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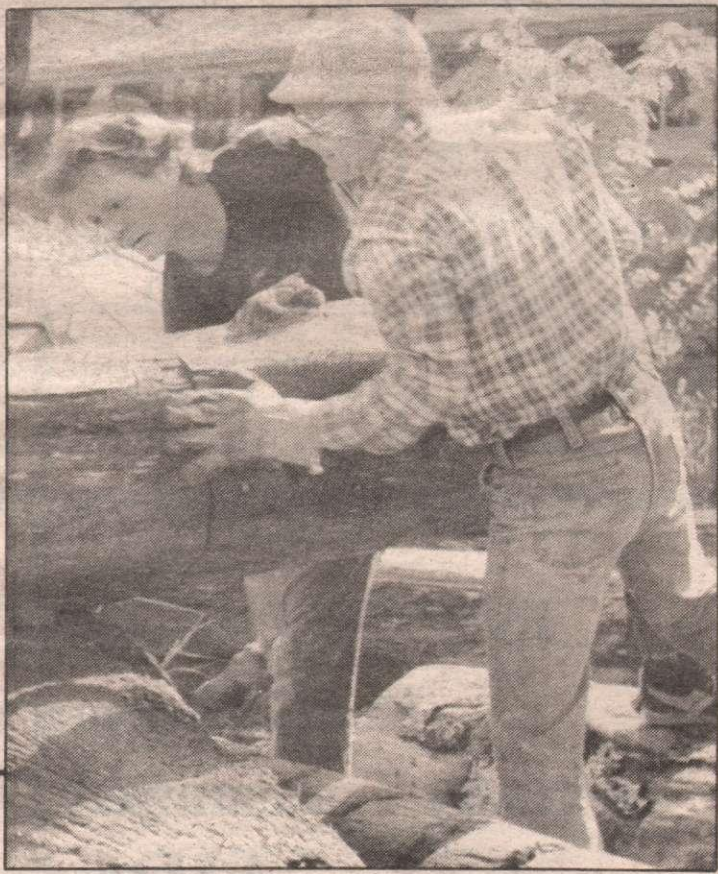
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Clean-up crew

Above: Don Lee (right, holding reins) watches as one of approximately a dozen volunteers attaches the choker to a log on Vesuvius Beach. Lee's horse, Joshua, did most of the heavy work at Thursday's clean-up. Below: Two local residents manhandle a large piece of driftwood into one of several bonfires set along the beach. The event, sponsored by Salt Spring's parks and recreation commission, was organized to rid Vesuvius Beach of winter's driftwood.



Hansen fund at \$7,500

Over \$7,500 is expected to be handed over to Rick Hansen this weekend by Salt Spring Island representatives.

The money, intended for Hansen's *Man In Motion* fund for spinal cord research, was collected locally from a variety of fund-raising sources. Included were events like a fun run, wheelchair relay and bartenders' challenge, plus contributions from organizations and individuals.

Polly Tremblay, co-ordinator of the secondary school's Life Skills Program, which sponsored the wheelchair relay, said last week the fund had collected about \$6,900 by Thursday and expected at least another \$700 to come in by this week.

The total included \$2,247 in fun run pledges, \$2,005 in wheelchair relay pledges, \$540 from the bartenders' challenge, \$885 collected from other sources and still held by Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, \$1,000 already forwarded by the hospital to the *Man In Motion* fund, \$50 from the HMS Ganges chapter of IODE, \$65 in public contributions to a special bank account established at the Credit Union, and about \$200 from the Ganges Pharmasave outlet.

The Pharmasave total represents 50 cents owner Les Ramsey is contributing for each old or outdated drug prescription turned in to the pharmacy until May 23, when Hansen's two-year, around-the-world trek will officially end.

Tremblay said the total collected by late last week was expected to grow with the addition of about \$400 due in wheelchair pledges made by Saturna Island residents, and another \$300 or so "in dribs and drabs."

She called on local residents to honor fund-raising pledges or deposit donations in the Credit Union account as soon as possible.

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Mouat's Trading Company celebrated its 80th anniversary last weekend with two full days of activities. Page 2.



History

Pender Island man Geoff Noble recently completed a book and accompanying cassette tape on early Canadian history. Page 26.



New career

Ken Christmas always knew he could draw, but it wasn't until last year he began sketching in earnest. Page 22.

Teachers consider Bill 19 amendments

Gulf Islands teachers were scheduled to meet last night (May 19) to consider the provincial government's amended version of the Teaching Profession Act (Bill 20).

Barb Aust, president of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA), said last Thursday that local teachers want to review the amended legislation and formulate their own opinions on the significance of changes announced last week by the provincial government.

"We've tried to be spokesmen

for ourselves," Aust said, noting that local teachers have not simply mirrored the B.C. Teachers' Federation position on the legislation.

Aust stressed, however, that GITA supports the BCTF's recent decision to continue the instruction-only campaign in B.C. schools.

Provincial government representatives met recently with BCTF officials and members of the B.C. School Trustees' Association to amend Bill 20. The final series of amendments was introduced last Monday (May 11) by

Education Minister Tony Brummet.

The government is expected to give the amended bill swift passage in the Legislature. In fact, BCSTA president Charles Hingston predicted Friday that the legislation would be passed within a week.

Hingston said he has reviewed the entire package of Bill 20 amendments and feels the major concerns expressed by teachers have been addressed.

"It's certainly a better bill than it was before," he noted.

Hingston said it appears the public's focus is now shifting to Bill 19, the Industrial Relations Act.

The BCSTA president said he has some grave concerns about Bill 19, which creates a new industrial relations council and gives it broad powers to intervene in labour disputes. He said he would like to see Labour Minister Lyall Hansen and B.C. Federation of Labour leader Ken Georgetti hold joint discussion sessions similar to those held recently between teachers and government officials.

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Still strong after 80 years

Mouat's Trading Company celebrated its 80th anniversary last weekend with two full days of activities. UPPER LEFT: Tom and Yvonne Toynbee, current owners of Mouat's Trading Company, sing a song during Saturday's 80th anniversary celebration. UPPER RIGHT: Dick Toynbee and Isobell Mouat cut

into huge anniversary cake prepared for the occasion. BELOW: Gary Lundy (right) and Ray Newman, members of the quartet *Second Wind*, entertain visitors prior to the official cake-cutting ceremony on Saturday. LEFT: Karen Hosie adjusts her grip on a string of Mouat's anniversary balloons.



Hansen campaign reaps donations from islanders

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ible, pointing out that all monies collected by May 22 will be eligible for matching contributions from the provincial government.

Tremblay also said the Life Skills Program has decided which two of its students will present local contributions to Hansen this weekend. The full class will travel to B.C. Place Stadium for the event, and students Sharon Rowe and Clifford Crooks will deliver the cheque to Hansen. Crooks, a Saturna resident, was the top pledge-earner in the class, lining up \$420 in donations for his team's entry in the wheelchair relay.

(Another high pledge-earner was Bev Swift, who collected \$520 for the *Man In Motion* fund.)

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Sunday concerts on tap

A series of Sunday afternoon concerts in Centennial Park will be discussed at a public meeting called for May 28.

The meeting, to begin at 7 pm in the school board office in Ganges, will discuss organization of the concert series.

Sponsored jointly by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce and the Music Performance Trust Fund, the concerts are to begin on the Sea Capers weekend and continue through the summer.

Funding for the project has been approved, with half of the money being put up by the Music Trust Fund and the other half by local service clubs and businesses.

Organizers ask that the May 28 meeting be attended by any local musician or group interested in performing at the Sunday con-

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to be frank . . .

. . . by Richards

The pesky dog!

There is no place for a vicious dog in a civilized society. On the other hand, there isn't much place for a civilized society when there's a lot of vicious dogs around. And then you have to ask yourself what place is there for civilized dogs in a vicious society?

But not me! I ask myself, what about cats? If vicious dogs are to be extradited or whatever they do to uncanny canines, what about cats? By and large I like cats. They don't bark and they're usually quiet.

Some years ago it was a warm night and I heard noises in the kitchen. In a civilized society there's no room for noises in the kitchen and I sped to the kitchen. I watched a figure leap to the counter and straight up the dry-wall wall. The streak went above the window, down the wall and I was smart and held a door open.

I never saw that cat again, but I always carry a Sten gun now when I chase marauding cats from the kitchen!

Selling cheese

I was reminiscing the other day about times I have known. It was before World War Two and I was concerning myself with cheese and provisions on behalf of a merchandising company long taken over in a merger with another merchandising company.

We had a customer in the English Midlands who explained the strange quirks of cheese-buyers. It seems that the customer sought a particularly ripe and juicy Stilton. The grocer was not eager to join in the feast, but he cut the piece as requested and moved to wipe away the small denizens of the cheese still wriggling on the marble slab.

"Don't do that!" said the gourmet and scooped them up himself and swallowed them.

"Which was the grosser?" asked Ken Byron.

Strange story

It came from Bobby Woods, although he didn't tell it to me. Bobby was looking back down the years on Salt Spring Island and he remembers the days before World War Two when only cattle drank St. Mary Lake water. Residents around the lake took their domestic water from dug wells and cattle were led to the water to drink.

He recalled Chester Sampson, who was not on the shores of the lake, bringing his herd to the lakeshore to water twice a day. Lots of farmers and stock-raisers followed the practice.

In 1937 there was a phenomenon that was never explained. In that year — and I could be a year or two out — the water in the lake gradually changed colour. Taking on a reddish hue, the lake water turned ably bitter. It was so bitter that stock would not touch it and the rest of the dry season was a desperate challenge to farmers.

In weeks the bitterness and the discoloration left and the water was once again potable. It never happened since.

It's not a pill!

The comments made last week in these pages by my friend Hubert Beyer regarding the spread of AIDS emphasize the frustration of an entire society seeking an answer when no answer can be found. Contingence is not going to be accepted by students of today, says Hubert. And he's probably right.

But even accepting the accuracy of his assumption, in what degree does it advance the public protection from the devastating disease? The very fact of debating the nature and the philosophy and the impact of education into AIDS must remind all of us that it is comparable with debating the colour of the pill once medical science comes up with a cure.

During the Second World War the Royal Air Force, in common with other Commonwealth services, instituted a course of education into sexually-transmitted diseases. The troops were marched into an auditorium and some 10 minutes of movie were unrolled. The thrilling film sequences showed the later stages of untreated syphilis. Scenes were shown of men of all ages in all stages of mental and physical distress.

It was a calculated shock treatment, revolting, foul and harsh. Tough he-men would gag over it. Some even fainted.

The message was constant: if a man found it necessary to indulge in sexual relations, use a preventative to eliminate such a disease.

The philosophy was brilliant: well thought-out and grim. What airman would possibly take such risks after seeing these movies?

How many would? A service doctor told me that during the late spring of 1940 there were enough men in the syphilis wards of the VD Hospital at Epernay to staff an entire squadron.

There were no modern medications for such diseases in those days. Treatment was long and painful. But the awareness and the fear did not deter hundreds from contracting the disease and dropping out of action.

If Hubert is right and no student would relinquish the pleasures of sexual promiscuity in order to avoid contacting AIDS, then they are doomed to a short life, I would fear. I believe that education into the practicalities of a preventive device that carries no guarantee is tantamount to holding out a promise of security when no security can be offered. All of us, young and old alike, must decide for ourselves: Is the game of promiscuity worth the candle of a crippling disease? No debates. No false hopes. Just one question, "Yes or no?"

Teacher walkout saves money

The recent one-day walkout by Gulf Islands' teachers saved School District 64 approximately \$15,000, trustees learned last week.

Members of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) left classrooms April 28 to attend a study session organized in protest of Bill 20 (the Teaching Profession Act). Local schools remained open, however, which ensures that district 64 will not be

to pay teaching employees for a lost day of work.

It appears the education ministry will permit School District 64 to keep the savings. Education Minister Tony Brummet told trustees in a letter dated May 4 that he does not intend to reduce provincial education grants to school districts in the wake of the one-day walkout.

In his letter, Brummet indicated that any money saved as a

result of the walkout should be placed in the district's *Fund for Excellence in Education* account. He stressed that the savings must not be used to "increase or enhance" teachers' salaries, but should be spent on programs that directly benefit students.

The education minister also indicated that he will provide school districts with guidelines indicating how the savings may be spent.

Turnout disappoints

The Salt Spring Island Transportation Committee has decided to re-schedule its annual general meeting.

Joan Ingram, current chairman of the transportation committee, said poor turnout at last week's planned annual meeting forced the move.

Ingram expressed disappointment that so few members of the public showed interest in the committee's work. She noted that transportation issues are generally of major concern to island residents.

Ingram hopes more people will attend the annual meeting when it is held next month. The event has tentatively been scheduled for June 14 at 4 pm in the school board offices.

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Population counts underline appeal of islands

Now we know just how many of us there are. The final, ultimate, unassailable total population figures for the islands have been compiled by Statistics Canada. There are, this year, living in these beautiful islands, approximately 12 per cent more people than there were in 1981, the year of the previous count.

In terms of numbers, the biggest gain was Salt Spring Island's. Another 731 eager islanders are looking for parking space every Saturday. The increase is, again, that revealed in the count last year as against the 1981 tally. The increase on Salt Spring Island matches that of the entire island group, 12 per cent.

At the lower end of the scale comes Saturna Island, with its burgeoning population explosion. The increase of 23 persons over the five-year period represents a hike in the number of Saturna Islanders of almost exactly 10 per cent.

The Penders showed a rise of 12.6 per cent in population with a growth of 129 people in the

census period. Although Galiano's rise in population was higher than that of Mayne's the proportionate increase was lower. Galiano shows a percentage increase of 11.7 per cent with its leap of 85 heads, while Mayne Island's increase of 67 people represents a 12.1 per cent rise in the number of candidates for ferry spaces.

The statistics offer some interesting but useless data. For example, the population of Salt Spring Island went up over the five years by some 12 persons a month, or three a week.

Again, at the other end of the scale comes Saturna, with a total increase in population of 4.5 persons each year. On the Penders there was a newcomer every two weeks, as an average of 26 people arrived each year.

Mayne Islanders welcomed 13 newcomers a year, or approximately one every month, and at Galiano they met 17 new Galianoites each year, or one and a half people a month.

These statistics represent more, however, than a light analysis. They bring home very sharply the attractive character of the islands — their sparse population. Overall population density of the islands is 75 persons per square mile. Following densities are for individual islands:

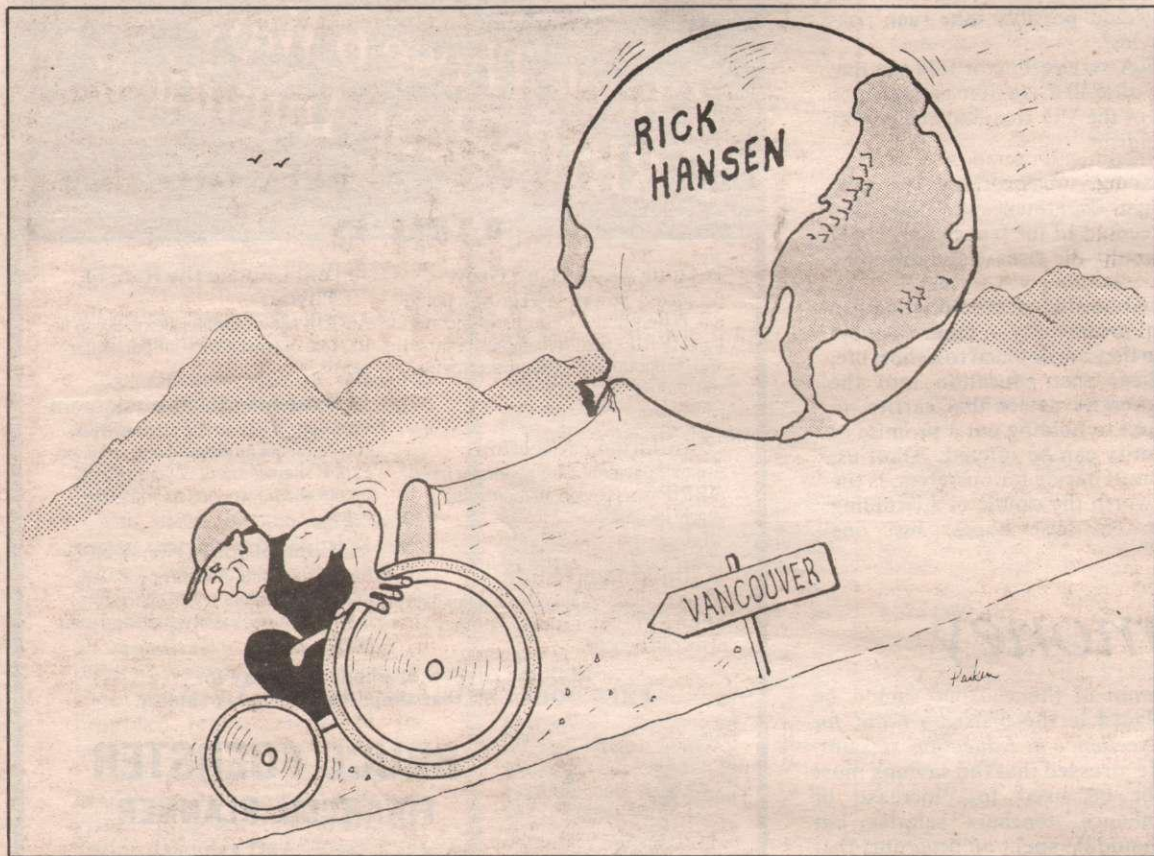
Salt Spring Island, 89; Penders, 127; Mayne, 77; Galiano, 36; Saturna, 21.

The relationship of the islands in terms of population density is rarely provided, although it offers interesting comparisons. The same figures compared with other communities is of particular interest.

The overall average population density of the islands compares with Holland's 1,000 persons per square mile or the United Kingdom's 600.

The principality of Monaco boasts a density of more than 41,000 per square mile, and Singapore goes up to more than 10,000.

The population statistics are a reminder of the heritage that is contained within these islands.



A job well done...

Vesuvius Beach looks a lot better this week, thanks to the efforts of several dedicated volunteers.

On Thursday, approximately a dozen civic-minded citizens donated several hours of their time towards cleaning up the public beach. With the aid of Chemainus resident Don Lee and his Clydesdale horse, Joshua, volunteers stacked and burned driftwood that had piled up on shore during the winter months and reduced the beach to a mere ribbon of sand at high tide. By Thursday afternoon, this scenic stretch of waterfront was completely cleared of debris and made ready to receive its share of summer visitors.

Hats off to Lois Phillips and her crew of volunteers for their efforts on behalf of Salt Spring residents. The island's recreation commission — which has received a lot of criticism in recent months on other matters — deserves credit for sponsoring the clean-up, too.

Good work, gang.

Local churches harmed by TV evangelist scandal

By PASTOR JIM CARUSO
Salt Spring Pentecostal Assembly

Along with many others, I have followed the events of the TV evangelists. I have read and heard many reporters express facts mixed with bias and personal anger about the results of the outcome of the PTL scandal. This, of course, reflects upon the church in a negative way.

The May 5 guest column in Driftwood was a good example of this type of media coverage. I am in no way opposed to fact being written, no matter how much it exposes sin, although I find it easier when the reporter does not share his own prejudices and malicious imagination with the public.

I know there are many people

who look at the people who represent the Lord Jesus Christ in His church today, and who wait in line to find fault with it. We who represent His church need to be examples for those who are watching.

I would like to share with you an editorial from the May 6, 1987, edition of my home town newspaper, the Similkameen Spotlight. Although I do not agree with all of the opinions expressed, I find the message intended is one that is mostly positive and not negative:

Praise The Lord (PTL) Productions has fallen by the wayside due to revelations about the activities of TV star preacher Jim Bakker. With the Bakker notoriety, other TV evangelists have seen contributions plummet. The

guest column

trend may be more fortunate than we can imagine.

Television preachers have drawn huge followings through the seduction of the screen. Using many of the same techniques as movie stars, they put on a real show with excellent singers, lots of makeup and fancy costumes, and a glitzy professionalism that barely glosses over the blatant pitch for money.

The major appeal of the television preachers is their convenience. For people who want to

feel they are good Christians, but who do not wish to make the effort to attend a church in their area, the option of relaxing in the recliner and pushing the remote control to bring PTL into the living room is just too convenient to pass up.

The money sent to these TV preachers for a "good cause" has helped build the Oral Roberts University and hospital, has provided a prayer tower for Roberts, provided a lucrative hotel and amusement park business for the Bakkers, and all sorts of other good works too numerous to mention. That same money, offered as a donation to a local church, might have provided food for the needy in the same community.

There are a lot of "good

causes" in every community. Too many are denied needed cash because people will not contribute. Yet those same people might be happily sending donations to a TV preacher, out of false Christian fervour.

Local churches everywhere complain that attendance has dropped, that money is scarce. Yet the TV evangelists build monuments to their own popularity, engage in political campaigns on a major scale, become advisors to top politicians, and at least one may have engaged in some unsavoury — but expensive — personal sin. For Canadians, what makes the money drain even more foolish is that the dollars go to a foreign country which is much richer than our own.

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Support

Sir,
I am writing on behalf of the Salt Spring Island Achievement Centre. We offer an activity program for handicapped adults and one of our concerns stems from a lack of recreational opportunities for our participants. We strive to provide a comprehensive fitness program and often travel off-island for such activities as skating and swimming.

Our clients find a new sense of freedom while swimming. It provides an environment where several handicaps become unapparent due to flotation. As a centre, we would certainly use such facilities on the island and encourage our participants to attend classes independently.

A.L. DOUCET,
Ganges.

Impressed

Sir,
Off Centre Stage brought together five astounding jazz musicians last Thursday night: Ken Speller on sax, Stu Salmond on bass, Mike Black on piano, Stan Taylor on drums and Ron Brunette, jazz singer. The sound, so powerful in its light, left the crowd with "ear to ear" smiles in bliss and natural high spirits.

The group is performing again on Thursday night, May 28. It should not be missed, as we were listening to possibly the best jazz in the country right here on Salt Spring Island.

This evening left me with a greater appreciation of jazz, along with an exhilaration to what is pertinent in my own life.

GLADYS HILLS,
Ganges.

Convenient

Sir,
I would like to congratulate the management and staff of the Harbour House Hotel for the marvellous buffet supper they arranged for Mother's Day. So much choice, and everything so good and so attractively arranged. I also took a friend who was visiting from the East for lunch a few days before, and we were both most impressed by the excellence of the food, the friendly, efficient service and the reasonable prices.

C. WILSON,
Ganges.

Good night

Sir,
Please do not move the boat launch ramp in Ganges.

I can think of no alternate site which would be as safe or convenient to those of us who use it.

DAVID WILLIAMS,
Ganges.

Lovely

Sir,
John Nolan as Clarence Darrow: a thoroughly good theatre evening at Off Centre Stage, which is to be commended for their effort and attractive space. Let us get out to support these quality events so that more may come to our island.

L. WALLBANK,
Vesuvius.

Complex

Sir,
It was a perfectly beautiful sunny afternoon and I figured there wouldn't be too many people anxious to leave their gardens to sit

inside to listen to the Singers. However, I planned to be early — but arrived exactly as they started and behold: a packed hall. I had been under the impression the concert started at 2:30 pm, so it was lucky I arrived "early."

It was, of course, a lovely concert, with many interesting and different kinds of songs. All were sung as if they were so easy but I know enough about music to know how tricky some of the parts had been, especially for the seconds and altos, poor dears.

Two things struck me, thinking it over. One was how well this group sings the words "beautiful" and "enchanted." They could be their motto. The other thing was the expressiveness of Joy Johnsen's hand movements. I wanted so much to hold my hands over my ears and see if I could guess where they were by just watching Joy's hands. The only thing that stopped me was the thought my neighbours might think I was expressing horror at the song.

Going home I was surprised to find I was feeling sad and unhappy. Was it Molly Malone's fate? Was it the aloneness of being on the beach at night? Finally I pinned it down. No more concerts until Christmas.

Thank you, thank you Singers, for a beautiful and enchanted afternoon.
JOAN RAESIDE,
Ganges.

Complicated

Sir,
The past while has been quite strange. I and all the teachers I work with didn't go to work one day recently — we went to meetings instead, to learn about some new rules that the government of B.C. is making for teachers.

Lots of people, including most teachers, and me, think they are unfair not just to teachers — they would be unfair to anybody. But the government has just been elected and so they can make these new rules, and we can't change them until there is another election. But because they are such bad rules, the teachers all feel they have to fight against them somehow.

The only way we can fight is to stop doing all the extra things we do around school. That means choir and library club and sports and stuff like that — all the extra things that nobody pays us to do, but that we've been doing because we like kids. Because we're not doing them, it seems as if we don't like kids, as if we're picking on kids.

That is not true. We're trying to remind people that our jobs are important ones, that we are people who need to have fair rules, too, and to persuade the government to change some of their rules to make them fairer. We are still doing our jobs the very best we can, teaching kids as much as we can so they can grow up to make fair rules, too. But because the extra things we do are so noticeable, we've stopped doing them for a while so people will notice what we have to say.

This is long and complicated (most adults don't understand it) but I wanted to help you understand a little because your teachers will be doing this, too, and your classmates will be talking about it. What we're doing is hard on me and probably hard on your teachers, too. We took these jobs because we like kids and we want the best for them, too.

A mother and teacher in B.C.

letters

Thank you

Sir,
On behalf of the board of Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital I would like to thank all those members of the community for their valuable assistance and participation at the Rick Hansen event held on May 2.

The enthusiasm and community effort made in support of Rick Hansen's *Man in Motion* tour was tremendous.

We have all shared in the recognition that Rick Hansen has not only raised the awareness of people around the world to the needs and potentials of disabled individuals, but also provided us with a personal example of unflinching determination and stamina.

A.P.S. GORDON,
Chairman,
Board of Management,
Lady Minto Hospital

Questions

Sir,
I have spent some time during the last few days reflecting on your recent editorial entitled *Concern is example set for children*, in which you pose a series of questions regarding the moral implications of teachers breaking the law and the effect this will have on their students.

You seem to feel that the teachers' professionalism should preclude them from breaking the law; a vague and curious statement, indeed. Perhaps in broadening the perspective on 'law breaking,' we may obtain more insight.

I would be curious to know the position of the writer of this editorial on Gandhi's breaking innumerable laws in India during civil disobedience campaigns — say the law protecting the government salt monopoly; or what about the poll tax in pre-revolutionary France — a law applicable only to the peasantry? Or how does the writer feel about the law requiring Jews to wear a yellow star promulgated in Germany in the 1930s? In short, many laws have been passed, some of them good and some of them bad, and the fact that a law is legal hardly ensures that it should be obeyed, one hopes.

One hesitates to state the obvious but in a democracy the government exists only in as much as it reflects the will of the people. Sometimes a law is unenforceable even with the full coercive powers of the police and armed forces, essentially because the individuals who collectively comprise the nation have asked the simple questions such as, *is this fair and just?* and *is this sensible?* and concluded that the law in question

is not. It follows that among the most important duties of citizenship is that of becoming knowledgeable and exercising critical judgement and of questioning the actions of the government.

Rather than setting an example of blind obedience and automatic respect for the law, I would be pleased if the teachers educate our children to think carefully, to show compassion for all mankind, to question all; in short, to take the duties and responsibilities of citizenship very serious indeed.

Judging from the thinking implicit in the editorial, I'd say that the writer failed in a very

important lesson; to wit that without being in tune with the individual morality of the times, laws passed by the state should not be supported. In fact, often a moral obligation exists such that they should actively be disobeyed.

While not wishing to take a position on the current struggle between the teachers and the government, it is cogent to note the manner and circumstances of Socrates' death some 2,500 years ago. He was forced to drink hemlock after having been found guilty of corrupting the youth of Athens, a crime remarkably close to that which you impute to the teachers of B.C. today. Ironically, his real crime was the Socratic method itself — that is, teaching the youth to question and think for themselves.


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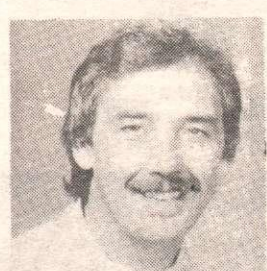
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Pleasure

Sir,
It was indeed an honour and pleasure to be an audience participant Saturday night in the Ganges United Church, to hear the Salt Spring Singers' annual spring concert.

Up until this concert I have been a member — so it was from a different vantage point that I sat and was spellbound and totally immersed in the production.

The quality and blending of female and male voices was excellent. The choice of numbers was delightful. To name a few: *Memory*, *Aston Water*, *Sunset* (highlighted by a flute accompaniment) and *Canadian Sunset* (also accompanied with percussion and guitar).

The *Irish Ballad*, sung by the ladies, was particularly touching and beautifully handled. The ladies' rendering of *Make Mine Country* had the audience stomping and clapping. Gershwin hits might be considered the highlight.

The round, *A-lu-yah* was a rousing finale to the concert.

During the intermission we were treated to the subtle blending of a 20th century instrument, the digital sampler, played by Gary

Lundy, contrasted with the conventional sounds produced on percussion and guitar, played so skillfully by Art Hopping and Dwaine Prosk, respectively. The audience, as should be, was left wishing for more.

As usual, the Singers director, Joy Johnsen and accompanist Angela Funk, lent their fine expertise to make this concert a highly successful event.

We can look forward to another enjoyable interlude with this talented group of singers during the Christmas season.

JOAN TIERNAN,
Ganges.

Dismayed

Sir,
I am shocked and dismayed at the callousness of the present government. I have recently been informed that our provincial ambulance service, which is one of the top-rated and most professional services in the world, is being considered for the auction block.

Private enterprise is waiting in

more letters

the wings to snap up the metropolitan areas. However, the rural areas such as ours will be devastated. In a community such as ours, good ambulance service is essential. I'm sure that any of your readers who have required the service will back me up.

Private enterprise would have to pass up a rural area such as ours for reasons of economics and logistics. We would probably revert to the old system of a van run by one of the service clubs such as the Lions. Don't get me wrong — the Lions did a great service to the community the last time private enterprise turned their backs on us, but our community has grown and so have our needs.

I would like to ask your readers to contact their MLAs now, before this important service is only available for city-folk, or drop in to our local ambulance office and sign a petition. I cannot urge you strongly enough to act now, before the provincial ambulance service is dissected, sold and buried.

RANDY SLOAN,
Ganges.

Important

Sir,
I've finally figured out what it is about the Farmers' Market that is important to me.

It's not the new paving stones on the parking lot (when are they coming, anyway?), and it's not the few bucks that come my way on a Saturday morning. It's the buzz I get from being with real people, the interaction and getting the news, making the connections and the pure joys of watching others doing the same: smiling, laughing, crying, bargaining, hassling, dirty and clean, black and white and all the colours in between.

Parks are for people and Centennial Park is never used so well as on a Saturday morning. So what's going to change? Not much, except that it's going to cost me \$5 a week to aid my compatriots in entertaining the visitors and to enjoy my friends. It's going to make it more difficult to use my van as a stock room and as shelter in doubtful weather. When the sky looks grim at 6 am, I may choose to

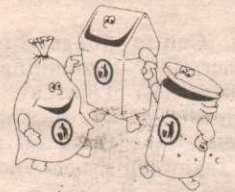
stay home even though it may clear by 8 or 9 am.

No, I am not going to build myself a spiffy-looking portable shelter. I don't make enough moola to justify that. Designing it might be fun, packing it up and putting it up wouldn't be, and packing boxes of heavy pots into the market won't be light work, either.

park but I am against beautifying, sanitizing and homogenizing the vendors — that's what happens in West Vancouver. I prefer to see spontaneous improvisation, making vendors helping friends to tie down a tarp that threatens to blow away. I like people communication solutions, talking politics, making free enterprise, being democratic. As much as Parks and Rec thinks we need them here, I am sorry boys, we are not neat but we can look after ourselves!

GARY CHERNEFF,
Ganges.

Pitch-In



Local churches offer more than evangelists

From Page 4

Supporting local churches makes far more sense. Oral Roberts will not do the service for a local family at a funeral, but the local pastor will be there, not only for the service but when the grieving family needs comfort.

Jerry Falwell will not come to Princeton to perform a marriage ceremony, and Jim and Tammy would not come here to sing at the Christmas concert. Ernest Angely would not baptize the least of us in a local church, nor would he be here to christen local babies. These men perform for cameras, not for people.

The local reverend or priest will visit the sick, comfort the dying, work on various boards and societies. The churches from which they do their work will provide facilities for training the young, and for people to work together to make the community stronger.

Take a good look at our local churches. They are not building amusement parks, prayer towers, hospitals or university campuses. They are struggling along, trying to maintain what they have. There are probably a number of other things they would like to do, if they had the support of the community they serve.

Perhaps it takes a major scandal, such as that involving PTL, before we begin to examine the real purpose of religion in our lives. The time has come to ask whether it makes sense to send money to men who preach for cameras and fill the pockets of major TV networks.

Billions of dollars in donations go to pay for the television shows before any of the 'good works' are done. The TV preachers will tell their viewers that it is important to get the message to the people. But the same message is already

available in any local church, with the added blessing of no commercial pitch to buy this cassette or that book or some other wonderful 'gift' for your donation.

The other nice thing about going to church on Sunday morning is that you will meet people there, perhaps share a cup of coffee, and enjoy some pleasant conversation after the service. There is more warmth, comfort and friendship at your local church than you will ever find in your television set, no matter how glitzy the preacher may be.

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Expropriation laws need greater change

VICTORIA — *Is that all there is?* went a popular song of the late 1950s, a question which might well be asked of the government's new Expropriation Act introduced in the legislature a few weeks back.

Considering the work that went into the project — Green Papers, White Papers, public input and what have you — the final product gives cost-benefit ratios a bad name.

For decades, successive governments in British Columbia have wielded expropriation powers that would have delighted the feudal barons of medieval Europe. Horror stories of government expropriation are legion. Few communities in B.C. escaped the land-grabbing power vested in the provincial government and its Crown corporations through ancient statutes.

And as each government came to power, it decided to stay with the oppressive laws. Even the self-professed protector of the underdog, the NDP, didn't touch the expropriation laws while it was in power. They made things so much easier. Fairness, after all, doesn't come cheap, and there's always the old excuse of having to save the taxpayers' money.

Former Liberal MLA Garde Gardom, reborn as a Socred when the smell of power became irresistible, was the first lone voice demanding fairer treatment of

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

The appointment of a compensation board is an improvement over existing rules under which a person whose land is taken away is at the mercy of the government in general and the land-grabbing ministry in particular.

The Act also contains a provision allowing a person affected by a proposed expropriation to request a public inquiry. In case of such a request, the compensation board appoints an inquiry officer who must conduct the inquiry within 21 days of his appointment.

Sounds good. Just what Garde Gardom had in mind, if it weren't for a few qualifiers which make me doubt the government's commitment to fairer expropriation procedures.

The compensation board, you see, has the power under the Act to deny requests for a public inquiry. The reasons for such a denial are listed in the Act.

If in the opinion of the board a request for an inquiry is "frivolous, vexatious, or not made in good faith, or based solely on a claim for compensation," it may deny the request.

That grab-bag of reasons should give any cabinet-appointed board, eager to please its masters, enough excuses to deny just about any request for a public inquiry. And even if a case goes before an inquiry, there isn't enough time to mount a case against the government.

A request for an inquiry must be made within 30 days of notification of the proposed expropriation. Counting the week within which an inquiry officer must be appointed and the three weeks within which the inquiry must get underway, some poor bloke who is about to lose his land to the government has no more than two months to build his case.

To make things worse, any expropriating authority, such as B.C. Hydro, B.C. Rail or a government ministry, "on being satisfied that an inquiry will be made," can set the date, time and place for an inquiry and have it delivered to the person affected along with the first notification.

All in all, the new Act falls woefully short of what it should have been, particularly considering the effort that went into reviewing the whole expropriation mess in this province.

I'll be waiting for the official opposition to take the Act apart when it comes up for debate in the legislature.

'The appointment of a compensation board is an improvement over existing rules.'

citizens whose land the government needed for projects "in the public interest."

At Gardom's urging, the Bill Bennett government produced a White Paper which set out proposals for new expropriation laws. For a while, there was a flurry of activity. Dozens of briefs and representations advised the government on what was right or wrong with the White Paper, but nothing happened. The exercise even outlived Gardom's political career.

As long as there was a chance that the difficult pregnancy would result in a beautiful baby, we could tell ourselves that the new legislation was well worth waiting for. But when the baby was delivered on April 28, it wasn't all that beautiful.

Parts of the Act look okay, such as the appointment by cabinet of an Expropriation Compensation Board. The chairman of the board would be appointed for a five-year term while an unspecified number of members would serve on a full or part-time basis for three-year terms.

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Presentation

IODE members Lydia Purser (left) and Dorrie Cherry (right) presented book gifts to Fernwood Elementary School library last

week. Accepting books on behalf of the school were Kaya Reiss (second from left) and Lianne Weisner.

District computer purchase plan needs fund-juggling to reach goal

School District 64 officials expressed optimism last week that two Salt Spring Island schools will have new computer laboratories available for use by September.

Superintendent of Schools Mike Marshall said Thursday the district has ordered "the maximum number of computers that its funds will allow." When the new computers arrive, they will be placed in Fernwood Elementary and Gulf Islands Secondary (GISS) schools, as suggested under the district's computer plan.

The district intends to purchase one complete computer lab — 24 machines — for each of the two schools this year. Marshall said, however, that the district's \$67,000 *Fund for Excellence in Education* grant provides only enough money to purchase two-thirds of each lab, or 16 machines for each school.

He added, however, that 1987-88 budget funds will be available to purchase the remaining 16 machines by September.

"We're optimistic we will have the full complement of computers in Fernwood when it opens in September," Marshall told board members at their regular meeting last Thursday, "and the full complement in the high school as well."

Most of the computers being ordered are Apple Macintosh Pluses. Some IBM machines will also be obtained for GISS.

At Thursday's meeting, Marshall was also critical of an education ministry report outlining the possibility of integrating

computer use in B.C. schools.

The provincial advisory committee on computers, established last year to describe how computers could be integrated in schools and recommend a set of policies that will guide their application in B.C., has produced its interim report. The committee suggests some ways in which computers could be integrated in B.C. schools, and provides the ministry with some proposed guidelines.

Marshall said he has "real difficulties" with the report. He claimed the provincial government is still not taking a leadership role in guiding computer education in B.C.

"We (individual school districts) are getting on with the job," he said, "and they are still talking about it. The provincial government is taking no leadership in this. We're still getting no help whatsoever, and this report says nothing."

School districts in B.C. are currently implementing their own computer instruction programs

without assistance from the ministry. At present, little if any financial or technical assistance concerning computers is available to districts through the provincial government.

The report suggests the education ministry should play a larger role in computer education, and recommends that a "rolling five-year plan" be established to phase in computer use in schools. The program would run until 1992.

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For September

School staff level increases eyed

Staffing levels in School District 64 are expected to rise slightly this year to accommodate an increase in student enrolment, superintendent Mike Marshall told trustees Thursday.

The total number of full-time equivalent teaching positions here is expected to be 85.28 for the 1987-88 school year, according to Marshall. At present, the school district has 83 full-time equivalent teaching positions.

The number of teaching positions in a district is determined by each school's projected enrolment. To project the number of teaching staff needed for the coming year, district officials conduct surveys to estimate the enrolment at each school.

Mayne Island school, for example, has a projected 1987-88 enrolment of 61 students and a staff level of 5.1. The Pender school is expected to have an enrollment of 72 and a teaching complement of 5.5.

On Salt Spring, enrolment at Gulf Islands Secondary School is expected to be 370. As a result, GISS is expected to have 26.28 full-time equivalent teaching positions this fall.

Fernwood School is expected to have 10.6 teaching position in September, while Fulford — with a projected enrolment of 164 — will likely have 8.9 staff positions. Marshall said the largest in-

crease in students throughout the district will occur in Kindergarten and the elementary grades.

Projected staffing levels are subject to change in the fall when actual enrolment figures become available.

"These are just guidelines,"

Marshall noted.

Tentative plans have also been established to increase the number of non-teaching employees in School District 64. It was noted at last Thursday's meeting of school board trustees that the district's maintenance department also requires additional staff.



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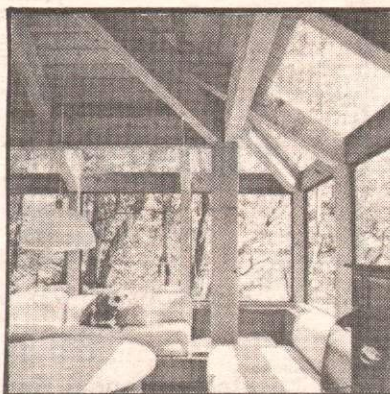
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Helen Welliver (left), Kay Avison (centre) and Margaret Robinson admire some of the art displayed at last weekend's Salt Spring Island Painters' Guild Show. Although attendance at the show was low on Saturday, more residents and visitors took in the event on Sunday and Monday.



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Simon Fraser University (SFU) archaeologists preparing to excavate a Salt Spring Island site will explain their work at two public sessions scheduled for this weekend.

Organizers hope the sessions, designed to explain how and why various excavation activities are conducted, will prompt more island residents to volunteer to help on the Salt Spring project, which is set to begin June 1 and continue until the end of August.

The work will be carried out on properties in the Long Harbour area which contain middens the SFU team believes may reveal

significant information about early West Coast Indian cultures. The project's director is SFU professor Roy Carlson, who supervised similar work at Pender Canal over the past few summers.

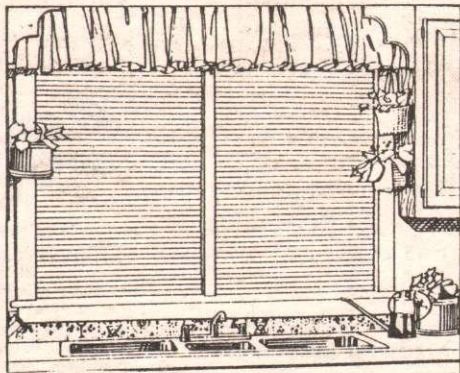
The Salt Spring Island information meetings are set for this Friday, May 22, and Saturday, May 23. Two sessions will be held on Friday in Room Four at the Secondary School (at 2:30 pm for students, and at 7:30 pm for students and parents) and another two on Saturday (at 11 am and 2 pm) for the public. Plans call for a video documentary on the Pender project to be shown at all four sessions.

"Many volunteers are needed to help with the various dig activities," says island resident John Crofton, who is helping to organize the local side of the excavation project. He noted earlier that a good number of volunteers would allow for a lighter work schedule to be drawn up for everyone.

"Now is the time for armchair archaeologists on Salt Spring to find out, close to home, what goes on in the world of archaeology and its search for knowledge about the prehistoric past," Crofton added.



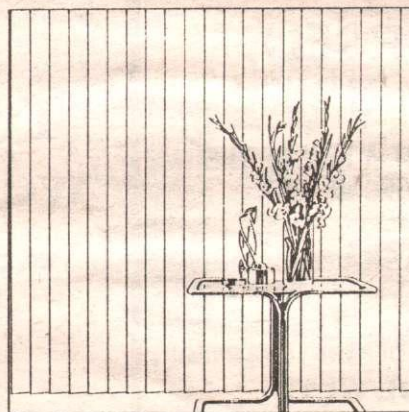
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Superhost program coordinator Dodie Marshall (centre) and Mary Fraser (left), coordinator of the Info Centre volunteer program, last week

welcomed some of the latest graduates of Superhost sessions. From left are 'students' John Richardson, Dee Kinney, Bert

Underwood, Jacquie Doyle, Eva Jordan, Ann Wellingham, Manson Toynbee, Anna Warrington and Marie Dare.

Training program graduates additions to superhost ranks

A dozen Salt Spring Island residents last week joined the ranks of the province's 'super hosts.'

The 12 residents completed the provincial tourism ministry's Superhost program, sponsored locally by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce.

The program, taught here by chamber member Dodie Marshall, is designed to upgrade the standards of customer service and hospitality.

Covered in the one-day seminar were topics like basic communication skills, handling of complaints, the value of tourism to B.C. economy, and knowledge of local attractions.

Included in the 'class' of Superhost 'students' were the volunteers who help staff the Travel InfoCentre in Ganges. They took the course to help prepare themselves for dealings with the travelling public, Marshall noted.

Graduates of the Superhost program are now eligible to take a follow-up course, Superhost Encore, which will be offered locally this summer. The course will cover areas like telephone com-

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New labour laws address 'rights of individuals'

Vander Zalm says opposition to amendments coming from people who do not want change

Editor's note: The following is the text of an interview with B.C. Premier Bill Vander Zalm, conducted recently by Legislative Press Gallery member and Driftwood contributor Hubert Beyer.

BEYER: You have said in the past that there must be a better way for labour-management relations in B.C., but judging from the reaction so far, your new legislation will make things worse.

PREMIER: I disagree. Obviously it's a major overhaul, not just a tinkering with, or a few changes to existing legislation. If we're to have a real impact on the people who are seeking to invest in British Columbia and start businesses, it has to be a major overhaul, such as we're doing now. They have to see that the people in British Columbia have developed a better way of doing things.

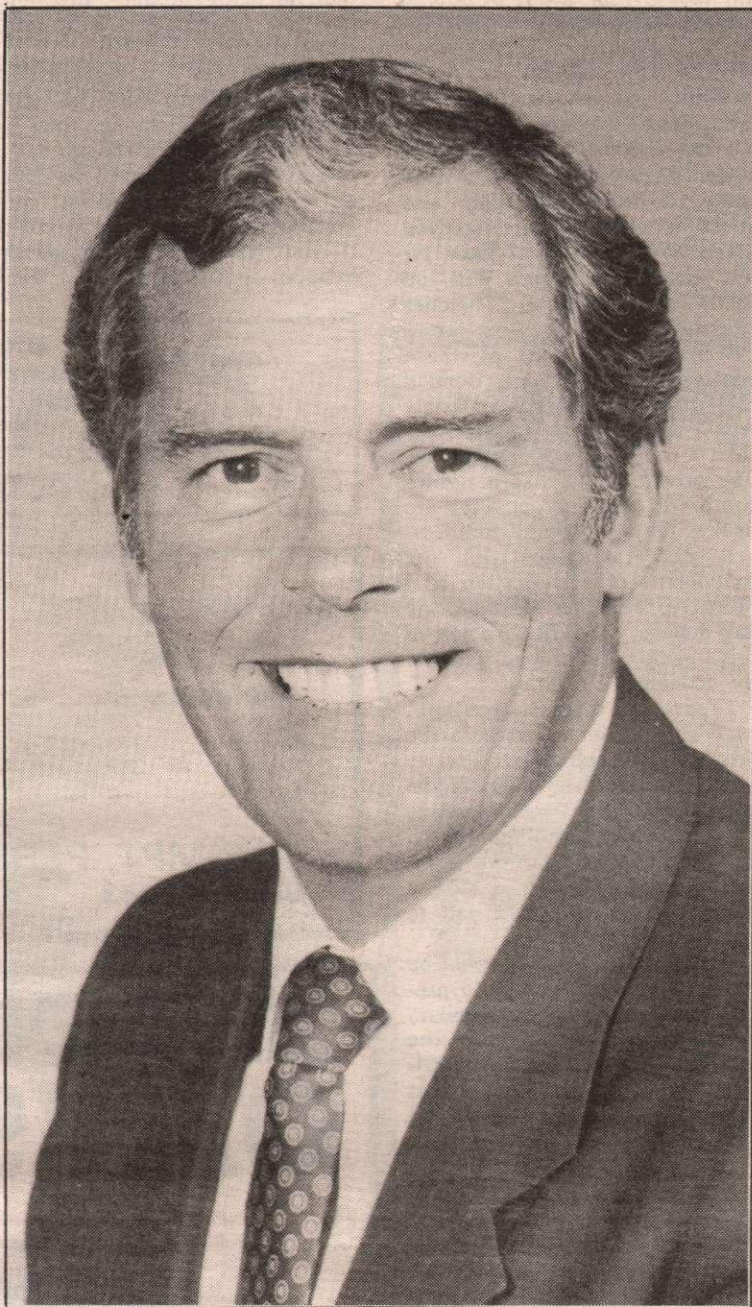
What the new Act or the new Bill really addresses is democracy, the rights of the individual. It also gives consideration to the effect of labour disputes on the populace in general. And that is something we certainly became aware of during the IWA dispute. But it's the same in other disputes of long duration, especially where one resource or one industry counts. And that's been addressed.

The new legislation also provides a better mechanism for resolving disputes. In the past, we've seen it so often: two sides are quarrelling, and one refuses to speak to the other, or they get dug in over the silliest things. Now we have a means of providing the necessary aid to help the disputants to bring about a resolution. So I think it's going to be very impacting.

Yes, and anything that's impacting and that's a major change, affects people, especially those who are inclined to be very conservative in their actions. And the unions are, by and large, well, not politically, perhaps, but very conservative otherwise. They don't particularly want change.

BEYER: Bill 19 is the biggest test you are facing in parliament since you've become premier. The NDP seems to be going to the wall on it. Even some business segments are uneasy over it. Have you miscalculated some of that reaction?

PREMIER: No it's developing just the way we thought it would.



Premier Bill Vander Zalm

We knew there would be opposition from many people, particularly the labour leaders. We also realized there would be some opposition from some of the management, although I think there is relatively little so far.

We've heard from the head of the business council (Jim Matkin) of B.C. and, by and large, that opposition is based on the philosophy that he personally holds. We've heard from Mr. Leonard Friesen who supposedly represents a small group of business people. Leonard Friesen was a business acquaintance of mine in

Surrey for many years. He at one time was an NDP candidate. He is always coming out whenever there is a political issue giving, what he says, is a business perspective. I would suggest he is simply working for the NDP.

BEYER: If I may speculate a bit, the best legislation will prove to be counter-productive, unless those affected by it can live with it. What happens if labour simply gets its back up to such an extent that they will continue to defy the law? How many can the government throw into prison if that's

the only thing that can be done, according to law?

PREMIER: Well that's not the only thing that can be done. That's certainly not anything that we would look to. That's not at all the intent. Frankly, I don't believe that we are going to see a continuing opposition to it. Initially, there has to be opposition. Obviously, many of these people have to speak out, if for no other reason than that they must be seen to be doing it because they hold the position that obviously is one where they have to mount considerable opposition.

BEYER: Different topic. Very concise question. Did Jack Kempf do anything illegal or immoral? If not, why did you fire him?

PREMIER: Well, I think his biggest mistake was bad judgement. He had an opportunity to make good at one point, but he didn't. And that is unfortunate. As I've said, in our cabinet we not only have to be perfectly clean, we have to be seen to be clean. There will be mistakes made. There will be indiscretions, no doubt, and some more serious than others. In this particular instance, I think, it was bad judgement on Kempf's part.

BEYER: Which, in other words, means that he has, as far as we know, done nothing illegal. And that means you sacrificed Kempf to the importance of perception and appearances, rather than substance.

PREMIER: No. There was definitely substance. It certainly did not require him to resign from the caucus, which was unfortunate. But it did require that he step out of cabinet.

BEYER: On the subject of the forest industry. It's no secret that the industry was rather delighted to get rid of Kempf as forests minister. He believed the industry has traditionally been short-changing the taxpayers of British Columbia. Your new forests minister, Dave Parker, has already said he is not in favour of raising stumpage fees. And that's what the industry was worried about. So far, the new forest minister has come across as a spokesman, a mouthpiece, for the forest industry.

PREMIER: A minister representing a particular industry certainly can be expected to be supportive of that industry in matters affect-

ing the industry, provided it's not at a cost to the taxpayers. I expect that a minister of forests would have a good rapport and a good relationship with the industry.

BEYER: You're saying you hope your ministers don't alienate the segments of the industry they deal with?

PREMIER: It will happen from time to time. Obviously they're against stumpage, and they've given their reasons against stumpage increases. The reasons are that they export not only to the U.S. They export to other areas as well, including sales in Canada, and they're into more than simply the shipping of two-by-fours and two-by-sixes. They're also into making pulp and paper.

Stumpage or an increase in stumpage will affect all of that and could have a negative impact if the increases were too large all of a sudden. We appreciate that. We know what the arguments are from their side.

On the other hand, we also know that the export tax at some point will need to be replaced with a provincial levy. And the most reasonable approach to that would be to revise the system of stumpage charges and to revise it upwards. This will come. It will happen. The timing is important. How it's done is important. But it will be done contrary, perhaps, to what they would like to see.

BEYER: You are a free-enterpriser. Stumpage fees in Washington, our nearest neighbour, are between four and eight times higher than the average on the west coast of British Columbia. That's a subsidy if I've ever seen one. As a free-enterpriser, shouldn't you insist that the forest industry operate in accordance with the principles of free enterprise and be cut loose from any and all subsidies?

PREMIER: It's a little difficult to compare British Columbia with, say Washington or Oregon. I mean, not only are conditions very different, but we have a very large province where there are many places where logging is extremely difficult, places that are hard to get to because there are no roads. They're far removed from the mills. So we have to have a system that differs, perhaps, from Washington.

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Premier sees limits to privatization campaign

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into consideration market conditions. It's a flexible system that's worked for many years very effectively.

It hasn't been returning as much to provincial coffers during the last number of years as it did 10, 15 or 20 years ago — but keep in mind that the industry until a couple of years ago, until this year, actually, or until last year, hasn't been that lucrative an industry. It's had some bad years, too. So the system works. It keeps people working. It does over the long term provide a fair return.

BEYER: You recently received the health ministry report on abortion. It clearly warned against tinkering with federal legislation. It also recommended against withdrawing medical coverage for abortion. Will you follow those recommendations?

PREMIER: I don't want to guess in advance what it is the committee might be recommending, the health people, the social services people and whatever other ministry may be involved. But certainly those two are looking at the recommendations of the report to see how it might be implemented or which recommendations ought to be implemented. I expect that the review will be finished in a week or so.

I don't disagree with the basic thrust of the report which said that federal law permits certain things to be done under certain circumstances. But I'm concerned that the interpretation of health is so broad that, in fact, it amounts to abortion on demand.

I'm also concerned that British Columbia has, on a per-capita basis, or on a percentage of live births, the greatest number of abortions in Canada. Possibly we're leaders in the world, which isn't anything to be proud of. I'd like to see the committee address the suggestion in the report that this whole definition be looked at, and that the decision-makers at the hospital voluntarily take a more cautious look at the granting of abortions.

BEYER: Something has been puzzling me about you for a long time. Your support of legal gambling somehow doesn't seem in accord with your general moral convictions. How come?

PREMIER: No, it does. I don't have any trouble morally with gambling. As I've said so often we have gambling in the province now. It's a billion-dollar business. Horse racing or lottery tickets or bingo or small casinos are really not too different from a larger casino.

As a matter of fact, in some ways, a big casino is not as bad as the thing that confronts someone

on the counter of a grocery store each and every day. People have finished purchasing their groceries and they have two dollars left and it goes to buy a lottery ticket. I think if people make an informed decision about going to a casino, knowing that they may well go there with 200 dollars and come back with nothing at all, that in some respects is not as dangerous as a sort of on-the-counter gambling machine.

So I don't have any trouble with gambling or people gambling. We all gamble in our lives, each and every day in some way. And if someone wants to go to the race track, if that's their fun as opposed to taking a trip around the world, that's their choice. As long as they don't hurt someone by doing it. The moment somebody goes in there and begins to hurt members of their family or other members of the community because of what it is they are doing, there is a problem.

BEYER: That's precisely it. All sociological studies indicate that the money spent on small-time gambling, lottery tickets, for instance, comes mainly from those who can least afford it. It's not the people who can afford to take a trip around the world who get hurt by gambling. My point is that judging from your other very strong and stated convictions, I'd expect you to shut down gambling rather than expand it.

PREMIER: No, My moral convictions aren't compromised with these gambling efforts. I don't like it. I'm not a gambler. I've never been to Reno. I've never been to Las Vegas. I don't like gambling. But if there is to be gambling, I want it to be very tightly controlled, so there are no abuses, so there isn't that criminal element that tends to creep into these sorts of activities. I know what it is they're doing in Europe. I certainly respect that a whole lot more than what I see happening in places like Atlantic City or Las Vegas.

Those are personal opinions and probably very valid. However, I still say that as long as you don't hurt other people by it, it can be your choice. If you want to take a percentage of a few dollars out of your pay packet and go to the horse races or go to the casino or buy a lottery ticket, I don't have any opposition to that, as long as you don't take the whole

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of the pay packet and spend it at the cost of your family or others. Then I see it to be wrong.

BEYER: How high on your list of priorities is privatization? Just what does it mean to you? There is one member on your back bench who would privatize everything, including education and social services. Where do you stand on privatization? How far are you willing to go? Will you follow the Margeret Thatcher example?

PREMIER: I'm one of those convinced that if it can be done in the private sector it possibly would be done more effectively than it might be by government. The private sector has a tighter control of what the activities are or how they are administered.

I tend to agree with the proponents of privatization *a la* Margeret Thatcher. I think she has done a very effective job of privatization and probably spared the economy of Britain.

I appreciate there is some limit, especially when it comes to the provision of health care services or social services or many of the educational services. As soon as you are dealing with things you can't directly relate to the profit motive, then, possibly, I have a mind it might be better left to government.

But those things that could be profit-oriented or that could provide some return for the dollars invested — for example the provision of gas services, electrical services, and the likes of that — those I can see being turned over to the private sector.

BEYER: I've got one final question. Is being premier anything like you imagined? Is it still faaantastic?

PREMIER: Oh it's faaantastic. It's not a difficult job. The only thing is there isn't enough time in a day to do it all, nor enough days in a week. If you want to stay out of trouble, if you want the government to stay out of trouble, if you want to see progress happen or continue, then you

have to keep a finger on all things, it seems. It's an 18, 20-hour-day, and it's a seven-day week. And that's why, I guess, premiers age very quickly.

BEYER: Is your hair already getting grayer?

PREMIER: It's falling out! It's a very demanding job and you have to stay on top of it all. You need to be very healthy. There is no time to go to a doctor, either.



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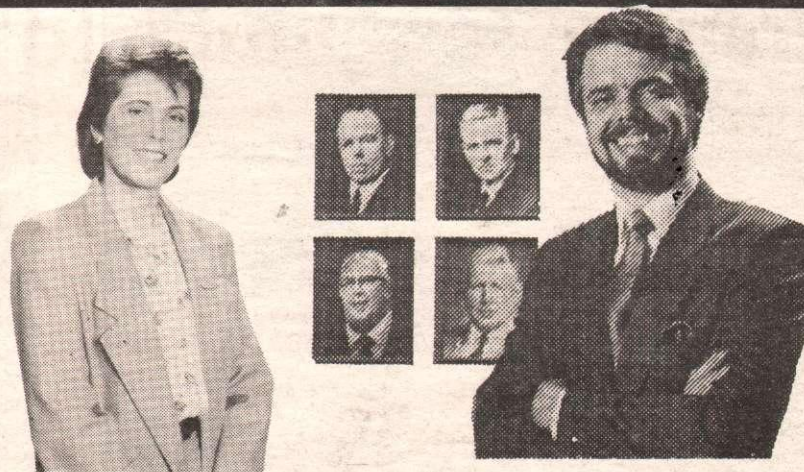
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Teachers seek meeting with board

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association (GITA) has requested an emergency in-camera meeting with School District 64 trustees to discuss current issues in education.

The meeting, requested by GITA president Barb Aust in a letter to the board May 14, will be held May 25 on Mayne Island. The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), which represents School District 64's non-teaching staff, has also been invited to participate in the discussion session.

Aust told trustees that their recent motions expressing opposition to the current instruction-only campaign in district schools have upset local teachers. She expressed a desire to keep lines of communication open between School District 64 and its teaching employees.

The GITA president said she felt it was important for trustees to hear other teachers'

opinions on the Teaching Profession Act (Bill 20) and other related issues.

Salt Spring trustee Charles Hingston said he felt the proposal to hold a joint discussion session was "a good concept."

"If the aim is to understand each other better, I think it's a good idea," he said.

In other matters, a group of students from Gulf Islands Secondary School also asked the board for more information on Bill 20 and its impact on education.

Grace Graham, Teresa Sutherland and Peggy Vanderwekken attended the board meeting as observers from GISS. Graham, Sutherland and Vanderwekken indicated that neither they nor their peers felt students knew enough about the controversial legislation, and asked that an information meeting of some kind be held at the school.

Public forum to discuss AIDS

A public forum on sexually-transmitted diseases and AIDS — Aquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome — will be held on Salt Spring Island on May 28.

The forum, sponsored by the board of management at Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, will feature discussion by a panel of experts and a question-and-answer session.

Venue for the forum is the Gulf Islands Secondary School gymnasium.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, chief of staff at Lady Minto Hospital, said invitations to sit on the forum panel have been extended to: Dr. Michael Rekart, director of the provincial health ministry's Sexually-Transmitted Disease Control program; a member of the AIDS team at Vancouver's St. Paul's Hospital; a public health nurse with experience in dealing with AIDS victims; Dr. Perry Kendall, the new regional health officer; Ann Johnson, an infection control consultant to the provincial government; and local doctor Janet MacPhail.

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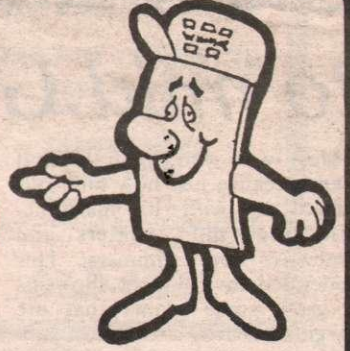
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Globe artichoke poses test to mild Gulf Islands climate

Most of us who live in the Gulf Islands realize just how mild our climate is, with its maritime-influenced, mild winters and somewhat cool summers. This moderated environment allows us to grow some plants that are marginally hardy and almost subtropical, so you often find the adventurous, risk-taking gardener living dangerously and trying a few somewhat tender plants. One of these challenges and tests of our climate is the showy globe artichoke.

The globe artichoke, *Cynara scolymus*, is an herbaceous perennial that produces edible flower buds on branched stems. The plant can attain a height of four feet and a width of from four to seven feet.

The silvery, grey-green leaves are somewhat dissected, having the appearance of thistle leaves, and can reach four feet in length. The leaves emerge from ground level in a rosette, around a shoot which has developed from a central crown. This crown is long-lived, provided it doesn't get killed by extreme cold, and will produce from one shoot on young plants, on up to 12 or more shoots on an older, established crown. Each of these shoots will produce a bud-bearing flower stem during the growing season, with a 'king bud' at the top, and secondary buds on the lateral branches, later on in the season.

The buds or "chokes" should be harvested while they are still tight and green, as they become bitter, tougher and less tasty as they go past their prime. If you leave the bud on the plant, it will grow on and develop into an impressive six to eight inch, bluish purple, giant thistle bloom that may be used for cut flower arrangements or even dried for long-lasting beauty.

I suppose it is partially for this reason, as well as for its unique foliar form, that it is suitable for the back of the flower border, the shrub bed, or as an accent plant. In the vegetable garden they will need to be situated in a permanent bed at the back of the garden.

Artichokes need to have full sun, and should be grown in deep, well-drained, sandy loam, that never has standing water during the winter, as wet roots rapidly develop root rots that will kill the plant in short order. When choosing the site, avoid frost hollows or areas that get unusually early and late frosts, as the harvest will be severely reduced.

They are heavy feeders, so the soil should be cultivated deeply and have plenty of manure added in. Space the plant four feet apart and budget one to two plants for each person in the household. While the expected yield is from 10 to 15 chokes per plant, Bevis Walters grew a plant in 1984-85 that gave a total of 49 artichokes in a single season! (Could this be Salt Spring's new cash crop?)

As I stated above, good drainage is important. Water deeply every

your garden

by **Chris Schmah**

two weeks, and fertilize with a nitrogen-containing fertilizer such as 12-4-8 every month to keep production up. To help keep in moisture, mulch with straw or sawdust in May.

Plants grown from crown or root sections or shoots taken from an older crown will produce late in

'Whether grown from seed, offsets or root sections, the plant will be productive for four or five years.'

the same year, if transplanted in the March to May period. The second year will see an almost continuous production of chokes right on through until fall frosts kill back the top of the plant.

If the artichokes are grown from seed sown one-inch deep indoors during February, or outdoors in March, their first year will see some production by late August. If you are in too cold a location and choose to treat them as annuals, then let them bear right away, but if you are aiming for a strong, long-lived cropper, then pick off the buds before they start to size up, so that all energy can be directed into strengthening the plant.

Whether grown from seed, offsets or root sections, the plant

will be productive for four or five years, before division and replanting is necessary to keep up production. To avoid a drop in yield, dig up and refurbish the plants on a rotating basis every three or four years, in late winter or early spring. Set the divisions in relatively the same position and depth as they were growing in, and water them weekly. While they are deep rooted plants, they also have an abundance of shallow feeder roots that should not be disturbed when cultivating and weeding around the plants.

Cut off any leaves as they turn yellow, and remove any leaves damaged by early fall frosts. Before hard frosts come, cut off the flower/choke bearing shoots, and cover the entire plant with a mulch of dried bracken ferns, straw or planer shavings to keep out freezing cold and still allow the passage of moisture. If you want to use sawdust then prop up a lean-to plastic sheet (not an airtight tent) cover to deflect moisture and keep the sawdust dry and insulative. Remove the protective materials in February or March.

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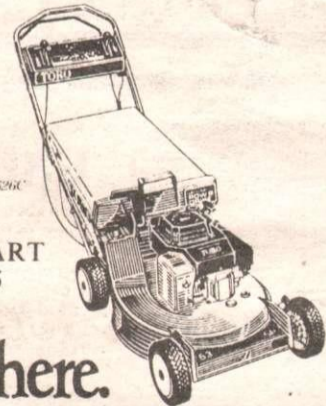
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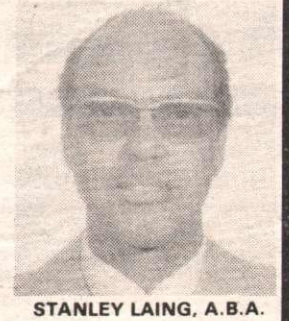
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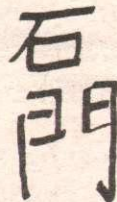
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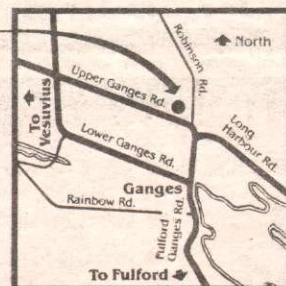
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SALADA
Tea Bags
SAVE 2.13
144 pack **386**
LITTLE DIPPER INSTANT CHOCOLATE bag **238**

GOLDEN AWARD
ALL PURPOSE FLOUR
SAVE 2.00
10 kg bag **498**

FLEECY
FABRIC SOFTENER
SAVE 57c
3.6 l jug **388**

SEA HAUL
SMOKED OYSTERS
SAVE 31c
tin **98¢**

VENICE
SOURDOUGH MUFFINS
6 pack **99¢**

• PARTY PAK • COOKIE JAR
DARE BISCUITS
SAVE 71c
600 gram **298**

WINDEX
WINDOW CLEANER
SAVE 51c
600 ml pump btl **178**

SAVE 21c
SEA HAUL
SARDINES
tin **58¢**

BERRYLAND
CREAM STYLE CORN
2 10 oz. tins **100**

QUICK AS A WINK
PANCAKE MIX
SAVE 77c
Reg. or buttermilk 1 kg bag **198**

QUICK AS A WINK
TEA BISCUIT MIX
SAVE 77c
2 lb. bag **198**

MCLAREN'S
KENT JARS
198
• Manzanilla Olives • Gherkins
• Supper Onions
• Maraschino Cherries 375 ml jar

YORK FANCY
FRENCH WAX BEANS
2 14 oz tins **100**

GUICCI
MOZZARELLA
SAVE 71c
340 g block **298**

BC
APPLE SAUCE
SAVE 41c
28 oz jar **148**

SAVE 41c
REGULAR OR DIET
COKE
750 ml btl **88¢**
Plus deposit

SCHNEIDERS
SOFT MARGARINE
1 lb. tub **88¢**

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
FLEISCHMANS
Corn Oil Margarine
SAVE 1.03
2 lb. pkg **256**
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26
LIMIT 3 PKGS PER FAMILY ORDER

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
DELMONTE
Pineapple Juice
IN ITS OWN
398 ml tin **86¢**
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26
LIMIT 6 TINS PER FAMILY ORDER

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
MAXWELL HOUSE
Instant Coffee
8 oz jar **484**
SAVE 2.65
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26
LIMIT 3 PER FAMILY ORDER

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
SCOTTIES
Facial Tissue
SAVE 61c
200's pkg **88¢**
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26
LIMIT 3 PKGS PER FAMILY ORDER

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
F.B.I. FROZEN
Grape Juice
355 ml tin **98¢**
SAVE 61c
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26
LIMIT 6 TINS PER FAMILY ORDER

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
BUMBLE BEE
Chunk Light Tuna
Packed in water 184 g tin **96¢**
SAVE 83c
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26
LIMIT 6 TINS PER FAMILY ORDER

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
MILBONE DRY
Dog Food
SAVE 4.17
8 kg bag **998**
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26
LIMIT 2 BAGS PER FAMILY ORDER

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
LANCIA
Spaghetti or Macaroni
900 g bag **128**
SAVE 91c
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26
LIMIT 4 PKGS PER FAMILY ORDER

VALUABLE CLIP & SAVE COUPON
ALWAYS
Maxi Pads
30's pkg **466**
SAVE 1.03
VALID MAY 20 THRU MAY 26