertising space purchased.

Although there are several pages of letters each week, such a situation cannot be assumed as normal.

Short letter will often appear before longer letters. Type the letter if possible, double-spaced with two inch margins on both sides of the page. That effort produces approximately 250 words, which should be sufficient to express any opinion.

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Opinion

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BILL WEBSTER



This is the week to share secrets, eh?
I'll tell you one of my secrets if you'll tell me one of yours.
Deal?

But before we share, there's something else you should know. The Gulf Islands really are Canada's Pacific paradise. Right? Well, on the surface maybe paradise rates as an apt description.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead who, on the deck of a ferry plying local waters, never to himself has said, "Wow, this is one beautiful paradise."

And have his wife agree with him.

That's the way it be hereabouts, eh? Touristas come, see and are conquered.

Meanwhile, islanders chase deer away from gardens. They try, vainly, to find a parking spot. They fume, at 9:10 each morning, as traffic crawls Fulford-bound at a maximum of 50 kilometres per hour.

Stress in island living? Forget it. Life on the island unfolds in an idyllic graceful manner. Right?

Where else do ravens, crows and seagulls take care of garbage so assiduously as at the Salt Spring garbage dump? Why, if the powers that be close that dump, those birds would starve.

Word goes out about efforts to have the Blackburn Road site declared a bird sanctuary, thus ensuring the survival of all those fat and sassy birds.

Ah, Salt Spring: beautiful, caring, tranquil.

Enjoy the repast . . .

Where else can one go to find hand-crafted island items? Where else can one go to buy third-hand shoes from among an assortment sized from 12EEE upwards? Don't concern yourself that the island origin of the handicraft is Walla Walla and that the shoes have seen better days and walked better roads.

Visit the craft-oriented Farmers' Market right here in beautiful downtown Ganges.

Want to dine on freshly dug shell fish? Go to any beach facing Crofton and be assured that the bivalves have been thoroughly washed by a chemical bath. Don't worry that the chemicals came from the bleach process in the pulp mill across the chuck. Enjoy your repast. It could be your last.

Another way of enjoying the friendliness of island folk is to purchase the largest, meanest-looking outboard motor you can find. Launch your boat into St. Mary Lake and invite a member of the Water Preservation Society for a spin around the lake.

And you thought the denizens of mid-town Vancouver were friendly.

Another way to savour the ambience of the island is to attend a meeting of one of the many environmental actions groups. At question time, innocently ask where you can get your three-foot chain saw sharpened.

Then duck.

Profound piece of mind

On the other hand, attend a meeting of one of the community action groups dedicated to clear hillsides. At question period, if they allow questions, ask, as naively as possible, why Mount Tuam seems to be lacking in trees.

Then duck.

Another exciting aspect of life on the island comes when payday arrives. Attend the shenanigans at the local pubs. But be prepared to duck.

Mayhaps all this sounds a tad cynical. The words really aren't meant that way. The words are meant to express the profound peace of mind one experiences in life on the island.

And that brings us to the secret of the week.

Don't be concerned about your secret. It'll be safe. If it appears in this space next week, be assured it won't be revealed to more than three people, and they live in Ontario. By exact tally, that is how many people admit, freely, to reading these words.

My secret is simple. I have a list of events which have occurred on the island during the past 10 years. I wait. Sure enough, the stories reappear regularly.

So that's my secret, I have the easiest job imaginable. All I need do is keep good files and wait patiently.

What's your secret?

Approval sought for pool

The Parks and Recreation Commission passed a resolution at a special meeting Monday night, effectively asking the Capital Regional District to approve the operation of swimming pool in Portlock Park.

The resolution, which asks the CRD to accept a licence agreement worked out between the CRD and the Salt Spring Swimming Pool Society (SPS), will be heard by the board today (Wednesday.)

If it's approved, along with and the conditions contained in a 21-page agreement worked out between the rec board and the SPS, it could mean the pool will be operating early next month although the society has 60 days to prepare the site.

Linda Adams, a representative on the rec board, says that under the arrangement worked out between the two groups, the society will be responsible for paying all of the costs associated with the pool except for money

Trustee Report

By JOHN STEPANIUK
Islands Trustee

Last weekend I was shocked to discover, at the west corner of Cusheon Lake, two to three acres of land completely stripped of all trees and vegetation.

The property is on a 30 per cent slope, and is a major watershed and source of water for residents of Cusheon Lake and the Beddis subdivision. The east side of the property borders on Park Reserve.

What is so upsetting is that the owners of the property and the machine operator had been contacted. Assurances were made that this is a house site only, and that the minimum of clearing would be done.

The Ministry of the Environment will be involved in the rehabilitation of the site, unfortunately after the fact. This could have been avoided had the property owners taken time to consult with local resource person Kathy Reimer.

The major excavation on the opposite side of the Lake should also have been done with greater consideration for the lake, the environment and the people who live there. These people will also have to deal with the Ministry of the Environment.

I am appealing to all property owners to contact the Islands Trust, the Ministry of the Environment or Kathy Reimer before commencing any major land clearing adjacent to streams or lakes. Telephone numbers are: Islands Trust office (537-9144), Ministry of Environment (387-1161), John Stepaniuk (537-2885), and Kathy Reimer (537-9630).

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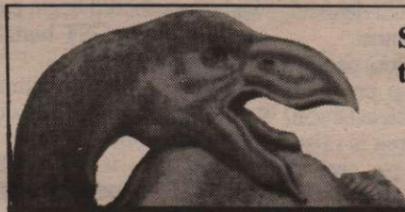
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News



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Capital spending plans established

Capital spending in the Gulf Islands school district for 1990-91 amounts to \$1.84 million.

School trustees approved that amount at the board of trustees meeting on July 4.

The major expenditure on the list is \$699,721 for the addition of two classrooms to Fernwood Elementary School. As part of the capital project for the school, the computer classes will vacate the hallway which they occupied during the past school year.

A new classroom for computers will augment the multi-purpose room and the two new classrooms.

In addition, the school board has access to \$637,500 to begin preliminary work on the new secondary school to be built on Rainbow Road. Completion date for the new high school is tentatively set as the end of 1992. A total of \$1.419 million will be needed to complete the project.

Next costliest item in the capital budget — at \$204,700 — will be four portable classrooms needed to ease crowded conditions in three schools. Two of the portables will be set up at Salt Spring Elementary, with a third portable going to Fernwood.

Pender Island school will receive the fourth portable.

The roof of the original building at Fernwood and the roof of the industrial arts wing of GISS need repairs. The school trustees approved \$111,634 to be spent on replacement of the two roofs.

Getting children to school requires buses. The school district will purchase two new buses to replace two older vehicles. The cost will be \$95,000.

Mayne Island school will benefit from additional change rooms and washrooms. The project carries a price tag of \$53,620. The septic field at that school will also be replaced, at a cost of \$31,200.

Recently, the school board contracted the engineering firm of The Iredale Partnership of Vancouver to study each school in the district to determine how the buildings would fare in an earthquake. The capital budget contains \$9,200 to cover costs associated with the study.

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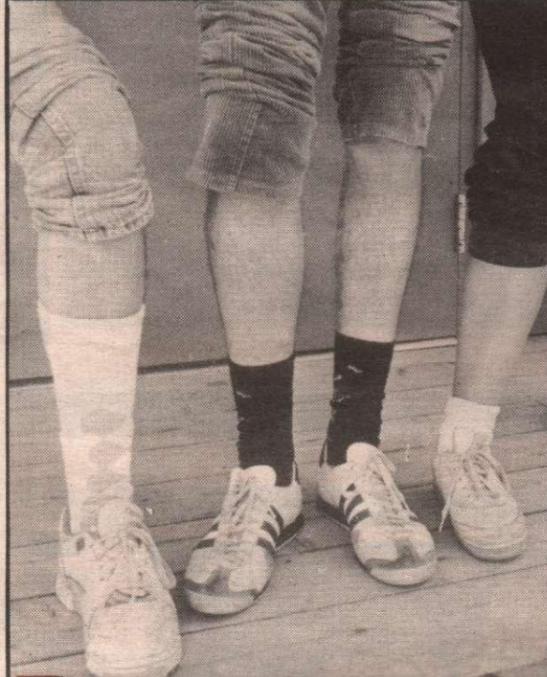
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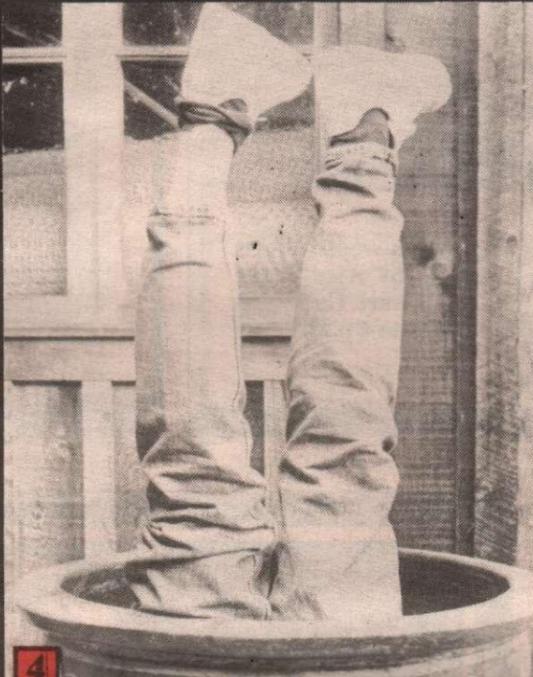
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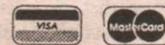
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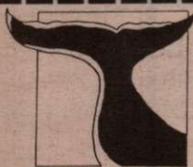
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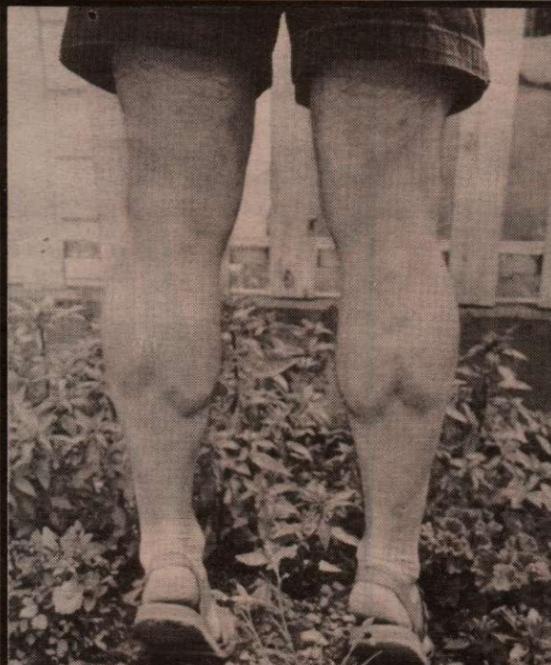
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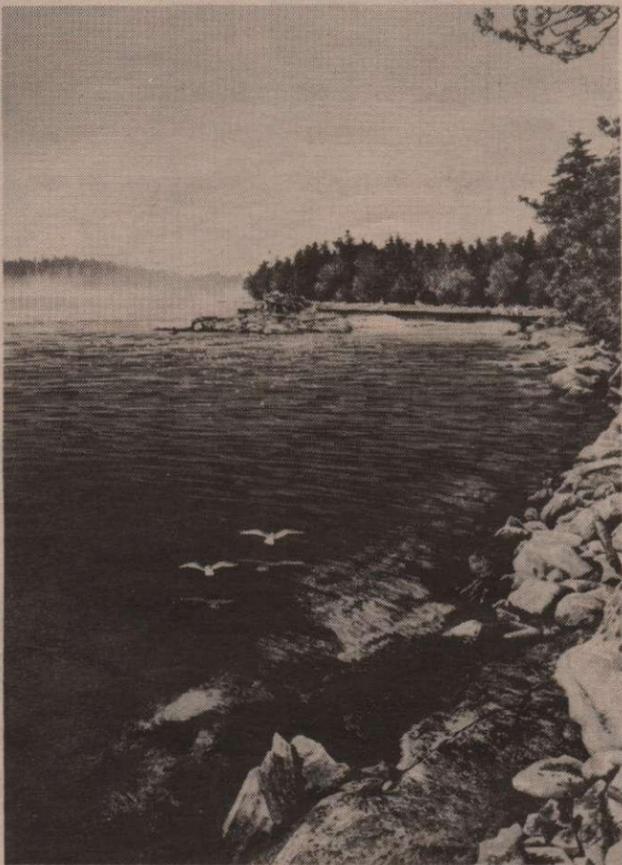
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Cedric Barker photo

"Summer," print by Carole Evans, will be among items raffled to raise funds for planned arts centre.

Raffle to raise funds for Artspring project

Artspring, the proposed centre for the arts on Salt Spring, is gaining momentum.

The Island Arts Centre Society spends busy days preparing plans for the centre, to be located on Jackson Avenue near Mouat Park, as well as continuing their efforts at raising money.

Currently in the works is a raffle of work by local artists and craftsmen:

- Laurie Neish has constructed a sabot which can be seen at the Activity Centre, site of the Festival of the Arts.

- LeRoy Jensen has produced an original pastel inspired by visits to Carmanah Valley.

- Donna Johnstone laboured long to produce a quilt measuring 254 centimetres by 254 centimetres (100 inches).

- Carole Evans created an original print of summer on Salt Spring.

The Jensen pastel, the Johnstone

quilt and the Evans print can be viewed at ArtCraft in Mahon Hall.

Tickets for the raffle are available through ArtCraft, the Festival of the Arts, Waterfront Gallery and the Saturday Market in Centennial Park.

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Festival offering music, theatre

Music and theatre share the spotlight at the Salt Spring Festival of the Arts for the coming week.

This evening (Wednesday), the Festival takes a rare mid-week break.

Thursday, July 12, the activity centre resounds with *Celtic Blues* as Bill Bourne and Alan MacLeod create music.

Bourne, from Alberta, plays country blues guitar while MacLeod, of Scotland, brings Highland warping to the evening. The pair were part of a Celtic band in the early '80s and have reunited to co-write music with roots in both the country and the Highlands.

Friday night is dance night. *Nyetz* set feet tapping with a mix of folk, bluegrass, jazz and African rhythms. The four musicians were introduced to the island at a local pub last spring and have since developed a loyal following.

Saturday, July 14, is an date to mark on your calendar — that's when Paul Horn takes centre stage. Horn's music defies classification. He distills classical music, jazz and improvisational sounds to create eclectic music.

Joined on stage by guitarist John Stowell, of Seattle, Horn will be offering music from all parts of the world.

On Sunday, the Salt Spring Hysterical Society gears up to present a skewed look at life in the islands.

A favourite with island audiences, the Hysterics will barge ahead with the best of past snickers and offer snippets of future laughs. They have threatened to take their humour to the Victoria Fringe Festival in September. Be warned.

Then on Tuesday, the Salt Spring Players return for a three-night engagement.

The Players have spent the past couple of years in either Crofton or limbo. For the Festival, the troupe serves up three short plays during a *An Evening of Theatre*.

The Players begin with a dark look at how a father is helped to cope with the death of his son. The play *The Other Player* was written by Owen Arno, who also wrote the second short play, *The Street of Good Friends*.

The second play looks at what happens when three spinster school teachers visit Italy.

The Real Inspector Hound tries, in the Agatha Christie tradition of mysteries, to unravel a murder, or two, or three. The script is by Tom Stoppard.



Sid Filkow and Arvid Chalmers of the Salt Spring Hysterical Society (top photo) and band 'Nyetz' are among performers taking to the Festival of the Arts stage this week.

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8 VALDY and THE KIDCO DANCERS \$8	10 MEXICAN FIESTA: COMBO NINGUNO and TACOTENO Food and Family Fun \$10		12 BILL BOURNE and ALAN MacLEOD \$7	13 NYETZ dance \$8	14 PAUL HORN \$10
15 "BEST OF COMEDY NIGHT" SALT SPRING HYSTERICAL SOCIETY \$8	17 _____ \$7	18 A THEATRE EVENING with the SALT SPRING PLAYERS \$7	19 _____ \$7	20 RONALD TURINI-pianist YI-WEN-JIANG -violinist classical music \$10	21 HOLLY ARNTZEN BAND dance \$8
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*That which hath made them drunk hath made me bold;
What hath quenched them hath given me fire.
...I've drugged their possets,
That death and nature do contend about them,
Whether they live or die.*

Lady Macbeth.

It was never a good idea to take a posset at bedtime with Lady Macbeth, who was a devastating cook, but the word does at least have a Shakespearean flavour. Like flummeries, fools, fluffs, delights, charlottes, subtleties and marvels, these dishes have etymological richness.

A posset began as a drink of hot milk curdled with spiced white wine or ale, customarily swallowed, like ovaltine or hot chocolate, at night. The Elizabethans took them against colds, which were legion, and instead of hot baths, which were anathema. Most people claim the word is Old French, or Irish, which it certainly is. But it's also Latin for having-the-power (to banish a cold). In old Manchester English you may spell it possor and open your clogged plumbing with one, either in the cellar or in the head.

A flummery is cousin to a blancmange and once was made only with oatmeal, boiled and soured, then quickened with fruit. It comes from the unpronounceable Welsh word llymru. (With a surname like mine you can get away with racist remarks like that, but in this country I wouldn't dare take liberties with a mouse, even a chocolate one.)

A fool is a puree of fruit. Crushed gooseberries can be cooked into a fool, and lemons, and blackberries, and almost any other fruit, then thickened with eggs and cream. Charlottes are dressed-up fools. Careme, the King of cooks and the Cook of kings, invented the charlotte russe, a confection of bavarian cream and sponge fingers.

After doing so he went for a stint to London as chef to the Prince Regent, the son of George III. The Prince, who was a famous glutton, eventually attained so great a circumference that he required a squad of groaning beefeaters to carry him into the palace dining room every evening.

Like Humpty-Dumpty he had a bilious, not to say brittle, temperament.

Stung by the criticisms of a populace starving in the fog outside the walls and hurt by the sniggers his lady friends were making behind their fans, he summoned Careme to the table at the conclusion of a particularly Rabelaisian dinner. To Careme's astonishment the massive monarch tried to blame HIM for his own obesity. The Frenchman considered his spherical superior mad just like his crazy father. He resolved on the spot to catch the night packet to Calais where his employers may have been stupid enough to eat themselves to death but at least had the good sense not to blame the kitchen.

Careme shrugged. Trudeausquely. "My great concern is to stimulate your appetite by the variety of my dishes," he declared in a frost. "It is no concern of mine to curb it."

The Prince wasn't subtle but he enjoyed subtleties and marvels. As dessert dishes these recipes are illusions frequently constructed with marzipan, and appear to be unlike what they really are, a fashion which has lately caught on in the department of finance in Victoria.

But these illusions are merely the aristocrats (cynics have a different word) of the delights, specials, surprises, fluffs, flummeries and possets which constitute our daily fare.

Apple Posset

- 4 large Cox's Orange Pippin apples
- 1/2 pint whipping cream
- 1 medium jar homemade raspberry jam
- some toasted almond flakes
- 1 pint custard
- cinnamon

Peel the Pippins and grate them into a serving dish. Add the raspberry jam and stir well. Cover with custard and cool. Decorate with whipped cream and almonds and a sprinkle of cinnamon.

Cultural, historical programs on agenda

Interpretative programs are scheduled this week at two provincial parks and aboard several B.C. Ferries vessels serving the Gulf Islands.

The schedule of programs, sponsored by B.C. Parks, are listed below.

Montague Harbour Provincial Park Galiano Island

(Unless otherwise noted, all programs start in the meeting place in the campground.)

Thursday, July 12

7:30 p.m. Forest Snoop. Join Pamela, the park interpreter, for a look around the neighbourhood.

9:30 p.m. Salmon People. A look at the first peoples of the Gulf Islands.

Friday, July 13

7:30 p.m. Midden Mysteries. Have you ever tasted an animal with 10 arms and a beak? Now's your chance.

9:30 p.m. As the Tide Turns. A look at the real life drama of life in the intertidal zone.

Ruckle Provincial Park Salt Spring Island

(Unless otherwise noted, all programs start at the meeting place in the campground.)

Saturday, July 14

7:30 p.m. Step Back in Time. A stroll through the history of Ruckle Park, with special guest Gwen Ruckle.

9:30 p.m. Whale Tales. A talk and slide show about whales and other marine mammals of the Gulf Islands.

Sunday, July 15

7:30 p.m. Forest Snoop. Join Pamela, the park interpreter, for a look around the neighbourhood.

9:30 p.m. Salmon People. A look at the first peoples of the Gulf Islands.

B.C. Ferries

Interpretative programs are offered aboard several ships sailing among the islands. The programs, covering natural history and cultural topics, are designed to be light and entertaining as well as informative. They are geared to general audiences; children as well as adults.

Programs are offered this week aboard:

- the 10:25 a.m. sailing between Swartz Bay and Sturdies Bay on July 12;
- the 10:30 a.m. sailing between Sturdies Bay and Swartz Bay on July 14;
- the 1:30 p.m. sailing between Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour on July 14; and
- the 12:30 p.m. sailing between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay on July 16.

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Summer reading: new titles available at library

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Bentley, *White Crow*; Livesey, Margot, *Homework*; Ludlum, Robert, *The Bourne Ultimatum*; McQuillan, Karen, *Deadly Safari*; Munro, Alice, *Titmus Regained*; Makin, Jeanne, *The Frenchwoman*; Oxnam, Robert, *Cinnabar*; Pearson, Ridley, *Probable Cause*; Oates, Joyce, *Because It's Bitter, Because It's My Heart*; Peters, Ellis, *The Potter's Field*; Paliser, Charles, *The Quincunx*; Pickering, Paul, *The Blue Gate of Babylon*; Pynchon, Thomas, *Vineland*; Robinson, Patricia, *Something to Hide*; Raymo, Chet, *In the Falcon's Claw*; Rayner, Claire, *Clinical Judgements*; Stern, Tracy, *This I Promise You*; Stegner, Wallace, *Collected Stories*; Steed, Neville, *Clockwork*; Thomas,

Michael, *Hanover Place*; Vaughn, Stephanie, *Sweet Talk*; Weldon, Fay, *The Cloning of Joanna May*; Whitney, Phyllis, *The Singing Stones*; Westlake, Donald, *Drowned Hopes*; West, Morris, *Lazarus*; Whitehead, Barbara, *Playing God*; Wix, Elizabeth, *The Three Graces*; Forbes, Colin, *The Greek Key*; Jeffries, Roderick, *The Man Who Wouldn't Be*.

Non-Fiction

Asher, Michael, *Two Against the Sahara*; Asimov, Michael, *Frontiers, New Discoveries About Man and His Planet*; Alexander, Caroline, *One Dry Season*; Bacon, Josephine, *Exotic Fruits A-Z*; Bacon, Josephine,

Exotic Vegetables A-Z; Brown, Michael, *The Search for Eve*; Bonner J. & Harris W., *Healthy Aging*; Corley-Smith, *Barnstorming to Bush Flying*; Crossley-Holland, *The Oxford Book of Travel Verse*; Calvin, William, *The Cerebral Symphony*; Duncan, Emma, *Breaking the Curfew*; Dean, Ian, *Ten Commandments*; Ehrlich, Paul, *The Population Explosion*; Foster, Tony, *The Bush Pilots*; Fotheringham, Allen, *Birds of a Feather*; Gibler, Carlo, *Driving Through Cuba*; Grant, J. & C., *Trees and Shrubs of Coastal B.C.*; Hubbard, L. Ron, *Messiah or Madman*; Hayes, Helen, *My Life in Three Acts*; Hinman, Bobbie, *Lean and Luscious*; Joffe, Olympiad, *Gorbachev's*

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Gallery features painters

Although the two artists come from different backgrounds, they seem to come together locally.

Alan Wylie, from Scotland, and Kiff Holland, of South Africa, are the featured artists at Ewart Gallery on Salt Spring. The showing of their works runs through to July 27.

Also on display in the gallery located on Lower Salt Spring way is sculpture by noted Cowichan Lake artist Gus Galbraith.

Wylie considers himself a "representational painter achieving realistic effects." He came to Canada from Scotland in 1967 and over a 35 year career in art, has won many awards and honours.

He utilizes oils, watercolours and acrylics and chooses his subject matter from travels across North America and Europe.

Holland, from South Africa, immigrated to Canada in 1976. His palette changed from warm earth tones reflecting the harsh, brilliant light of Africa to colours of cool, ethereal values capturing the soft colours and light of Canada.

Holland does not impose boundaries on his work, often using the same form and texture for landscapes as well as still-life work.

Both artists are featured in the outdoor wallpaintings in Chemainus.

Wylie produced the 9.5 metre-long painting covering the history of Chemainus, which can be viewed near the tourist information centre of the Vancouver Island town.

Holland's work features a montage covering the history of education in the area.

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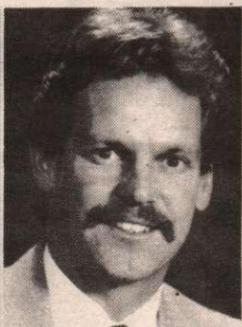
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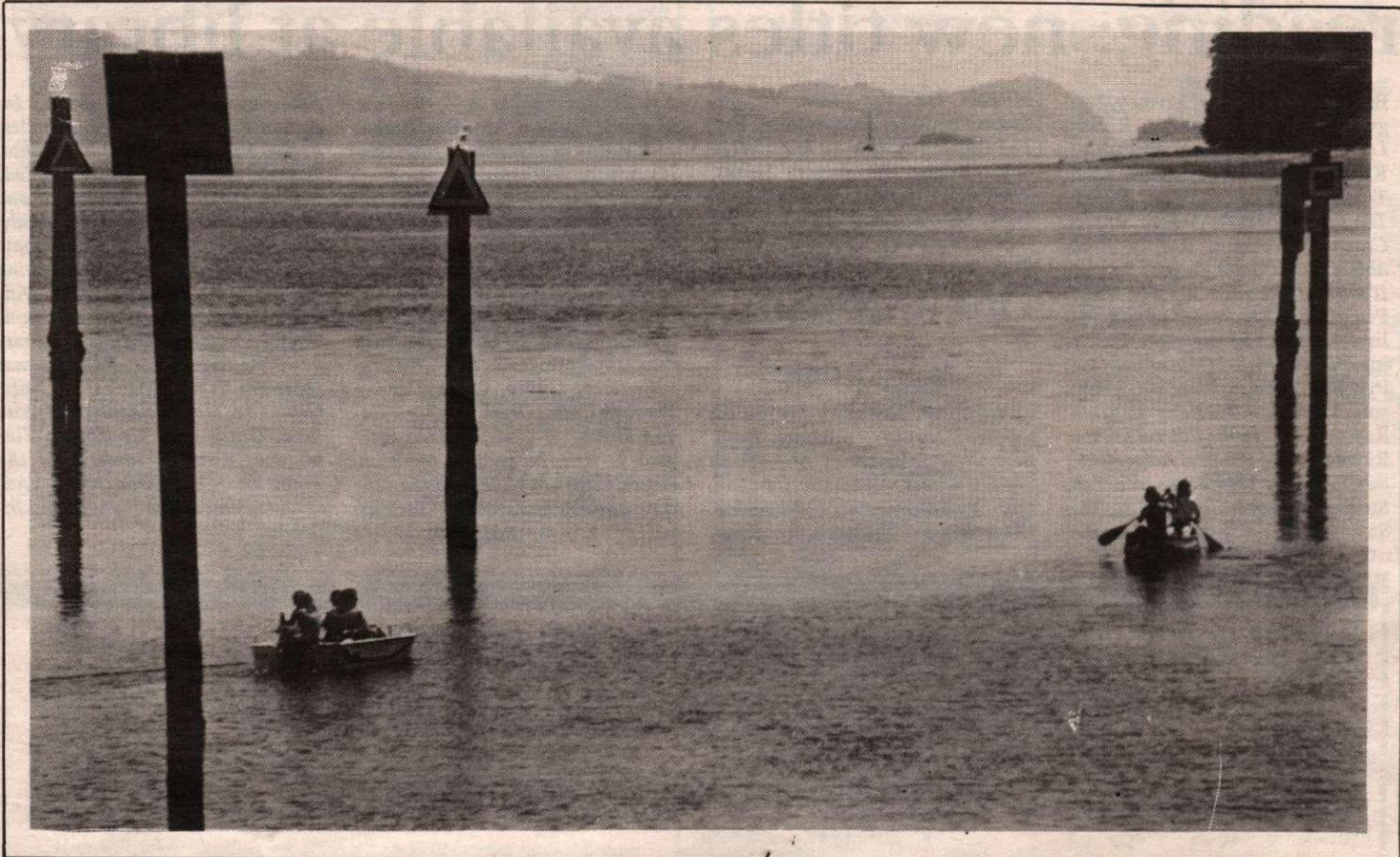
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News



Framed by pilings guarding entrance to federal government wharf in Ganges, boaters venture towards open waters of harbour to enjoy fine weather that arrived over the weekend.

Frustration, uncertainty face seawalk committee

By NANCY VAIL
The Driftwood

While pedestrians have been enjoying leisurely strolls along some of the finished portions of the seawalk this summer, the seawalk committee is no closer to deciding what must be done to get the walkway finished.

One member of the committee — Bill Curtin, representing the parks and recreation commission — suggests the group may want to go back to square one and have an engineering study done to determine whether the walk should be there at all.

In the meantime, at least one property owner on the harbour has dug in his heels and says he will not allow construction to continue on his property until a variety of conditions are met.

Bard Brown, who owns approximately 1,000 feet of land along the shoreline in front of the Petro-Canada station, says he will not let construction proceed until he is compensated for the approximately \$19,000 (excluding legal fees) he has already spent. He also says he wants a year-to-year lease which would protect him if future changes are made.

Brown estimates it would cost him another \$30,000 to \$40,000 to finish his portion of the walk.

"For what I am going to gain, that is way over the reasonable amount," he said.

Two of the four private property owners along the shoreline signed an agreement before the project started, saying they would pay for the portions of the walk built on their land.

But Brown, one of those who signed, says he expected his total cost then would be between \$30,000 and \$35,000 — an amount which has more than doubled since then.

The seawalk was the undertaking of the Chamber of Commerce, which first proposed the project in the early 1980s. Construction began last year with money provided by the provincial and federal governments, as well as by the Chamber. The walk was intended to stretch as one unit from Mouat's store to the end of the shoreline just below the intersection of Upper and Lower Ganges roads.

It has cost over \$300,000 to build the seawalk to its present unfinished state.

Under the terms of the original agreement, the portions of the walk built on public property were to be paid for through grants and money contributed by the business community. The private property owners were to pay for the sections built on their land.

The Farmers' Institute, which owns a small area of land along the shoreline, refrained from signing the

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original agreement and from building, arguing it was concerned the walk would pave the way for future building in the harbour.

Gordon Cudmore, who owns one of the larger sections (which is almost at a halfway point along the walk), and who says the project was a mess from the start, says he has no immediate plans to build because he is not certain exactly how much land he owns. He says a survey will be started soon to determine his property line, and he will make no more decisions until that is done.

In the meantime a "seawalk" committee set up earlier this year, consisting of representatives from the Chamber of Commerce and the Parks and Recreation Commission, has been working to decide what needs to be done, and to negotiate with the private property owners. The commission was suppose to take responsibility for the walk last January — under conditions set out in the original agreement — but refused because of the condition of the walk.

The commission — and, ultimately, the Capital Regional District, which the commission reports to — would be responsible for any costs incurred in maintaining the walk and be liable for any injuries or accidents.

Since then, the commission has attempted to prevent pedestrian access to the walk until it is felt to be safe. It even considered tearing down the walkway to keep people off.

Bill Curtin, a representative from the rec board and a member of the Seawalk Committee, says the job will be a long and complicated process. He said he wouldn't be surprised if it took between 10 and 15 years to complete the project.

"There are still a lot of good questions that have to be asked," he said, adding that the rec commission is concerned that it may end up with a "turkey" that could cost taxpayers thousands of dollars to maintain.

He said solving the situation will require a long-range plan to identify what needs to be done, and how much all of the work will cost. Part of the frustration, Curtin continues, is that some members of the committee seem to be distancing themselves from the walk instead of taking the steps necessary to get the work done.

In the meantime, Brown says there is absolutely no way he will invest more money into a project which will provide him with little or nothing in return.

"I have incurred a hell of a pile of costs I was never supposed to," he said. "I think the community is asking way too much."

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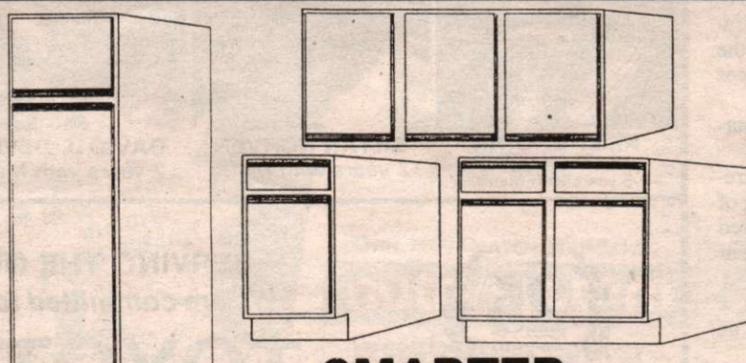
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Mayne Island Paint and Sketch Club recently elected a new executive for the coming term. Pictured above is the group's new leadership: Julia Fry, secretary (left); Melus Douglas, president (centre), and Betty Fry, treasurer.

Full advantage not taken of local summer programs

While organizers of local summer programs have lined up a full list of activities for islanders this year, the number of participants in some of those has been low.

Leah Kitchen, summer program director, says only 12 children turned out for the day camp in Fulford last week, although it can accommodate 30.

Some of the activities arranged for children include arts and crafts, swimming and beachcombing. This week is "holiday week," during which time the youngsters will pursue activities relating to various holidays held through the year. Friday, for example, is "Christmas," when children will exchange presents and see Santa.

The day camp is designed for children ages five to 11 and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It costs \$5 per child per day, or \$11 on a drop-in basis.

Three counsellors lead the camp, two from Salt Spring — 18-year-old Malindi Curtis and 16-year-old David Marshall — along with Andrea Redden, a fourth year student at the University of Victoria.

Next week the course will be held at the Fernwood School gym.

Some of the other activities planned for island youth is an "outdoor expeditions" program for pre-schoolers four to six years of age. Tomorrow, the youngsters will be meeting at Reynolds Road at 11 a.m. and visit a riding stable in Fulford. Next Thursday they will be going on a beach walk and study led by Gwen Ruckle.

On the 26th, the youngsters will be taken on a walk through Ganges which will start in Centennial Park and include a tour of the bakery and firehall before the group returns to the park.

"It's a time for pre-schoolers to get together and see what there is," says Kitchen, adding the program lasts one hour and costs \$4.

With the introduction of a youth programmer this year, a variety of activities has been planned for pre-teens and adult groups. One of those includes a two-week sailing course for youths eight to 15 years, which will be offered from July 16 to 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the yacht club on Scott Point Road. Students who complete the course will receive their sailing certification.

An introductory rock climbing course will be offered at various times throughout the summer to teen and adult groups. The first of those will be offered at Portlock Park on July 18. The course will open with an in-class evening session which will be followed by actual climbs at a variety of locations on the island.

In addition to the activities already listed in the brochure, extra kayaking courses for people of all ages have been planned for July 19 and 20, and August 14-17.

Program organizers may also offer a three-day off-island backpacking trip to Vancouver Island depending on whether there is enough local interest.

Federal government sets quotas for West Coast salmon fishermen

Quotas for salmon fishing on the West Coast were recently announced by the federal department of fisheries.

The move follows negotiations between the federal fisheries and the Commercial Fishing Industry Council (CFIC), which could not reach agreement on quotas. The result was that the government went ahead and set its own quota levels.

Sockeye return to the Fraser in record numbers this year with the run expected to exceed 16.5 million sal-

gillnetters — 2.4 million and trollers set for 2.25 million.

On the North Coast, a ceiling of 264,000 chinook has been imposed. Trollers can take 187,000, gillnetters 25,550 and seiners 9,450.

Sports fishermen, whose take has been on the increase in recent years for the North Coast, will be allocated 42,000 chinook. However, the daily limit per individual sportsman has been lowered to two chinook and to a maximum catch of four per boat.

While sport fishermen applaud

ministry for that increase.

The B.C. Wildlife Federation defends the sports fishing increase. BCWF officials pointed out the commercial fisheries in northern B.C. has increased by an average of 6 million fish per year since 1985.

The federation also noted that in the same time, sports fishermen were allowed a yearly increase of about 4,000 fish per year.

A commercial catch of 200,000 salmon represents about \$2 million, the federation noted. But in 1989,

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Community

Wit and Whimsy
ARTHUR BLACK



I guess all of us carry around our own personal file of excruciating memories — you know, those zircon-encrusted reminiscences of moments in our past when we made absolutely the wrong move, zipped when we should have zagged, did something dopey or disreputable or just downright dumb.

Blew it.
I've certainly made my stabs at a Merit Badge for Jerkdom. There was the time I heaped ridicule on a kid in my class just because he was different from the rest of us.

He went on to become a missionary.
I still wince remembering the time I smart-mouthed the ticket-taker at a hotel dance. Challenged him to meet me in the parking lot and settle it man-to-man. Sneered at him when he declined.

The next day I found out he was an off-duty cop with a black belt in Karate.

Some nights when I can't sleep a whole pantheon of folks I've snubbed or jilted or short-changed march across the bedroom ceiling, looking down at me with reproachful eyes.

And usually about fourth in the parade, I see my little eight-year-old niece looking back at me tearfully, pumping away on her accordion.

Must have happened 15 years ago. I was having dinner with her folks. Over coffee and dessert, her Mom said (as parents are wont to do), "Patti, why don't you get out the accordion and play a tune for Uncle Art?"

Forbidden kind of laughing fit

Patti, I recall, was less than enthusiastic about the idea. She'd started lessons and had some distance to go to catch Doug Kershaw. She hauled out this great, ungainly multi-buttoned chrome and bellows monstrosity and began to pump and wheeze (oh Lord, I can hear it as I type) an emphysematic rendition of *Lady of Spain*.

It was awful. So awful that the corners of my mouth began to twitch, and my chest began to heave and tears came to my eyes and suddenly, against my will I was guffawing and gasping and guffawing some more.

It was that horrible forbidden kind of laughing fit that attacks in school auditoriums and funeral halls when you know the least appropriate thing you could possibly do is laugh.

So of course you laugh all the harder.
I couldn't stop. Patti's mom was getting mad and Patti was getting embarrassed, which made her play even worse.

Which made me laugh even harder.
I eventually got control of myself and told monstrous lies about how good it was, but I didn't fool anybody, and I'm pretty sure that neither Patti nor her parents have entirely forgiven me to this day.

I know I certainly haven't forgiven me.

Apology 15 years overdue

Maybe that's what this column is all about — an apology 15 years overdue. All I can say in my defence is that it wasn't Patti's playing. It was the accordion. It has always been inherently silly to me. The accordion is to musical instruments as Eddy the Eagle is to sky-jumping and Eddy Shack was to hockey. I just can't take accordions seriously. When somebody starts to play one it has the same effect as a sketch by Stephen Leacock.

The accordion even looks dumb — like a nightmare mating between a pterodactyl and a dwarf's piano. Incredibly, it has not only survived for more than a century and a half, it looks like it's even making a faddish comeback. Accordions are popping up on Compact Discs and album jackets all over. The hottest musical group currently sweeping San Francisco is a gaggle of raving accordiomaniacs that calls itself Those Darn Accordions.

I would have chosen a feistier adjective.
Accordions in vogue. It's too depressing.
What's that? You kind of like accordions? My condolences. Please don't ever invite me to a patio party.

Beaches cleanest in area

Beaches on Salt Spring continue to be the cleanest in the Capital Regional District.

Each week, the CRD health department checks the coliform count at 47 swimming beaches of the region. When the count exceeds 200 fecal coliform in 100 millilitres of water averaged over a 30 day period, the beach is posted with a warning to swimmers.

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Island population standing at 7,600

The population of Salt Spring is growing and currently stands at 7,600 according to figures generated by the Islands Trust.

In 1986, the population of the island stood at 6,166. The increase of 1,434 represents a growth of 23.3 per cent.

Trustee John Stepaniuk told the *Driftwood* the Trust arrived at the population total by cross-checking figures from B.C. Tel., B.C. Hydro, School District 64, the census bureau and the building inspectors office.

Stepaniuk noted the figure of 7,600 represented full-time residents of the island. The population can get as high as 8,300 when week-enders are added in. Usually, summer months show a doubling of the residents of the island.

The figures are needed, Stepaniuk said, "to get a handle on what is really happening." Government agencies, such as the Trust and the Capital Regional District, need reasonably accurate population statistics as a planning tool, he explained.

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