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Dogs blamed in death of lambs, ewes

It's been a traumatic week for Stanley and Betty Steadman. Two dogs rampaged their farm, chasing lambs and pregnant ewes over sheer bluffs and into the ocean at their Beaver Point area home.

"It was a molestation," said local animal control officer How-

ard Byron, who was called to aid in the rescue.

The attack came at a bad time for the Steadmans, caretakers of the Beaver Point Brown farm, as all of their 25 ewes were either pregnant or the mothers of young lambs.

"I'm just disgusted with people

who let their dogs run wild when they know about all the sheep around," said Stanley Steadman.

The Steadmans returned to their home last Wednesday around 4:30 pm, after spending their once weekly shopping day in Ganges, to hear a one-day-old lamb crying. After a quick look

around the farm, they were unable to find a single sheep. Stanley Steadman did, however, meet with two dogs, which a single gunshot scared off.

The search, which followed an immediate call to Howard Byron, saw him and Stanley Steadman comb the mountainous and forested area of the property. It ultimately led them to the bluffs.

The major rescues took place the following day with the help of Howard Byron's son Charles. Four ewes and three lambs were found trapped on a ledge.

"They were all crouched there," Stanley Steadman said. "There was just enough room to hold them." It appeared later, however, one had been pushed off the ledge.

To perform the rescue, Howard Byron had to go over the cliff with a rope attached to a boulder above him. The three lambs were swung up first, and once at the top, encouraged to "shout" encouragement to their mothers. The heavier sheep posed a larger problem, but with Howard Byron pushing and Charles Byron pulling, they were eventually hoisted up.

Two other pregnant ewes were not as fortunate. Stanley Steadman found them dead at the bottom of a sheer drop. One had given birth as she died.

Another pregnant and terrified ewe was found on a ledge at the highwater level. She was waterlogged, bleeding and in shock.

The mother and twin sibling of the lamb that first alerted the Steadmans to the problem are still missing and presumed drowned.

"I don't know what effect this is going to have on the sheep," Stanley Steadman said. Eight ewes are still pregnant. Several lambs are displaced, and Betty Steadman has been busy bottle feeding the orphans.

In all, the Steadmans lost three ewes and seven lambs. The dogs, which have been identified, are impounded at their residence until the owners, who are away on holiday, return. According to Howard Byron, a number of factors could make a dog turn on sheep: neglect, hunger, the want of company.



Fernwood Grade 7 student Andrea Gaetz (left) shows Grade 1 pupil Allan Gear how to operate one of the new Tandy

1000 computers the school has received on loan from the corporation. Gulf Islands

Secondary School has also received some of the new equipment.

Sixty computers on loan

Students 'test drive' computers

Students at Gulf Islands Secondary and Fernwood Elementary Schools are "test driving" new computers this week under an agreement reached recently between School District 64 (Gulf Islands) and the Tandy Corporation.

Tom McKeachie, computer co-ordinator for Gulf Islands school district, said Friday that 60 Tandy 1000 computers, four printers and two modems — two complete computer "labs" — have been provided to School District 64 for temporary use

until March 13. These computers have been distributed to GISS and Fernwood schools.

The school district and Tandy Corporation have reached a conditional sales agreement, he said. If the district does not elect to buy the computers, they will be returned at the end of the trial period.

School District 64 has not assumed any responsibility for the machines, and is under no obligation to purchase them.

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Col. Jack Frazer

Canadian officer earns medal

In late July 1986, Uganda was torn apart by a military coup. Soldiers of the Uganda National Liberation Army entered Kampala, the country's capital, and seized power from President Milton Obote. Rioting and widespread civil unrest followed the rebel troops' arrival, forcing the evacuation of foreign diplomats and officials.

One of those credited with creating the successful evacuation plan is a Canadian by the name of Colonel J.L. (Jack) Frazer. On May 27, he will receive the Meritorious Service

Cross from Governor General Jeanne Sauve — and then return to his home on Salt Spring Island.

The medal — created in June 1984 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to "facilitate recognition of ... military deeds or military activities of ... rare high standard" — is being presented to Col. Frazer for his outstanding professional performance in evacuating personnel during the coup. Yet he is modest when describing the role he played in the operation.

At the time of the coup, Col. Frazer — then Canada's military

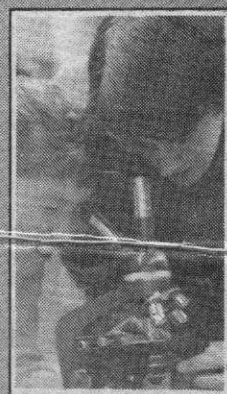
attache to several African nations — was in Uganda on a routine visit. He had no idea the July 27 coup was coming.

"But in some of those countries, military attaches are looked on as spies," he explained. "They tried to keep you in the dark as much as possible."

While in Uganda, Col. Frazer had planned to make an extended tour of the area. However, he was informed by another western military official that he should not go. Unable to make the planned tour, he decided he might as well

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Mike Simpson

Hospital generator, kitchen to be upgraded

Upgrading work on Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital will likely start sometime during the next "four to six weeks," according to hospital board member Mike Simpson.

A total of \$257,000 has been budgeted for upgrading work at the hospital this year. Although most of the work to be complete is relatively minor in nature, Simpson outlined four projects whose costs make up a significant portion of the \$257,000 upgrading budget.

One major item to be replaced in the hospital is the facility's emergency generator, Simpson said. The generator currently owned by the hospital is a

45-kilowatt model, and is designed for use when electrical power failures hit the area.

Simpson said the current generator is not powerful enough to meet all the hospital's needs in the event of a power outage, although it could supply basic emergency services. The new generator is expected to cost approximately \$60,000, and will have a 100-kilowatt generating capacity.

Simpson said the hospital also expects to spend \$23,000 on remodelling the emergency room and nurses' station area to include a Post-Anesthetic Recovery area (PAR). This area, which will be constructed beside the nurses' station, will be a two-bed facility

for patients who are recovering from surgery immediately after being anesthetized.

"This is quite important for the hospital," Simpson said, noting that nurses will be able to provide better care to anesthetized patients once the new room is added. "It will be an improvement in care. These patients will only be a couple of steps away."

Lady Minto hospital's ventilation system in its acute care ward will also be improved this year, and Simpson noted that the air conditioning system serving the operating rooms will be modified. "High-efficiency filters will be put in," he said. The cost of the

work on the ventilation system is estimated at \$47,000.

Kitchen facilities in Lady Minto hospital are slated for modernization as well. Walk-in coolers at the facility will be upgraded, and easy-to-clean flooring will be added. Improvements in the kitchen are likely to cost \$20,000.

There are, according to Simpson, also "a lot of little things" that will be done to improve the hospital. For example, a water filtration system will be added to improve incoming water, "more to protect the plumbing than anything else," he said. That system will likely cost approximately \$1,100.

Story of flooded classrooms lands students in hot water

Grade 12 students at Gulf Islands Secondary School found themselves in 'hot water' last week after spreading a rumor January 12 that classes were cancelled due to flooding at the school.

John Wellingham, principal of GISS, said Thursday the school's graduating class utilized a school telephone list to inform younger students that classes had been cancelled on January 12. After receiving the message, many students stayed home, only to learn later in the day that the entire incident was a hoax and classes had not been cancelled.

The telephone list in question is designed to be used only in cases of emergency to inform students of unforeseen busing schedule changes or genuine difficulties at

the school that necessitate school closure.

"What happened was the Grade 12s pulled a prank, the reverse of the old skip-out day," Wellingham explained. "Instead of skipping out themselves, they decided to have the Grade 8, 9, 10 and 11 students skip out."

Wellingham said the plan didn't work too well. However, it did cause a lot of confusion and interruptions at GISS.

"They (Grade 12 students) said the boilers had blown up and the classrooms were flooded," said Wellingham, adding that he didn't get the message until late. "But then I got to thinking that there wasn't much that could be flooded up there."

Wellingham noted that "after about the first hour, most of the

kids got to school." Only a few, he added, were absent the entire day.

The GISS principal said Grade 12 students now realize their use of the school communications list was "wrongful, misguided."

"They've been taken to task," he said. "The Grade 12 class has made an apology to the teachers and the kids, and they are going to make recompense, so to speak. One afternoon later in the year, when they have what we call a double-X block, they are going to do a garbage pick-up around Ganges."

Wellingham added that the Grade 12s have also assured him "that any future pranks will not be in the negative sense like this one. And if they are, there will be suspensions."

Students 'test drive' computers

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McKeachie said Tandy has also offered to place a Tandy 1000 and modem in each of the district's schools to give district staff an opportunity to test a bulletin board (electronic mail) system.

McKeachie said the trial period agreed to by Tandy will give the district time to evaluate the company's product and assess its suitability for use here.

The Tandy Corporation has supplied computer equipment to the Calgary school district. An official from the Calgary district was scheduled to visit here Friday.

The provincial government has

provided School District 64 with \$66,000 from the Fund for Excellence in Education for the purchase of computers and computer-related items. The school district is endeavouring to obtain the best product possible.

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. . . by Richards

Breakfast up!

Many years ago I went to school in a land far from here. I must have learned something but the memory that insisted on coming back to me last week while I cleaned a soiled frying pan centred on my journey to school some 60 years ago.

Like in British Columbia, the local municipality liked digging up roads. Most digging was a hand-to-mouth affair. One man held a chisel with a long pincers and two men swung sledge hammers until the spike was well into the pavement. They were the jacks who played jack-hammer until that machine was invented. The trench was cleaned out with shovels and earth was thrown up into a horse-drawn, two-wheeled wagon. The men who did this work were known as "navvies."

The word came from the digging of navigational canals a century earlier and the association with the brutally hard labour of digging canal courses came to mean any man who worked in similar projects. The navy went to work in the early hours of the morning and when we were on our way to school they would be on the breakfast break. Or maybe the midday break.

Each workman wiped off his large shovel with clean sand and dusted it with a piece of newspaper. His shovel went on the coke brazier and its owner threw in his bacon and eggs. That smell of bacon and eggs and the shining shovel are still very clear in my mind.

The navy usually tied a piece of string around the legs of his corduroy pants. I would not have dared to ask him why, but I figure that it was to guard against when working in confined spaces.

Any reader know?

A letter from afar

Clipping from an English newspaper tells of a dissatisfied customer in a small town.

In the mail came a letter from a supplier. Accompanying the letter was a cheque. The recipient was informed that the company was unable to make delivery of the items ordered because they lacked the man's proper address.

Thoughtful gesture!

What a mess!

They were gremlins; political gremlins that got into

this column last week. They sure didn't vote my way! If you couldn't make head or tail of it, you weren't alone. Neither could I.

And, I think, it was my own fault. It's not often I make that admission!

Poor season on shovels?

I wore that particularly smug smile of a fellow who can see the other man's business only too easily. "Selling snow shovels is as good as freezers in the Arctic," I hazarded, sporting that same superior smile.

When I discovered Ron Brown carrying his shovel last week I remembered my own comments. Two staffers at Mouat's tell me that sales of snow equipment have been high this winter. It was probably because everyone had prepared for a tough winter that the snowman quit early, figures Ben Martens.

Them's dollars!

Thieves, a Canadian newspaper tells me, got away with a stated number of marks, (\$750,000 United States) Or: Britain will spend 2½ million pounds (\$4 million United States).

This disease of dollars is spreading from the newspapers to the electronic media. The Canadian reporter can no longer translate foreign currency into Canadian dollars. He tells us the equivalent in United States dollars and leaves us to figure out the meaning.

It is nonsense and without meaning: it is an abdication from the writer's proper job. It is laziness, slackness, slothfulness and stupidity. In this land, this vast land from Atlantic to Pacific; from United States to Arctic Ocean the legal currency is the dollar. In this vast land the dollar means your dollar and my dollar, the Canadian dollar.

In the classified columns the disease is evident when an automobile or other valuable item is offered for sale in United States dollars. And they are not even legal tender on this side of the line!

Across the country a dollar is a dollar is a Canadian dollar and let's see the lazy pups in the news agencies do a bit of mathematics before larding us with a report in somebody else's currency!

Stolen car recovered

Ganges RCMP have recovered a 1967 Camaro stolen last week, but the vehicle's stereo system is still missing.

The Camaro, owned by Paul Reynolds, was stolen from a Dukes Road residence between 11 pm January 14 and 8 am the following morning. The vehicle was found in a ditch on Douglas Road at 9:50 am on January 15.

According to RCMP Sergeant Mitch Hanks, the Camaro sustained damage to its right side and undercarriage. The upholstery was also damaged. The value of the stolen stereo and speakers is estimated at \$200.

The incident is under police investigation.

• Three other incidents involving vehicle theft also occurred last week.

In the first, which took place between 4 pm and 5:30 pm January 13, Philip Tamboline had two spoked wheel covers taken from his vehicle. The 1981 Mercury Cougar was parked near the

Gulf Islands Secondary School.

The second incident occurred January 17 between 1 and 10 am. Daryl Little's 1986 Dodge Ram truck was parked at a local hotel when vandals slashed two tires and broke the passenger side window. Several beer were stolen from the vehicle.

On the weekend of January 17-18, two packsacks containing food, clothing and camping gear were taken from a vehicle at Mouat Park.

RCMP recovered the packsacks, which were allegedly taken by five 14 to 16-year-olds from Victoria, in the same camping area.

• The local RCMP have a purse in their possession which was found December 21. According to Sgt. Hanks, it is a women's jet bag containing numerous items, including money. There is no identification in it and it may be claimed at the RCMP office in Ganges.

Police investigate fire at Harbour House Hotel

Ganges RCMP officers were called to the Harbour House Hotel early Tuesday after a woman allegedly set fire to some clothing and personal items there.

Sgt. Mitch Hanks of the Ganges RCMP detachment said Tuesday the incident occurred at

approximately 12:01 am in the hotel's "rear beer parlour area." He estimated the fire did between \$500 and \$600 damage to the room's tile floor.

Hanks said police have a suspect, but added it is not believed the incident was a "deliberate arson attempt." It is doubtful, he added, that charges will be filed.



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Tax system absurdity penalizes Canada's poor

Governments don't evaluate wives. They estimate the worth of spouses. This procedure enables a ministry to keep the value as low as possible without being accused of prejudice against women. It also leaps a number of hurdles.

The strange aspect of this ministerial semantics is that the valuation varies in direct proportion to the strain placed on the national exchequer. In terms of income tax allowances, the lower the valuation, the higher will be the tax paid by the spouse. On the other hand, when the appropriate ministry considers the poverty level, the value is adjusted upwards in order to make the point. In the payment of assistance to families in difficulties, the valuation of the spouse rises considerably above that taken by the income tax department.

It would be very difficult for any unqualified Canadian to presume to evaluate other Canadian spouses. Yet there are qualified Canadians engaged by various ministries to estimate the

exact value of a life partner: as many are. The mind boggles at the factors and the ingredients of such a delicate estimation. It is probably not at all strange that the various conclusions reached are so disparate.

To the casual observer, that might be considered the end of the story. A wife or a husband was once so listed. Today, both she and he have become "dependents." And in this age when specifics are anathema to so many, this impersonal, all-embracing term of "dependent" is so inoffensive. It is also misleading, because each claim for governmental compassion is sub-titled "an exemption".

At one time the earner of an income to be taxed might have explained that the claimant was male and married, claiming allowances for wife, child, aunt and great-grandfather. Today, it is all so simple. The claimant is Canadian and claiming for one dependent and one dependent and one

dependent and one dependent. No more specifics! No more embarrassing revelations!

But now comes the bitter realization that the same various assessors who are engaged in this intriguing task of announcing the value of spouse (M) and/or (F) as a dependent must now estimate the value of all these other dependents whose (M) or (F) is immaterial. It must be borne in mind that the nature of the dependent is immaterial only insofar as the appropriate ministry is concerned. But all the answers are different. A dependent uncle weighs up and down the scale according to the ministry holding the scales.

It might lead to a national scandal, but couldn't we have a national value on everybody all duly attested and approved by order-in-council?

It would sound logical — a novelty in government — and it would, possibly, avoid the absurdity we practice today of demanding income tax from people thousands of dollars below the poverty level.



Direct ire at Ottawa

Last week's announcement of a government grant amounting to nearly \$50,000 to a Salt Spring gallery aroused considerable comment on the island. The reference to the establishment of a cafe in conjunction with the gallery left a number of restaurant proprietors saddened, although a subsequent report indicated that the cafe is a minor aspect of the project.

There were a number of galleries on the island expressing surprise that the government would spend taxpayers' money in the already highly-competitive art gallery field. It must be acknowledged that a grant of \$50,000 could represent the transfer from insecurity to success for innumerable businesses in the islands.

Whether the grant is enthusiastically supported has little bearing on the principle underlying this example of federal government generosity. The government drew the plans and offered the employment program to applicants across the land. Off Centre Stage made its application and was accepted. Had the grant not been sought here, the money would have been spent elsewhere. It would be difficult to fault the organization for gaining the grant.

On the positive side is the fact that the project will afford an income for a number of unemployed islanders who will enjoy its benefits for many months, even should the employment terminate with the grant. If any resident feels that the grant is not the ideal method of encouraging employment, the complaint must be addressed to the federal government and not to the participants.

...and a big hand for the men with the knives

As of this week I am finally back in my office at *Driftwood*. It may be some time before things are completely back to normal, however — seven weeks of relative inactivity makes for a lot of rust to be removed from mind and fingers.

A slow start is called for, then, and we'll begin with this week's work in this corner of the newspaper. At the risk of inducing boredom in some readers, I'd like to offer public thank-you notes to a few of the people who helped me through my extended illness.

Let's start with the medical fraternity, local and off-island. The care and attention I received

here from Dr. Jim Buchan and his staff, and carried on at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, was first-rate. Extra thanks to Dr. Stuart Cameron and Dr. Michael Ross, who wielded the scalpels.

Special thanks go also to the Richards family at *Driftwood*. Frank, Barbara, Tony and Alice offered extremely large doses of support and encouragement — the kind no employee would expect. When Alice delivered the turkey soup to my door, it was just one more reason to rate the family top-notch.

Still with the newspaper, the entire staff receives much thanks for their concern and encourage-

my word

by
Duncan MacDonnell

ment. As an aside, I think readers should applaud the fine job Mike Turkki, my assistant, did over the past seven weeks. Thrown into the eye of the storm during the busiest time of the year, he excelled.

And how can I forget Juliette, who cuts my hair in her studio on

Wilkie Way? Given extremely long locks on one side of my head and stubble left by the razor on the other side, she succeeded in making the mess presentable. Of equal note, she gave the local children something less frightful to look at.

While we're on the subject of fright and the lessening of same, thanks go out to Ken and Sherri for a lot of things, but especially for all the hats.

A tip of one of those hats is offered to John and Kate Scott, part-time Salt Spring neighbours who unfortunately reside most of the time in Calgary. Not for too much longer, we hope — the

books, visits and support ended far too soon, much like their Christmas vacation here.

The longest list of all covers everyone on Salt Spring and elsewhere who visited, sent cards, telephoned or simply asked after my health. I won't list names because I don't want to risk leaving anyone out, but you know who you are. Thank you.

Finally, a big hug goes to my wife, Gail, who suppressed her fears and uncertainty and made mine easier to bear. She's special, and nothing more need be said.

That's it — next week, we get back to work.

Bad deal

Sir,
Only when we have a world where "stop" means "go" and "black" means "white" will I agree with federal trade minister Carney that Canada won a victory in the softwood tariff controversy.

This bad deal may be less worse than the alternatives. But that will be of little consolation to laid-off forestry workers when higher lumber costs result in lost exports. The myth that we benefit by "keeping our money in Canada" is an illusion when welfare rates replace paycheques. And, when the tax is replaced by higher stumpage fees, Canadian consumers will pay more.

To change our lumber policy, we'll now have to go cap in hand, to Washington. If this isn't a loss of sovereignty, what is?

If the U.S. "blinked" in softwood, then we should scour Canada and dispatch our best ophthalmologist to Washington. Unfortunately, with the decimation of federal and university research funding (and other short-sighted decisions which are costing us jobs), we may have to look for him/her overseas.

The sell-out continues: In the past two months, B.C. has lost the Bank of B.C. to Hong Kong and Woodwards Food Stores to U.S.-based Safeway. As well, CP Air divisions will now be made in Alberta.

Seventy-nine per cent of the 250,000 residents of the South East corner of B.C. are against the sell-out of West Kootenay Power and Light to a Missouri-based utility (survey done by Conservative MP Bob Briscoe). In spite of this, their hydro bills may carry U.S. post marks if the silence from Victoria continues over the transfer of B.C. water leases.

Where are Diefenbaker and Macdonald when we need them?
WAYNE CROOKES,
Director,
The Council of Canadians.

Two gems

An interesting classified in your January 7 issue reads, in part, 9" Craftsman radio alarm with dado blade and shaper head set, etc. One might assume that this ad could have been taken by telephone by one of your staff who is not familiar with power tools, thereby resulting in this unique spelling of radial arm.

Another gem in the same issue proclaims: For sale, Kahki Campbell Drake and Duck, now laying. I wonder if your advertiser has been deluged with scientists, ornithologists, genetecists, farmers

and perhaps even someone from Ripley's Believe it or Not who wish to see this phenomena of a laying drake.

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Help wanted

Sir,
We wonder if one of your readers could help us out.

The Fernwood Brownie Pack consists of 24 enthusiastic little girls and three part-time leaders. We all enjoy our Wednesday afternoons together, but due to jobs and other commitments we really need another person to be there regularly and assume responsibility for continuity and book work as well as being part of the fun and learning.

We would welcome anyone with a sense of humour and a little more time than we have.

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Perusals

Sir,
Having just completed perusing a year's subscription to your excellent newspaper, thanks to a gift from a Salt Spring Island resident, may I be permitted a few remarks?

First, I would like to congratulate you on having developed a regional newspaper that could well be a model for the rest of Canada. I am sure that you will go on gathering annual awards from the CCNA, if not ad infinitum, at least while it continues in the Richards family.

Good reporting, of course, is the essence of any newspaper, but I am particularly impressed by the prominence and space you give to letters. Nothing, in my opinion, is so valuable to a small community than such a forum for comment, and your subscribers obviously take good advantage of it.

Your editorials too are well done and your columns offer a variety of valuable opinion (excusing you, of course, for the mutterings of Frank Richards, who redeemed himself somewhat with his forthright editorial, though not so labelled, on the growing spirit of separatism in the west). And your Christmas essay contest is just one more piece of evidence of local spirit; publishing the winners could only happen in a good weekly.

The difficulty about trying to write a comprehensive letter to the editor is, of course, the shortage of

letters

space. Why not start a guest editorial column that will give people the opportunity to expound on a subject at greater length — say 1,000 words, about the length of the separatists piece? You might even offer a token payment for each submission used.

Based on several visits to Salt Spring — where each of my five sons at various times "found" themselves before launching into their respective careers — and reading your newspaper, I would say that *Driftwood* has become a considerable factor in making your community a thoughtful and responsible one — in addition to its physical attributes.

Long may the *Driftwood* float.
FERGUS CRONIN,
Palgrave, Ontario.

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Sir,
I refrain from writing any letters to this column on negative thoughts of other people's efforts to try to improve things for themselves and others, so I say:

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Hooray for hydro! Hooray for telephones, hospitals, doctors, stores, cafes, drug stores, farmers, loggers, sewers, construction, electricians, plumbers, *Driftwood*, ferries, gas stations, all organizations and clubs, and any other active people I may have forgotten, and those of us who cannot stand all these hoorays should leave the island forever.

God bless one and all.
AGNES B. HEDGER,
Ganges.

Thrill

Sir,
The most extensive and impressive exhibit of paintings that I have so far encountered on Salt Spring Island is hanging on the walls at Greenwood's.

The paintings are from the personal collection of Allan Edwards, many of the paintings by Allan himself. What a thrill it is to enter Greenwood's for purposes totally unrelated to art, and suddenly be drawn through corridors as upon a wave of painting after painting after

painting. And when one has completed the pleasure cruise through the circular corridor of Greenwood's, like a child, one can (admission free) ride the waves again.

This is neither an invitation to the public, nor is it meant to promote Greenwood's as an ideal place of residence, though having the collection on the walls must certainly enhance tenfold the quality of life for both residents and staff. Simply stated, it's a thrill to behold.

Allan Edwards' own work is especially impressive. He seems to tackle an endless variety of theme and style. Each painting is a unique melding of style and content. The mind sets the challenge by what the eye sees, and the execution is an irreplaceable work of art. Thank you, Allan Edwards, for giving so much.
MARC SUESS,
Ganges.

Campaign

Sir,
May I call attention to your readers to a campaign recently initiated by a group of young people in Victoria? They propose that the ministry of highways use the raised berms created last year to advertise Expo 86 to carry a message such as *Think Peace*. They point out that this would be a way to maintain the peace consciousness so critical for the development of global harmony. They hope for a response from the general public in the form of letters to the Premier, Mr. Vander Zalm,

and/or the minister of highways, Mr. Cliff Michael. They have prepared and are circulating copies of a petition to this effect. Anyone interested in a copy may write to the Galiano Peace Group, Box 37, Galiano, V0N 1P0, or phone me at 539-2413.

BARBARA SCOONES,
Galiano Peace Group.

Warning

Sir,
This week I received a bulletin from the British Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists concerning *chlamydia psittaci*. Chlamydia is the organism that can be responsible for vaginal and pelvic infections, including the production of sterility in the human. *C. psittaci* is from the same family.

In sheep this organism is well known to cause abortion, stillbirths and sickly lambs. The College reports that there are now a small number of well-documented cases in which *C. psittaci* has been implicated in causing abortion in pregnant women attending infected ewes during lambing season. In some of the women, a serious systemic illness, including acute renal failure and pulmonary oedema, may result.

I have asked Dr. Andress about the possibility of these organisms being present in Salt Spring sheep, and while he says that this possibility is considered when sheep abort, there is, so far, no real proof that it does in fact exist here.

It is important that pregnant women who are attending lambing ewes are aware of the possible dangers.

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CBC views provincial role as second opposition party

By FRANK RICHARDS

The election battle is still raging in British Columbia; it's just the factions that have changed.

Last fall saw the Social Credit government elected under Bill Vander Zalm. The opposition New Democratic Party came back again in that role. But don't tell the CBC — it's still fighting the campaign.

If I find it pitiful to see the nation's broadcasting machine coming into politics as a second opposition party, bear with me. Maybe you don't find it strange. Maybe you figure that the proper role of any modern television service is to form a bulwark against all governments. I don't: I can't accept any of those things and the silly routine is beginning to stick in my craw.

I was indignant last year when the CBC sought some two dozen opinions from community newspapermen and then edited out any opinion that did not coincide with their own. To me, that is not the proper function of a news service. Maybe it is done south of the line, but that doesn't make it right.

What makes it more wrong is that the CBC depends on my tax dollars to keep going. Ottawa has no right — legally or morally — to collect money from me, under duress, and use it to fund attacks on the provincial government I may or may not have elected to office, but which is still elected by a democratic process and accepted by me as my legitimate government. Ottawa should get the hell out of it.

Last week I watched the national television service build up quite a case. The newsroom did not approve of the measures taken by Premier Vander Zalm in his effort to clarify the tricky conflict-of-interest issue. There was probably great grief in the Vander Zalm camp. Not to mention in his family. Bowed with grief, they probably all were. Rejected! Just imagine how you'd feel if all the Ottawa guns of government-sponsored television were brought to bear on what you had decided to do last week!

And all this because the CBC was not aware that the election campaign was over.

Surely, if the minister responsible for the CBC was informed that the election campaign in B.C. is formally ended and "we are now at peace with that province," he would have ordered his big guns back to Ottawa where they probably belong. And of an equal surety, if the president of the corporation or the executive vice-president and general manager, English or French, had been given some slight intimation that things on the west coast were no longer the way they seemed to be last fall, naturally, the war would have been declared formally over and peace would reign on the coast.

Now don't get me wrong. I'm just one little voice in millions. I am just one sorehead on the coast

guest column

working up a good head of steam because I don't like what I see. Maybe I'm all alone. Maybe I am going to hang my head in shame that I could so wickedly take a stand in opposition to the Full Might of the Ottawa Government Arraigned to Put Down the Democratically Elected Government of British Columbia.

Like I said, I see red over these little incidents. Not red like political red but red like seeing a bull: or even too much.

If the CBC provincial news service had slowly ground its

'Only place I know where there's no conflict of interest is Moscow.'

campaign to a halt I wouldn't have argued. At least not very much. But I ask you: after all these months?

Last week shot my bolt. The whole force of the fellow in the CBC newsroom let fly at the evil men in Victoria who cannot devise a foolproof method of guaranteeing that there shall be, neither now nor never, any conflict of interest in this province.

Only place I know where there's no conflict of interest is Moscow. It's play ball or Siberia for youse, tovarich! But surely, not the CBC,

not the list of officers! Surely, they wouldn't want to send the provincial cabinet ministers to Siberia! My mind boggles! My red eyes weep again at the prospect! Please, not that! Besides, there is no direct flight from Victoria to Vladivostock.

If the CBC were like any other television station, enjoying the revenues of a conventional station, subject only to those stays and hindrances that pester us all in business, I'd feel different. It's that the CBC spends my dollars. Aye! There's the pinch!

Out of the goodness of my heart and because I like the general programs of the corporation I am, not demanding the immediate privatization of the CBC. By the way, I hope the minister responsible knows that he is, in fact, the minister responsible.

I am prepared to make a clear-cut proposal at no charge to the government or the corporation. Tell them, why don't you, Mr. Minister? Or Mr. President? Or even EVP? Or VP and GM? Tell them in Vancouver that the war is over! Give it to them straight so that even an eastern gunner in a western battle would understand.

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Sir,

Who is Pat Groves?

Last week, in my report, I inadvertently reported that the most efficient and excellent chairperson of the present incorporation study committee, was Pat Groves. My sincere apology to Pat James, to whom the real credit goes.

It took all week to recall that Pat Groves is one of the many officials at Lands, Parks and Housing whom I dealt with over the Centennial Park transfer.

Sorry, Pat.

HUGH BORSMAN,
Ganges.

My fortune

Sir,

I am sorry your car was stolen, though this mishap is my fortune because in it you found and

returned my stolen flag.

Thanks Lou for your last week's letter. Because of it I am the lucky one. Your thoughtfulness and the honesty of the one who found it.

My sincerest thanks to you both.
EDIE GEAR,
Ganges.

Thank you

Sir,

On behalf of UNICEF I would like to thank those people on Galiano Island who bought \$807 worth of UNICEF Christmas cards — a very worthwhile contribution to the welfare of children all over the world.

I would also like to thank Ron Minette for allowing me to sell Christmas cards in the Corner Store. Also, thanks to Ron and his staff for their friendly attitude to an intruder.

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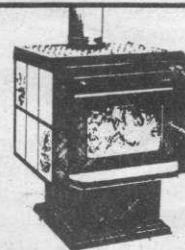
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Provincial agenda topped by budget

VICTORIA — Sometime next month, Premier Vander Zalm will recall the B.C. Legislature, and 69 elected representatives will converge on Victoria to "do the people's business."

Foremost on the agenda will be the 1987-88 budget, expected to be brought down sometime in March. It will be the first budget against which the new premier can be judged.

But even before that, the throne speech will give us a good indication of whether the premier really intends to change B.C. politics from the confrontational style of the past to a more co-operative effort.

Throne speeches are generally considered meaningless exercises, designed to make the government look good. Throne speeches written for the Bill Bennett government and duly delivered by a succession of lieutenants-governor have had very little substance. But that needn't be so.

If Vander Zalm wants to usher in a new era of politics, he may well use the throne speech as a vehicle to announce major changes. I'd like to take a stab at guessing what some of those changes will be.

Expect strong hints in the throne speech about changes in the province's labor laws, among them a promise of legislation that

capital comment

by
Hubert Beyer

hasn't acknowledged the validity of any native land claims and has refused to enter into any negotiations. The first hint of a change in that position came recently from Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Bruce Strachan.

The government had hidden for too long behind its legal position that aboriginal title doesn't exist in B.C. and was now ready to develop a new policy that will address native issues, Strachan said.

That's a radical departure from the status quo established and stubbornly adhered to by the Bennett government, a departure that speaks well for Vander Zalm.

There will probably also be reference in the throne speech to the lumber accord recently reached between the Canadian and the U.S. governments.

Vander Zalm has come under heavy fire from the industry bosses here in B.C. for his support of the 15 per cent export tax on Canadian lumber. A well-aimed broadside at Mac and Bloer's Adam Zimmerman, who called the premier naive, would certainly lend a bit of color to the throne speech.

And what would the first throne speech of Vander Zalm's administration be without some hints about the privatization of liquor stores. The premier has made no bones about his commitment to turning liquor outlets over to the private sector. All that's missing is a time frame. You may also expect more details about Vander Zalm's plans to legalize gambling.

I wouldn't even be surprised if the throne speech contained some reference about an increase in welfare rates, which would go a long way towards erasing the reputation he achieved years ago as a politician who's down on welfare recipients. Besides, the rates need to be increased.

All in all, the next throne speech, I believe, will be very different from the ones we were fed by the previous administration. It will set the tone for the budget and the legislative calendar to follow.

Just what kind of budget and legislation might be introduced in the next session is the subject of another column.

'Throne speeches are generally considered meaningless exercises, designed to make the government look good.'

will force employers and unions to start contract negotiations six to eight months before existing contracts expire.

That would certainly be a good move. I'm sure many a strike or lockout has been triggered by one party or the other refusing to start negotiations until after the existing contract has expired.

A promise of new legislation designed to help small business is also a strong possibility. If Vander Zalm wants to lower the unemployment rate, the small business sector is his best bet. Mega projects are okay for the duration of construction, but more than 70 per cent of all permanent jobs are created by small business.

The premier may also use the throne speech to get out the message that his government is willing to change its attitude on native land claims.

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Pool society member Wendy Vine and youngster Korena stand beside the society's membership thermometer, which was recently

put up on the Ganges fire hall. The society is close to reaching its goal of 1,000 members.

Public support high, survey shows

Pool referendum slated for fall

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has made several recommendations to the Swimming Pool Society concerning the construction of an indoor swimming pool on the island.

The recommendations came after the commission completed a mail survey which questioned islanders on the pool issue.

According to commission chairman Glenn Woodley, the survey indicates 75 to 80 per cent of those questioned favour the idea of an indoor swimming pool on Salt Spring.

Woodley said the commission's first recommendation is for a swimming pool referendum in November. A referendum for an entire recreational complex failed in 1980, but Woodley said this time, islanders would vote only on the construction of a pool. Room for future expansion would be included in the drawings, he noted.

The commission has also proposed that the project's capital cost be under \$1 million, with at least one-third of the bill being footed by the provincial government.

"We're hoping this will be a grassroots effort," rather than under the organization of the commission, Woodley said, noting that the pool society now has more than 700 members. "We want to see the commission and the pool society work together to hold the referendum," he added.

Speaking on behalf of the pool society, Wendy Vine expressed encouragement at the commission's recommendations, but wished to withhold comments until after the pool society's February 2 meeting.

The type of pool the commission has recommended varies from the traditional rectangular deep-end/shallow-end style. A leisure pool is predominantly

shallow, "hopefully" with room to include lanes, and shaped more curvatically. It would include a sauna, whirlpool and children's area.

The pool society is scheduled to meet with the commission the last Monday in February, at which time the society will comment on

the recommendations. The final proposals will be taken to the Capital Regional District (CRD) soon afterwards.

According to Woodley, should the referendum give the go ahead to the project, Salt Spring could have a swimming pool by the fall of 1988.

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Clam digging curbed

No butter clams can be harvested in the Gulf Islands fisheries region in 1987.

The closure, announced last week by the federal department of fisheries and oceans, was prompted by continuing high toxin counts in the clams.

If ingested, the toxins can induce paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP). The condition causes numbness of extremities and paralysis, and can be fatal.

Last summer, high PSP toxin

counts forced closure of the entire B.C. coast to shellfish harvesting. Regional fisheries officer Bob Tupniak said last week the ban now in place throughout the Gulf Islands is a result of butter clams retaining those toxins longer than most shellfish.

"Butter clams can retain it for up to two years," he said, "and we really had high levels last year."

The butter clam ban, in effect

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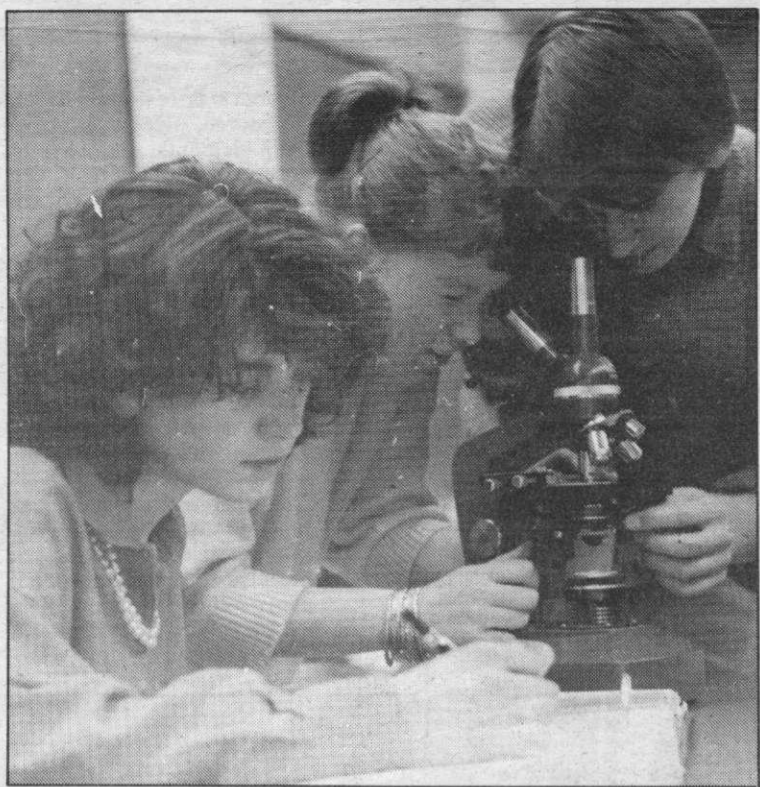
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Lynn Vanderwekken, Angela Donnelly and Jason Cherney take a closer look at their biology homework. The grade 11 students are trying to raise money for a field trip to Bamfield Marine Station.

GISS class raising funds for trip to marine station

Thirty-three Gulf Islands Secondary School students will reach the beach, providing they are able to stash the cash.

Members of Debbie Davies' grade 11 and 12 biology classes plan a field trip to the Bamfield marine station on the west coast of Vancouver Island, from February 4 to 6.

However, they have only two weeks remaining to come up with the money to pay for their trip. The students must raise the \$2,500 in expenses themselves and, after holding a raffle, food sales and a bingo, they've still got a long way to go, Davies said.

A theatre presentation, in conjunction with the drama club, will be held January 30. The B.C. Lottery fund provided a grant for travel expenses and Chevron will finance a trip aboard Bamfield's special vessel, the *M.V. Alta*.

"It's a really great spot to

study marine biology," Davies says. "Whales and sea lions are visible."

Davies says marine biology is a popular field for Gulf Islands students because they are raised near the sea. This is the field trip's inaugural year as there was never the enthusiasm or money

for it before.

The play scheduled for 8 pm Friday is *The Man in the Bowler Hat*, which the senior drama class entered in the South Islands drama festival last month. It will take place at the activity centre. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12, and includes a spaghetti dinner.

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Harvesting of butter clams prohibited in Gulf Islands

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in the Gulf Islands until December 31, 1987, was one of three harvesting announcements made last week by the regional fisheries office. Others included the closure of inner Ganges Harbour to commercial and recreational harvesting of clams, oysters and other bivalve molluscs, and a reduction in the daily catch limit for abalone in many areas.

The inner Ganges Harbour harvesting ban is the result of sewage contamination blamed on the island's early development practices. Tupniak said the simple septic fields installed in the past gradually allowed sewage from beach-front homes to seep into the harbour.

Tupniak noted Ganges Harbour is one of 20 areas in the region closed to harvesting because of pollution — others include Fernwood Point, Walker Hook and Burgoyne Bay — and that the harbour ban will likely be permanent.

Bivalve molluscs are "basically all shellfish with hinged shells," Tupniak explained.

Abalone quotas, meanwhile, has been reduced in areas 18 and 19, at least for 1987. Tupniak said the daily catch limit is down to four from 12 while the possession limit has been reduced to eight. The change was prompted by a decimation of abalone stocks blamed on overfishing, Tupniak said.

"They are a slow-growing shellfish, and there is a lot of poaching going on," Tupniak said. "When the limit was 12, for example, we had people taking 2,000 — and those are just the people you catch."

Tupniak said abalone stocks in areas 18 and 19 are also endangered by "the sheer number of people" visiting the region each year.

"There's just too many people," he said. "We're really caught here, because we're right between Vancouver and Victoria."

The new daily quota limits will likely remain in effect "indefinitely," Tupniak added.



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Power failures a common winter occurrence

The Gulf Island section of B.C. Hydro suggests that all of its customers prepare themselves for winter electricity outages and know what line of action to take in event of one.

"Each winter we seem to get one or more storms that cause the power to go off," John Langston, B.C. Hydro district manager, recently informed *Driftwood*. "These outages can last from a few seconds to a number of hours."

If your electricity fails, B.C. Hydro appreciates a phone call after the breakers or fuses in your house have been checked. These calls help the corporation determine the size of the area affected, and also ensure that it knows a particularly isolated place is

B. C. Hydro offers tips to island customers

without electricity.

Regardless of the time of day, B.C. Hydro requests their customers call the Ganges office first. The number is 537-5511 and customers from the Outer Islands may call collect. If the line is busy, keep trying.

If there is no answer at the local number, then use the Zenith 6299 one. The Zenith number rings at the main Vancouver Island Control Centre and the dispatcher on duty will then relay the message back to Ganges.

"If there is a serious storm, these dispatchers will be very busy, directing switching, etc.,"

Langston warns, "and may have difficulty keeping up with the phones."

According to a B.C. Hydro pamphlet that deals with coping through a power failure, the causes of these outages varies: stormy weather, vehicles running into power poles, kites, people carelessly (and dangerously) cutting or trimming trees by powerlines. Sometimes construction crews sever underground cables or equipment fails.

To prepare for a power outage, the pamphlet suggests setting aside a drawer or shelf to hold emergency supplies. The stock

should include a working flashlight, matches, candles and candle holders, or a portable battery lamp. Also suggested as useful are a battery-powered transistor radio, a non-electric alarm clock and spare fuses if you have a fuse box.

While camping equipment such as portable stoves and lamps are considered useful, the pamphlet says these should be stored outside, along with their fuels, because liquid fuels give off combustible fumes.

B.C. Hydro suggests a check to ensure safety and avoid damage

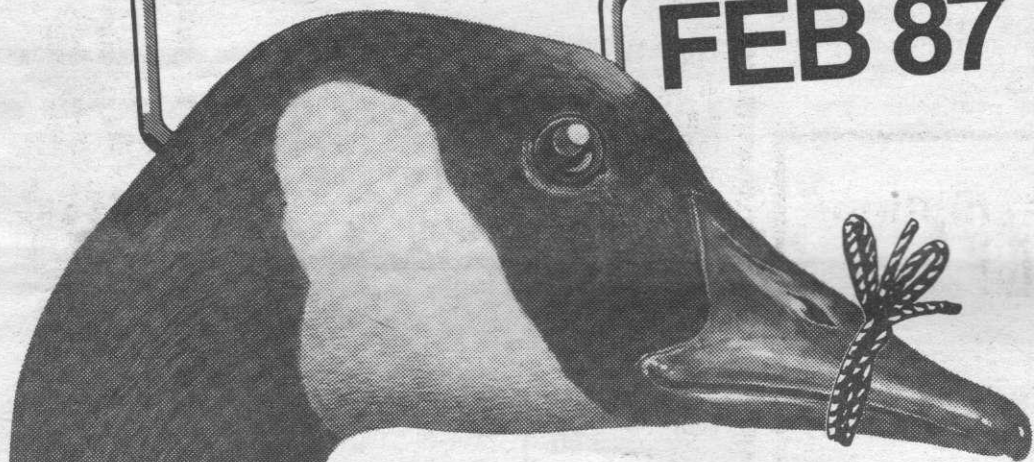
when service is restored. Switch off the stereo, television, stove and oven elements, and all smaller electrical appliances. One light should be left on so you know when the power has been restored.

Other tips to follow include: turn down your thermostat until you have power again and keep windows and doors closed to retain heat; disconnect water to a portable dishwasher; do not open a refrigerator or freezer unless it is absolutely necessary; do not use a charcoal barbecue indoors — it gives off carbon monoxide and can cause death by asphyxiation; do not use a gas oven or stove to heat the kitchen.

A copy of this pamphlet, *What Do We Do Now?*, is available at the Ganges office.

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Premiums are up for most motorists as a result of a sharp increase in claims for injuries and vehicle damage in 1986.

For the majority, increases will be under \$25. About a quarter of a million will pay between \$26 and \$50 more. For about 5,000 commercial vehicles with larger premiums than private passenger cars, the increase will be over \$50.

For many motorists, an increase in Third Party Legal Liability premiums will be offset to some extent by a reduction in the cost of Collision coverage. Those who do not carry Collision will be most affected by the premium increases.

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'Multicultural education is important,' says educator

Multicultural and anti-racism education should be an important part of the school system, a Gulf Islands Secondary School teacher told trustees January 8.

Bill Underwood — a librarian and English teacher at GISS and chairman of the Gulf Islands Teachers' Association Program Against Racism — said although there are fewer visible minorities here, students should still learn about other cultures to prepare them for the world outside the Gulf Islands.

"People ask: 'But why (have multicultural education) in this district?'" he explained. "It's true we have fewer visible minorities here, but for close to 50 per cent of the students in Vancouver, English is a second language."

"One answer is that Canada is a multicultural country, and our kids will go out there after they leave the Gulf Islands. When they go to Vancouver or Nanaimo, they're going to meet a lot of different faces."

Underwood, who recently attended a conference in Richmond that dealt with racism in schools and how teachers can limit if not prevent it, said multicultural education works if handled properly. Students' ideas and feelings about the people of other races change if taught the truth about different cultures, he said.

He pointed to a survey of Lower Mainland elementary school children that showed a "positive, upward change" in their attitudes toward East Indians after being exposed to a multicultural approach to curriculum.

Prior to the program's introduction in that school, only 49 per cent of white students surveyed indicated they would let an East Indian family "live next door," while a mere 41 per cent indicated they would allow an East Indian to "be their best friend." After introduction of multicultural education, however, 79 per cent of students indicated they wouldn't object to an East Indian family living next door, and 60 per cent said they'd let a child of that race be their best friend.

Underwood said the keynote speaker at the Richmond conference pointed out that people cannot change the multicultural nature of Canadian society. He stated that if immigration was "cut off" Canada would lack the workforce by the year 2050 to support its large number of elderly, retired residents.

"No one can cut off immigration," Underwood said, "and we've got to prepare people for that. In England, the people were not prepared, and they've had a lot of problems."

There are, according to Underwood, a variety of ways in which teachers can provide children with the multicultural education they should receive. He noted that at a workshop given during the Richmond conference, a Chinese teacher noted that it was simply not enough to teach children about Chinese New Year. "He said it's important that they learn about it, but it will not change their attitudes," Underwood said.

Children, Underwood said, will develop a positive, unbiased attitude toward other races and cultures if exposed to them first-hand. However, he said that

such exposure must proceed slowly, and children should first learn about the least foreign aspects of a culture.

"Say, for example, you plan to have the children sample a Japanese meal. If you start them off on something like sushi or smoked eels, you might inadvertently encourage the stereotyping," he explained. "What one teacher did was concentrate on giving the children the stickiest, sweetest

treat, which they could compare to their (chocolate) bars. He started with the similarities first, the parallels."

Underwood, who has been GITA's Program Against Racism chairman for four months, said he has concluded that multicultural and anti-racism education is important in the school system.

"It's not a soft, motherhood-type of issue where people say: 'Ah, geez, that's important' but don't do anything about it. It's deeper than that. Maybe I feel this way after going to a school where 30 per cent of the students were black. I've had some direct experience with it. But I feel this is important."

The Program Against Racism grew out of a BCTF task force that looked into the problem of racism in schools after several attacks against East Indian and Pakistani children occurred at Lower Mainland schools approximately 10 years ago. It is designed to provide teachers with resources and support in the field of multicultural education, and act as a link between teachers, the community and the BCTF.

As GITA's Program Against Racism chairman, Underwood is "sifting through" information on the subject and sending newsletters to local teachers.

'No one can cut off immigration, and we've got to prepare people for that.'

The Capital Gains Exemption: use it quickly!

As of 1985, a cumulative lifetime tax exemption of \$500,000 in capital gains (\$250,000 in taxable capital gains, since capital gains are only 50% taxable at the present time) became available to individuals only, not limited companies. Scheduled to be phased in over a six-year period, the taxable capital gain exemption limit for 1985 was \$10,000, a cumulative total of \$25,000 for 1986 and a cumulative total of \$50,000 in 1987, and on up to the full \$250,000 in 1990.

The exemption generally applies to all capital property, including foreign, but is available only to individuals resident in Canada. As a result of this exemption, capital gains are no longer eligible for the \$1,000 interest, dividend (and previously capital gains) deduction. The sale of primary residences do not involve the capital gains exemption or reduce it in any way.

Since the exemption is available to each individual, a husband and wife may exempt a total of \$50,000 in 1986 taxable capital gains resulting from the sale of jointly owned property, minus whatever may have been claimed as an exemption in 1985. It is therefore obviously advantageous to structure investments so as to involve more than one family member, so that each may claim an exemption at the time of sale.

Considerable concern has been expressed as to the longevity of the capital gains exemption,

particularly since recent changes in U.S. law have ended all preferential treatment of capital gains. Previously, U.S. gains were only 40% taxable with 60% exempt. As of January 1, 1987 the 60% exclusion has been done away with and capital gains will be fully taxed as ordinary income. It is unlikely that the Canadian government will allow this huge disparity in the treatment of capital gains between the two countries to continue. Therefore, use your capital gains exemption quickly, while it lasts! The next budget is due the end of February.

For this reason it may be prudent to take steps to accelerate the realization of capital gains equal to the available exemption. For example, parents may wish to transfer an investment, or a second residence not qualifying for the principal residence exemption, to adult children or other relatives at fair market value in order to realize the capital gains exemption and increase the tax cost of the investment in the hands of the recipient.

Or it may prove advantageous to sell and re-acquire publicly traded shares that have significantly increased over cost. It would appear that in the short term, at least, tax consequences will be an overriding consideration in investment decisions.

NEXT WEEK: The alternative minimum tax—many are concerned but few actually affected!

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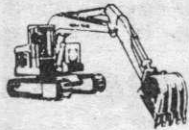
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Former nurse takes new approach to health



Susan Blagborne at work in her new office on Rainbow Road. Blagborne is hoping her health counselling service will be accepted by the community.

Susan Blagborne was hesitant to include the word *holistic* in a description of the health counselling service she now offers. The 44-year-old former nurse was concerned the term might be misinterpreted by potential clients.

"I was worried a few people might be put off by the word," Blagborne said last week. "For some, it seems to imply something fringy, and what I'm doing really isn't. It's a new kind of health care; it's looking at the whole person — the mind, body and the spirit."

Blagborne's office at 105 Rainbow Road isn't like those of other professionals, and reflects the difference in her approach to health care. Absent are the stiff chairs and imposing wooden desks found in most doctors' offices; instead, she has furnished her work room with two comfortable rocking chairs, a small wooden table and several plants. It's an environment that sets the individual at ease, which is precisely what Blagborne strives to do with each of her clients.

People come to her office to discuss their health problems. Working with them, she tries to identify the roots of their illness; then — drawing on knowledge and experience gained through 22 years of work as a nurse, nursing instructor and home care worker — she offers solid, professional advice. She helps clients come to grips with their health problems and provides them with information on what they can do — in co-operation with trained profes-

sionals — to make themselves well.

"Nurses tend to do the same thing, but you just don't always have the time," she explained. "Doctors are much the same. Most visits to the doctor don't last much longer than 15 minutes to a half-hour. What I do is book every appointment for an hour to an hour and a half, so people have more time to get out what's bothering them, because it takes that length of time to develop a feeling of trust."

Blagborne said that in order to

How come I fell off the porch? Often, we haven't taken the time to analyze how we feel, to get in touch with ourselves."

Much of Blagborne's job as a health counsellor consists of "listening and caring." Through discussions with her clients, she tries to offer them treatment options and instill in them the belief that they are equal partners in their care.

"I feel everyone has the capacity, at least to some degree, to heal themselves," she explained. "Most of us place all our faith in

'I feel that everyone has the capacity, at least to some degree, to heal themselves. Most of us place our faith in the doctor ... when we should also have faith in ourselves.'

really make people 'well,' it is often necessary to treat more than just their obvious physical ailments. She explained that an individual's job, family life, and other factors often play a major role in his illness; in today's world, she added, people don't always have the time "to get in touch" with their body and feelings to discover the root of their health problems.

"Think about it," she said. "Don't you often wonder: 'How come I'm sick? Why me? Why do I have heart disease, or cancer?"

the doctor, let the doctor take the responsibility for our care. We place all our faith in him, when we should also have faith in ourselves."

Blagborne doesn't see herself as a substitute physician. Instead, she considers herself and all other health care professionals to be partners in the job of keeping people healthy. "We're all part of the team, and the patient is a part of that team, too," she stressed.

"I see it (the health counselling

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Fuel prices plummet as gas war breaks out

Salt Spring Island motorists got a break at the gasoline pumps last weekend as Ganges service stations slashed their fuel prices dramatically.

Ganges Gas Company, a Gulf-Petro-Canada affiliate, is credited with initiating the gasoline war here. On Saturday afternoon, gasoline prices at Ganges Gas dropped from 41.9 cents per litre to 33.9 cents per litre (regular). Other stations in town, McColl's Shell Service and Salt Spring Esso, quickly followed suit. On Tuesday morning, the price of regular gasoline at Ganges Gas dropped to 24.9 cents per litre.

Motorists making the most of lower prices

"I got the call around 2 o'clock (pm) on Saturday from Petro-Can in Calgary," Rockliffe said Monday. He added that business on Saturday and Sunday at his station was up "300 per cent over average figures for those days."

Rockliffe said, however, that it is unlikely anyone in the service station business will benefit greatly from the price war.

Rockliffe also noted he did not

make the decision to lower gasoline prices. He explained that because he has an agreement with Petro-Canada, he cannot arbitrarily decide to lower his gasoline prices. "(Ganges Gas) has no say whatsoever," he stressed. "If we decide to lower the price, because we're tied in with a national company, we lose our margin (percentage on each sale of gasoline)."

Rockliffe said he does not know

how long gasoline prices will remain at their current levels. He pointed out that in Victoria, the cost of a litre of fuel dropped sharply during the Christmas season and has remained low.

Dennis Beech, owner of Salt Spring Esso, said Monday he also dropped the price of gasoline at his service station during the weekend.

Beech noted that while service

stations in Victoria lowered their prices at Christmas, his company representative hadn't expected the 'gas war' to spread to Salt Spring Island.

Beech said that although the price of gasoline was down, his firm will still make "its margin" on each sale. He noted that despite the greatly reduced price — 33.9 cents per litre (regular) on Monday — there hadn't been any "big rush" at the pumps.

A spokesman for McColl's Shell Service in Ganges also reported that despite the lower gasoline prices, business had been "pretty quiet" on Monday.

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Abortion stat cancellation draws protest

The January meeting of the Salt Spring Island council of the Catholic Women's League took place on the 14th, beginning with mass in Our Lady of Grace church at 1 pm. The business meeting followed in the parish hall.

Joy Johnsen read from the league magazine an inspirational poem, *A Place for Me*, by Grace E. Easley, the last two verses of which are:

*There is a special place in life,
that only I may share;*

*A little path that bears my name,
awaiting me somewhere.*

*There is a hand that I must hold,
a word that I must say,*

*A smile that I must give, for
there are tears to blot away.*

*There is a special place in life
that I was meant to fill,*

*A sunny spot where flowers
grow upon a windy hill,*

*There's always a tomorrow, and
the best is yet to be*

*And somewhere in this world I
know there is a place for me.*

Lucille Campbell reported that Alejandro Gonzalez, one of the South American seminarians being helped by the council had been ordained to the diaconate last October in Santiago, Chile.

The meeting was advised the federal government is ceasing to fund the provision of abortion statistics in Canada, in the interest of restraining spending. This is important information and members were asked to send letters of protest to MP Jim Manly, and government members Monique Vezina, Jake Epp and Ray Hnatyshyn. Members also voted to continue their support of Mother N'Child.

President Alicia Anderson read a *thank you* note for the council's donation of \$50 to the Community Centre for Christmas hampers.

Plans were made to hold a Valentine tea and bake sale in the parish hall, from 1 to 3 pm on Saturday, February 14. Jeanne Anderson offered to make a Valentine cake for raffling at the tea.

Business was adjourned and a social hour followed.

Alert line system outlined to IODE

The January meeting of HMS Ganges Chapter of IODE was highlighted by a visit from Lola Brookbanks, president of HEALI Alert Line Society.

The interest of those present was evidenced by the many questions that followed her talk. The HEALI society was formed to further the distribution of a mechanism of particular value to the elderly and infirm. It consists of an attachment to the user's telephone, activated by a button, worn by the user at all times, which is pressed if the user is in distress. This sounds an alarm at a central point and help is dispatched to the person in trouble.

In Ganges this central point is the hospital. Presently there are

several in use and, of course, the society is anxious to have even more out to help even more people. This device enables people to remain independently in their own homes for a much longer time where they feel more comfortable and happier than in an institution.

Mrs. Brookbanks stressed the fact that this is not a government agency. A question period followed and the speaker was thanked by Dorrie Cherry. The meeting closed, with the serving of a delicious tea.

The February meeting will be the annual meeting of the chapter, when reports will be presented and a new slate of officers for 1987 elected.

Health counselling service established on Salt Spring

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service) as a complement to medical care," she continued. "It extends it. With the client as a partner, we work toward optimum wellness."

Though Blagborne's health counselling service is new to Salt Spring Island, other nurses and professionals have established similar programs elsewhere. She noted that holistic nursing has spread in the United States, and a holistic nurses' group has been formed on Vancouver Island. She added, however, that if this new approach to health care is to be

First 4-H meeting has good turnout

There was a good turnout of members at Salt Spring Island's first 4-H meeting of 1987. At the next meeting, on January 23 at 7 pm at the Farmers' Institute, members will hold elections, plan the year's calendar and continue with the public speaking contest. Everyone is welcome.

accepted, a change in public perceptions must occur. People must learn to look at health care and preventative medicine in a new light.

Her services are not covered by the British Columbia medical services plan, but Blagborne hopes this will eventually change along with public attitudes.

In the meantime, she will continue to offer her services. Though her client list is small at present, she remains dedicated to her work because she believes in what she's doing. She feels people can only benefit by changing how they perceive health care and their role in the system.

"If I'd thought a lot about doing this before I went out and set up the office, I probably wouldn't have done it," she stressed. "But I believe it's important that someone take this step."

setting it straight

In a story published last week on the B.C. Old Age Pensioners' organization (Fulford branch), we inadvertently omitted Gladys Slingsby from a list of executive members.

Slingsby currently serves as the organization's secretary.

Also, in a story published recently on the irradiation of foods, it was indicated that all potatoes entering B.C. are now irradiating.

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Island man wins Meritorious Service Cross

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 "go back to Nairobi and get on with things."

Col. Frazer contacted the airlines about the possibility of catching an early flight back to Kenya's capital, but was told the plane was full. Then all hell broke loose in Kampala.

The colonel was staying at The Lion Hotel in Uganda's capital when the coup started on July 27. "Basilio Okello came down from the north with his troops and entered the city," he said. "Things got a little hairy. We were in the hotel when we heard the coup had started. Fortunately, the owner had the foresight to barricade the building."

Frazer explained that the hotel owner had sunk his entire life's savings in the business and didn't want to lose it. "And as soon as all this started, of course, his insurance was no good because it was an act of war."

Looting started within minutes after news of the coup reached people in the streets. Angry mobs roamed the city, breaking into shops and stealing cars. "The whole city went wild," Frazer recalled. "I haven't heard as many gunshots. The shooting went on all night long. There was lots of shooting, but fortunately, two rounds entered the hotel."

Many Ugandan civilians died in the riots and fighting. "One guy lay in front of the hotel," said Frazer. "They didn't bother to move him for a day."

Fortunately, looters never broke into The Lion Hotel where Col. Frazer and so many others were staying. "The people broke into all the shops downtown, and they were breaking into a building next door. Fortunately, a soldier arrived outside our hotel with a machine gun just as they were getting ready to break in."

Yet despite the confusion, Frazer remained calm. "There wasn't much choice," he said. "It didn't pay to do anything else. There was nothing else to do but hide it out."

Col. Frazer did more than simply "ride out" the incident, however. As national defense officials noted, "at great personal risk, he began liaison with allied embassy staffs in the area and with the Canadian High Commissioner in Kenya." He began working with the British High Commissioner, the American am-

bassador and others to formulate and co-ordinate a plan to get foreigners out of the country. Through a network of officials, they informed visitors and foreign officials that an evacuation was being planned.

"There were too many people to go in one convoy," Col. Frazer noted, "so we decided on six convoys. We alternated them so that one convoy was an American one, the next a British, and so on."

Communications with the other officials planning the evacuation weren't easy. On July 30, when he needed to meet with colleagues in the high commission, he had to walk more than a mile through the streets of Kampala.

"I chose not to wear my full uniform," he said. "I did wear my uniform shirt and trousers, but I removed all insignia. I knew people would steal anything, so I left my watch and wallet, took nothing but my passport."

"The streets were empty. Everything was a mess. Abandoned cars were everywhere."

"I was stopped once by a

soldier, which caused me some concern because they were all armed with the AK 47 (a Soviet carbine). He was drunk. It turned out that he only wanted to know why I was walking and not riding. You see, when the fighting started, every car was stolen after five minutes. Cars were everywhere, and as soon as one hit something or broke down — left somewhere — they (looters) would immediately steal the wheels off it. It was a good place to buy tires. Of course, they all stole cars because if you're looting, you can carry more in a car than you can in your arms."

Col. Frazer made it to his destination, and some time later, led the last evacuation convoy out of the country. Transportation for the escaping personnel was provided primarily by private vehicles.

"There were roadblocks," said Frazer, who brought a total of approximately 240 people — 49 of them Canadians — out to safety in that final run. "They (Ugandan rebels) tried to turn you back. A German convoy had left ahead of

us, and they were stopped. We passed them as they were heading back."

"This time, I was in full uniform," he continued. "We were stopped once by this poor private. I waltzed out and leaned on him a bit, told him that we would proceed. In the end, he saluted and we went on."

The convoy finally crossed into Kenya — and safety — at Busia. "But they wouldn't let us drive across, we had to walk."


All the people made it out alive, and according to national defense officials, Col. Frazer had a lot to

do with their survival. "During the evacuation, his calm and decisive leadership instilled confidence among the members of the group from 10 western nations. Consistently, when confronted by the Ugandan military, he used his authority with restraint but complete effectiveness to resolve potentially life-threatening situations."

For Col. Frazer, the Uganda coup of 1986 is something he doesn't wish to experience again. He plans to retire from the military in March after more than 36 years of service.

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Scottish poet fond of women

Robert Burns' songs reach across centuries

By ANDREW GIBSON

On January 25, 1759, Robert Burns was born in the little town of Alloway, in Scotland's Ayrshire. Could they but have foreseen how it would affect them, the feelings of contemporary Scotsmen, and Scotswomen, would have been decidedly mixed. Some — the mean-spirited landlords, the rigid elders of the kirk, the affected, vapid aristocrats — would have shivered with apprehension, for they were to be impaled with such devastating poems as *Holy Willy's Prayer*, or by such brief maledictions as the following, written to a local social climber:

*Of lordly acquaintance you boast,
And the Dukes that you dined with
yestreen;*

*Yet an insect's an insect at most,
Tho it crawl on the curl of a Queen!*

Many great-hearted men, whether cotters or lords, would have smiled, for their virtues were to be etched in the innumerable little verses scattered by Burns along his mortal path, such as this epitaph:

*The poor man weeps, here Gavin
sleeps,*

*Whom canting wretches blam'd;
But with such as these, where'er
he be,*

May I be sav'd or damn'd.

Some ladies would have sniffed angrily, for Burns, with a knowing leer, was to whisper to them:

*Ye high, exalted, virtuous dames,
Tied up in godly laces,*

*Before ye gie poor Frailty
names,*

Suppose a change o' cases:-

*A dear-lov'd lad, convenience
snug,*

A treach'rous inclination —

*But, let me whisper i' your lug,
Ye're (maybe) nae temptation.*

Other women would have sighed, for Burns was to leave many sad, but others were to be honoured by love songs of a beauty which makes us catch our breath even today, in a cynical age when lovers' vows are laughed at. Mary Stuart's crown never gave the radiance given to Burns' bonny Jean Armour by:

O, my love's like a red, red rose,

That's newly sprung in June.

O, my love's like the melodie,

That's sweetly play'd in tune ...

And fare thee weel, my only Luve,

And fare thee weel a while!

And I will come again, my Luve,

Tho it were ten thousand mile!

(Kenneth McKellar, the great Scots tenor, tells that when singing to Scottish audiences abroad he has to be careful with this song. It is so evocative, not only of a distant homeland, but of a lover's longed-for tenderness, that it reduces poised women to torrents of tears, and men dab at their eyes, ruining what was to be their happy evening.)

Burns loved women, in the abstract, in the particular, in wedlock and out of it. At a time when the word, cheerlessly dispensed from the pulpit, was that women were imperfect men, he had another opinion.

*Auld Nature swears, the lovely
dears,*

*Her noblest works she classes, O;
Her prentice han'she try'd on man,
An' then she made the lasses, O!*

But not all that he wrote was decorous. Some, indeed, was of an astonishing ribaldry, for he celebrated physical love with poems at which a glance brings a head-to-foot blush. Yet Burns' love for women was not that of a self absorbed libertine. It was part of his love for family, for friends, for women, for children, for life itself ... even the "Wee sleekit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie" of the

'But not all he wrote was decorous. Some, indeed, was of an astonishing ribaldry....'

fields. The well-springs of all of his songs came from this, and from his searing hatred for cant — for the "three-mile prayers, and half-mile graces" of the pious. A compulsive and self-aware sinner himself, he made, with sublime insight, this plea on behalf of erring mankind, for compassion and forbearance:

*Who made the heart, 'tis He alone,
Decidedly can try us:*

*He knows each chord, its various
tone,*

Each spring, its various bias:

*Then at the balance, let's be mute,
We never can adjust it:*

*What's done we partly may
compute,*

But know not what's resisted.

He loved his lasses all the time, not only before and during his conquests, but when they were bearing his children, and when they were nursing too. He did, in a sense, come back to Jean Armour,

as he promised he would, from 10 thousand miles, for although he could have escaped his debts and his paternity by emigration, he didn't claim his booked passage to the West Indies. Instead, he imagined himself in Jean's place, and wrote:

*O, wha my babie-clouts will buy?
O, wha' will tent me when I cry?*

*Wha will kiss me where I lie?
The rantin dog, the daddie o't!*

He did buy her baby clothes, and he did attend to her when she cried, just as, years before, he had brought home and looked after his illegitimate daughter, welcoming her with these words:

*Thou's welcome, wean! Mishanter
fa' me,*

*If thoughts o' thee or yet thy
mammie*

*Shall ever daunt me or awe me,
My sweet wee lady ...*

*... And if thou be what I wad hae
thee,*

*An' tak the counsel I shall gie thee,
I'll never rue my trouble wi' thee —*

*The cost nor shame o't —
But be a loving father to thee,
And brag the name o't.*

As long as the girls were the sweet lasses of his countryside, Burns wrote as naturally as the thrush sings. But when his fame sent him to Edinburgh, he met more sophisticated women, and the songs became laboured. He wrote a whole series to a Mrs. M'Lehose, a lady with provocative eyes but impregnable virtue, who was 'Clarinda' to his 'Lysander'. Compare his stilted:

*Fair Empress of the Poet's soul
And Queen of poetesses;*

*Clarinda, take this little boon,
This humble pair of glasses*

with this, written at home, after

tiring of such arch (and fruitless) dalliance:

*Bonnie wee thing, cannie wee
thing,*

*Lovely wee thing, wert thou mine,
I wad wear thee in my bosom,
Lest my jewel it should tine.*

So it went throughout Burns' short life — he died at 37, a victim of a medical man who thought that the best cure for a bad heart was frequent bathing in the freezing Solway Firth, and daily doses of mercury. When, following this draconian treatment he went home to Ayr, he found Jean confined for yet another birth. He was desperately poor, threatened, even at this junction, by creditors, and he knew that he was dying. Yet, three days before the end, he wrote, and handed to the young girl who was nursing him, this:

*O, wert thou in the cauld blast,
On yonder lea, on yonder lea,
My plaidie to the angry airt,
I'd shelter thee, I'd shelter thee,
Or did Misfortune's bitter storms,
Around thee blow, around thee
blaw,*

*Thy bield should be my bosom,
To share it a', to share it a'.*

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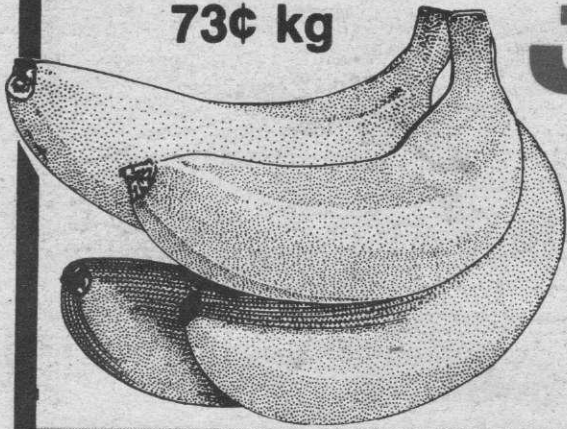
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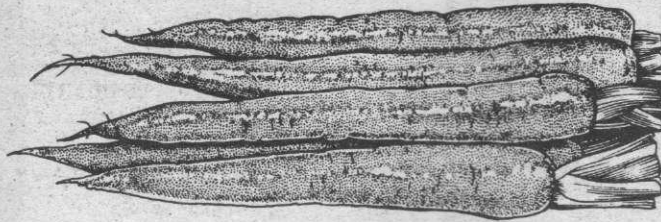
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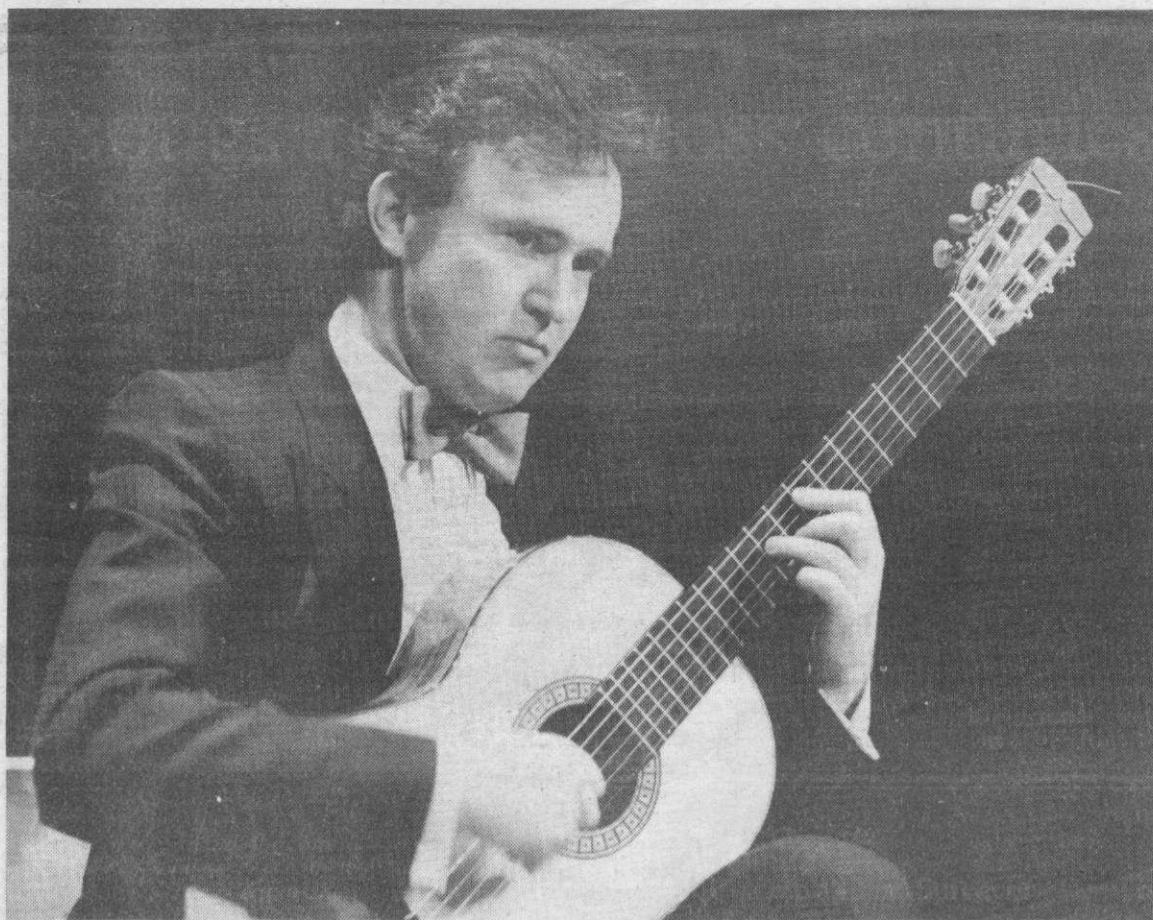
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SAVE 67¢ **2.18**
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SAVE 41¢ 796 ml tin **1.98**

HIGH FIBRE BREAD 454 g loaf **99¢**



Classical guitarist Bryan Townsend brings his talents to Salt Spring this week for a performance at United Church.



Classical guitarist to perform at United Church on Sunday

After many requests for a recital of classical guitar, the Salt Spring Concert Society is pleased to present Bryan Townsend.

Townsend is a graduate with distinction from McGill University, is presently resident in Victoria, B.C. where he is a guitar instructor for the University of Victoria. Apart from concert work, this season will see him featured in a series of CBC broadcasts of solo and chamber

music entitled *The Art of the Guitar*.

He is also at work on a second recording project.

Warm praise from critics and concert-goers alike has followed Townsend's career. After his 1980 Wigmore Hall debut in London, John Duarte wrote "good dynamic shaping and excellent embellishments; the best news was his musicality." Reviews from this past season read: "The recital

revealed fine sensitive musicianship and an often scintillating technique in brio passages," and "Mr. Townsend revealed technical virtuosity as well as sensitivity and sensibility the audience was sufficiently impressed to bring him back for four curtain calls and an encore."

The concert will take place on January 25 in Ganges United Church at 2:30 pm. Please note the change of time.

Rehearsals to start soon

Mass Appeal next Players' show

The Salt Spring Players will start rehearsals soon for their first production of the year, *Mass Appeal*, a touching and extremely humorous two-act play by Bill C. Davis.

It was a smash hit on the Broadway stage and recently a successful movie starring Jack Lemmon.

The story line concerns Father Tim Farley, a priest in a prosperous Catholic congregation and a lover of the good things in life, whose well-ordered world is disrupted by the arrival of Mark Dolson, a realistic young seminarian, and their ensuing conflicts and understanding of each other.

The play will be performed at Mahon Hall, opening on Ash Wednesday, March 4, and will run nightly through Sunday, March 8. It will be directed by Pat Desbottes.

The second production this spring, which will also be the Players' entry into the B.C. South Island Zone Festival is *Lovers* by Brian Friel. The entry consists of two separate plays, one called *Winners* and the other *Lovers*.

Winners, a poignant yet delightfully fresh and funny sharing of everlasting young love, will ensure a wide range of emotions. Mag and Joe, two 17-year-olds, portray the hilarity and depth of passion encountered in the first true love of one's life. The viewer will have to determine why Friel decided that their story

should be titled *Winners*.

Lovers introduces us to Andy and Hanna, who find that middle age is no deterrent when the urges of the flesh finally fulminate their fancy. These engaging protagonists, however, encounter a

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delectably determined antagonist in Mrs. Wilson, Hanna's mother. The battle of wits promises a laugh a minute, and the audience with a smile on their lips will understand why the author calls them *Lovers*.

Lovers, directed by Dawny

Scarfe, will be presented at Mahon Hall on Wednesday, April 15, through Saturday, April 18.

The Players will be hosting the zone festival this year, which will run the week of April 27 on Salt Spring and will offer entries from Duncan, Shawnigan, Victoria and the Gulf Island groups, with the winning entry going on to the B.C. finals at the MacPherson Playhouse in Victoria the week of May 24. Any assistance from the general public in various capacities will be welcome.

Lastly, an exciting production of a "real old fashioned pantomime" is already in the works for December 1 through December 8. The story of Aladdin, complete with song and dance, will be directed by John Lomas and produced by Maggie Warbey.

School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)

LICENSED CONTRACTORS possessing equipment, and suppliers of aggregate from registered pits, are invited to forward details, as given below, to the undersigned by Jan. 26th, 1987, or as soon as possible following that date.

EQUIPMENT: type, capacities, hourly cost with operator and details of insurance, W.C.B., etc.

AGGREGATE: prices loaded at the pit for pitrun & clean pitrun - screened road mulch (3/4") - drain rock 2"-3/4" (40% crushed) - clean 3/4" screened gravel - bird's eye washed - pea gravel - 3/4" minus crushed rock - hard shale - washed sand - topsoil (give rough idea of composition) - 3/4" field rock (washed).

Of particular interest to the Board of School Trustees are interested parties in the Gulf Islands.

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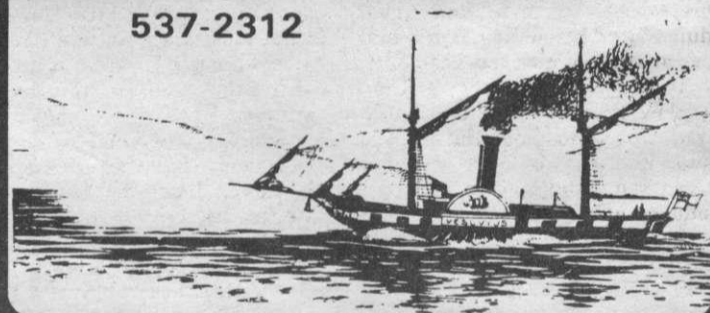
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