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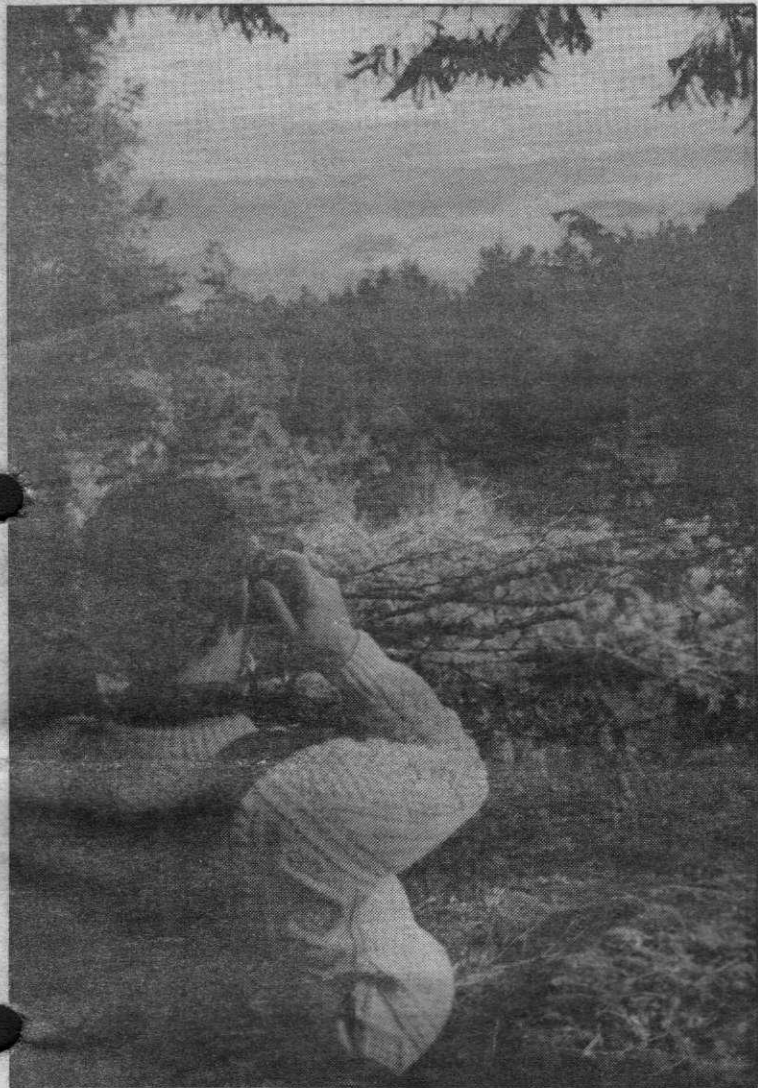
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## Aquaculture study planned for area



### Spring ritual

Richard Healey, off-island visitor to Salt Spring, aims his camera at scenic view of Ganges Harbour. Gradual increase in

number of visitors is sure sign that spring and summer are approaching.

Driftwood photo by Duncan MacDonnell

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

The Islands Trust area will be exempt from an April 30 deadline the provincial government has set for the easing of a full coastal region moratorium on new fish-farm leases and licenses.

The province said last week it will remove the current freeze from all B.C. waters by April 30 — except for the Islands Trust area, where the moratorium will remain in effect until sometime in June.

In a telephone interview last Thursday, lands ministry spokesman Tom Colbourne said from Victoria that a moratorium extension in the Islands Trust area is designed to allow time to identify the acceptability and suitability of potential fish-farm sites in the region.

Terms of reference for the study have yet to be drawn up, Colbourne said, but he feels they will be similar to the parameters in place for a similar study being launched of the Campbell River, Johnston Strait, Desolation Sound and Sechelt Peninsula region.

"I wouldn't like to mention specifics, because nothing is finalized yet," he said, "but in the Campbell River and area study it's a case of contacting all government agencies that would be affected and all public groups with an interest in where aquaculture should be located."

That process, he continued, will likely involve a "mapping exercise" which would ask all study participants to identify areas they feel are in need of

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## Water society seeks action to reinstate ban

The Salt Spring Water Preservation Society is seeking enactment of a joint federal-provincial agreement to reinstate the Electric Motors Only (EMO) restriction on St. Mary Lake.

In a letter to federal transportation minister John Crosbie, society vice-president Mike Larmour suggested that "a joint federal-provincial agreement that covers the concerns of both jurisdictions may be the best solution (to the St. Mary Lake issue), both in terms of efficiency of management and the avoidance of inter-jurisdictional conflict."

The society's move is in keeping with one of three recommen-

dations contained in a provincial government report on St. Mary Lake. The report, released in December, also suggests reaching a solution through consensus or by applying for a horsepower restriction for safety reasons. (See story, page 8).

The previous ban on gasoline-powered engines on St. Mary Lake was imposed primarily as a result of residents' concern over water quality. Applied under the Canada Shipping Act, the ban was ruled *ultra vires* (beyond the scope of law) and overturned by the B.C. Supreme Court last summer in an appeal launched by

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### Helicopter a nuisance?

## Islanders upset by service

By MIKE O'BRIEN

A helicopter taxi service for Vancouver and Victoria commuters is annoying some Saturna Island residents.

A protest-letter campaign has been initiated on Saturna by island residents opposed to the noise created by the helicopter's regular flights between the two cities. The residents have circulated the address of the president of Helijet Airways in Richmond, as well as those of federal, Vancouver and Victoria politicians.

The signatures were collected by Elizabeth Keay, a part-time Saturna resident. "It's a very stressful noise," said Keay, a doctor. "It reminds you of *Apocalypse Now*."

She added: "It (the noise) depends how high they fly. When the weather's bad you can practically see the wheels."

The shuttle service, launched in November, passes over Pender and Saturna Islands during its eight daily flights, according to Helijet president Dan Sitnam.

Saturna resident Paul Deveau claims the noise is audible from far off. "You can hear them from over Pender."

Sitnam is aware of complaints from Saturna residents and said several solutions are currently under consideration. "It doesn't happen overnight," he said. Alternatives include making a wider sweep around the islands or flying at a higher altitude. Both proposals would require Transport Canada approval and would raise the

***'It's a very stressful noise. It reminds you of Apocalypse Now.'***

company's costs due to longer flying time, Sitnam said.

The helijet currently flies at an altitude of 3,000 feet.

Customer demand for the service has been good so far, Sitnam said, but he would not disclose what percentage of the 13-seat-capacity craft is full

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## Pool proposal unlikely to hit residents hard

By MIKE TURKKI

The average homeowner will face little or no tax hike if the Salt Spring Island swimming pool society's facility proposal becomes a reality.

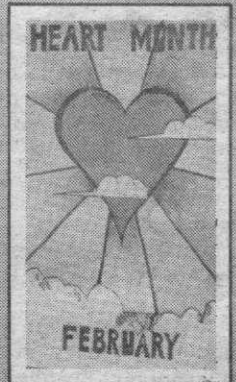
That word, from society vice-president Wayne Taylor, comes in response to cost concerns raised at a February 2 public meeting held in Ganges to discuss proposals for an indoor leisure pool estimated to cost between \$1.2 and \$1.4 million.

Taylor said the society's pool proposal estimates a \$225,000 annual operating cost. It predicts 65 per cent use by adults and 35 per cent by children, resulting in revenue of \$130,000 a year. In the end, that means an annual operating deficit of approximately \$95,000.

While noting that the capital debt and annual operating deficit must be borne by taxpayers,

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# Chamber to consider home occupation issue

A policy on home occupations will be formulated over the next few months by the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.

At their meeting last week, chamber members struck a committee to study potential conflicts between home occupations and commercial ventures operating on commercially-zoned properties.

Chamber president Rick Rockliffe said Friday the committee is charged with gathering information on the topic and returning its

## Controversial issue sparks discussion, committee

findings to the executive. Once that is done, a motion will be presented to the membership to establish chamber policy on the issue.

Information-gathering will include sending a questionnaire to members and contacting other chambers of commerce in B.C. to

see what policies they may have adopted regarding home occupations.

The local committee's terms of reference "are very broad at this moment," Rockliffe said, but he expects it will narrow its work and return a report to the chamber executive by April 30. That would

mean the executive would seek a policy stand from members at the chamber's first meeting in May.

Any policy adopted by chamber members would be communicated to the Salt Spring Island Trust Committee, which has a task force in place to study home occupations.

The chamber and the Trust became embroiled in the home occupation question earlier this month, following complaints by Ganges restaurant owner Peter Grant that a Malivew Drive take-out pizza venture was operating in defiance of Trust bylaws.

The Trust has replied that the venture is operating legally, and the chamber earlier said that, based on the information it had, it recognized the take-out business as a legitimate venture.

## Writes to Tory minister

# Water preservation society wants federal, provincial action on ban

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several St. Mary Lake resort owners.

The Act empowers the federal government to impose restrictions on boating for safety reasons only, the Supreme Court said.

Larmour noted in his letter to Crosbie that the society — and the community — have four concerns arising from the court's decision.

"The first concern is the impact on safety of the reinstatement of uncontrolled power boating on St. Mary Lake," he said. "Safety is of community concern because St. Mary Lake is relatively small (480 acres), and is extensively used for a mix of recreational activities. . . . Moreover, the problem is increasing with the steady growth of the island's population and tourism. To my knowledge, there has been at least one power boating accident leading to injury and a number of 'near misses' have been reported."

Larmour added the community

would also like to see the EMO restrictions reinstated on St. Mary Lake for reasons of water quality. The water preservation society, he said, agrees with the ministry that studies into the impact of gasoline-powered boats on lakes have "not defined a health problem." However, he added that the main purpose of the studies conducted to date was "related to the impact (of gas engines) on the aquatic environment, not human health."

The society vice-president pointed out that some petroleum fractions "or their degradation products" are carcinogenic, and thus the use of gasoline engines on the lake could be detrimental to public health.

"Lead is added to the water column and sediments from the use of power boats," he continued, "and while the amounts are not large, it is agreed by many experts that any drinking water contribution of lead to man's intake is undesirable."

Larmour also expressed con-

cern that the use of gasoline engines on the lake could result in the introduction to Salt Spring of Eurasian milfoil, an aquatic plant that spreads easily and now infests many B.C. lakes.

"A third reason for the reinstatement of the EMO on St. Mary Lake is aesthetics," he continued. "The Gulf Islands are considered by many to be one of the most beautiful natural areas in Canada. . . . Both economic prosperity of the islands, based heavily on their desirability as a retirement and tourism area, and the quality of life, are dependent on maintaining or enhancing the natural environment and amenities. The overwhelming majority of islanders and visitors prefer to have a lake where gasoline-engined boats are excluded because it is quieter, with less disturbance, noise and smell."

Larmour also expressed concern that the lifting of St. Mary Lake's EMO restriction had established a precedent "that can act to encourage other challenges to boating regulations passed under the Canada Shipping Act. As many as 50 to 60 per cent of all boating restrictions in B.C. may have been recommended for reasons other than, or in addition to, safety."

In summing up the society's position, Larmour said there appear to be some valid reasons for imposing EMO restrictions on St. Mary Lake and other similar water bodies.

"Individually, these reasons may not be perceived to be urgent enough for each jurisdiction to act, but collectively there may be very strong reasons for restrictions," he said.

Copies of the letter were sent to Environment Minister Stephen Rogers, Saanich-and-the-Islands MLAs Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts, the Islands Trust and Capital Regional District director Hugh Borsman.

# Resort owner expresses support for B. C. study

One of two local resort owners who successfully opposed the implementation of an Electric Motors Only (EMO) restriction on St. Mary Lake last summer said Monday he is relatively pleased with a ministry of environment report on the issue.

Rick Rockliffe, owner of Blue Gables Resort, said he feels the Report on Power Boat Restrictions on Lakes, which makes special reference to St. Mary Lake, is "a reasonable report, on the whole."

Rockliffe heartily endorsed the report's recommendation that a solution to the issue of power

boats on St. Mary Lake be worked out at the local level.

"That's what we've been saying all along," he noted, adding he wouldn't oppose the establishment of a speed limit or waterskiing corridor on the lake for reasons of safety or aesthetic reasons.

Rockliffe added he is also looking forward to seeing the recommendations and results of the St. Mary Lake task force established last fall by Capital Regional District (CRD) director Hugh Borsman. That organization, headed by Hart Graham, is studying problems of declining water quality in the lake.

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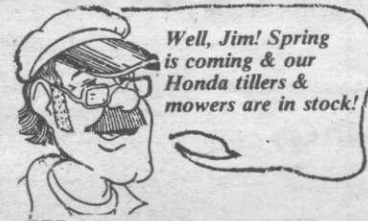
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Heart fund worker Dick Toynbee (left) organized a B. C. Heart Foundation poster contest

for Gulf Islands Secondary School art students with assistance from GISS teacher Sandra Locke. Allan

Edwards, well-known island artist, chose the contest winners on Friday.

## Salt Spring volunteers organize weekend activities for heart fund

February is Heart Month in Canada, and a group of Salt Spring Island residents has organized a weekend of activities to coincide with the annual B.C. Heart Foundation fund-raising campaign here.

Gerry Layard says a display will be set up in Mouat's Lower Mall on February 13 and 14 for shoppers interested in information on blood pressure analysis, nutrition and the symptoms of heart disease.

On February 14, the local ambulance service will erect a display in the Ganges firehall. On the same day, a special aerobics

class will be held in the activity centre. Beginning at 9 am, the class is open to anyone interested in attending.

Throughout the weekend, Layard said, donations to the B.C. Heart Foundation will be accepted at the Mouat's Mall display and the Island Savings Credit Union. Official receipts will be available. Mail drop envelopes may also be turned in at both locations.

Layard and other volunteers organizing the activities on February 13 and 14 encourage local residents to give generously to the B.C. Heart Foundation. "Remember that \$8.60 out of

every \$10 donated goes towards research and public information," Layard noted.

Heart disease is Canada's number one killer. Each year, the B.C. Heart Foundation, through its fund-raising campaign, raises millions of dollars for research and public information campaigns geared to reducing the numbers of cardiovascular disease in this province.

The B.C. Heart Foundation, established in 1955, currently supports 53 research projects into the causes and possible cures of heart disease. The non-profit foundation hopes to raise \$4 million in B.C. this year.

### setting it straight

A report in last week's *Driftwood* carried the incorrect date for a speech contest to be held by the Salt Spring Speakers' branch of International Training in Communications (ITC).

The correct date for the contest is February 17, not March 17 as reported.

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# B.C. park changes set a dangerous precedent

A provincial government decision to alter the boundaries of several provincial parks could have far-reaching consequences for British Columbians in years to come.

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The ministry of environment and parks

announced January 29 that following a review of recommendations made last year by its wilderness advisory committee, changes will be made to six B. C. parks. In Strathcona, Tweedsmuir and Kokanee Glacier provincial parks, areas containing mineral claims filed prior to a government-imposed freeze on exploration will be redesignated 'Recreation Areas' to permit "certain mining and logging operations." In Tweedsmuir and Kwadacha provincial parks, meanwhile, areas of known mineral potential will also be

redesignated to permit exploration by interested corporations.

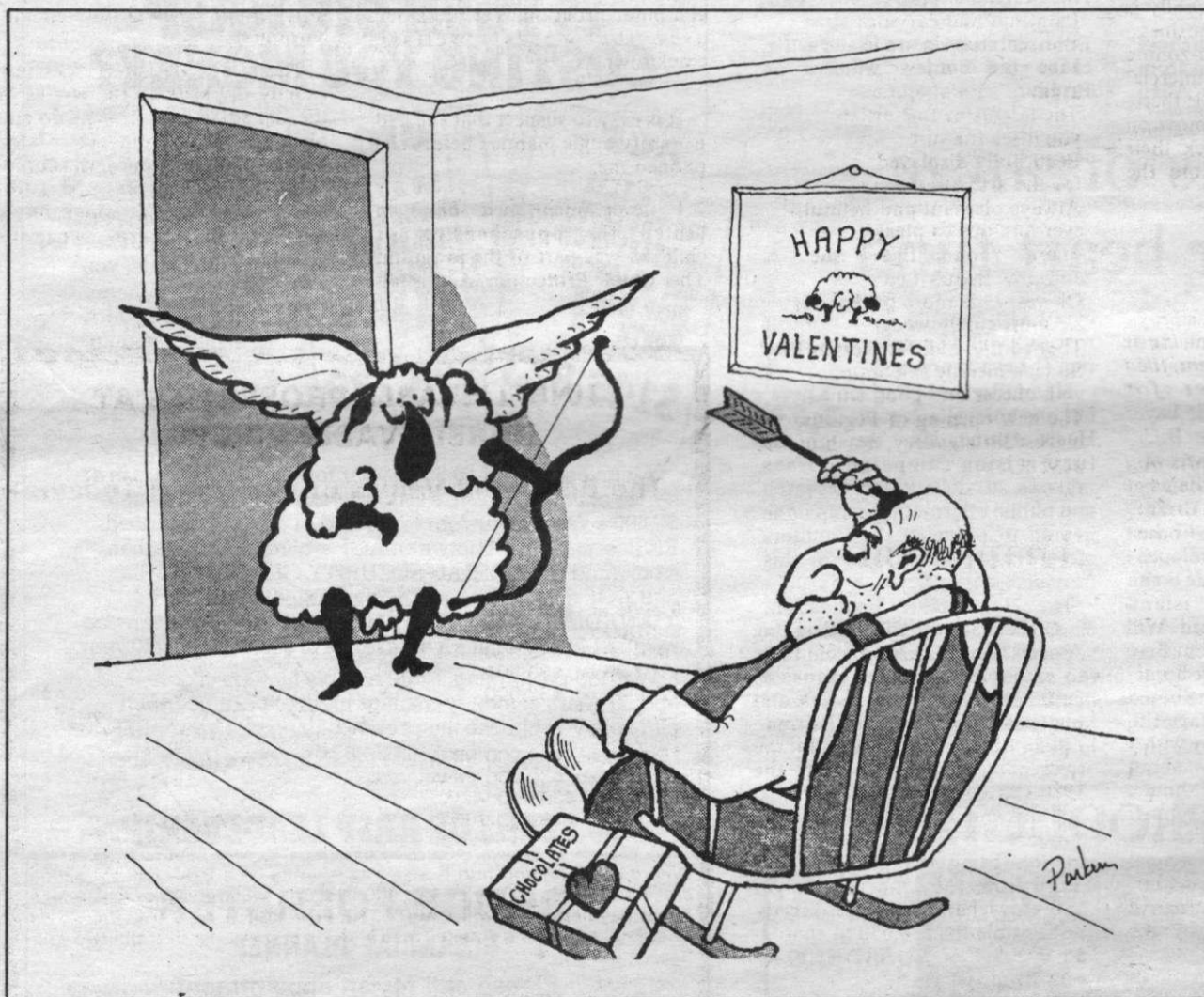
Ministry officials have tried to make the plan more palatable by adding 111,300 hectares to five parks and granting Class A (protected) status to another 1.1 million hectares of existing parkland—as well as promising to negotiate with private forest companies for the creation of new parks in the Gulf Islands. Yet despite these moves—while will undoubtedly be welcomed by most environmentalists—the provincial government's action sets a dangerous precedent.

By rearranging park boundaries to assuage mining and logging interest in the province today, the ministry of environment and parks could very well be paving the way for similar changes tomorrow. Though the current B. C. government may be genuinely interested in preserving wilderness for future generations, there is no guarantee that succeeding administrations will be so inclined. Once they become law, these changes—which in the cases of Tweedsmuir, Kokanee Glacier and Strathcona provincial parks, don't even require approval of the Legislature—could serve as a tried-and-true *modus operandi* for future B. C. governments dedicated more to making a dollar from mining royalties than preserving parkland.

Judging from government maps showing the proposed boundary changes, B. C.'s provincial parks will soon bear a striking resemblance to Swiss cheese. For this reason—no matter how cut—the proposal makes a mockery of the park system. And that's a disgrace.

The provincial government is the only organization that can preserve at least a meagre portion of this province for the enjoyment of future generations. Yet judging from recent developments, Premier Bill Vander Zalm's government has shrugged off this responsibility.

And British Columbia's provincial parks (which make up only 4.8 per cent of the province's total area) could well be in danger.



## Time once again to seek escape from the vortex

Quitting smoking is easy. I've done it hundreds of times.  
— Mark Twain.

Indeed. For the past six weeks, newspaper writers and electronic media commentators have filled much space and time with commentaries on smoking. Picking up on New Year's resolutions and Cold Turkey Day, they've inundated us with facts about the dangers of smoking, tips on how to quit and musings on failed attempts both past and present. In the process, a lot of people have presumably given up their love affair with tobacco leaves.

I am not one of those people, for reasons we shall soon discuss. First, however, I want to note that

none of the words written or spoken over the last six weeks has had any effect on me or my desire to call to halt to 16 years of smoking.

You see, I know before the media blitz began that it was time to quit. The revelation came last December, when I was in Royal Jubilee Hospital. Although my reason for being there had nothing to do with smoking, my ward adjoined the one for heart and lung patients — all of whom, I soon noticed, were heavy consumers of cigarette or pipe tobacco. Only a fool could miss the connection.

However, my stay in hospital also showed me the fragile nature of physical well-being and the

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Duncan MacDonnell

inherent sense in avoiding anything you know can eventually strike you down. Shocked into the realization that bodies erode sooner than we might think, I drew up a list of habits to live without in hopes of avoiding repeat visits to hospital wards. Smoking topped that list.

Something happened between then and now, however. My best intentions failed miserably, first because the boredom of convales-

cense at home led me to fill empty hours will full ashtrays, and then because the span of weeks and miles away from the hospital ward diluted the original strength of my convictions.

Now, as any long-time smoker will tell you, an attempt to quit the habit is nothing new. We have all tried various methods over the year, all of them unsuccessful but some slightly more effective than others. Cutting down slowly, with a target date for full abstinence, is not one of those methods, as the past few weeks have told me (again).

No — of all the ways and means I've tried, the one that came closest to curing my addiction was a public declaration of intent,

with a small wager just to make things interesting.

It worked for me for two months in 1984. The other fellow broke down first and had to cough up \$250 for charity; I celebrated the win with "just one cigarette" and was soon sucked right back into the vortex.

So . . . here we go again. I've made a wager with another cigarette junkie on Salt Spring Island, the terms of which mean no smoking after today, and I'm backing it up with this declaration of intent. If caught smoking, I will confess in print and pay up.

I'm taking a risk, but I like the odds. After all, what's a little public humiliation compared to bad lungs and hospital wards?

# Occupations

Sir,  
I would like to thank all those who have expressed support in my stand regarding a restaurant as home occupation. I will again say that I believe competition is the basis of our free enterprise system. I do not think for a moment that one can or should be against competition. What does disturb me is elected officials who see fit to enforce (or not enforce, in this case) existing laws, at their own discretion. Bureaucracy usually bungles things up for us, and then we try to straighten their mess out.

I'll be the first to tell you I am unhappy about the number of laws, regulations, etc. that seem to govern our every move. However, why do we have certain rules? The ultimate result of regulations is equality. Sooner or later every society comes up with a charter of rights of some form intended to make all individuals "equal in the eyes of the law." When we violate this basic right, we do strange things: e.g. feeding Christians to the lions, engaging in slavery, discriminating against minorities; we end up with Nazis trying to wipe out an entire populace. It goes on and on.

We all understand why we need such things as drivers' licenses. We complain about the insurance rates and regulations, but understand that we must have insurance or face dire consequences. The food and beverage industry is no different. You can't make liquor in your home and sell it. Food for public consumption is a similar item and has always been closely regulated, for good reasons too numerous to mention.

Home occupations as described in all zoning bylaws conflict with the restaurant concept in regard to health regulations across North America.

Home occupation is defined as being "an occupation or profession carried on for gain which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling unit for residential use." However, the health departments won't permit anyone to dwell or reside in the same unit in which food preparation for the public is involved. So, you can't have your cake and eat it too! These are the rules I am told I have to live by. I am asking that my right to be equal in the eyes of the law be upheld. If I be condemned for this, I may as well move to South Africa.

"A little bit of anarchy is great" I am told. Well, a little bit of anarchy is akin to being a "little bit pregnant" — I agree with the sentiment, but it seems impractical and unfair.

Please read the following excerpt from our zoning bylaw and form your own opinions:

*Home occupations shall be subject to the following conditions:*

- 1) Home occupations may include the following or comparable uses:
  - a) Tailoring, dressmaking and drapery;
  - b) Professional and trades offices including medical and dental clinics;
  - c) Small appliance and instrument repair shops;
  - d) Studios including art, music and photo studios;

- e) Personal service uses including beauty salons and barber shops;
- f) Crafts, i.e. home made products;
- g) Day care centres or kindergartens for up to ten (10) children;
- h) Overnight accommodation for the visiting public which may include the provision of meals for a total of not more than five persons;

2) The number of home occupation uses permitted on a lot shall not exceed two (2) uses.

3) The home occupation shall be carried out wholly within the dwelling unit or within an accessory building permitted in conjunction with a residential building or use.

4) No more than two persons shall be engaged in any home occupation, one of whom shall live on the premises in or about which such occupation is carried on.

There is a copy of this bylaw at Luigi's if any of the public would care to read further.

In summary, this is a zoning problem. I plan to be in business for a long time and have long-term commitments. People wishing to make a quick buck while avoiding all responsibility that normally is associated with being in business, should at least apply for re-zoning from residential to commercial property. The mechanism is there. Let's see the Islands Trust move on this one, rather than stick their collective heads deeper into the sand.

**PETER GRANT,**  
Ganges.

## Implications

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Peter Grant, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

Sir,  
I have just read in *Driftwood* that you are out to eliminate what you believe to be unfair competition by a home based business.

I hope you realize the implications for the island economy should you succeed. Will the local bakery be tempted to destroy the few competing home-based baking operations? Should Foxglove Farm be encouraged to try and shut down anybody with a home-based nursery? How about typists operating out of home, private garages, and small contractors, crafts people and artists who bypass the commercial galleries or, for that matter, anybody who offers an alternative to the services supplied by the Ganges business core?

Your attitude appears to me to demonstrate a profound ignorance of the island way of life, informal, somewhat unstructured, friendly and on a human scale. You seem to be playing right into the hands of the local 'control freaks,' the same people who would regulate and legislate our activities to death and establish here a sterile, city type environment, business-oriented of course. Just like another restaurateur who proceeded to attack the sale of coffee and home made cookies in the farmer's market and the farmer's market

## letters

itself within a month of his arriving here (that attack cost him plenty, too) and other members of the business community who equate their short term business gains with the good of the community as a whole.

Please, Peter, if you have to compete, do it on the basis of quality and service. You are good at that. Trying to eliminate the competition through legal means, etc., will leave a bad taste in the mouths of many. That bit of anarchy we have here is precisely what makes our island such a desirable place to live in.

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## Thank you

Sir,  
On behalf of the B.C. Lung Association (BCLA), I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to your newspaper, your readers, and regional Christmas Seal Chairman Lillian Lederer, of Duncan, for the tremendous support given to the 1986 Christmas Seal Campaign.

The campaign officially ended January 31 with the goal of \$1 million being realized. Contributors from the Duncan, Ganges and Cowichan area were directly responsible for \$18,030 of that — an increase of just over two per cent from last year.

Money raised through the Christmas Seal Campaign helps fund lung disease research, public and professional education programs, school programs to inform children about the danger of cigarette smoking, and awareness campaigns emphasizing the harmful effects of air pollution, tobacco smoke and occupational respiratory hazards.

Again, thank you all very much.  
**ISOBEL AUSTIN,**  
President,  
BCLA.

## Scares

Sir,  
The Vancouver Province newspaper headline of January 15, 1987 (*Work or Lose Kids*), and the accompanying story (*Take Job or Lose Kids*), is a classic example of scare journalism. The subsequent editorial was every bit as bad. It was the Province reporter who tied together job-finding and taking away children — not me.

Why would a newspaper deliberately set out to turn a very positive announcement — computerized employment searches for recipients of social assistance — into a frightening front page story?

I told their reporter that there was no change in philosophy or direction in the ministry, that we would be doing exactly as we do now (that is, try to find work for people receiving social assistance) except we could be much faster and more efficient with the computer program. Yet her story uses the words "welfare crackdown."

It is easy to suspect that she had her story angle planned before she phoned me.

I never mentioned or even hinted the apprehension of children was part of the program. The Child Protection Act is an

entirely different and separate matter. It has nothing to do with income assistance or computer programs.

Their motives for intimidating people already suffering in these difficult times elude me.  
**CLAUDE RICHMOND,**  
Minister of Social Services and Housing,  
Victoria.

## Questions

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the prime minister Brian Mulroney and the ministers of Defence and External Policy, filed with this newspaper for publication.*


Sir,  
A majority of the Canadian people (as evidenced by the polls and straw votes) have said they want a nuclear-weapons-free Canada. Yet the present government continues to allow Cruise testing on our territory — never mind that they are not loaded (yet); they are still first-strike, unverifiable nuclear weapons — to satisfy the wishes of the U.S. military machine. Our federal government also allows nuclear-weapons-capable U.S. warships and submarines in our harbours.

These are decisions that are exactly opposite to the wishes of the Canadian people. Why do you obey the U.S. military's wishes instead of those of our own people?

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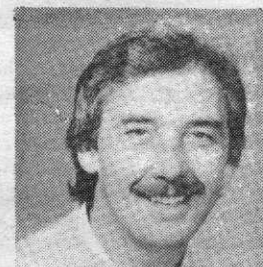
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## New comedy

Sir,  
I wonder how many Canadians have been watching the new comedy show on TV, the one originating in Washington, D.C.? (A recent cartoon on the subject shows an Iranian pilot telling a mullah: "We're down to our last 10 missiles — run into town and pick up a hostage.") Obviously we have to laugh sometimes to relieve our worry over a world that seems more and more insane. The US funds the mercenaries as they attack schools and farms and hospitals in Nicaragua; the Russians lay waste to villages in Afghanistan; the French are poisoning people and

## Bissonnette affair

# Land scandal raises questions about armament industry

Too often in the hot-house political atmosphere of Ottawa, we look only at the surface of things, not at underlying causes. Take the Bissonnette affair, for example. On January 18, Brian Mulroney fired the junior minister of transport and called for an RCMP investigation into a land sale scandal in Bissonnette's riding of St. Jean, just outside Montreal.

This scandal has dominated the House of Commons Question Period ever since, as opposition members try to ferret information out of the government and repeatedly ask for a public inquiry to deal with conflict of interest charges in addition to the more technical criminal investigation being conducted by the RCMP.

Some of the established facts are as follows: On February 21, 1984, the federal government (Liberal at the time) called for bids on a \$650 million low level air defence system for Canada. On March 5, 1985, a group of four investors bought farm property in St. Jean for \$415,000. Three days later, Conservative Defence Minister Erik Nielsen announced that Oerlikon Aerospace Inc., (based in Montreal but owned in Switzerland), was one of three companies short-listed for the job.

On January 13, 1986, the St. Jean property, bought for \$415,000 ten months earlier, sold for \$880,000. Two days later, on January 15, it resold for \$1,494,392. On January 24, an official acting for Oerlikon offered to buy the land for \$2,981,099. June 12, 1986, Oerlikon signed the defence contract. On June 20, the land sale deal was closed.

In a little over a year, the original price of the land had multiplied seven times. Allegations have been made that Andre Bissonnette's wife and his campaign manager (who also look after Bissonnette's blind trust) have made considerable money on the deal.

Those with a nose for scandal have plenty of garbage to sniff around in looking for goodies. But

animals and seabirds in the South Pacific with their atomic bomb testing.

(Who needs more of these suicidal devices? There are over 50,000 on the planet now and the nuclear devastation that one Trident submarine could cause — the equivalent of 1,000 Hiroshimas — might alter the earth's ecosystem.)

Guatemala, Chile and South Africa are awash in blood as repressive regimes try to maintain control over their ever-more-rebellious populations.

## more letters

Those four horsemen — hunger, poverty, disease and ignorance — still ride through the world, and what can you or I do? Are we contributing to the suffering of our fellow human beings as we buy our microwave ovens and compact disc players, our new cars and our designer jeans, our diamonds?

Lyndon B. Johnson once described us quite well when he said that we "Murricans" only represent 10 per cent of the world's people but we use 50 per cent of the world's resources. He went on to

say that "they" want what "we" have, but we're not going to let them have it.

So much for justice and brotherly love, eh?  
**HARRIETT ARNOTT,**  
Saanich.

## Propaganda

Sir,  
On February 3 and 4, CBC Radio aired a documentary on the filming of the TV mini-series, *Amerika*. Opponents of the film call it hate

propaganda. The producers claim it is about freedom and responsibility, yet they denied access to the script for people working on the film and somehow "forgot" to alter the design of the UN flag, under which most of the oppressive action unfolds.

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**ART SIMONS,**  
Fulford Harbour.

## ottawa report

by jim manly

the underlying questions remain largely unasked.

Why are government contracts in general and defence contracts in particular so lucrative that they invite this kind of illegitimate profit-making? Why are the profits Oerlikon stands to make so great it can afford to pay seven times the value for land on which it plans to build its plants? And of course this extra cost, for which no value is received by Canada, passes along to the taxpayer of Canada. In fact, the cost of the low level air defence system has increased from \$650 million to over \$1 billion.

The government seems to have a bottomless pit when it comes to finding money for projects such as this. And this was the very system which it has already been discovered won't work under certain weather conditions.

Hard questions need to be asked about the international arms industry and Canada's involvement in it. Why are we shipping arms to countries such as Chile, Syria, Indonesia and Pakistan, which have terrible records of violence against their own people. As the Iranian arms scandal in the United States shows, those who trade in arms pay no attention to ordinary political and business morality or even to national objectives.

Unfortunately, the scandal surrounding Andre Bissonnette is just the tip of a very large iceberg. If, like the Titanic did, our world continues on its present course, we could all suffer disaster.

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# Media exploited issue over sex ed

VICTORIA — The place: the hallway outside Premier Vander Zalm's office in the west wing of the Parliament Buildings. The time: the afternoon of January 27.

About a dozen reporters have responded to a phone call from the premier's office that Vander Zalm will be available for comment. Notebooks are at the ready. Cameras are rolling. The topic: sex education, AIDS, abortion. What else is new?

Isn't his stand on sex education and how to prevent AIDS a bit simplistic, a reporter wants to know.

"Look, all I'm saying is that your chances of getting AIDS are reduced to almost nil if you don't hang around with the wrong people in the wrong places at the wrong time," the premier replies.

With all due respect to his own religious beliefs, another reporter says, wasn't he imposing his own standards on government policies?

"Absolutely. I'd be a fool to say no. If you don't like me to influence government policies, you might as well hire someone from the Mafia to run the province."

*'An unfortunate side effect of all this confusion has been a distortion of Vander Zalm's utterances.'*

What's wrong with sex education? What doesn't he like about it, a reporter asks.

"I think the material could be a little less graphic. You don't have to teach kids how to have sex to warn them of the dangers of AIDS."

The impromptu press conference continues for a while in this vein. Finally, the reporters leave, feeling frustrated. One utters a curse under his breath, describing the premier in a less-than-flattering manner.

The scene was commonplace. Ever since Vander Zalm has been elected premier, the media have been trying to get a handle on him. Unfortunately, they've been unable to understand him, much less explain him to the public.

Vander Zalm doesn't fit the mould. He's unlike any other politician the B.C. media have dealt with. He frustrates the hell out of them. He doesn't play political games. He answers questions truthfully.

## capital comment

by  
**Hubert Beyer**

An unfortunate side effect of all this confusion has been a distortion of Vander Zalm's utterances, a distortion that ranges from the inadvertent and mild to the deliberate and substantial.

Example: Vander Zalm has never said he wants to eliminate sex education in British Columbia schools, but that's the way his statements have been widely interpreted in the media.

What Vander Zalm has said is that he wants to find out whether students can be made familiar with the possible consequences and dangers of promiscuity without giving them explicit instructions of how to be promiscuous. A big difference.

Example: Vander Zalm has never advocated an end to legal abortions in B.C., another popular misconception — pun intended — created by the media. He has said, however, that he wants to reduce the number of abortions by improving other programs, such as adoption procedures. Again, a big difference.

But truth isn't the only casualty in this game, played by the media. Other, more important stories go virtually unmentioned.

Example: NDP energy critic Glen Clark recently called a press conference to state his party's position on the provincial government's new policy of selling natural gas cheaper to industrial users than to residential customers.

It's an important and legitimate story, but only four radio reporters showed up for the press conference. The two TV stations and print media covering provincial affairs in Victoria didn't bother.

Clark said the place would probably have been packed if the press conference had dealt with sex education or AIDS. He's right.

But isn't it all Vander Zalm's fault? Isn't he the one to bring up these weird topics? He gave the answer to that question at one of the press conferences.

"No, it's you who come to me every day, asking me about AIDS and abortion and sex education. That would indicate to me that there's a great deal of interest in those matters out there."

To which I can only say: right on. Even if Vander Zalm's stated policy aims regarding sex education weren't distorted by the media, their preoccupation with these titillating topics at the expense of real-news coverage is lamentable.

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# Ministry study recommends local solution to lake issue

A ministry of environment report released in December recommends that opponents and supporters of gasoline-powered boats on St. Mary Lake make a "concerted effort" to work out their differences.

The report, completed by W.H. Wolferstan of the ministry's planning and assessment branch, also suggests that if evidence shows safety is a major concern on St. Mary Lake, local residents should request the federal government to limit power-driven vessels to five horsepower engines.

The restriction, it notes, could be listed under schedule 3.1 of the Canada Shipping Act.

Failing resolution of the issue at the local level or through existing legislative and regulatory means, Wolferstan said Ottawa and Victoria should explore options for new regulations or for amended legislation to control activities on lakes.

"Since the government of Canada has shown a willingness to propose amendments to the Canada Shipping Act dealing with environmental impacts of pleasure craft operation," he continued, "it is possible that further amendments could be considered for other aspects of recreational boating, including public nuisance aesthetics and noise."

The Report on Power Boat Restrictions on Lakes, which singled out St. Mary Lake for "particular reference," was initiated last July after a meeting between local Islands Trust representatives and the ministry of environment. The meeting, held to discuss the lake's water quality problems and the Supreme Court's overturning of a ban on gasoline-powered engines on the lake, saw the ministry agree to help the Trust investigate the issues through a local task force.

In addition to his three recommendations, Wolferstan drew three conclusions from his investigation of boating regulations.

He suggested the Supreme Court's ruling in the case of St. Mary Lake pointed out that the federal government has authority under the Constitution Act of 1867 to regulate navigation on inland and minor waters. However, he stressed that questions of water quality, air quality and recreational activity on lakes were matters of provincial jurisdiction.

"If a detrimental environmental impact on the quality of St. Mary Lake, as a result of gas-engined motor use, could be proven, then action could be considered by the provincial government under the Environment Management Act," he said. However, he added that to date there is no evidence gasoline-powered engines have an adverse impact on water quality.

In Wolferstan's opinion, it is the federal government that will ultimately have to make a decision on whether to re-introduce the Electric Motors Only (EMO) restriction on St. Mary Lake. He

**'The federal government will ultimately have to make the decision.'**

stressed, however, that "if a case is to be made to reinstate a ban for safety or navigation reasons, new evidence would have to be produced and subjected to very close scrutiny by the provincial and federal agencies responsible for recommending and administering Boating Restriction Regulations."

In reviewing the St. Mary Lake court case, Wolferstan pointed

out that at present, the Canada Shipping Act gives the federal government authority to regulate shipping for safety reasons only. However, he added that until the St. Mary Lake court decision, the federal government was using a broad interpretation of the Canada Shipping Act, and placing restrictions on many Canadian lakes for reasons other than safety.

The EMO restriction was placed on St. Mary Lake in 1985 after residents expressed concern over the decline in its water quality. In early 1986, however, two of seven St. Mary Lake resort owners — along with one other individual — petitioned the Supreme Court of B.C. to overturn the ban on gasoline-power engines.

Mr. Justice Gibbs of the Supreme Court ruled on June 3, 1986, that the restrictions on St. Mary Lake were ultra vires (beyond the scope of the Canada Shipping Act) because they were filed primarily for reasons other than safety.

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**Aquaculture study in the works**

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protection, and those they feel would make for suitable fish-farm sites.

Unlike a study prepared last year for the Sechart area alone, Colbourne said the current thrust is to go beyond identifying aquaculture sites on the basis of public acceptability alone. "My understanding is the studies will be more than public acceptability — they would likely involve environmental impact assessments and possibly management guidelines that might call for more stringent application requirements."

In any event, he said, the study for the Islands Trust region will definitely involve the Trust itself. "That's number one," Colbourne said. "The Islands Trust is recognized in legislation as being a special area, and we recognize it is maybe more complex." Islands Trust chairman and Salt Spring representative Nick Gilbert welcomed last week's announcement, saying it was important that time be found to find suitable aquaculture sites within the Trust area.

Trust vice-chairman Carol Martin, the Hornby Island representative, has been working since late last year on a compilation of all Islands Trust areas believed to be sensitive to aquaculture development. The Trust Council's coastal zone management committee is expected to take that list and recommend zoning mechanisms which would put protective measures in place.

Beyond the Islands Trust area, easing of the aquaculture moratorium on the B.C. coast will be done in stages, with April 30 as the target date for full removal, Colbourne said. Freezes on licence and lease applications will be removed as "specific initia-

tives" are put into place to ensure protection for those areas.

At present, the moratorium in effect on all coastal waters has stalled all licence and lease applications submitted to the provincial government before October 31, 1986. Applications submitted after that date are still being circulated for review by government ministries but are not otherwise processed. Also frozen

at this point are all Section 10 applications — a 'claims stake' giving first rights to a site — regardless of date filed.

The province also announced its intent to establish an aquaculture advisory council, increase the geographic distance between fish farms, monitor the environmental impact of fish farms and develop a program to research and assess those impacts.

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# Pool society outlines project's predicted costs

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Taylor said most homeowners will face slight — if any — tax increases.

Using Capital Regional District (CRD) figures, he explained, the society estimates that pool operating and capital deficits would mean a tax hike for Salt Spring homeowners of about 55 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value — although this figure could change. On a \$50,000 property, the increase would be \$27.50 — a total Taylor said would be covered by the B.C. homeowners' grant.

The tax rate for businesses is usually higher than on residences.

"A majority of the costs," Taylor added, "will be borne by non-residential properties. Most people will face little or no tax increase."

Taylor said he is confident island residents will support construction of an indoor swimming pool if a good site is found for the facility, and if a portion of the capital costs are carried by the provincial government. He noted that a survey conducted by the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission showed most residents are willing to accept a tax increase of up to \$50 for such a facility.

"With a lot of hard work, we think we can get this," Taylor said. "The important thing is the lottery grant. The government has in the past funded one-third of recreation facility costs up to \$400,000. We'd like to get \$400,000 minimum, and \$600,000 right off if possible. We still have to go to them with our proposal, of course, but we feel confident

that with the right location and funding from the government (the pool will become a reality)."

The February 2 meeting was told that Mouat's Park would be a prime location for the facility; however, Taylor said last week the pool society is not committed to a site but will meet with school district, Advisory Planning Commission and ministry of highways officials to identify the "right" location.

"We have a strong preference for a central location," he said, "one with access from the shopping area, schools. In the future, the school board will be looking for a new location for the high school, and it will have to be close to the downtown area because of the Outer Island students using the water taxi. So it (the pool site)

should be within walking distance of the shop area and any new housing in Ganges."

The society proposal calls for a leisure pool. First developed in Europe, this design includes large areas of shallow water for wading, a 'beach' area and at least four 25-metre swimming lanes. Following suggestions aired at the February 2 public meeting, it would also feature a diving board.

The facility, Taylor added, would also include a sauna, whirlpool, change rooms, fitness room, sufficient deck area where pool users can relax, and a reception area. There may also be a pool cafe, whose operation would likely be leased out.

Addressing the estimated \$1.2 to \$1.4 million capital cost, Taylor said the society hopes to receive

at least \$400,000 grant from the provincial lottery fund, another \$100,000 from the school district and \$100,000 from another source. The remaining \$600,000 to \$800,000 would have to be borrowed and paid off — at 11 per cent interest — over 15 years.

Taylor said 65 per cent of the facility's \$225,000 annual operating cost would be linked to staffing. The pool will likely have between two and four full-time employees, and as many as 10 part-time workers. There would also be room for "volunteers," he added.

The pool society will present its proposal to the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission on February 23. The commission has recommended that a referendum be held this fall to decide the proposal's fate.

## Hume explains comments

### Society's calculations accurate according to commission member

A meeting held in Ganges to discuss the proposed island leisure pool heard several residents express concern over construction and operating costs.

The proposal, put forward by the Salt Spring Island swimming pool society, estimates the facility would cost \$1.2 to \$1.4 million to construct and \$225,000 a year to operate.

Phil Hume, a member of the Salt Spring Island parks and recreation commission, suggested at the February 2 meeting that the society might be using incorrect Capital Regional District (CRD) tax rate figures to calculate the project's cost to individual homeowners.

However, Hume said Friday he later discussed the breakdowns with commission chairman Glenn Woodley and found that the society's calculations are not incorrect — just different from the system previously used by the CRD.

Still, Hume said he believes residents should carefully consider the cost of the proposed project.

"The point I'm trying to make

is that we should all be aware of the cost," he said. "This is a \$200,000 a year project . . . whereas the parks and recreation commission has survived on about \$75,000 a year for the past five or eight years. This project is three times that.

"I'm not against the pool, but I want to make people realize the cost. This is going to be a burden."

Hume added, however, that tax levels on Salt Spring are "fairly conservative" in comparison to those in other areas of the province, such as West Vancouver. Perhaps, he said, Salt Spring is ready to carry such a project.

He also noted the swimming pool society, with more than 1,000 members, appears to have the support of a considerable segment of the local population.

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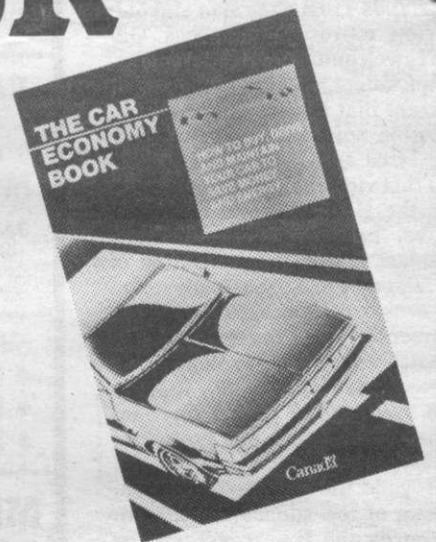
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Hastings House owner Donald Cross with plaque

## Paris association accepts hotel

The Hastings House has become one of a select few hotels to be admitted to the Paris-based Relais et Chateaux association.

The association, founded 32 years ago in France, now has 347 member hotels and restaurants in 30 countries around the world. Only facilities that satisfy the prestigious organization's criteria of "courtesy, calm, comfort, cuisine and character" are admitted, and all must possess fewer than 100 rooms.

Hastings House Hotel, established on Salt Spring in 1981 around a unique 1940s home built by Warren Hastings, is the 10th such facility in Canada to be admitted to the organization, and the first west of Ontario.

As Hastings House owner Donald Cross noted last week, it is an honor to be granted membership in Relais et Chateaux.

Cross applied for membership last year. Before the hotel was accepted, members of the association made five anonymous visits to appraise its service.

They didn't find it wanting. Cross feels membership in Relais et Chateaux will open new, overseas markets for Hastings House. He noted the organization promotes its member hotels worldwide.

Cross described Hastings

House as a hotel for people "looking for a quiet place with quality food, accommodations and service."

As a member of Relais et Chateaux, Hastings House is in good company. The Austrian branch of the association includes

the unique Hotel Im Palais in Schwarzenburg, the Hotel Schloss Fuschl along Lake Fuschl near Salzburg, and the Hotel Arlberg-Hospiz in the Arlberg ski region. This year, the latter facility celebrates its 600th birthday.

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### RRSP's — Currently available choices if you are facing the age 71 deadline

Since even a single \$5,000 RRSP contribution can grow to about \$55,000 in 25 years given an average interest rate of 10%, postponing the inevitable problems that arise when the age deadline occurs is not recommended.

However, if faced with the age deadline, here are the currently available alternatives. The first is the most obvious and the most costly: cashing in the RRSP in full, which will be added on top of normal income for the year and put the taxpayer into a higher tax bracket. The tax withheld at the time of cashing is only a temporary measure, since the RRSP is actually taxed at graduated rates along with other income at the end of the year.

Next comes the wide variety of annuities. A fear many people have is that they will not receive back their initial investment in case of an early death and that the remaining funds will stay with the insurance company. There are many types of annuities which provide for payments to spouse or other beneficiaries in case of the annuitant's early death. They can also be indexed for inflation, as the

CPP and OAS are, so that one is not locked into a fixed income. Annuity payments *must* begin before the 71st birthday, but effective December 19, 1986, a person no longer has to be 60 in order to roll over his RRSP into an annuity.

Finally, there are the Registered Retirement Income Funds, which require some management by the holder to be effective. Under the old rules a taxpayer had to take a fixed amount into income from the fund each year, and could have only one RRIF. Now, the taxpayer can take any amount desired, over a set minimum per year, and have more than one RRIF. The taxpayer may also collapse the entire RRIF, which cannot be done with an annuity. A combination of both annuities and RRIF's may be the best choice depending on the circumstances.

Decisions regarding disposition of RRSP's should be made in context with other sources of income, such as OAS, CPP, company pensions and investments to achieve the highest income level at the lowest tax cost. **NEXT WEEK:** Income splitting-down but not out!

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**'An unforgettable experience'**

# Culture shock welcomed couple to Tanzania

By MIKE TURKKI

Starting a new job is never easy. Yet when the work is thousands of miles away in a Third World country, the challenges and difficulties associated with "starting over" are even greater.

Just ask Sam and Lee Evans. Three years ago, they moved to Tanzania, where they established and operated a trade school on behalf of several church organizations.

The Evanses, who returned to their Salt Spring Island home last fall, left Canada in the summer of 1983 to work in the Tanzanian village of Liuli, a settlement of between 4,000 and 5,000 people located approximately 50 miles from the Mozambique border along Lake Malawi (also known as Lake Nyasa).

It wasn't their first trip overseas; in fact, they met during the 1950s in Brazil, where Sam had travelled on behalf of an English equipment manufacturer and Lee was serving with the Methodist Church at the Instituto Central do Povo in Rio de Janeiro. Yet while both had worked abroad before, life in Tanzania proved to be an entirely new experience.

Sam and Lee arrived in Liuli in September and set up housekeeping in a home at the village hospital. Their first month there proved to be an unforgettable experience.

"I think one of the biggest negative experiences we had, one that in the end turned out to be most beneficial, happened right after we arrived," said Lee. "We arrived in September, after the end of the harvest, and there was no food. The people grow their own, and any surplus they may have, they sell in July and August. Here we were in the village, 200 kilometres from the nearest town, with no food and no way of getting any. We had money to buy food, but there just wasn't any to be bought."

During that first month in Tanzania, the Evanses learned what it means to be entirely dependent on others for survival. "We were very dependent on the people," Lee continued. "We had to rely on what they'd bring us: two or three eggs here, maybe a bowl of rice. It was very frightening. That first month was very difficult."

The Evanses were also helped by a Catholic priest, who arrived



Sam and Lee Evans

one day from a German Catholic mission 25 kilometres away with a box of canned goods. "He was a shy man. He simply presented us with the box of food and left," Sam recalled, adding that the priest didn't even wait to be thanked. Finally, at the end of the month, the Evanses were able to hitch a ride out to the nearest town on the hospital vehicle, and there obtained provisions.

Although their food shortage problems were resolved fairly quickly, the Evanses soon found that they faced similar supply-related difficulties in their work at the Liuli Technology Centre.

The centre was located in what had once been part of a girls' boarding school. According to Sam, it was originally established in 1975-76, but had "gone down and down, become less and less self-sufficient" until it finally closed in 1982.

"There were no tools, no means of doing the jobs," Sam said. "We had a carpenter there,

but he had no tools. Nets for fishing on the lake were a prohibitive price — and they make them in Tanzania."

Even sandpaper, an item readily available in any hardware store here, was difficult to find in Tanzania. "And you couldn't just go and pick out the type you wanted," noted Sam. "You took what you could get." Lee added that when sandpaper couldn't be found, carpentry students used crushed glass to smooth their creations.

Help finally arrived in the form of a shipment of items from friends in British Columbia.

"I wrote a letter to friends at home, and people put together 15 boxes of equipment," Lee said. "There was basic food items, soups, tools and other things. They (the friends) sent it in August, but we didn't receive it until the following April — and they sent it by air freight."

The shipment from home contained such needed equipment as

typewriters and sewing machines. The useful items were limited to those that didn't require electricity, because the area had no power. (In their first home next to the hospital, the Evanses did have access to electricity, but only when the hospital's generator was in use. "When it came on, you'd rush around thinking: 'Now what can I do? I've got to use this in some way. I can't let it go to waste,'" Lee noted.)

The items sent from B.C. were put to good use. With the two donated typewriters, Lee started a secretarial course for six students. Scissors, needles and thread were used to establish a domestic science course.

Financial aid also came from German Evangelical churches through an organization known as *Brot fur die Welt* (Bread for the World). Other church groups, an English organization known as Lifeline, the Catholic Benedictine Brothers and several other organizations contributed in a variety of ways. The Evanses even worked out a plan through which they were able to use their meagre salaries to purchase tools in England. These items were later resold to students at cost.

Eventually, the Evanses were able to establish five programs at the Liuli Technology Centre: carpentry, boat-building, fishing, domestic science and shoemaking. Each program was organized on a modular format, and as soon as the Evanses had developed a course outline, they were able to ask the Tanzanian government to supply a teacher. Whenever possible, local people possessing the appropriate skills or knowledge of the subject were hired.

First-time students were accepted at the school for an initial six-month period. If they performed satisfactorily, they were allowed to continue for another six months. If they did well in their second 'term,' they were permitted to remain at the school for an additional period as a trainee. "They (the students) paid a fee for the first six months, but not in the second," noted Sam. "Then, if they stayed on, in the last period we provided them with a little pocket money."

All courses were designed to provide students with practical knowledge that would help them earn a living in the village, using local resources. Boat-building students learned to make craft for

use on Lake Malawi; those enrolled in the carpentry program learned to make small tables and other useful items. Fishing students were taught basic fish biology and angling skills, as well as net-mending.

When the Evanses moved to another home, the technology centre's carpentry students provided them with furnishings.

Life in Tanzania was seldom dull, judging from the Evanses comments. After moving from the building near the hospital, they found their new home had termites.

"It was made of sun-dried bricks faced inside and outside with cement," Lee said. "There were termites in the walls between the cement, and at a certain time of the year, they would take flight. Of course, the people there ate termites, so when they (the insects) started to take flight, we'd have a lot of visitors. The insects would be inside the house as well as out, so the people used to wander inside as well."

**'Here we were... with no food and no way of getting any.'**

The Evanses even tried eating the insects. "If you could forget what you were eating, it wasn't too bad," Lee said. "They (the villagers) would cook them over the fire. The termites had a smokey taste. Barbecued termite is what it was."

As expected, life in Liuli was strange at first, but Sam and Lee grew accustomed to it. The climate certainly wasn't unbearable; Sam noted that temperatures rarely went above 92 or 93 degrees Fahrenheit during the wet season. "But then, even at night, it wasn't below 85, and with 100 per cent humidity, it was something else. But in the cold, dry season, it was ... about 65 (degrees)."

After decades if not centuries of exposure to Europeans, the people of Liuli (who lived almost solely off the food they could grow on their three-acre family plots or catch in the lake) were accustomed to seeing whites in their

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# Local teacher's death stuns colleagues, students in area

Students and teachers in School District 64 were shocked last week by the sudden death of Salt Spring Elementary School teacher David K. Davies.

Davies, who taught Grade Seven students at the school, succumbed to pneumonia in Victoria's Royal Jubilee Hospital on Thursday. He was 37.

A spokesman for the school said Davies came down with influenza during December. It developed into pneumonia, and he was admitted to hospital for treatment — but never recovered.

School officials described Davies as a dedicated teacher who devoted all his time to students. He was actively involved in extra-curricular activities at the school, and on the weekends served as a coach of the Shooters soccer team in Victoria. He was also an accomplished musician.

Davies' Grade Seven class was stunned by his death. On a sheet of paper, his students listed the things they liked most about him. Their comments spoke of a teacher who cared about his students.

"He left everybody with a smile," said one student. Another added: "He made us feel important. He made us feel like his family . . . sacrificed a lot of his own time for extra-curricular activities."

David Eyles, chairman of School District 64's board of trustees, expressed his sympathies to Davies' relatives and family.

Funeral services for Davies were held yesterday (Tuesday) at 1:30 pm in Calgary, where his family lived.

# Japanese teacher comments on differences between two societies

By MIKE TURKKI

After growing up in a city of 12 million people, Hiroko Oyama is finding Canada — and particularly Salt Spring Island — quite a change.

The 22-year-old Japanese teacher, who calls Toyko home, is visiting and working in this country under the International Internship Program, a private project established to promote understanding between Japan and the western world. Before Christmas, she worked in Qualicum, and in mid-February she will head for Campbell River.

Oyama, who studied elementary education at a college in her homeland, is enjoying her stay here and finding it rewarding. It has taken some time to adjust, however.

"One of the things I found so different here is the size of things," she said. "Everything is big — the food, the people, everything."

"The atmosphere here is very casual. It's easy to get along with other people. Here, you just say: 'Hi' and you become friends. It's harder for us (the Japanese people); we're shy, and we get embarrassed. But once we get to know one another, a little, we are fine."

Oyama said she also finds Canada's 'wide open spaces' different, but noted that Japan also has its mountainous areas. "But it's much prettier here," she said. "I was really impressed by the colors. Here, the trees are so green, and the sky so blue."

"Another thing I found different is the food. You eat meat a lot. We have a lot of fish and meat, but in Japan, meat is still very expensive because the government controls imports," she said. "Your food is rich, too."

Oyama has always wanted to travel, and has found teaching in



Hiroko Oyama in traditional Japanese attire in front of Salt Spring Elementary.

Canada a gratifying experience. She said the children here act quite differently than their Japanese counterparts.

"The kids are, well, noisier," she noted with a laugh. "They seem to have much more freedom here. In Japan, the students are taught much more self-discipline. They tend to be much more serious."

She added that students in Japan are taught to be extremely polite to their elders. "We are taught to respect older people," she noted. "When I came here, I

had a very strange feeling when a little girl kept calling to me: 'Hiroko, Hiroko.' But there are good points and bad points to it. There, I would be Miss Oyama. In Japan, the children clean up the room, but here they don't."

Oyama said she was impressed by the learning assistance program in local schools. She said it fascinates her, because there is no such project in Japanese schools.

"You have a substitute program, too," she added. "We do not."

Oyama's parents did not want her to travel overseas. She is the youngest child in the family (she has one sister), and her father and mother would like her to come home early.

But Oyama has waited a long time for this opportunity to see North America, and has no intention of returning to Tokyo immediately. When she completes her internship program here at the end of March, she hopes to travel by train across Canada to see more of this country.

"Then I will have to go home," she said. "I might have to work for a while . . . but I would like to come back again."

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# Island couple reflects on African experience

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## Tanzanian work frustrating as well as rewarding

community. This didn't mean, however, that they understood western ways.

"They thought we (all the white people in the village and surrounding area) were all members of the same family," Lee noted with a chuckle. "Because Sam and I were the eldest, we were the grandparents.

For a time, the Evanses were the only white people living in the village. "We were acutely aware of it initially," said Sam.

"But after a while," Lee added, "you kind of forgot you were white — unless you looked in the mirror — because the only other people you'd see were black."

She recalled the experience they had one year on July 7, Tanzania's Independence Day. "There was a soccer tournament between all the villages along the lakeshore," she said. "I was there with my domestic science students, trying to sell some of the items made at the school. At first there was between 500 and 600

people, but later there must have been a couple of thousand ... we were the only white people in a sea of black faces."

Despite the fact that most Tanzanians are incredibly poor and the country backward by western standards, Sam and Lee were impressed by some characteristics of Tanzanian society.

"There was, for example, very little evidence of the social violence we see here," Sam noted. "Because of the lack of organized social services, the family provides for its members. If people live to a very old age there, they are not discarded. They become very important and valued."

Sam and Lee also noted that although the Tanzanian diet is extremely limited, the average Tanzanian is not unhealthy. "There is no obesity," they noted, "and in the three years we

were there, only once did we see a case of cancer. We only knew of three people who had high blood pressure, too. And, of course, because there is no industry, there is no pollution of that type."

Through their work at the Liuli Technology Centre, the Evanses tried to help improve life in the community. Progress was slow, but when Sam and Lee left the school last year at the end of their three-year term of service, enrollment during the coming term was expected to be between 35 and 45 students. A new workshop was under construction and many tools had been obtained. The school had a pick-up and a half-share in a lorry as well.

The Evanses look back on their three years in Tanzania with mixed emotions. "On the exterior," they say considerable progress was made at the school;

however, they note that "of all this activity, what is the end result ... what is the 'interior' of things like? If development is of and for people, then what has happened?"

Sam and Lee point out that on the large scale, little changed in Tanzania during their stay there. Its people remained incredibly poor; most citizens of Liuli, while having enough to eat, possessed little else. The country itself lacks natural resources and has little to offer in trade with other nations, aside from food. Yet even if blessed with a wealth of resources, it would be hard-pressed to develop them due to its lack of a service infrastructure.

"So many things were left hanging when we left," noted Sam. "It was frustrating, not being able to tie up all the loose ends."

Although the Evanses were unable to accomplish all they'd hoped to do in Tanzania, their experience was rewarding in many ways. And it has changed them.

"Oh, yes, it has changed my outlook on life," said Lee. "It's not possible to move into that deprived area and not be changed. We've learned there's a lot of things we can do without."

"For the first couple of months we were here, I kept picking up things like paper napkins in restaurants, because I couldn't throw them away. I found I was collecting them and taking them home, because they could still be used for something."

The Evanses work in Liuli will be taken over by another Canadian couple. But even though Sam and Lee have been home for several months, they still feel a strong bond to the village and its inhabitants.

"Every time we take out our pictures, we feel a little nostalgia," said Lee.

## Puerto Rico program

### Trail club collecting binoculars for country

A group of island residents headed to Costa Rica this spring hopes to take along some excess baggage.

The group, made up of members of the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club, is seeking donations of older binoculars for a Costa Rica resident who uses them in an education program aimed at preserving forested lands.

A letter sent from Costa Rica to explain the program notes that much energy has been expended in efforts to preserve the rainforest of the Penas Blancas Valley, found on the Caribbean slope of Monteverde. Bob Law, a long-time resident involved in that effort, recently decided to expand it though a program that will supply at least one pair of

binoculars to each school in Costa Rica. The idea, the letter said, is to educate people about the value of forests at the earliest possible age.

Law, who has experience in repairing and maintaining binoculars, has asked for donations of older pairs which people may not be using. Law can handle cleaning and alignments but does not have spare parts, the letter said in noting that sets in need of major repairs won't be of much help.

Joan Lott of Salt Spring is co-ordinating the local request for binoculars. She can be reached at 537-2237.

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# 'Half-way' step to incorporation said applicable to Salt Spring

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

A form of government recommended for Bowen Island and described as being applicable to Ganges is nowhere near being considered for the Salt Spring Island community.

That's the word from B.C.'s municipal affairs ministry, which says the concept of a local government that moves "half-way" towards incorporation concerns Bowen Island alone.

The model is outlined in a report from Dan Campbell, a former municipal affairs minister in W.A.C. Bennett's Social Credit government and most recently the author of a review of the regional district system.

Asked to consider possible incorporation of Bowen Island in that review, Campbell said in a separate report that the "objects to be met (there) could just as easily fit ... Ganges" and several other B.C. communities.

Campbell's recommendations call for a "half-way" stride towards incorporation by electing five commissioners to represent a community. One of the five would be the area's elected regional district representative, who would "act as a conduit" between the community and the regional district board.

The community, Campbell said, would:

- enact its bylaws and contract its services — i.e., administrative and fiscal duties — through the regional district;
- would have, through the regional district, the "power to levy for cost recovery;" and
- should be given 20 per cent of provincial revenues collected under the Rural Taxation Act.

The "half-way" step towards incorporation would be considered transitional, he added.

The ministry's position on Campbell's "half-way" concept for Bowen Island is that increased autonomy is an attractive option for that community, but it does not necessarily endorse the model suggested — nor does it envision the same form of government being applied elsewhere, if at all.

Phillip Newton, a communications director with municipal affairs, said the ministry is considering all "possibilities and options" for Bowen Island, is discussing Campbell's with local representatives there, and is "tinkering with the various ideas" suggested — but no decisions have been made.

He added: "You can draw inferences from this, say the situation on Bowen Island is similar to Ganges, and that the concept could be applied to

Ganges — but Ganges is one step further removed from Bowen Island.

"The ministry is looking into the concept with representatives from Bowen Island; Ganges hasn't been looked at."

Newton also discounted presumptions that any model implemented on Bowen Island might be "automatically applied" to Ganges: "The two communities are similar, but they're different," he said.

In any event, Newton stressed that no model would be adopted without "a public forum of some kind being held before anything is enacted. Legislative amendments

*'You can draw inferences from this, say the situation on Bowen Island is similar to Ganges, and that the concept could be applied to Ganges—but Ganges is one step further removed.'*

would also be required, and Newton noted that none have been drawn up for consideration by the House.

The Bowen Island study was prompted by local concerns that planning and other government services are not being adequately provided by its present form of government, which mirrors the regional district and Islands Trust overlap found on Salt Spring.

In addition, Newton said, residents felt there was "no focus" to local government, and that there were too many interest groups and organizations involved in the

discussion and governing process.

In his recommendations, Campbell calls the Bowen Island situation one of "needless ongoing political discomfort for island residents ... there is evidence of unnecessary frustration about local affairs amongst the residents of this island."

However, Newton notes that while Campbell was led to believe the form of government there was not responsive to local wishes, he also felt incorporation was "not a viable step" at this time — hence the "half-way" proposal.

Meanwhile, Island Trust chairman and Salt Spring representative Nick Gilbert does not believe the Bowen Island model would serve local interests if adopted here.

"On the surface, it sounds great," Gilbert said. "But the five commissioners would be very much an advisory council. In theory, they could taken on a number of local functions and a wider range of issues than, say, the Advisory Planning Commission but it's still advisory only. And who do they advise? The regional district."

Also less-than-enthusiastic about Campbell's suggestions being applicable locally is the chairman of the Ganges advisory committee, a group established by regional director Hugh Borsman to oversee developments in Ganges.

Tony Richards said Campbell's recommendations were "too vague" to be considered in a local context. The powers that would be held by the five commissioners, he said, are not spelled out sufficiently to determine whether such a structure would be beneficial for Ganges.

"Two areas of responsibility spring to mind when I think of local control with respect to Ganges," Richards said. "They are land-use planning and public works such as highways and beautification projects. Campbell suggests the former be contracted out and doesn't mention the latter."

## School board to meet on Pender

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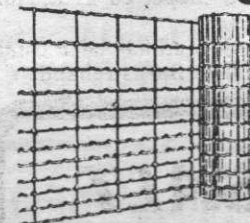
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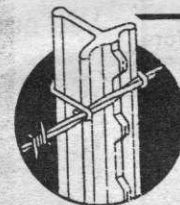
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• Gulf Islands-Swartz Bay — car and driver, \$6.25 (\$5.75); camper or overheight and driver, \$7.80 (\$7); vehicle with trailer, both up to 6'8" in height, \$11.15 (\$10.25); if either unit is over 6'8", \$14.25 (\$12.75); motorcycle and driver, \$3.80 (\$3.50); bicycle and rider, \$2.35 (\$2.25); adult passenger, \$1.35 (\$1.25); commercial rate, 65 cents (60 cents).

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\$1.25 (\$1); commercial rate, 65 cents (60 cents).

The rate increases are the first implemented by the Ferry Corporation in two years, except for passenger fares, which were last hiked three years ago.

As a result of other policy changes, commuters who wish to purchase large numbers of ferry tickets will be required to buy

*'The rate increases are the first implemented by the Ferry Corporation in two years.'*

them in booklets of 20.

Ferries information officer Erin Caldwell said Monday the corporation has elected to increase the number of tickets in a booklet for reasons of accounting and convenience.

"In the past, all the routes had different numbers of tickets in a booklet," she explained. "It was an accounting nightmare, so it was decided to standardize the tickets at 20."

Caldwell added the number of tickets in the new booklets also corresponds with the number of working days in most months.

"For most groups, it would be better to purchase 20 tickets at a time than having to keep going back and buying more," she said.

At present, booklets of 10 tickets for use on the Fulford-Swartz Bay and Vesuvius-Crofton runs sell for \$45.

The spring schedule for the southern Gulf Islands, meanwhile, should be available this week, the corporation says. However, since the schedules were printed before the rate increases were announced, the current charges — and not the new ones — are listed. The corporation said a rate card will be printed to accompany the schedules.



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Island resident Rob Burns considers himself lucky.

Burns was upstairs in his two-storey Garner Road home at approximately 10:45 am Wednesday when he heard a strange noise. Curious, he went to the stairs to take a look — only to find flames consuming his living room and roof.

Burns leaped out the second-storey window. Grabbing a garden hose, he sprayed water on the flames. Meanwhile, Harold Collishaw of 1110 North Beach Road saw the blaze and reported it to

the fire department.

A pumper truck and two tankers were dispatched by the Salt Spring fire department, two from the Ganges firehall and one from Fulford. Firemen managed to extinguish the blaze, but not before the east wall of Burns' home and part of its roof were destroyed.

A fire department official said a problem relating to the home's chimney is suspected as causing the blaze.

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### New officers

Members of the Gulf Islands Shrine Club met Friday at the Masonic Lodge for their annual installation of officers. Jim Napper was chosen president. Shrine Club members, all 32nd degree Masons, raise millions throughout North America to help burn victims and crippled children.

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### First meeting February 18

## Garden club readies for spring

The Salt Spring Island Garden Club is ready for the 1987 season. Formed in the early 1950s as a chrysanthemum club, the group later expanded to include all aspects of gardening, with an emphasis on horticulture.

The club's first meeting of 1987 is set for next Wednesday, February 18, at 2 pm in the lower hall at Ganges United Church. The afternoon session — please note the new time — will feature as guest speaker a representative from Vancouver's Van Dusen Garden.

Already, club executives and directors have met to take up their new duties and to appoint conveners for the various functions which highlight the year — i.e., the spring and fall plant sales, spring and summer flower shows, and the meetings held each month except for July, August, December and January.

The November gathering, the last official function of each calendar year, is a dinner and

annual meeting at which officers are elected for the coming term. The November, 1986, meeting was chaired by Norman Stewart and saw awards given to Kay Meredith and Shirley Arnold (the Jack Jones Memorial), Ted Baker (two top awards for the chrysanthemum parlour show), Jackson Barker (certificate of merit for outstanding contributions to the garden club and to horticulture in general).

### bridge winners

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on February 2 were: (north-south) Norah Day and Stan Stewart; Dawny Scarfe and Kay Harrison; Irene Hawksworth and Dorothy Sneddon; (east-west) Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve; Margaret Ellison and May Whiten; Kay Sinclair and Alan

Club officers elected at the meeting were: Harvey Belsey, president; Grace Byrne, vice-president; Marjorie Percy, secretary; and Mary Wood, treasurer. Directors are Josie Campbell,

Roy Campbell, Rose Fewings, Scott Fraser, Jay Alderson and

Jeff Raven. Past-president is Norman Steward, while Pat Pierrt will be editor of *The Grapevine*.

Steward; Corinne Forster and Althea Morisette.

Tuesday night winners were: (north-south) Sue and Robert Bradford; Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; Mike Testart and Peter Jacquest; (east-west) Peter and Lorna Pentz; Bunny Jordan and Geo Lampier; Shirley Love and Marion Ashmore.

## Hospital auxiliary installs 1987 executive members

The annual meeting of the auxiliary to Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital was held January 26 at 2 pm in the United Church Hall. The meeting drew 54 members, including six new ones.

After annual reports were read and discussed, elections were held and the following slate approved for 1987: Betty Galt,

president; Bea Carr, vice-president; Alita Tomlinson, treasurer; Irene Helm, recording secretary; June Webb, corresponding secretary; Ethel Davidson, Greenwoods.

The meeting adjourned with the announcement that the next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, at 2 pm in the United Church Hall.

## Instruction in CPR methods to be revived on Salt Spring

Instruction in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be revived on Salt Spring Island.

Instruction classes, suspended in late 1986 after both CPR methods and training techniques were altered, will begin again here later this month.

The first session will be held February 25 at the Lady Minto Hospital nurses' residence, from 7:30 pm to 10 pm.

Island resident Phillip Town-

send, who can be contacted at 537-5279 for course information, said alterations to both CPR technique and instruction methods meant a new training program had to be drawn up and teachers made familiar with the changes. That done, the courses can now be renewed.

Townsend advises that those interested in the course should watch the classified section of *Driftwood* for further details.

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**Enforcement**

**Bylaw basics outlined**

The Islands Trust isn't a provincial police force, says chairman Nick Gilbert.

The Salt Spring island representative said last week the Trust has no authority to move in and shut down businesses that allegedly contravene its bylaws.

Gilbert, speaking on the issue of home occupations at Thursday's meeting of the Salt Spring Trust Committee, said it seems there is a "popular misconception" of the body's bylaw enforcement powers.

"A number of people seem to feel we have the rights of a provincial police force," said Gilbert, "that we can follow up very quickly on complaints and shut down alleged offenders. This is not the case."

Gilbert said that although the Trust has a bylaw enforcement officer, the process of dealing with complaints and alleged bylaw contraventions is a lengthy one.

He pointed out that the Trust is required to first give alleged offenders notice that they are operating in contravention of zoning bylaws, and thus give them the opportunity to "voluntarily desist or clean up their premises." In some instances, he added, this "notice" must be given more than once.

If contravention continues, Gilbert said, the Trust will then turn the case over to its bylaw enforcement officer for further investigation. The officer encourages the offender to 'mend his ways,' and if this fails, he will turn the results of his investigation over to the Trust legal department.

The legal department will then prepare the case for court. In most instances, Gilbert said, the problem is resolved before the case is heard.

"But we have no jurisdiction to move in and shut them (businesses operated in contravention of Trust bylaws) down," he stressed.

"The biggest popular misconception seems to be that we can enforce our bylaws quickly. But in reality, there is no infraction until the court determines so. It's not that we're unwilling to enforce our bylaws — it's just that there are some very real constraints placed on us."

Trust planner Dave Morris noted that cases of bylaw contravention are "civil proceedings, not criminal." He added that alleged offenders are always considered innocent of the offense until proven guilty.

Trust vice-chairman Steve Wright of North Pender Island added at the meeting that bylaw enforcement appears to be an "increasingly large problem."

Wright said he feels the Trust must enforce its bylaws because all citizens should "play by the same rules."

Wright added, however, that even when a bylaw case goes to court, justice is not necessarily the result. "The problem is that when it goes to court, you're no longer dealing with justice but points of law," he stated, noting that lawyers can and do find loopholes in the law that sometimes allow alleged offenders to 'get off.'



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**Clear view**

Wonderful weekend weather and strategic bluff combined to provide this view of Cranberry

area of Salt Spring. Road running through centre of picture soon turns left towards Mt. Maxwell.

**4H Club elects slate of officers for coming year**

By ANDREA RONDEAU

At the Salt Spring Island 4-H Club's last meeting, elections were held. Following is the club executive: Gitta Baker, president; Kamal Morris, vice-president; Mike Dafoe, secretary; Jordy Koski, treasurer; Andrea Rondeau, club reporter; Mandy Bryson, sunshine person; Eric Baker, Ian Reid, Rita Phillips, Derek Peden, phoning; David Koski, Danica Dafoe, refreshments; Tina Reid, Lianna Hingston, clean-up.

The next meeting, on February 13, will include a public speaking contest.

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**police report**

Want to be a victim?

According to the Ganges RCMP detachment, leaving keys anywhere in your automobile is the surest way to become a victim of motor vehicle theft.

RCMP Sgt. Mitch Hanks said last week police are currently looking into the thefts of several automobiles here. The latest incident, the theft from the Fulford Inn of a blue four-door 1969 Buick Lesabre belonging to Terry Slingsby, occurred sometime between 6:30 pm and 7:15 January 31.

The vehicle has been recovered.

Sgt. Hanks said police want to protect people from vehicle theft, but that the detachment needs the help of local residents to do so. He noted that drivers should never leave keys *anywhere* in their vehicles.

"People should secure their vehicles so they don't tempt thieves," Sgt. Hanks said.

A chrome-coloured Kuwahara BMX bike is missing from the Beaver Point Road area. The bike, valued at approximately \$200, was taken from the junction of Kings Road and Beaver Point Road.

Sometime between the end of January and February 7, vandals damaged a vehicle abandoned along Cusheon Lake Road.

Cst. Jim Harrison of Ganges detachment said the vehicle, which had been left along the road for some time, was found in the ditch February 7. Persons unknown had

tried unsuccessfully to remove its battery and radio.

Anyone who may have seen the vandalism taking place is asked to call the detachment.

On the same day, mail boxes at the corner of Beaver Point and Cusheon Lake roads were tipped over. "This seems to be becoming a local pastime," said Cst. Harrison, who added that action will be taken against anyone caught committing such an offense.

On February 4, a single vehicle accident occurred on Beaver Point Road.

In that incident, a vehicle driven by Heather Blagdon ended up in the ditch after meeting an oncoming vehicle. Police have identified the other driver involved in the incident.

Ganges RCMP have also received a report of a lost or stolen black leather purse.

The article, belonging to Heather Jones, is thought to have gone missing at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Anyone having found this purse or knowing its whereabouts is asked to contact the RCMP.

And finally, police are investigating an incident of hit and run that likely occurred sometime near the end of January on Galiano Island.

A vehicle belonging to Galiano resident Mary Wilson sustained damage to its front bumper and light area while along Sturdies Bay Road.

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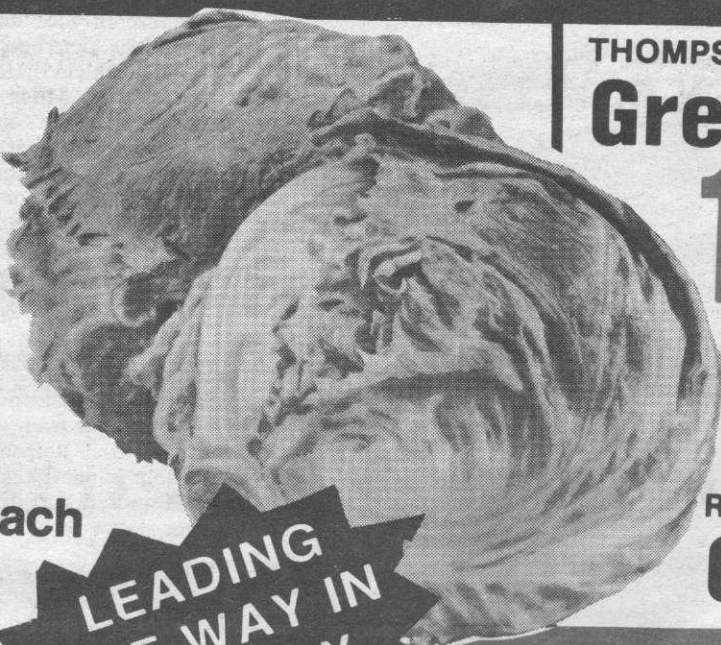
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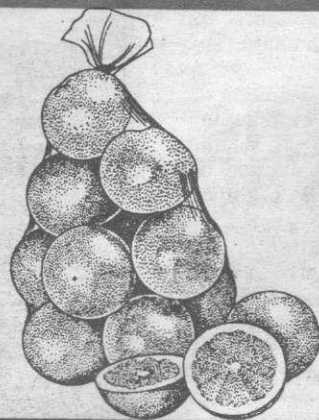
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