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## Bands make Territorial Declaration

### Saanich Indians claim Gulf Islands

Four native Indian bands laid claim to territory extending throughout the Saanich Peninsula and Gulf Islands on Thursday in a move they say is the first step toward improving the social, cultural and economic well-being of their members.

The land claimed Thursday in the bands' Territorial Declaration extends from Gordon Head in the municipality of Saanich, across

the peninsula to the heads of Tod and Saanich inlets, north and west through the Gulf Islands, and south into the United States. All Gulf Islands are included in the claim with the exception of Galiano.

Philip Paul, a spokesman for the four bands, said the bands made the declaration because they have an unextinguished title to the territory in question. He

said no agreement for purchase or sale of these Indian lands was ever made in peace treaties signed with the early white settlers, and as a result, the band still considers the property its own. He noted that according to the declaration made by King George III, white colonists were supposed to sign proper land transfer treaties with all native Indians. This was never done in

the Saanich Peninsula or Gulf Islands, he added.

Paul added that in the Territorial Declaration, the bands state that the Saanich Indians were granted title to the lands "thousands of years ago by the Creator of the earth, who instructed them (early Indians) to look after the land." He said the bands will not consider sale of the

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#### Is spring near?

Pamela Mastenbroek of Kangro Road holds a rhododendron that bloomed earlier this month in her

garden. Mastenbroek said the plant usually blooms early, but seldom in January. Could it be that

spring will come early to the Gulf Islands this year?

### Rockliffe hopes new committees will revitalize business group

Island businessman Rick Rockliffe is hoping the establishment of several new committees and a revamped committee structure will help revitalize Salt Spring Island's Chamber of Commerce.

In his opening address at a chamber of commerce directors' meeting Wednesday night, Rockliffe — chosen president of the business organization last month — outlined several proposals that he hopes will increase participation by merchants and enable the organization to "do what its constitution says it should do."

Rockliffe told directors that for the chamber of commerce to be a vital part of the businesses community and the community at large, it must get members more involved in its affairs. He added that one of the chamber's goals



Rick Rockliffe

this year is to double its membership by September. Another goal is to enter 1988 with \$5,000 in the business group's bank account.

"If we're going to make the chamber viable this year, we have to draw from the membership at large," Rockliffe said. He added that in an effort to do this, changes were proposed in the way chamber committee are established.

Rockliffe explained that in the coming year, one director will be chosen to chair each chamber committee. It would then be each chairman's responsibility to find chamber members to serve with him.

Rockliffe hopes this new system will encourage relatively inactive members of the business

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### Merchants react to OCS grant

The announcement that Off Centre Stage in Ganges has received a Canada Employment and Immigration (CEI) job development grant drew an immediate response from members of the island business community last week.

In a letter to the editor, restaurant owner Peter Grant expressed his outrage at the idea of government funding being used to develop what was reported in *Driftwood* as a "cafe/gallery/performing arts facility." (See letters, page five.)

"I am against my hard-earned tax dollars being given away for the purpose of putting another food outlet on this island," stated Grant in his letter.

Off Centre Stage officials qualified their statements this week and provided additional information on the awarding of the grant. Apparently, much of the information released last week by an Off Centre Stage member was incomplete.

According to Off Centre Stage project co-ordinator Mike Hyde, who also sent a letter to *Driftwood*, "the emphasis of the grant is a training program with work experience. The areas covered are programming and curating, advertising/promotion, and coffee house management.

"This grant will enable us to keep regular operating hours and to be able to continue and expand activities and programming."

Off Centre Stage officials also stressed they will not be using the grant to establish a cafe here. What Off Centre Stage intends to do, they said, is provide beverages and light snacks as a service to its audiences during events and regular gallery hours.

According to Hyde, Off Centre Stage is looking forward to "fulfilling (its) mandate as a non-profit society, which is to encourage and promote creativity, and provide a pleasant environment for the performing and

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Driftwood photo by Mike Turkki

### Beautification project

Some thoughtful soul decided last week that the cement-filled traffic island at the junction of Fulford-Ganges Road and Lower Ganges Road needed some

decorating. This single, potted plant was left in the centre of the island, and drew a lot of stares—as well as chuckles—from passing motorists.

### Residents must purchase licences for their dogs

Gulf Islands dog owners have less than three months to license their pets.

The Capital Regional District is selling dog licences at the regular price until March 31, after which the fee goes up by \$5. Until then, the cost is \$20 for unspayed and unneutered dogs, \$10 if the animal has been fixed.

A spokesman for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals says a licensed animal can be returned home immediately, whereas an untagged animal

can not be identified.

"If I impound a dog, I can't let it go without a licence," says Howard Byron, Salt Spring's animal control officer for the CRD. He urges dog owners to keep their pets from straying because it is lamb birthing season.

Byron says licences can be purchased from Foxglove Farm and Garden, the Vesuvius Inn, the General Store, Salt Spring Insurance, Fernwood store and Patterson's store.

### OCS clarifies details of grant

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visual arts."

Three of the four positions to be established under the job development grant will be filled with people from the community at large. To qualify for these positions, individuals must be referred by CEI and have been unemployed for 24 of the last 30 weeks.

For additional details on the grant, see Art Seen.

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### 'Paupers in our own land'

## Saanich Indians claim islands

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land, and will take the necessary actions to govern it "by home rule."

According to the bands' spokesman, the Saanich Indians' claim will not become a legal action. The bands do not plan to take it to the Supreme Court as other native groups have done. "We're not going near the courts, because courts are not made for Indians," he said. "We've tried to negotiate, tried the courts, and always before it's just cost us a lot of money."

Paul said that having made their Territorial Declaration, the bands will serve notice to all municipalities and governing groups in the claimed territory that aboriginal title exists and has not been extinguished in the Gulf Islands or Saanich Peninsula.

He stated that if government groups, municipalities and developers choose to ignore the Territorial Declaration and proceed with land development, the Saanich bands will use "other measures" to stop such projects.

Paul said the average property owner will not be affected greatly by the bands' Territorial Declaration.

"It will have no real impact (on most landowners)," he stressed. "As I said yesterday, we aren't interested in kicking people out of their homes. The people who will be affected are the owners of undeveloped land who plan to develop it. We are serving notice to them that there is a prior claim to those lands."

According to the bands' spokesman, the Saanich chiefs have undertaken this action in an effort to better their people's standard of living.

"We're looking at lifestyle, mainly," said Paul. "Once we were one of the richest bands in North America, and now we're among the poorest. We've become paupers in our own land, so to speak. We have high welfare rates, poor housing, poor education. The federal government gives more money on a per capita basis to white people than it does Indians. Look at what corporations and communities in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island are getting. They recently poured \$150 million into Prince Edward Island, while they gave us — all the Indians in Canada \$50 million over five years.

"Look at us. British Columbia is one of the richest provinces in Canada, yet during the winter, 90 per cent of our (native Indian) people are unemployed. If they'd

taken us along as part of the society, we wouldn't have had to do this. But they didn't, and we're going to use whatever bargaining tools we have to obtain an equal share, an equal lifestyle."

Paul said the bands did not actually want a cash settlement from the federal government in exchange for extinguishing their claim. He said the bands would be more interested in obtaining additional lands, even if it meant the federal government had to "buy back" undeveloped property and then turn it over to the Saanich Indians.

"We're interested in getting a larger land base," he explained. "We have only a small reserve, and we'd like to enlarge our land base."

According to Indian leaders, ancient burial sites, fishing stations and hunting grounds are scattered throughout the Gulf Islands.

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. . . by Richards

### Too noisy!

I want a constant-volume sound control on the television. I want to be able to carry on a conversation in the living room whether the feature is running or an advertisement is blaring. I watch a little television, but a little goes a long way.

The play is reaching a climax and the players are quietly leading you to the climax, when everything changes. The quietly-spoken role in the play gives place to a loud-mouthed moron who is frantically shrieking about the kind of pain he suffers when his head aches. Hasn't he ever tried talking quietly?

My ideal set would automatically reduce his shriek to the same volume as the show had been running.

Come to think about it, I don't think I shall buy another television unless I can have a volume control installed.

I'm like the fellow in the ad. I've got a headache and my headache is him!

### What's that?

Inflation? Never heard of it!

Here's an excerpt from a bill as shown in a primer or guide to bookkeeping. Published in eastern Canada at the turn of the century, the manner of keeping books is less important than the prices charged.

If the prices had been way out of reality the students' accountancy would have freaked out, so it is reasonable to assume that the listings were, in turn, reasonable.

There were 15 lbs. of cut nails at five cents a pound and a lamp chimney at \$1.15, which sounds steep.

Five gallons of coal oil were sold at 24 cents a gallon and an axe and handle for \$1.25.

Rounding it out were two cords of wood at \$4.50 a cord and a French coffee pot for \$1.35.

All sound funny to you? Then you're laughing at inflation!

### A hot potato

It could happen to anybody. And it often does.

I started cooking my dinner and the first step was switching on the stove. I did it.

Then the fire needed a new supply of dry wood. The fire was burning well when I remembered the stove. I dashed into the kitchen and put out my hand for the pan as it burst into flame.

What do you do with a blazing, hot frying pan in the middle of the kitchen?

I know what I do. I rest it on the metal rim of the sink and sprinkle baking soda over it. No fire!

You end up with a stinking kitchen and a filthy pan. The kitchen softens off as the doors are left open. The pan is cooling outside.

It was not a new pan and I hadn't previously worked at cleaning it off. Three hours later, after an attack with a bastard file, emery cloth, wire brush, rotary brush and chisel, the pan looked like the first day we heated it.

I think I've got a regular job ahead of me!

### It's not there!

I checked my passport. There's no truth to the rumour that Canadian passports are date-lined *Washington*. Somebody's sprucing you!

### Anonymous

It's one of those very difficult situations. You know very well that somebody told you this. Only thing you don't know is who it was who told you this.

Starting from that point you have to come to a decision. Should you abandon it for fear of losing a friend by admitting you couldn't remember who he was? Or should you run it with a frank admission of your own stupidity?

I'm stupid! There's my admission. And there isn't a hell of a lot to it, anyway.

Seems the fellow got a letter that was in time for Christmas, alright, but it was the wrong Christmas. Some postal system, somewhere, had set it aside in a hidden corner only to turn up a year or so late. The recipient complained and the postal clerk was reasonable.

### Titles

I was reading an English newspaper and noted something I haven't previously thought of. When reference was made to the Queen, both "The" and "Queen" used a capital initial letter.

If a Canadian paper announces such an event it would state that "the Queen was in Ottawa". Isn't it sickening that so minor a point of semantics would merit even a passing thought, still less space in this column? Yet the true guide of all red-blooded Canadian newsmen, the Canadian Press Style Book, swings far away from so British an approach. If Princess Anne has already appeared in the story, where no possibility of confusion arises, she is referred to as "Anne" and not as "Princess Anne".

All this in the homely name of consistency.

There is the danger in reading a single copy of such a publication of reading into it more or less than is there on a regular basis. *The Independent* appears to be a likely entrant into the narrowest path of British journalism, factual, objective reporting.

I did enjoy the credit line on the column identified as "Living". "Living," reads the line, "is edited by Audrey Slaughter."

Of minor note is the avoidance of the North American newspaper practice of referring back to individuals by surname only. The spokesman introduced as John Smith is referred back to as Mr. Smith. Mrs. and Miss have died a natural, or an unnatural, death and Mary Jones comes in as simply that, with further reference to Ms. Smith. If either John Smith or Mary Smith is academically recognized they will appear initially in the style Dr. John Smith and further reference is made to Dr. Smith. A lord, of course, comes in as Lord Smith and lives through the report in the comfortable ermine security of his title. Incidentally, lords don't have Christian names!

## Police investigate incidents

Ganges RCMP are trying to locate the owner of a small boat that sank at the Montague Government Wharf on Galiano Island last week.

The 15-foot vessel and its Johnson outboard motor were found submerged in the water, but still tied to the wharf. According to Constable Jim Harrison, a slow leak, combined with rain water and waves from a B.C. ferry, caused the boat to sink.

"To date," Harrison said, "we have been unable to establish the owner."

While the RCMP know the vessel's registration number, Harrison said boats are often sold and not re-registered.

Local RCMP are investigating damages sustained by a vehicle parked in downtown Ganges last week.

Owner of the vehicle, Anna Davitt, returned to her convertible car January 7 to find its roof slashed. The car was parked outside the firehall on Fulford-Ganges Road.

According to the RCMP, the incident is still under investigation.

Ganges RCMP officers are continuing their investigation into what they call the *Great Rhubarb Caper*, an incident in which some 150 pounds of rhubarb roots were

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## Land claims now a concern for islanders

This week the islands have joined the rest of British Columbia. The hazards of living and owning property in this province are now faced by islanders. The Saanich Indian people have laid a claim on the Gulf Islands and a substantial part of Saanich Peninsula.

The claim is nothing new in this province. Vast acreages have been claimed by the Indian people on the grounds that there was no formal, legal purchase of British Columbia by the early white settlers. The settlements made in other parts of Canada with the various Indian peoples were

already signed, sealed and delivered before the colony of British Columbia was received into the Dominion of Canada.

The new claim was outlined last week by Philip Paul, spokesman for the Saanich native bands. Paul told *Driftwood* that individual property claims were not being made and that there is no intention on the part of his people to put any resident or property owner off his land. The bands are asking for undeveloped land within the islands and Saanich for their exclusive use. Furthermore, the spokesman for the claimants has stated that if any municipal authority in the

area of Saanich and the Islands should undertake any further development the Indian people will take action to prevent it from going ahead.

Apart from bringing the islands into line with other British Columbia communities, where does the claim leave islanders?

For years the British Columbia Attorney-General has insisted that the question of land claims lies at the door of the federal government and that it cannot be answered by the provincial authority. The claim has been made by the provincial voice of law. All laws in this province pivot on the Attorney-General's office. That he is prejudiced to some degree in such an action cannot be denied. That his office is the next step below the courts is equally obvious.

Various claims have been made in respect of provincial lands. The Attorney-General has offered that opinion in respect of many such claims. The courts have not yet considered the issue. The provincial government has echoed the legal opinion of the province and the federal government is always eager to resolve the matter and gets no closer to resolution.

There will come the day when the various administrations affected must get down to business and open up the challenge to property rights in this province. A decision must be reached. Until it is, the claims cannot be considered more substantial than frivolous. Until the decision is reached, until an authoritative voice has been heard above the mumblings to tell the people of the province, the people of all races in the province, that Indian land claims are valid or that they are not valid, we face a continuing split whereby two claims are being made to properties hitherto under one title and one name. Each claimant has confidence in his claim to ownership. This cannot go on.

A second and very serious aspect is that in an era of anarchy, such unsettled claims to land ownership pave a path to new unrest and uncertainties.

The island people, of both long heritage and modern adoption, are now still more eager to see the matter cleared up and settled.



## Twin volumes lend credence to an old phrase

The twin volumes were so tattered that I was reluctant to give them spaces on my shelf. Their spines, held together by strips of black electricians' tape, were deeply creased and frayed, and the covers had given up their fabric along the edges, betraying a weakened thickness of cheap cardboard inside. Turning the pages, I immediately noted the light brown tint gained over a span of too many years and, more important, the glaring exclusion of some words I knew should be there. Verdict: sad shape, hopelessly out of date.

But the dictionary nagged at me despite its drawbacks. This was, after all, a two-volume set assembled before words like *quasar* and *supersonic* had infiltrated the modern world. More than that, it was an etymological edition — one that offers a full

discourse on the origins of words, not just their meaning. I had been looking to add these volumes to my collection for some time, I decided before finally taking them home.

That was several months ago. Since then, the investment has been repaid many times over because those old, tattered books have taught me a number of odd or obscure things that help to bring about a broader understanding of those squiggles on a page.

Some things the old dictionary has taught me:

- *Ammonia* is so named because it was first obtained near the Temple of Ammon, in Libya.
- *Czar*, the title for the emperor of Russia, was probably a corruption of the Latin for *Caesar*.
- The phrase is not "it isn't worth

### my word

by  
Duncan MacDonnell

a damn." The correct term is *dam*, in reference to "a small Indian coin of slight value."

• The root of *quick*, in several languages, is *alive*. Thus we have *quicksilver*, which literally means "living silver, so called for its fluidity."

• *Quinquagesima* (kwin-kwa-jes-i-ma) means fiftieth and is used to denote Shrove Sunday, which falls about 50 days before Easter.

• *Coma* has two meanings. One, "a state of more or less complete

insensibility and loss of power of thought or motion," is derived from the Greek word, *koma*, for *lethargy*. The other, meaning "the empty leaf or bract terminating the flowering stem of a plant," traces its origins to the Latin term for *the hair*.

• *Lethargy*, meanwhile, comes to us from the Latin word *lethargia* which, in turn, was born from the Greek word for *oblivion*. A related Latin word, *lethias*, gave us the term *lethal*, meaning "deadly, mortal, fatal."

• *Radical* and *radish* are both derived from the Latin word for *root*.

• The word *average*, "a mean sum or quantity," as in "the trees average 50 feet in height," comes to us from the world of shipping. The roots lie in the French word *averie*, for "damage sustained by

goods at sea," which was influenced by the Latin *averagium*, which meant "the carriage of goods by draft cattle." It thus came to mean the extraction of a contribution from the owners of a ship's cargo, in proportion to their interests, to make good a loss that had been sustained.

• The privileged class in ancient Greece had plenty of spare time, which they filled with discussion, study and instruction. Their word for *leisure time* gave us the modern term *school*.

The above is only a sampling of the tidbits offered by my new find, gained through a random flipping of its pages in search of something else. Locked inside the two volumes, I'm sure, is a word or phrase that will explain the old saying, *never judge a book by its cover*.

## Short-sighted

Sir,  
I read with rage the sad story of the eagles' nests being endangered on Galiano. This is just another example of entrepreneurship minus-community concern.

According to the government, the key industry to be developed in the '80s is tourism. What the influx of visitors do to large or small cities I don't want to discuss here, but I certainly question what it does to fragile ecological places such as the Gulf Islands.

It is a troublesome phenomenon to realize that some people left the rat-race or the war-draft and moved to the islands in search of a different lifestyle only to make a superficial change: sooner or later, in order to feed their bed and breakfast, small business or other industry, they feel compelled to put at stake the very special qualities that attracted them in the first place. They call it progress, I call it short-sightedness.

**CLAUDETTE DESHAIES,**  
Galiano.

## Demockery

Sir,  
I was surprised to read the article on page three of last week's *Driftwood* announcing that Off Centre Stage was receiving a \$48,000 grant for the development of a cafe.

I am against my hard-earned tax dollars being given away for the purpose of putting another food outlet on this island. As a restaurant owner, I find it repulsive to think that the government which last year did a survey and concluded there were too many restaurants on Salt Spring, has the gall to do this in the guise of creating employment. Does the left hand care what the right hand is doing?

I see no harm in government grants supporting the arts, but I do not agree in giving grants to enable people to compete with existing businesses — without the burden of loan repayment and operating overhead. The restaurant industry considered "high risk" by banks. It is getting increasingly difficult to borrow in order to equip or operate a restaurant, and the rate of interest, accordingly, is very high.

Upon questioning various levels of government officials, I was assured (and promised a letter of confirmation) that Off Centre Stage will only be permitted to use government funds for the arts, and that food service will remain as it has been — limited to snacks during performance hours.

I was also told by Marc Suss and Judy Pearson of Canada Employment and Immigration that the *Driftwood* had completely misquoted Mr. Suss, and that there is to be no cafe or restaurant.

I was told by Marc that funds had been allocated for the training of a cook. Why? I will personally train, free-of-charge, anyone who is hired to make these "carrot sticks" and "snacks", which are supposedly the items to be served. Don't squander our money, please!

Luigi's will also be happy to continue supplying coffee, at our cost, to OCS and be of any further assistance as long as we are talking "fair play." (Pun intended).

As for using "grant" dollars (pun intended) to hire a full-time grant procurer — I think this is totally ludicrous; bordering on evil! Is this the same federal government that balks at properly funding food banks?! Why not hire someone full-time to look for the end of the rainbow?

It should be interesting to see

what develops! Let's watch *Demockery* in action.

**PETER GRANT,**  
Ganges.

*Editor's note: According to Off Centre Stage officials, they were not misquoted in last week's article. It is interesting to note that although the organization now claims there will be no cafe, their advertisement placed in Driftwood's classified section requests applications for the job of setting up and co-ordinating "cafe at Off Centre Stage."*

*Apparently some of the current confusion stems from the fact that Driftwood was not provided with all details of the grant, nor was the information provided wholly accurate.*

## Emergency

Sir,  
The Capital Regional District has given us funds and a challenge to make a unique pilot project, the Alert Line service, successful.

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By increasing the number of subscribers we will be able to purchase additional equipment and to subsidize those unable to pay the full cost of the service.

So Salt Spring Islanders, let's show them what we can do — not only will we be helping our senior citizens maintain their independence — but we will be leading the way for the whole Capital Regional District.

Any questions? Give me a call.

**SUE RAMSEY,**  
Co-ordinator,  
**HEAL Alert Line Society.**

## Open letter

Sir,  
Open letter to Ed Davis:  
In the December 24 *Driftwood* there was a letter from you attacking the integrity of Tom Gossett and the water preservation society. On December 30 you finally availed yourself of Tom's personal invitation to walk over his farm and see the falseness of the allegations you made in that letter. I had hoped you would have been big enough to publicly admit you were wrong and to retract those statements, and I have waited for you to do so. Since you have not, I have no choice but to publicly set the record straight.

Let us address the following

## letters

inaccuracies:

1) Foxglove Farm in no place borders Lake Maxwell. The clearing therefore does not go to the edge of this lake.

2) The entire farm drains into Cranberry Creek which is not a community potable water supply.

3) The recent clearing of pasture which you inaccurately refer to as "large scale logging" is not in the physical watershed. Tom chose to retain the watershed zoning designation because of the 30 acre minimum protection against future subdividing. Tom cares about land.

4) Tom did not take out the two-page ad referred to. The board of the water preservation society did, and it was paid for by donations from members of the society. The people of this island care about water protection.

5) The person(s) who "cost the taxpayers thousands of dollars" over the Fulford school site was not Tom Gossett but was due to the mistake of the official(s) concerned.

Since your letter appeared I have been asked by several people, "Who is Ed Davis anyway?"

My reply: "He is a realtor who has property on St. Mary Lake. He is part-owner of a resort on the lake, and he along with resort owners Rick Rockliffe, Brian and Shirley Jewell were responsible for bringing back gas engines to the lake last summer." Then they understood! Private gain, Ed, cannot be set against public good. There are over 2,000 people who drink St. Mary Lake water.

So now, how about making that public retraction?  
**BIS WHITBY,**  
Ganges.

## Dead end

Sir,  
An open letter to Jack Davis, minister of energy and mines:

The recent declaration to lift the moratorium on uranium mining in British Columbia is not in the long-term best interests of anyone in the province, Canada or the rest of the world. It gives explicit approval for any uranium-related activities. These activities cannot be isolated from the end-use of the product: the primary use of uranium is to fuel nuclear reactors.

Nuclear reactors serve no necessary purpose.

So-called "peaceful" reactors produce electricity which we do not need. It is the most expensive method of power production. Besides the immediate dollar-costs related to uranium exploration, mining, refining, enrichment and transport, and reactor site acquisition, design, and construction, there are those less immediate costs:

1) Reactors have a short life span, around 15-20 years. After that, the site is unsafe for centuries.

2) Waste disposal is a problem yet unsolved but of immense importance.

3) Health and life risks to workers and surrounding population have yet to be satisfactorily determined;

4) Potential for accident of colossal proportion with immediate and long-term devastation is ever present;

5) The product of every reactor is plutonium, monstrously lethal, and the key element in making bombs.

Aptly named "military" reactors are all of the above, and are used solely for making bombs — which we do not need.

The conclusion is clear. If we consider respect for a life-sustaining planet and its

inhabitants to be "the bottom line" rather than jobs for a few and huge profits for fewer still, then uranium mining is of no value.

It has been said that "the nuclear path is a dead end ... literally."

I couldn't agree more.

**RAY NEWMAN,**  
Ganges.

## Meeting

Sir,  
On Monday, January 19 at 4 pm in the school board office, the Ganges sewer commission will hold its first annual meeting. It is hoped that as many residents as possible within the sewer defined area attend.

A further reason for a good attendance is to enable residents to consider the possibility of resurrecting a Ganges ratepayers' association. Those attending could perhaps also elect or suggest a representative from the area to both fill the vacancy on the sewer commission, and also to ask someone to represent them on the Ganges advisory council.

**HUGH BORSMAN,**  
Ganges.

## Target set

Sir,  
I would like to bring to the attention of your readers the pool society thermometer recently displayed on the wall of the fire station. We are currently reaching for a target of 1,000 members.

Our most sincere thanks are given to Croftonbrook for letting us have the thermometer, to Jim Sinclair for repainting and mounting it, and to the fire station for allowing us the wall space.

By now, all members should have received their newsletters in the mail. Very new members will be mailed a newsletter along with their receipt and membership card. Members who have not received their newsletters should phone me at 537-9265.

As well, buttons are now available. We are hoping to have them handed out through a local business beginning in January. When you do get your button, wear it and encourage others to do the same.

Readers are also reminded of the Book Bonanza to be held on February 28, 1987. Save your books and contact Mimi Gossett at 537-9281.

**WENDY VINE,**  
Ganges.

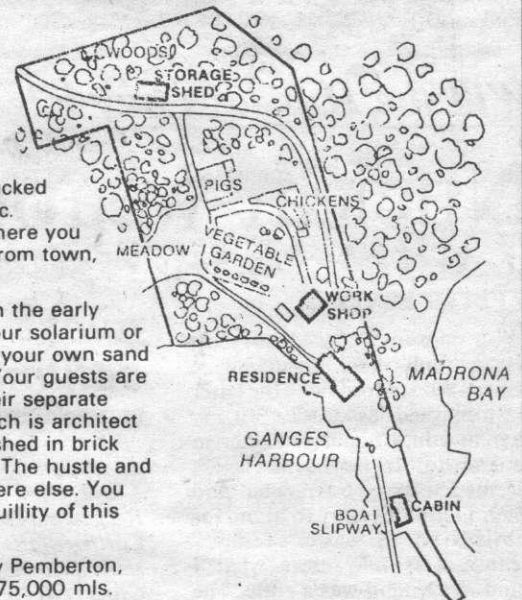
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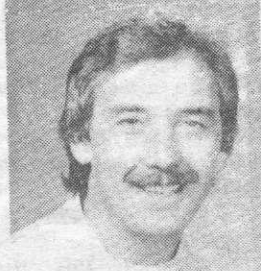


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## Ex-island couple adjusting to living, working in Africa

It has been one year since Gus and Eileen Wttewaall left the comforts of their Salt Spring home — running water, television, smooth transportation — to take their teaching talents and mechanical know-how to a rural Zambian village.

"It is amazing how our bodies, minds and emotions adjust," Gus notes in a recent form letter sent to family and friends. "I remember my stomach ... kicking up an awful fuss if lunch was half an hour late in Canada, after having breakfast only four hours before and a snack in between."

At the Zambian school where the Wttewaalls work, breakfast is at 6:15 am. The first class starts at 7:10 am and lunch is not served until 1:30 pm.

The Wttewaalls left for Zambia last December. Sponsored by the United Church of Canada, the couple's assignment is teaching high school at the Chipembi Girls' Secondary School in Chisamba.

Many lessons can be learned, Gus says, when one does not have those day-to-day resources taken for granted in our society. He illustrates this point by presenting a month and a half's observation of their Isuzu three-ton truck. First the main drive shaft bearing, completely disintegrated, is replaced. "A few days later the universal joint goes. It is replaced. A couple of days later the whole gear box drops away. It is put back up. The right front wheel bearing (is) making a strange noise. It is discovered it is dry and hasn't been repacked with grease during the life of the vehicle, and on and on...."

And all these things happen somewhere between the Wttewaalls home and Lusaka (the nearest town, some 90 kilometres away), which often requires that someone stay with the vehicle 'around the clock' until repairs can be completed. Otherwise, he says, the vehicle is stripped to the chassis within a matter of hours.

But all "these problems are solved with a great deal of ingenuity, persistence and a certain calm. I could learn much from this, for when my own

vehicle has a slight rattle or knock, I imagine it is on its last breath and that it will leave me stranded."

The letter speaks of other problems they must face: the Isuzu's tires all cut up, although the vehicle is only four months old; becoming aware there is no chicken feed for the broilers only a few hours before feeding time, and having to rush 90 kilometres to get some; finding the hens have stopped laying eggs because, having run out of laying mash, they were fed corn for a couple of days.

The most dangerous problem, they say, however, is vehicle safety. One of the Farm College pick-ups once had two major accidents in the same afternoon. The first sent two people to

**'The saying, 'noisy like a herd of elephants', just doesn't apply.'**

hospital for 10 days. The second, which occurred when it hit a 10-ton truck loaded 15 feet high with charcoal and towing another truck of the same size, sent the 13 people in the back "flying all over the road and ditch." Luckily, none of the injuries were serious.

"The small pick-up was blessed with one poor headlight, its steering column held in place by a rubber band (strip of inner tube) because the bolts had become lost and such minor items are very hard to replace here."

But not everything in Zambia takes a great deal of adjustment, and the Wttewaalls' letter describes many of the beautiful and exciting things they are experiencing.

At the game parks they have seen jumping impala, wildebeest, bushbucks, waterbucks, kudu and

puka. While they have seen many lion tracks, they've been unable to catch up with any cats.

"One of our most unforgettable wildlife excursions," the letter reads, "was sitting among the elephants in an open Landrover. It was a herd of some eight big, old bulls. It is some experience to sit for an hour while they grazed a stone throw's away. The saying *noisy like a herd of elephants* just doesn't apply.... They can move through bush and step on twigs without a sound."

Of the African birdlife, the couple describe sightings of various storks, ibises, egrets, owls, kingfishers, rollers (which roll over in the sky), weavers, soaring vultures, fish eagles, and the Egyptian goose.

The Wttewaalls describe country life in Zambia as "well adapted to its climate." Because the climate is so different from North America and Europe, one can comfortably do much of what is done inside, outside. The homes therefore consist of 'rooms' scattered in an open area.

"The rooms are round or rectangular structures about 12 feet in diameter with a conical thatched roof on the approximately six-foot high wall. This might be divided with a wall inside, making two small areas — one for sleeping and one for storing a few possessions. This would be the adult quarters. For children and relatives there might be three or four other single room buildings to sleep in. The yard in front and around the buildings is swept clean like a living room...."

Gus sends a few words about African televisions: "There are few, except in the urban areas, and the programs are not any better than in Canada — mostly canned American stuff. The weatherman tickles my funny bone with all the familiar charts and satellite pictures (of southern Africa)." In this climate, he says, he can predict what the weather will be tomorrow, the next day, "and even May the 24th next year...it will be sunny and very pleasant."

One of the highlights of the



Gus and Eileen Wttewaall

Wttewaalls' year occurred in July and August, when their 22-year-old daughter Coreen visited. According to the letter, she was treated like a celebrity at the school. The girls had her join them for dinner, just a few hours after she arrived — "it gave her a quick introduction to their spartan meals." Her "fellowship" with the students was cut short in July, however, when three of the four water pumps broke down, leaving

the school with only water from a well which sits in the middle of a septic field. The students were therefore sent home two weeks before the end of the second semester.

"Coreen," the letter reads, and surely both Gus and Eileen, "will never take Canadian luxuries, like a tub with lots of hot water, a kitchen free of ants, travelling inside a comfortable car, etc., quite the same again."



Ganges Harbour View

### Will the Russians buy it?

## Nuclear weapons deal is a logical solution

By PETER PENTZ

You may find it hard to credit this: a reply has already been received from Moscow to the letter you published last week. Not my letter to you, of course: I refer to the letter to Mr. Gorbachev which I seemed to have intercepted and which I felt it my duty to quote for publication. I say "seemed" because it is now clear what I found in my mail was a copy. The original was in fact not mailed at all; yet the Soviet leader not only got it but has replied. My mail box has just disgorged the following, no doubt also a transcript, which is self-explanatory:

Dear friends on Salt Spring Island, I will not call you comrades, that is becoming old hat, as you say, and I am determined to come up to date, as you know.

I received your interesting proposition over the modem of my PC (an IBM clone, happily compatible with your computer system) and hasten to reply by the

### guest column

same route in the interest of speed. I hear there is some danger Mr. Reagan may be pushed aside by his Californian manipulators on grounds of ill-health (before Congress can declare him incapable for other reasons), and it seems to us your friends may have more difficulty in concluding the deal with a replacement administration in Washington. After all, the new man might have enough sense to see they would be suckers to pay us for taking all this nuclear junk off our hands, just to add to their own even larger collection of similar garbage. So let us — how do you say it? — make hay while the Ronnie sun shines.

You will understand from this that my colleagues (except some of the old guard, who are as reluctant

to face facts as most of your Canadian politicians) agree with me that the Salt Spring deal is acceptable to the USSR, at least in principle. We therefore wish to finalize the details with minimum delay.

As to the price, we do not like to haggle over trifles, but we do like round numbers. Please tell your enterprising friends they are welcome to 15,000 of our nuclear warheads, complete and ready to go, for a net price to us of 85 million Swiss Francs, payable into our account at a Swiss bank. We prefer Swiss currency as being convenient, neutral and, frankly, less over-priced than US dollars. That leaves your local brokers to get their two per cent (or more, for all we care) out of the buyers in Washington.

In regard to transport, we really do not care who collects the stuff at one (or more) of our ports. You do understand, of course, that we expect payment immediately when the "goods" are transferred to the

ship. We will make sure, in our own interest as much as yours, that the warheads are made safe when we hand them to the shipper. We don't believe in insurance, it has no place in a socialist economy, as you must know. If your capitalist friends want to indulge in it, that's their affair.

One final point at this stage. The weather in Moscow is less than delightful at this time of year, and my wife has been reading about the spring-like weather you are said to enjoy in your Salt Spring winter. Is this true? It occurs to me that we might get away from here for a few days and make a visit to your island (incognito, naturally). I could then claim expense, since a meeting with your friends could enable us to settle all the details and sign a contract there and then ... as you know, I am an engineer by training, and I like to get on with things.

Mikhail Gorbachev

Your readers will, no doubt, share my problem: if we see a couple of strangers wandering around Ganges, should we alert the RCMP? I begin to wonder whether it might not be a good idea to let this bit of nukery go through.

After all, it is true that these things are dangerous junk; and some, at least of the million dollars or so in commission might get spent in

B.C. It would not be taxable, I suppose, but our premier should be pleased. Do you think I should inform him? On second thoughts, he would want the publicity of welcoming the Gorbachevs on

Ganges dock with full TV coverage, and I have a feeling that might upset the Russians — and the deal.

P.S. Can anyone suggest why these seemingly ultra-private communications are being passed to me in my ordinary mail?

# Lumber deal best Canada could get

VICTORIA — The Canadian lumber industry's response to the 11th hour settlement of the bitter U.S.-Canada lumber dispute couldn't have been more pathetic.

The agreement is disastrous for our lumber industry, snivelled MacMillan Bloedel's Adam Zimmerman, turning it into "an industrial paraplegic."

And who, I'd like to ask Zimmerman, would have been the paraplegic if the negotiations had failed, and the U.S. Commerce Department had decided to uphold the temporary 15-per-cent tariff on Canadian lumber exports entering the United States?

Canadian and U.S. negotiators reached the agreement after a 30-hour marathon session, with only a few hours to go to the midnight deadline by which the U.S. Commerce Department was to rule on whether to uphold, reverse or alter the preliminary 15-per-cent penalty duty on Canadian lumber.

The dispute had erupted as a result of claims by the U.S.

## capital comment

by  
**Hubert Beyer**

in our domestic affairs, an odious arrangement but the best one we could get under the circumstances. It was that clause which scuttled the same deal a couple of weeks ago.

That clause also gives the NDP in British Columbia the only chance to oppose the deal without looking like lackeys of the lumber industry.

Without that 'anti-patriotic' clause, the NDP would have had a rotten time trying to explain why they were suddenly in bed with the forest industry.

Back to Zimmerman and his knee-jerk reaction to the deal. It will cost between 10,000 and 15,000 jobs, he says. I'd like to ask him how many jobs would have been lost if the deal had fallen through and the \$600 million a year had gone into the U.S. treasury.

Some jobs will be lost during the initial phase of the agreement, but as the money collected by Ottawa is redistributed to the provinces and invested in better forest management techniques, other jobs will be created.

I liked Premier Vander Zalm's reaction to the agreement. "Terrific," he said. It was the only possible solution, he added. Canada would never have won if the case had gone to the courts. Now, at least, the money would stay in Canada, he said.

Explaining why he took the stand he did, Vander Zalm said he knows what it takes to nurture a seedling into a mature plant or tree.

There is more of an indictment of our forest industry in those few words than in all the political rhetoric I've ever heard.

The final irony is that it took a foreign power, the United States, to force Canada's and particularly British Columbia's forest industry into fulfilling its obligations to future generations.

For the better part of a century, the industry has given little or no thought to the need for responsible forest management policies. Successive governments have been equally unresponsive.

The future may see the agreement that ended the lumber trade war as the event which started a new era of responsible management of a precious resource.

The industry may not admit it, but the lumber deal bodes well for the future of our forests.

**"A ruling against Canada would have bled this country of a staggering \$600 million a year..."**

lumber industry that the fees charged by the provinces to harvest timber are so low, they constitute an unfair subsidy under U.S. trade law.

A ruling against Canada would have bled this country of a staggering \$600 million a year, provided the Commerce Department didn't increase the punitive tariff to 20 per cent or more, a distinct possibility.

According to the agreement, the federal government will impose a 15-per-cent export tax on Canadian softwood lumber destined for U.S. markets, worth about \$4 billion last year.

The money collected by Ottawa will be given to the provinces, which are expected to use it to improve their forest industries by expanding reforestation and silviculture programs.

Eventually, the federal export tax is to be replaced with provincial schemes, such as higher stumpage fees.

And that gets us to the only aspect of the agreement which is regrettable, to say the least. The agreement contains a provision that gives the U.S. government the right to approve or reject any scheme replacing the federal export tax.

What that means is that a foreign government can meddle

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### Manly gains insight into aid programs

# Africa trip creates more questions than answers

Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands MP Jim Manly said last week that his recent trip to Africa with members of an all-party study group probably raised more questions than answers about the effectiveness of Canada's development assistance policies.

"But I still believe that development assistance is important and more essential than ever," Manly, the New Democratic Party's Canadian International Development Agency critic, said in an interview Wednesday.

On his two-week African tour of Canada's development aid projects in early December, Manly spent five days in Tanzania, five days in Senegal and a day in Ethiopia.

"It was a fairly short trip, considering what we toured," he noted, "and it left me with a number of impressions.

"One was that I think a lot of our development assistance in these countries is being undermined by the fact that terms of trade for these countries is so bad that it (Canadian aid) is not being much assistance."

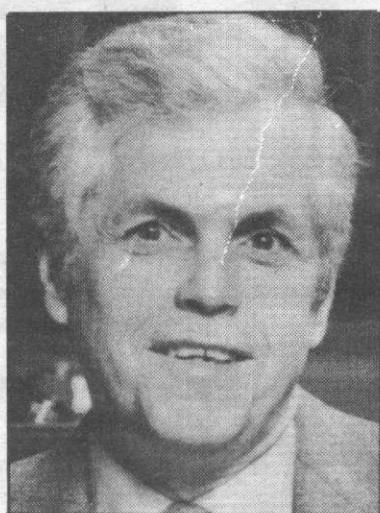
According to Manly, the international marketplace is glutted with the basic commodity items being produced by many of the Third World nations. This overabundance, the MP said, is driving prices for basic commodities so low that "instead of getting ahead, these countries are getting poorer.

"These problems are being compounded by the international debt situation and interest rates," Manly added.

As a result of the world trade problems, Manly said poverty in the Third World is growing at an alarming rate. "In Tanzania, for example, the population is growing at 3.8 per cent per year, while their economy is growing at between two-and-a-half and three per cent. Year by year, the people are getting poorer. I think that more than anything else, that's what bothered me," he noted.

Manly is also concerned about the appropriateness of some Canadian development assistance projects overseas. He said that in many cases, he felt the countries being assisted by Canada were not able to make proper use of the development projects. The Cowichan-Malahat-the Islands MP said he would like to see development assistant projects "fit the priorities" of the developing country rather than those of Canada. He pointed out that Canada's development assistance projects require a high Canadian content.

Manly feels developing countries such as those he visited might be better served if they were able to develop their own projects. However, he stressed that Canadian funds should not be given "carte blanche.



Jim Manly

"We have to ensure it's being used to help development in these countries; that it's oriented toward helping the poor rather than creating an elite."

Manly said many Third World countries receiving development assistance from Canada also lack the basic infrastructure needed to handle the products they produce. "In Northern Tanzania, near Mount Kilimanjaro, we have helped develop a 70,000-acre wheat project," he pointed out. "On some levels, it has been a success, but the transportation

structure is lacking. And most of the wheat is used in the cities."

Despite his concerns, Manly said he saw some interesting projects on the tour. "We saw a number of projects to beat back the desert," he stated. "In Senegal, we saw a dune fixation project designed to keep the desert sand from blowing over the fields. What they were doing is planting Australian pine, which isn't really a pine at all, directly into the sand. And these trees were growing at a phenomenal rate.

"We saw a terracing project in the rift valley in Ethiopia," he added. "There was a drought two years ago, and this project had received some funding through CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), but was being undertaken primarily by the Lutheran World Federation. They were terracing in the valley to retain water. In other areas, they were irrigating.

"In some ways, small projects like these seem to make more sense than some of the great big ones," he noted. "Of course, some big projects such as railways and water systems are necessary."

Manly said the tour left him with a better understanding of development assistance. "Overall, the task of development is so mammoth that what we're

doing is very small in comparison, and it's being constantly eroded by the economic situation — interest rates, international debt, and oil prices. These people seem to be fighting a losing battle. Yes, it's discouraging, but I would think it's more discouraging for the people in these countries. I think we have to work really hard (and) provide more aid."

The all-party study group of which Manly is a member consists of MPs from all three parties in the House of Commons. The

study group has conducted hearings in Canada to gauge public opinion on Canada's development aid program, and will issue a report in June.

Canada spends \$2.5 billion a year on development aid and uses three routes to channel it overseas: through government agencies such as the United Nations; on a country-to-country basis; or by way of matching grants to non-government groups that raise funds in aid of developing countries.

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### Rockliffe hopes changes will revitalize group

# Chamber president introduces new committees

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group to participate more in its activities.

Rockliffe said he hopes this new system will also help reduce the workload carried by chamber directors. He noted that in the past, these directors have shouldered most of the burden for accomplishing the chamber's goals.

"In the past, directors have worked their tails off," he said. "This year, I'd like to see the directors get other business people involved — delegate."

The chamber president added that he feels the organization won't be viable unless more businessmen become involved in its affairs.

"Without the members being involved, I can't see it being viable," he said, "and if it's not viable, we should consider other alternatives to the chamber. If splinter groups can do the job better, then let splinter groups do it."

Rockliffe announced the creation or restructuring of more than a half dozen committees.

The chamber's finance committee will be chaired by Geoff Swift, and Rockliffe said it will conduct an internal audit of the business organization and then produce a budget.

Rockliffe said that Dodie Marshall will chair the chamber's new retail merchants' liaison committee. This committee, he said, will promote retail merchandising here, help increase membership in that sector and "possibly generate a Ganges village brochure."

The chamber of commerce's Cy Peck restoration committee has been expanded, according to Rockliffe. Jack Cherry is chairing that committee.

A ways and means committee has also been struck, and accord-

ing to Rockliffe — who is acting as its temporary chairman — it will "devise ways and means to improve" the chamber's financial situation and help find funding for its various projects. However, he said it is hoped that chamber committees developing projects will also "come up with ways to fund them."

The chamber of commerce's tourist promotion committee will be chaired by Shirley Jewell.

A public affairs committee — charged with improving communication between the business group, its members and the public as a whole — will be chaired by Beth McDonald. Rockliffe said it is hoped the chamber can act as a "clearing house" for information on events throughout the island.

Pat Corneille has been appointed chairman of the chamber's business and economic development committee, which will be charged with developing ways to enhance business and economic development on the island.

A constitution and policy com-

mittee has also been struck to examine the business organization's existing constitution and "consider changes that may be in the interest" of the chamber. One such change concerns the time of year at which chamber membership dues are collected. Rockliffe would like to see membership

fees due in mid-September "when members have the money to pay them."

Rosemary Boehringer will chair the chamber's Islands Trust coordinating committee. This committee, according to Rockliffe, will "try to work with Islands Trust rather than wait for an issue

to come up and then get involved in an adversarial position.

"We hope to take to Islands Trust concerns of the chamber, and co-operate with them (Trust members) in finding a solution rather than wait until drastic action is needed," Rockliffe explained.

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**'It's a buyers' market,' says one agent**

**Realtors hope for improved markets in future**

Real estate sales remained constant with 1985 levels this past year and market trends indicate a slight improvement in 1987, a survey of local realtors showed last week.

"Unimproved sales have been disappointing, but there have been some exceptionally good buys in improved lots," said Toni Holmes, owner of Gulf Islands Realty.

Holmes and several other realtors report 1986 sales were disappointing at the start of the year but picked up in the fall. "August to November were record months for us in terms of number of sales," Holmes said.

Dale Codd of Block Bros.

Realty quoted computer totals which list the sales of residential properties by all dealers on Salt Spring since July. Twenty-six houses on an acre or less of land have been sold; 31 residences on property over an acre.

There are currently 180 properties from both categories for sale on Salt Spring, Codd said. They average 172 days on the market before sale, up from 113 last year.

The survey indicates houses on two acres or less, priced between \$70,000 and 90,000, sell best. It is a buyers' market, with only a small price increase expected this year.

"If any of my friends are looking at buying some property,

I tell them there's never been a better time," said Arvid Chalmers of Pemberton, Holmes. Chalmers indicated that a \$90,000 house on Salt Spring would currently be worth \$120,000 if it were in Vancouver.

Smaller property is preferred because most of the buyers are aged 50 and over, Chalmers said.

"We're seeing a diminishing demand for the hobby farm."

Salt Spring out-sells the other Gulf Islands because of a larger number of properties to choose from and more services, according to Pat James of Small World Real Estate.

Both Holmes and Chalmers said Expo may have adversely

affected property sales here because potential buyers who intended to visit the fair and scout island properties chose to spend all their time at Expo.

"The largest percentage of our market comes from Vancouver," Holmes said. "So many people were busy entertaining visitors to Expo that we didn't see as many people during that time."

**University reps to visit**

Gulf Islands Secondary school students will look into their future Friday when representatives of five B.C. post-secondary institutions speak here.

All Grade 10, 11, and 12 students will listen to presentations by counsellors from the University of Victoria, University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, Camosun College, and the B.C. Institute of Technology, GISS counsellor Marg Sitton said.

"If students are interested in a school not represented, these counsellors will get the information for them," Sitton said.

A general presentation at 10:30 am will be followed by individual interviews at noon. "We try to get the kids to zero in on what they're most interested in," Sitton said.

The awareness effort follows a field trip to UVic last fall which brought 66 GISS students to the

island institution. Sitton said most GISS students who pursue post-secondary education go to UVic because it is close to home and Victoria relatives. "The colleges draw an awful lot," Sitton said. "It's cheaper to go to colleges."

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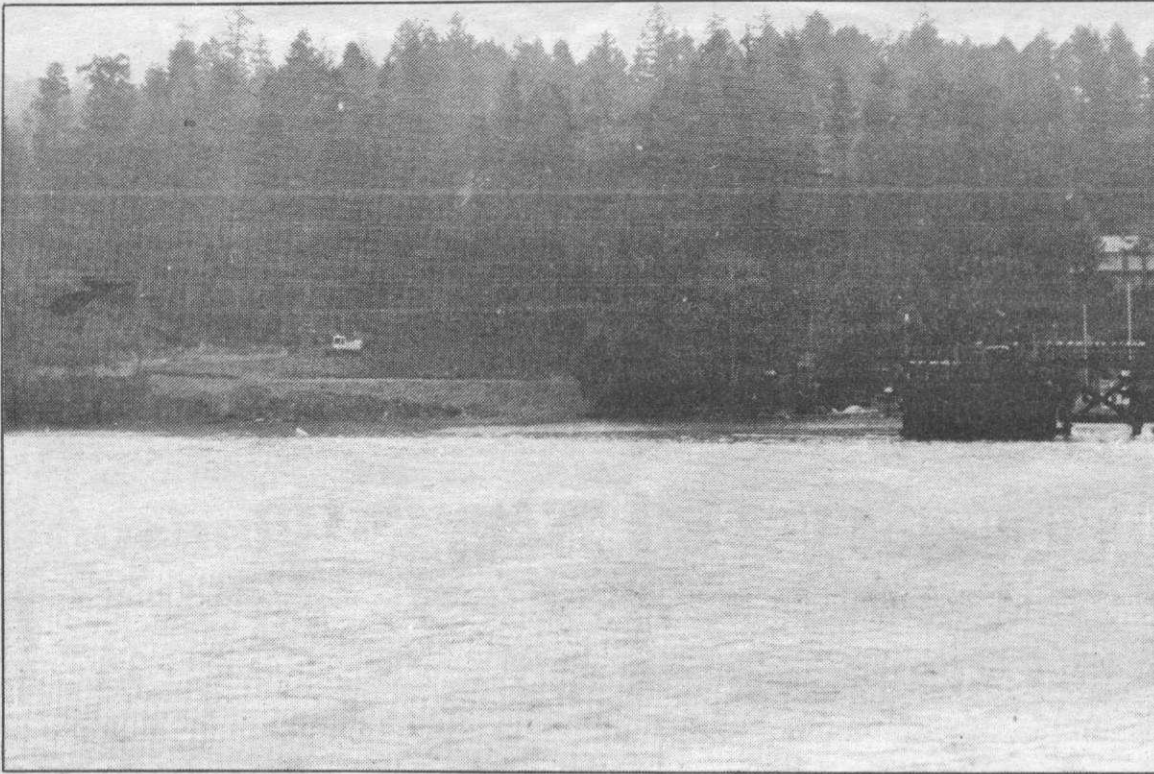
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The cleared area at the centre of this photo is the proposed location of Pat Corneille's Fulford Marina.

Corneille, who is still awaiting final government approval, feels

Fulford residents need a place where they can dock their boats.

Driftwood photo by Mike O'Brien

**Corneille goes ahead with project**

**New marina planned at Fulford**

A Salt Spring resident has already begun work on a public marina in Fulford Harbour, although government approval is still forthcoming.

Pat Corneille says he is building the 40 to 50 capacity marina because Fulford residents as well as visitors do not presently have a place to moor their boats. "It's to fill a need."

Ground clearing has begun, though Corneille admits he has not acquired all the necessary government permits. All three levels of government are involved and he is currently awaiting the provincial lands ministry's fore-shore lease.

Corneille says the cost will be between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

He will charge moorage fees.

The project would include a fuel pump, marine store and possibly an outdoor repair shop, Corneille says. "We hope to become a destination marina."

"A lot of people come in during the summer and don't have a place to tie up."

He says the marina would bring business to Fulford Harbour. "All the Fulford people are quite for it."

Corneille held an information meeting with Fulford residents last fall to answer their questions about the project. "I'm not a big-time developer, I'm just a local guy," Corneille said construction will employ some Salt Spring residents, and noted pre-

liminary work has been performed by local crews.

The Islands Trust rezoned the land from residential to marina use at a November 6 meeting, Salt Spring trustee Pat Byrne said. Fulford residents support the project as long as it remains small, he said. "They just don't want the harbour to be full of boats."

Marina traffic will not conflict with nearby ferry docking because private craft will approach from the other side of the wharves, Corneille said. "Most of the ferry masters don't indicate any problems with it."

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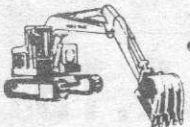


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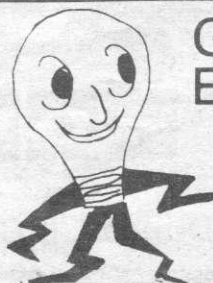
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## Salt Spring representative outlines '86 activities

Two years ago, at mid-term so to speak, I wrote a report of what issues had been faced in the previous year. This is an abbreviated account of significant events in 1986.

### St. Mary's Lake

There was, and still is, much public concern about the lifting of the gasoline-powered outboard motor ban on the lake. Attempts are continuing to have it reimposed, but realistically the federal government will be slow to move, and the provincial government will hesitate to get into a jurisdictional debate with Ottawa. I still feel, however, that the ban will eventually be reimposed one way or another.

But some good came out of it. The contribution of water quality deterioration by outboards, the impact of which is debatable, is overshadowed by identified major contributory factors of long

standing. These factors have to be addressed, and partly because of the great interest over the lifting of the ban, a task force has been formed to attempt to remedy some of these contributing factors. The group consists of representatives of the four water boards drawing water from St. Mary's Lake, the water preservation society, the provincial ministry of environment and myself. The chairman is Hartley Graham.

### Centennial Park

Finally things came together after two frustrating years of effort. Lands, parks and housing turned over the park to the CRD for the Salt Spring community as a "free crown grant."

It also took two years to get provincial legislation passed which gave the CRD, and hence ourselves, control over community parks.

### director's report

#### Hugh Borsman

This summer the parks and recreation commission (P&RC) and the CRD board passed a park use bylaw which, after a ten year delay, gave control of all community parks on Salt Spring to the commission so that it could legally protect community property, improvements and the safety of users.

The very vocal opposition to this bylaw by some people was no doubt sincere in some instances, but it demonstrated a lack of understanding of the nature and role of such bylaws in local government. It is the existence of this bylaw that has assisted in settling many of the fears and doubts and suspicions concerning the future of the Saturday market,

and is enabling the commission to charge for the use of the park by mid-week vendors in order to raise funds to properly maintain and improve the park for increased public enjoyment. The Saturday market has also been asked to make a modest weekly contribution.

The renovation of the park will proceed, but further funds must be found. There will be visible further progress by the spring.

### Ganges Village

The village is undergoing, and will continue to undergo, some growing pains. Without any formal administrative structure it is not possible for anyone, or any group, to make democratic decisions affecting the village, except the Trust, of course, in the area of planning and zoning.

There were two particularly successful meetings of represent-

atives of some dozen committees or organizations concerned directly or indirectly with the village. The first of these meetings decided to ask the chamber of commerce to initiate a study of possible incorporation of the village. The chamber responded, and this study is now well underway with Pat Groves as the chairperson. No one can guess at this point whether incorporation of the village will be either feasible or desirable.

At the second meeting it was decided to form a core committee of the larger group which would serve pro-tem as an advisory committee for matters concerning the village. This committee will consist of representatives of the chamber of commerce, the Ganges Centre Association, and the Community Planning Association, the sewer commission and

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# Year an eventful one for Salt Spring official

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the realtors. The Trust representatives, the ministry of highways foreman, the residents of the village and myself will be ex officio members. This committee will have met this past Monday.

## Alert Line

A non-profit society was formed this past summer to get the above program underway. Funds were solicited from the community for equipment, and so far, including residents of Croftonbrook, 27 elderly and/or infirm persons have or will have the protection required to have them remain safely in their own place of residence. A number of others are anxious to get on the system, but have party telephone lines.

Despite repeated assurances by a consultant advisor, we found too late that a ruling of the CRTC in Ottawa precludes our using our equipment where there are party lines. We are intervening with Ottawa, including appealing to the minister of health and welfare, and with our local ministry of health assisting us. We are also considering how we can finance private lines for those who can't face this added expense. We will find a solution in time. In the meantime, we hope to attract a number of those with private lines, or those who could afford them. This would enable us to build up a

small balance that could be used to subsidize some others. We are still, incidentally, looking for donations of money or equipment to expand the service. All donations are income tax deductible.

The CRD is anxiously awaiting the results of our efforts, and are beginning to plan for the introduction of the same system in the whole of Greater Victoria.

## Ganges Sewer

This will soon have been in place for one year. It has been meeting the high standards set for it, but it did have the usual start-up problems. A full report will be presented at the annual meeting of the sewer commission on January 19 at 4 pm at the school board office. Three of the CRD engineers will be present to answer questions.

The CRD and the commission will, after mid-February, consider applications for additions to the sewer. Although almost all or all commercial properties have been connected to the sewer, most residences have not yet joined. They will be given some extra time, waiting for the weather to improve before requiring connection.

The present sewer commission consists of Ron McQuiggan as chairman, along with Alec Houston, Arthur Lloyd, Tom Toynbee, and myself. There is one vacancy, which will be filled on

January 19.

## Grants-in-Aid

I hope that the following disbursements met with your approval: community society — \$2,000; centennial society — \$2,000; Beaver Point pre-school — \$500; Community Planning Association — \$500; Island Study Recreation Group — \$1,000; solid waste study group — \$500; Salt Spring Island Day-care — \$1,000; St. Mary Lake task force — \$500; chamber of commerce — \$1,000; Alert Line — \$2,500; Parks and Recreation Commission — \$1,500.

Please phone if you want any details.

## Conclusion

Despite some inevitable

contentious issues, such as the furor over the proposed asphalt plant and the park use bylaw, 1986 has been a very pleasant and productive year. Certainly the island is more peaceful than at any time in my experience. However, the time comes when some decisions have to be made, and this results in the inevitable cries of anguish from those who didn't get their own way. One can only hope that these difficult decisions have

at least been decided in accordance with majority opinion. I am satisfied they have been.

I thank you for your support and encouragement this past year.

There are many I would like to applaud for the community efforts, but I would surely overlook someone.

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## People under 35 likely to get Taiwan influenza

Taiwan influenza, the latest in a long line of 'flus' to hit North America, is probably already in the Victoria-Gulf Islands area.

According to Dr. Brian Allen, acting medical health officer for the Capital Regional District, this strain of influenza is virtually no worse or different than any other.

"Its main feature," said Allen in an interview last week, "is that it is very similar to a flu that hit here before. As a result, it is highly unlikely that anyone 35 years or older will get it."

Allen explained that during the 1950s, a large influenza epidemic hit North America. Because the Taiwan flu bears a striking resemblance to this earlier 'bug,' people who contracted it then are probably immune to it now.

According to Allen, those who catch the Taiwan influenza exhibit symptoms no different than those of any other flu; headaches, sore throats and a fever are common. The CRD's acting medical health officer added that the best medicine is plenty of rest.

Dr. Allen said most people have little to fear from the Taiwan flu. However, he said those under the age of 35 who have chronic heart or lung problems are at risk. These individuals can obtain im-

munizations to help protect them from this latest influenza.

"However, most of it (immunization drug) has been already used," he noted. "It's actually a little too late now, although there are a few doses left. But in order for it (the immunization) to be of much benefit, it has to be done several weeks prior to the flu's arrival."

Nevertheless, Allen said that individuals with heart or lung conditions who still want to obtain the immunization should contact their family doctors.

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# 1986 rainfall 'average'

The amount of precipitation that fell in Ganges during 1986 was near average levels, according to Douglas Road resident Robert Aston.

In a summary of precipitation for 1986 in the Ganges area, Aston said a total of 38.04 inches of precipitation fell here last year, including 12.1 inches of snow that all arrived in February.

"1986 was a near average year," Aston commented. "The old, 10-year average was 40.41 inches."

Aston said that in comparison to last year, 1985 — a dry year here — received only 25.00 inches of precipitation, including 30.9 inches of snow.

January was the wettest month of 1986, according to Aston. A total of 9.20 inches of precipitation fell in Ganges during that period, none of it in the form of snow. However, the month received an abnormal boost in precipitation when a 24-hour record amount fell.

Between 6 pm January 17 and 6 pm January 18, 3.81 inches of rain fell in the Ganges area. This 24-hour rainfall, Aston said, fractionally exceeded 10 per cent of the total precipitation recorded in 1986.

Not all of 1986 was wet and dreary, of course. Aston pointed out that during the summer, a record was established when the area went 56 consecutive days — eight weeks — without measurable precipitation.

Aston categorized temperatures during that dry spell as "high normal" but noted they fell well short of record highs.



*Splish, splash*

Heavy area rainfalls are no deterrent to an ardent golfer; they simply mean an increased challenge. Philip Ritson manoeuvres through puddle successfully during a round of golf Monday morning on the Salt Spring course.

## Firm gets new partner

Ross and Ganges Marine and Equipment Ltd. has a new partner.

Murray Rourke has joined co-owners Ross McIlvenna and Jim Pavey as a partner in the firm. All three have an equal share in the business.

Rourke, 31, is a former Edmon-

ton native who lived here between 1980 and 1982.

Rourke said the firm — which sells lawnmowers, outboard motors, chainsaws and other items (as well as parts for same) and also operates a marina — plans to change its name in the near future.

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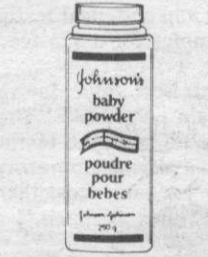
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Between ages 60 and 64, the basic pension which would have been payable the month after the applicant's 65th birthday is **DECREASED** by one-half of one percent per month for each month between the date the pension begins and the month after the applicant's 65th birthday.

For example, if the applicant would have been entitled at age 65 to the current 1987 maximum monthly pension payment of \$520.00, and he chooses to begin payments at age 61, his monthly payments would be approximately 75% of the maximum, or \$390 a month.

When applying for a pension that commences before age 65, the applicant must sign a declaration that he is no longer engaged in paid or self-employment in which he earns more than the maximum CPP pension for 1987 of \$520 a month. Therefore, employment or self-employment must substantially cease in order to qualify for the early benefits, and once pension payments begin, no further contributions can be made to the plan. However, once you

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Does it pay to take it early? Ignoring the annual indexing, if a pensioner commences CPP payments at age 65 at the current maximum of \$520 a month, by age 70 he will have received \$31,200. If he commences payments at age 61 at the reduced rate of \$390, by age 70 he will have received \$42,120.

The decision on at what age the CPP pension should be taken will depend on individual circumstances, such as how long and how much you have contributed to the Plan and your retirement income from other sources. You may request an estimate of the pension which would be payable to you at any time after your 59th birthday.

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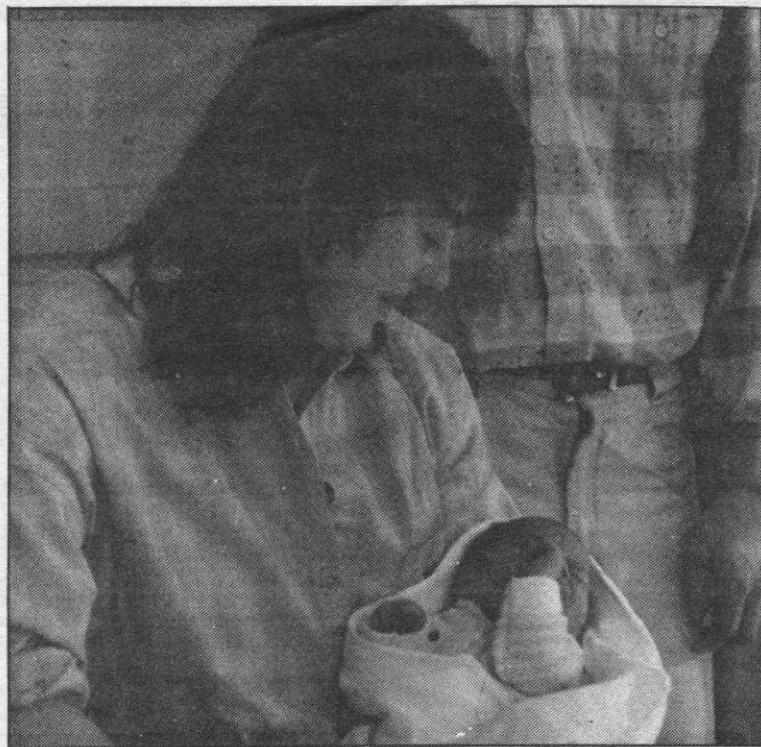


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Sonja Bos holds her tiny daughter Rachel, born at 7:20 am January 9. Rachel is the first baby born at Lady Minto Hospital in 1987.

## First baby born in '87

After waiting nine days for Salt Spring Island's first baby of the year, Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital delivered four babies within 24 hours.

But Rachel Bos, born five days early at 7:20 am on January 9, is this island's first baby of 1987. Born to Sonja and Chris Bos, Rachel weighed 7.2 pounds.

As the first baby of this year,

Rachel received a gift from the women's auxiliary to Lady Minto hospital. It was presented by auxiliary president Betty Galt on January 10.

According to Lady Minto hospital, baby number two of 1987 was born at 4:30 pm, followed by number three at 9:20 pm and number four at 7:05 in the morning.

## CRD still offering some water testing services

The Capital Regional District still provides water testing services to the public, according to Les Potter, director of environmental programs for the CRD.

Potter said last week that contrary to a letter which appeared in *Driftwood* several weeks ago, the CRD has not eliminated its water testing program.

However, Potter stressed the CRD only tests water supplies for bacteria to ensure they conform with Canadian drinking water standards. "We charge a \$15 fee for bacterial testing," he said. "People who want this done can get hold of the public health inspector for their area, or drop in to their CRD Community Health Service office and pay the fee. Then, on our routine days, we'll

have the inspector come out and take a sample."

The CRD will not, however, do well-testing for landowners planning to subdivide their property. "It's up to them to have it done through a private laboratory," he indicated.

Potter noted that anyone wanting chemical as well as bacterial testing done on their water is advised to contact B.C. Research in Vancouver (telephone 224-4331). B.C. Research will conduct full bacterial and chemical testing on water samples for a \$25 fee.

"That's the best value for the money," said Potter. "They (residents) could have the testing done through a private laboratory, but it would probably cost them three or four times as much."

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## Telephone directory listings up

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The listings are higher among the islands this year as the new B.C. Tel telephone directory includes nearly 150 new listings among the Outer Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island.

The islands section of the directory a year ago showed some 28 columns serving Mayne, Galiano, the Penders and Saturna. They carried some 2,280 listings.

During the 12 months of the book's currency, the space taken up by the islands has risen to 29 columns in the Victoria phone book, including about 2,330 listings.

The same increase is to be found in the Salt Spring Island section. Last year the Ganges and Fulford exchanges occupied some 33 and a third columns of space. Included in the space were 3,217 names. The new book allots 35 columns of space to Salt Spring Island's two exchanges this year and shows about 3,310 listings.

The listings are not confined to new islands residences or business houses. Each section carries long-distance numbers for businesses or services in regular use in the islands. The British Columbia Telephone Company lists services under its own name as well as that of Business Telecom Equipment.

In the Salt Spring Island listings are 65 long distance numbers and 19 marine numbers. The Outer Islands are ahead in the area of outside listings, with a total of 77 such names, but they trail behind in the number of marine listings, with 10.

While Ganges and Fulford start with the initials, at ABC Concrete

and ACE Courier, the first name listed is that of P. Abbott, of Fulford-Ganges Road. Nine pages later they end up with Shilo Zylbergold of Bulman Road, Fulford.

First to appear in the Gulf Islands exchanges is ABC Concrete and the first name is that of a namesake of the first Salt Spring Island listing, Don Abbott

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# Bessie Dane Foundation offers help to terminally ill

Bessie Dane's death was made easier by the close circle of friends who sat by her side during the final stages of the illness which took her life.

The Fulford resident died in 1984. Her name is still in use through the Bessie Dane Foundation, created by Nell Bushby, Brenda Davies and Pat Desbottes. The three women were among those who accompanied Dane in her last days. Almost immediately after their friend's departure, they decided to form a mechanism to bring bedside companions to the terminally and chronically ill.

"It's not depressing," says Desbottes. "One can have some very amusing times (as a volunteer). You never know what to expect."

Since its inception, the foundation has held five workshops which have trained 40 island residents to act as useful companions to dying and housebound people. There are currently 25 active volunteers and room for more.

Desbottes wants more men to offer their time. "A lot of people forget men are chronically ill as much as women."

Volunteers are expected to sit and talk with their charges, or take them for walks and drives.



Pat Desbottes

They should be good listeners. "Somebody who isn't afraid to discuss dying," Desbottes says.

The free service is extended to any family as long as the patient wants it. Ruth Borsman, Desbottes' fellow co-ordinator, assesses the family's needs in order to find the best volunteer. "If someone were interested in gardening, we would find a volunteer interested in gardening," Desbottes says.

Desbottes says the foundation's services help the patient's family members who would like to sit alongside their loved one but can't due to other commitments. "We give them a chance to rejuvenate."

The foundation is under the auspices of the B.C. Hospice and Palliative Association and is thereby linked to other services for the terminally or chronically ill. Desbottes feels the organization is currently too small to request government assistance and is supported by private donations. The money is spent on patient care equipment such as bed rests, and resource materials.

Pender Island residents have recently formed their own hospice, Desbottes says.

For the volunteers, the foundation offers a chance to make friends; however it can also be emotionally draining due to the seriousness of the patient's illness. The foundation limits a volunteer's hours to no more than four per week.

The training is comprised of four weeks of two-hour sessions under local resident Gail Retalack who has a Masters degree in psychology. The experience can also help volunteers deal with any illness in their own family, Desbottes says.

## More telephone listings in directory

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of Schooner Way, North Pender.

Eight pages later appears the name of Zaaun Zyzy of Montague Road, Galiano.

The more than 3,000 listings on Salt Spring Island are confined into a smaller space in proportion to numbers, than is the case in the Outer Islands section. The Outer Islands names frequently take up additional lines because they include the name of the island. On Salt Spring Island that is understood.

What name is the most popular? The writer knows; he counted them!

The most common name to be found in either section is Smith. On Salt Spring Island the clan Smith shows 23 identities. This is even greater in the Gulf Islands, where there are 29 listings in the name.

It might be noted that the old

island names have not held the numerical fort. Even on Salt Spring Island, the old names are thinning out. There are 10 listings for Mouat, including the store. There are 10 Byrons and 10 Reynolds. The Salt Spring listings include 11 Marcottes and 11 Wilsons. Edwards steps in here with 12 different entries. Fraser and Frazer are also hitting 12, with the Browns.

Place names take a close swing at family names, and there are 34 Salt Spring Island listings and 18 identities starting with Gulf.

The various Clark families,

some spelled with a final e, include 13 in the Outer Islands, with Wilsons trailing at 12.

Fourteen listings open the line with Galiano, and 10 are named after Pender.

The Gulf Islands section includes the Gulf exchange as well as the Pender. Prefix for the Outer Islands is 539, while Pender Islands prefix is 629.

The two exchanges of Fulford and Ganges are on Salt Spring Island. Ganges carries the prefix 537 and Fulford numbers bear the prefix of 653.

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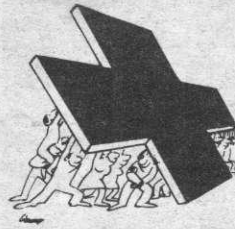
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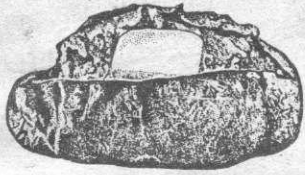
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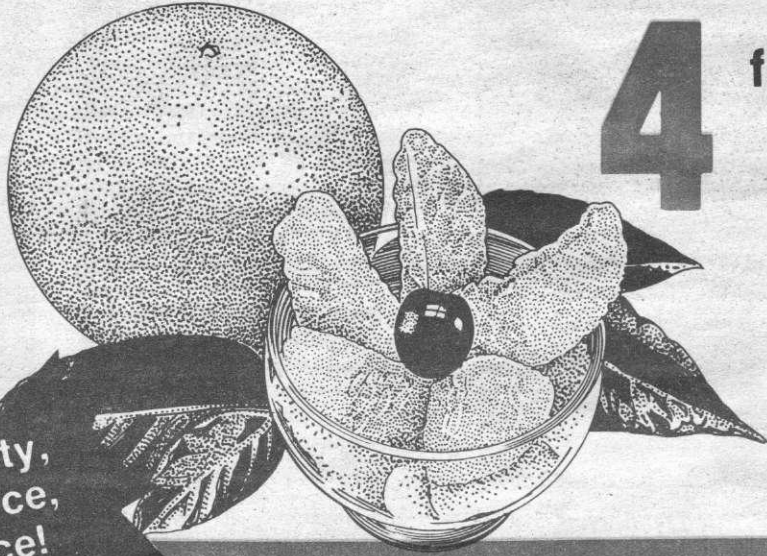
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Funding provided primarily for training

Job development grant helps Off Centre Stage

By GARY CHERNEFF

Let's clear the air a little. There seems to be a lot of smoke around last week's report in Driftwood concerning the goings on at Off Centre Stage. One controversy is over the reported establishment of a cafe with government grant money. OCS is not now operating nor planning to operate a restaurant serving regular breakfasts, lunch or dinner. What OCS intends to do in a bistro-type of environment is to provide beverages and light savory and sweet snacks as a service to its audiences during events and regular gallery hours.

The Centre's primary goal is the establishment of a gallery and performance facility which will be available to the arts community for exhibitions, and the rehearsals and production of stage events.

It will function in part as an arts laboratory where artists and performers have an opportunity to launch new projects. This is known as research and development in science and technology, but the public is often unaware that the same kind of grubbing around is required in the arts. Computer programs don't spring out of the air and neither do Picassos, Henry Moores or Ralph Laurens for that matter.

The grant from Canada primarily for the training of persons in the categories of programs co-ordinator, public relations and advertising co-ordinator, hospitality co-ordinator. These positions are now open for application by

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persons of suitable aptitude who qualify as being in the long-term unemployed category as defined by CEIC. The fourth position is currently occupied by Mike Hyde, whose duties are to manage the grant project and be the liaison officer between the government agency and the board of directors of OCS.

'What OCS intends to do in a bistro-type environment is to provide . . . snacks to its audiences.'

Last week's article seemed to indicate that much of the focus of the Centre will be the soliciting of more funds from more agencies to fuel an ever-increasing staff which will find something to do until the numbers presumably fill up the space and they all suffocate. Well, that is doggy do-do. The aspiration is that the training program will give the Centre time to generate community arts programs and services which will be substantially

self-supporting over the longer term.

It should be pointed out that very few arts programs in this country exist without government assistance, and the private sector is recalcitrant in their aid to arts projects, particularly experimental ones.

OCS in my view seems to be taking appropriate steps in building a solid organizational structure. A similar training program many years ago launch Circle Craft Co-operative, now one of the province's major arts organizations. No venture like this is without pitfalls but eventually OCS could provide some vital organizational skills to help with the establishment of a much talked about arts centre on Salt Spring.

Off Centre Stage will be continuing to offer regular events while it gradually makes small renovations with the modest amount of dollars it has available for this.

On every second Tuesday evening, LeRoy Jensen will show films on famous artists. The other Tuesday evening will be filled in by the mixed media presentation. On January 24 in the afternoon, Patou the clown will entertain kids of all ages. That same evening there will be a comedy night. On January 31 the high school drama class will launch a production and on February 8 Ken Hamm will be giving a concert. Thomas Miychaude will be teaching Tai Chi four times a week at the centre. More programs and exhibitions are in the development stage.

Finally, I have one pet peeve to air. It really annoys me to see that so few restaurants in Ganges have original art on their copious wall

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To the addict of spy novels, of course, this will rank with the best. It has history, fast movement and a murder on almost every page. That, I confess, is a slight exaggeration.

I can enjoy a good tale of international pursuit, but a steady diet of the genre would not be enough for the survival of the mind.

Like all good spy novels, the battle is drawn between the east and the west. The east, out of Moscow by KGB, kills quickly, readily, coldly and wickedly. The

west, of both Whitehall and Washington, kill instantly, skillfully, frequently and only in a good cause. The Almighty, the reader, the writer and the character all know that this killing is important, justifiable, expedient, and the book would never be printed if it is to be excluded.

Perhaps it is this freedom of execution that sticks in my craw with spy novels. It is a philosophy alien to mine that any employee of my government or anybody else's government might enjoy the privilege of deciding who shall live and who shall die in the holy name of national survival. The reader who serves his apprenticeship in detective and thriller material is accustomed to the officer who apprehends the culprit and rests his case on the decision of the court or courts. The graduate of the

system takes over the courtroom duties and having served as jury and judge in the case, he dispatches the offender.

It makes for good action in print and an alarming condition if it leaves the pages, as indeed one assumes it already has.

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