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## New friend

Greenwoods resident Barbarta Dicconson gives a tentative pat to dog owned by Daisy Steggle. The care home recently hosted several dogs and owners from the Salt Spring Island Dog Obedience group. The obedience class demonstrated its techniques and provided Greenwoods residents with an opportunity to meet the animals.

## School tax hike tied to Victoria

A government plan to "spread the wealth" to poorer B.C. school districts will mean an increased financial burden for taxpayers in the Gulf Islands.

An altered formula for distributing education funds means Gulf Islanders will pay \$6.36 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. This compares to last year's cost of \$5.01 per \$1,000.

School Board Trustees say 80 per cent of the increase is due to a new government formula designed to take money from wealthier communities and distribute it to poorer areas.

The total of assessed property values in the Gulf Island school district is close to \$600 million. The total, according to Superintendent of Schools Mike Mar-

shall, is quite high for the number of people living here.

The difference made by the new government formula can be seen by comparing the ministry of education's share in budgets over the last three years. In 1986, the government contributed approximately \$3.1 million, while the local taxpayer contributed less than \$2.7 million.

In 1987, the taxpayer paid close to \$3.6 million, while the government chipped in approximately \$2.9 million. In 1988, the taxpayer's portion will climb to nearly \$3.9 million, and the ministry's to \$3.1 million.

What it boils down to, says school board chairman David Eyles, is that the province now

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## Funds aid islander

Salt Spring Islanders raised \$4,800 in three days last week to help fund a cancer victim's visit to the Mayo Clinic.

"It's incredible," Bank of Montreal employee Dawn Byron said Monday of the generosity of islanders on behalf of Darlene Kopp, the 35-year-old daughter of long-time islanders Terry and Marge Byron.

The fund was launched by the Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, which contributed an initial \$1,000 to the cause. Other service clubs and organizations immediately followed suit, and collection cans left at various island business premises quickly filled up with contributions.

Kopp left for the Mayo Clinic earlier this week for assessment of

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## Logging road sought in ecological reserve

An application to haul logs across an ecological reserve on Salt Spring Island is being studied by the provincial government.

The application, made last month by Murray Cyprus in connection with his plans to log land on a 602-acre parcel on Mt. Tuam, seeks permission to remove the timber from the land by crossing an ecological reserve to the southeast.

Dr. Louise Goulet, co-ordinator of ecological reserves for the provincial environment ministry, indicated Monday there may be cause to approve the application, but that her office is "looking at all the options" before making a recommendation to the minister.

The central question, she continued, is whether it would be possible to remove the timber from Mt. Tuam without crossing the reserve. While Dr. Goulet's office is charged with protecting ecological reserves, it cannot limit the landowner's access to his timber or deny his right to

retrieve that timber, she said.

However, she said Cyprus has not clearly demonstrated that it would be impossible to remove the timber using other routes, even if those other routes prove more expensive.

There is already one road across the ecological reserve. It was installed before reserve status was granted in 1971 and remains to provide limited access for homeowners to the west of the reserve.

The application by Cyprus seeks construction of a connecting road across the reserve, to link the southern slope of his Mt. Tuam property to Mountain Road. The spur would cross the reserve at an angle, Dr. Goulet said, and provide access to about 40 hectares of timber.

Cyprus, meanwhile, said Monday that two engineers spent two weeks searching the Mt. Tuam property for alternative access routes and could find none.

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## Halt ordered to encroachment in Arnell Park

The ministry of forestry and lands has physical evidence of encroachment in Peter Arnell Park but says it cannot take any type of action until the original land title has been examined.

Lands officer Phillip Christie joined several members of the Salt Spring Parks and Recreation Commission last week for an on-site inspection of encroachments made onto the park property by a logging company taking trees from the adjoining Stewart Road property being developed by Murray Cyprus.

Commission member John Woodward said the group was viewing one portion of the park when the sound of a logging truck was heard nearby. On in-

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## Tree-cutting bylaw slated for reading

A bylaw to control tree-cutting on Salt Spring is expected to receive first reading at this Friday's meeting of the local Islands Trust Committee.

First reading would take the proposed bylaw to public hearing. Following that, two more readings and a referral to the minister of municipal affairs would be required before the bylaw would again go before the Trust for fourth reading and final adoption.

Provisions of the proposed bylaw were outlined at an information meeting held last Tuesday night in the Activity Centre of Salt Spring Elementary School.

The audience of about 100 people heard that the new measures would designate lands in the Trust's uplands and forest zone as tree-cutting permit areas. The zone covers all of the 4,800 acres formerly owned by MacMillan-Blodell and recently sold to private owners.

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## Peter Arnell route closed to machinery

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Investigating, they discovered a skidder pulling a fully-loaded truck across an area of land approximately 100 feet within the park boundary.

The vehicles were driving through what was formerly an overgrown logging road. The area had been encroached upon previously, and Cyprus had been asked to keep the logging equipment off the area.

The land officer blocked the road's exit and took photographs of the violation.

Christie also posted cease and desist signs, directed at Cyprus and logging company, Dorman Timber. The ministry is advising people not to use the land until it has further information on the administrative clauses held in the park's land title.

The legal implications of the violation remain uncertain. According to the ministry's senior land officer, Doug Berry, the ramifications can only be determined after the original land title has been examined.

There could be a clause in the title, he says, that allows public use of historic roads.

It took the ministry of forestry and lands some time to track down the administrative body controlling the park. At the time *Driftwood* went to press, the ministry had determined that it was the administrative body responsible for the park, but had not examined the original title.

Berry said the park was apparently created with the intention of making it a local, community park region. The formalized transfer of the area from provincial government to local government never took place, however.

Berry said the ministry's next step is to advise the Capital Regional District (CRD) that the property is available. If the CRD wishes to acquire the park, it must make formal application to the ministry.

Dr. Hugh Borsman, Salt Spring's representative to the CRD, was not available to comment on what action the CRD might take.

In the meantime, Cyprus said he intends to apply to the ministry of forestry and lands for a permit to use a "sliver" of park land.

Cyprus noted the area in question is an historic road. He has offered to use his equipment to make the road more permanent, and to clear out an area for parking space.

# Jail term handed down for assault

## Domestic dispute preceded conviction

A Galiano man who said he tried everything to get rid of his common law wife was sentenced to nine months in jail after pleading guilty to assaulting the woman.

"It was an instance of spousal assault," Judge R.E. Hudson said in Ganges provincial court last week. He added that some provocation for the fight was evident, "but circumstances do not justify the force that was used."

Peter Rabatich, 40, will spend nine months in jail, followed by two years' probation.

Anne Graham, the victim of the February 13 assault, suffered facial injuries, fractures to one arm and a ruptured windpipe. She was transferred from Galiano Island to Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring, and then to the Royal

Jubilee Hospital in Victoria.

Crown Counsel Derek Lister told the court the incident took place one morning after Graham returned home late from work the night before. He said Rabatich threw Graham off the porch, and that the entire fight occurred while their four- and six-year-old daughters looked on.

Judge Hudson told Rabatich, who defended himself, that the charge could net him up to 10 years in jail.

"All I wanted to do is get her out," Rabatich said. "I've asked her to leave for the last three months. I've called the Crisis Line

and said *come and take her.*"

Rabatich said the fight ensued when Graham refused to get off the couch. He said she sneaked into the house; he had not wanted her to come in. He admitted throwing her off the porch.

"If I get 10 years in jail, so be it," Rabatich said. "As long as I spend no more time with her."

Witness for the defence was Mark Matthews, who resides with Rabatich and Graham. He said that while he did not see the fight, he could hear much of what was said. He said he heard Graham say: "I've got you now." He saw the woman land on the ground

outside, but was not witness to how she got there.

Matthews told the court he called the children over when he saw what was happening.

Under cross-examination, Lister asked Matthews if he did not consider it a bullying act to throw a woman out the door. He noted Matthews made no move to help Graham, who was bleeding and obviously hurt.

"There is a total lack of remorse," Lister concluded, after hearing Rabatich's defence. Lister recommended a substantial period of incarceration. "It's not the way you treat a woman," he said.

Noting Rabatich's lack of compassion, Judge Hudson said: "You are operating from a basis which is incorrect and wrong."

## Fund-raising collects \$4,800 in three days

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two suspected tumors that have so far escaped diagnosis in Canada. Dawn Byron said Kopp's problems began with breast cancer, later included a bronchial tumor and have since caused her to have difficulty breathing.

The drive to raise funds on behalf of Kopp reached \$5,000 before she left for the Mayo Clinic, and will continue at least until a diagnosis is made at the Mayo Clinic.

"The length of the appeal will depend on what happens down there," Dawn Byron said. "How long she's there, and the type of treatment she'll need, will tell us how much we'll need. Right now, there's no definite figure."

The Royal Canadian Legion and the Byron family are spearheading the fund-raising appeal. Donations may be made at the Bank of Montreal, to the Byron family or through businesses displaying collection cans. The fund is being administered by trustees.

## Beating earns islander fine, week stay in cells

A former Salt Spring man was sentenced to seven days in jail and ordered to pay a \$150 fine after he pleaded guilty last week to a charge of assault.

The 19-year-old Tofino resident, Melvin Dean Sport, recently graduated from an alcohol rehabilitation program at Round Lake.

"I appreciate your efforts to meet the challenge of your addiction to alcohol," Judge R.E. Hudson told Sport in Ganges provincial court, "but deliberate violence on these islands . . . cannot be treated lightly."

Sport was charged following an incident in Moutat's Park last June, following a high school graduation party. Police received reports that an individual had been beaten in the park. They attended, and took the youth to Lady Minto Hospital, where he

was treated for facial injuries.

Crown Counsel Derek Lister told the court Sport hit and kneed the youth, then told him to clean up and keep quiet about the incident.

Counsel for the defence, M. Gray, told the court his client has not consumed any alcohol since the completion of the alcohol rehabilitation program. Sport, he said, also joined an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) program while recently residing in Vancouver.

Gray indicated Sport has employment in Tofino. He described the incident as "a high school fight in some ways."

Judge Hudson agreed Sport's efforts towards curbing his drinking problem are commendable. He felt, however, that Sport has been treated with leniency in the past.

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Proud momma of three-day-old twin calves, Bonnie and Clyde, nudges towards the gate as owner Arty Winnifred's Cranberry Road farm since the early Howard fastens it closed. The early March birth marks 1970s.

## For Mt. Tuam timber

# Ecological reserve logging route sought

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Dr. Goulet, however, said there is a chance an older road on the northwest side of the reserve might be usable. If so, its use would present minimal damage to the reserve, she said. The older road can only be reached across another owner's property, however.

"It's far from ideal for him (Cyprus), but it would let him take his timber out," she said.

Dr. Goulet indicated she opposes the plan proposed in the application made by Cyprus because her office feels it would cause too much damage to the reserve. It also has the potential to damage the entire ecological reserve program, she added.

A final decision on the application would be made by the environment minister. Dr. Goulet stressed that protection of the reserve cannot come at the ex-

pense of a neighbouring landowner's rights, and indicated that a stalemate might force a section of the reserve to be deleted to allow construction of a road.

"We're caught in the middle," she said of her office. "This is not a clear-cut case. We will not have a position until all of the information is in."

Whether the recommendations made by her office at that point will be accepted by the environment minister is another question entirely, she indicated.

The ecological reserve covers 224 hectares. It was established in 1971.

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## Operating budget set

Gulf Islands school district trustees approved a provisional operating budget for the coming school year at a special meeting held Monday.

The budget, which totals \$7.08 million, marks a \$632,449 increase over last year's operating costs.

Trustees say the difference results from a six per cent increase for inflation and growth in each operating area. Some additional money has been budgeted for maintenance and transportation costs.

Teaching costs make up 52.4 per cent, or approximately \$3.7 million of the budget. Special education accounts for 13.6 per cent of the total; administration, 7.9 per cent; maintenance, 14.6 per cent; transportation, 8.1 per cent; and other, 3.4 per cent.

## New formula leads to school levy increases

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contributes about 45 per cent towards the school budget, whereas before it chipped in about 55 per cent of the budget.

The new policy was not phased in as expected, making the increase in local taxes substantial this year. Next year, however, projections suggest only a minor increase will occur.

The tax increase will not affect homeowners over the age of 65, whose assessed property value is less than \$100,000. Those people owning property valued at less than \$100,000 will pay no school

taxes.

An individual under 65 years of age who, for example, owns real estate valued at \$80,000 will pay \$508.60. After subtracting the homeowners grant, this total will be \$128.60. In 1987, this total would have been \$55.49. An individual owning real estate valued at \$160,000, will pay \$637.21 after the homeowners grant is subtracted, compared to \$422.76 last year.

While the increase appears substantial in many cases, Marshall notes the new rate of \$6.36 per \$1,000 may well be among the lowest in the province.

## New faces grace commission

The 1988 parks and recreation commission has more new faces than old. The familiar faces include chairman Phil Hume, regional director Hugh Borsman, treasurer Edith Sacker, secretary Linda Stafford, school board representative Ian Fraser and maintenance employee Bruce McFadyen.

The new faces belong to Neville Smith, Matt Flanagan, Rob Dunn, Lawrie Neish, John Woodward, Kellie Booth and Claire Allen.

## Applause given to wrong father

Cowichan-Malahat-The-Islands MP Jim Manly (NDP) was given some of the credit for the success of a Canadian at the Winter Olympics in Calgary.

Manly reported recently that when he returned to his Ottawa home after a fisheries tour in B.C., he found "all sorts of congratulatory messages" waiting for him.

"With all other Canadians, I feel great pride in our new skating champion, Elizabeth Manley," he said. "However, much as I might like to claim this vital young woman as my kin, I cannot. I lack the e in my last name."

Manly said he would like to thank all the Canadians who called or wrote to congratulate him on the achievements of his "daughter."

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Among the islands the aging Islands Trust has been something of a sacred cow. Frequently becalmed, sometimes condemned by the people it seeks to serve, it has been consistently championed by great numbers of islanders and outsiders whenever it has come under provincial attack.

Municipal affairs ministers have viewed the Trust as everything from a valuable asset and an experiment in conservation, to an upstart in the netherworld of government and an abomination. One minister would promote the Trust only to be followed by a new appointee who would condemn it.

It has not only been ministers who have been critical of the Trust. Many residents have criticized its decisions in respect of specific planning proposals and it has come under fire for its apparent readiness to ignore administrative boundaries. If the Trust has shown a fondness for other people's pastures in the all-embracing name of protection and preservation, that wanderlust was evident in those pastures suffering from inadequate use.

Trustees have, from time to time, shown a fervour for supporting functions somewhat beyond the terms of reference contained within the Islands Trust Act which specifies its functions and duties, or the Municipal Act which establishes the manner in which those duties and functions shall be carried out.

Yet, whenever there has been a call for a supportive opinion, the Islands Trust has won islands support hands down.

Classic criticism was expressed by the Capital Regional District when a referendum was presented to islanders inviting them to state their preference for planning by region or planning by Trust. The municipal affairs minister at the time, Hugh Curtis, made no attempt to hinder its presentation, although the matter was a little beyond the region's function.

The Trust came out with flying colours. Voters' support was beyond challenge.

In recent months there have been a number of controversial proposals put forward for the modification of the Trust administration. Most significant has been the Mercier Report whereby a provincial governmental committee recommended that the Islands Trust become a regional district.

Not even the Trust was quite prepared for the recommendation. Trust chairman Nick Gilbert found himself echoing the Capital Region's criticisms of the proposal.

"Thanks! But no, thanks!" came the final response from the Trust council.

The same council, representing the 26 trustees of 13 designated islands, took up the proposal with the recommendation that the Trust be re-established as a municipal form of government with powers to tax island properties for its revenues. The proposal would see an end to the present procedures whereby the Trust is an internal department of the municipal affairs ministry, employing ministry staff and largely funded by an allocation of ministry monies.

The recommendation has yet to be examined by the minister, Rita Johnston, and her staff, before any decision might be reached. The proposal would institute a new level of government in the islands and the third municipal government in the event of any component seeking incorporation.

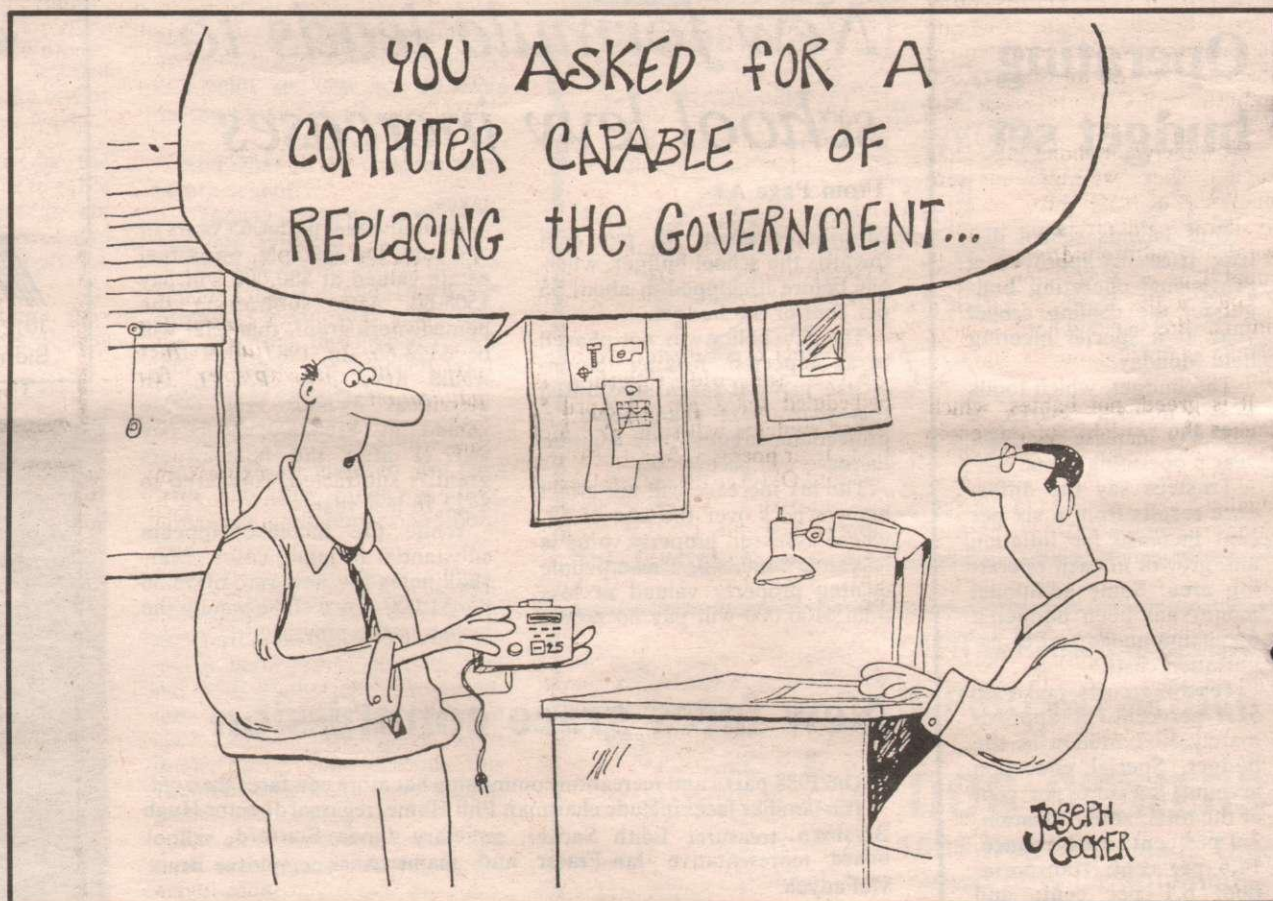
## Consider vote for Trust plan

Should the minister favour this route towards a new concept of land-use administration, she might well offer the suggestion as a referendum in the islands. Approval of such a vote would represent an advance endorsement by the beneficiaries of the plan who would be, equally, the plan's underwriters.

Its rejection, unlikely as that might seem to many, would represent a useful guide to the popular esteem in which the Trust is held.

This approach to a sweeping change in the nature of the Trust is taken without an examination of other concerns which must arise from the proposed change. It is quite possible that the council's recommendations will not reach the point where a vote could do any good. Our hunch is that it will stop there and no official action will be taken.

But if the ultimate plan is to give the Trust council proposal the green light, it might be a valuable invitation to islanders to put their mouth where their money is.



## One boulder larger than others

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL

Sorting through the issues surrounding MacMillan-Bloedel's former Salt Spring Island properties is no longer a simple case of studying alternate perspectives or weighing apples against oranges. I liken it to wandering into a vacant lot and trying to choose which one of nine or 12 rocks are worth peering under today.

Just consider, for a moment, how this thing has evolved in the past 10 week:

- We started with a transfer of titles from MB to a realty company, a rush of purchasers and public concern being raised over the fate of the properties.
- Next up was the arrival of logging equipment, fears expressed about the impacts of cutting, calculations of timber inventories and acreage, and a plunge into the heady world of forestry economics.
- Then we saw release of the details of the land-swap offer MB made to the Trust before the properties went into private hands, accompanied by

suggestions it meant forsaking the devil we know for the one we don't.

- Back on track, we then lurched through the fine print of density transfer and bonus concepts, details of rezoning procedures, restrictive covenants and comprehensive development plans, and speculation about negotiation priorities and propriety affecting all of the above. A real mouthful.
  - Just when that was getting sorted out, along came a proposed tree-cutting bylaw in response to concern about erosion and into the face of fears about infringement on the rights of the individual property owner.
  - Next up were flurries about cutting activities encroaching on Peter Arnell Park and the possibility that logs will be hauled through an ecological reserve at the south end of the island.
- Have we overlooked anything? Well, yes — forgotten momentarily are the connections to provincial ministries like forestry and municipal affairs, the upturn in the log market and the economics of second-growth

timber, the long-term impact a rush of development would have on local land values, the question of trail networks and other development trade-offs, the plans of a lot of property owners we haven't heard from, the comparison to what's happening on Galiano Island . . .

You get the picture. There are enough rocks out there to build a stone wall from Vesuvius to Fulford.

But one boulder is a little bigger than the others. Filter out all of the above and think of the whole 4,800 acres of former MB properties as a question of control over local land use. What we're really trying to decide here is not tree-cutting or density bonuses or the worth of deals gone sour — we're discussing who should have a say in how this is resolved, and how much weight each speaker or government agency should have in the process.

There are two ways we can deal with all those rocks in the vacant lot. We can toss the little ones at each other, or we put a lot of shoulders into that one big boulder.

## Right to life?

Sir,  
I just can't believe what I read in Andrew Gibson's March 9 column. He has defended the right to life of convicted criminals and political prisoners in other countries, and opposed torture, yet he denies the innocent unborn the right to life. He denies them the right to be protected from the torture of a concentrated saline solution that scalds them to death, or a suction that rips them from the warm safety of the womb. And for what reason? "They weren't wanted," he says.

Do we want the criminals? Then why not kill them. Do we want the political foe? Why should they live?

If you're going to pick and choose who has the right to life and who doesn't, isn't it more reasonable to choose life for an innocent new person full of potential for the future?

Not wanted. Why not? There has probably never been a more fortunate people or time than here and now. We are fed, clothed, educated, entertained, insured, pensioned and spoiled rotten. There's less risk now in giving birth than at any other time in history, and our birth rate in Canada is below replacement level — yet with all that, 11,000 unborn in B.C. were killed last year.

If people want choice, it comes sooner. There are numerous safe methods of safe birth control available, and if people don't want any more children there is tubal ligation or vasectomy.

Once a life is begun, it is a human life. Our whole society should stand behind its right to life.

It is greed, not babies, which causes the hardship of the poor. Those who would kill the babies as a "solution" join Hitler, who legalized abortion in 1933, for the same reasons we are claiming now — maternal and fetal health. Have we already forgotten his "final solution?"

We should join Mother Teresa of Calcutta in fighting abortion with adoption, and with compassion and dignity for all humanity.

I know at least five adults who were adopted as infants. All are glad to be alive and are grateful to both biological and adoptive parents for the love which gave them life.

**NANCY WIGEN,**  
Fulford Harbour.

## Naive view

Sir,  
Having read Mr. Andrew Clarke's letter on the virtues of money, I am struck with a rather naive view of Salt Spring. In no community have I encountered such richness of spirit and valuable humanity which has nothing to do with a monetary situation. Beside this, the unquenchable greed of a few stands out in bold relief. Again, it's not a question of monetary worth (so-called).

I think we need to have great compassion for these poor devils whose only satisfaction is in taking as much advantage of everyone and every situation as possible. They have nothing because they have chosen to be nothing, placing ahead of everything the accumulation of what is possibly one of the most useless of things. Money is not synonymous with life, health, friendship, human value.

In short, nothing of worth can be bought. Only the truly greedy and deformed have as their primary interest this craving to stuff themselves totally. I'm not so sure that a big load of super

consumers will add anything to life here.

The people I respect, admire and value in this society are those who "share". Whether they have much or little stuff does not matter. Every healthy person has wealth to share. Only the circle of greed never has enough for themselves. These over-stuffed dead leave nothing of worth to show they were here. There is no intelligence in this.

Hooray for the givers — those who think of others before themselves, those who give to the environment and to each other. These people are fun to be with. They invigorate, they love, they live! Their hands are open. They can be trusted. Some of them have lots of money and it has not poisoned them. Some have very little and still they are not poor. If it were not for these people, life would not be worth living.

Sorry I cannot say the same for the circle of greed, having privatized themselves from life. I'd rather put my oar in with the clowns.

**LEROY JENSEN,**  
Vesuvius Bay.

## Music spirit

Sir,  
As the school district's Fine Arts Festival gets under way, students from Fulford School will be taking their music, art and poems out into the community.

On March 21, the choir will visit Greenwoods where it will entertain the residents with a lively program.

Another event planned to bring young and old together is scheduled for 2 pm on April 5, when students will sing, play and read their poems and stories at the Fulford Old Age Pensioners' social afternoon. When I first approached the OAP regarding this event, I received a most enthusiastic response which prompted me to realize the need for more interaction between schools and other community groups. I hope this will be one of the many occasions when young and old can come together. Communicating through art is an exciting experience which can be shared by all.

As music specialist at Fulford, I invite anyone to drop into a music class on any Wednesday from now through April. Classes are held in the Kindergarten room between 11:30 am and 3 pm and the choir rehearses during noon hour. Don't expect polished performances: our emphasis is on process and creative problem solving. The students continually delight me with their creativity, their love of singing and their musical spirit.

**LYNNE QUINN,**  
Fulford Harbour.

## letters

### Good work

Sir,  
*Salute to the Century*, put on by the Gulf Islands Secondary School music department Saturday evening, entertained and delighted several hundred islanders. I believe those of us who saw this spectacular performance could only be impressed by such a concerted effort by students, teachers, parents and the community.

We are lucky, indeed, to have such talented and committed people on these islands. Public education and our high school in particular should be building on such strengths. Most of us are only too willing to pick on weaknesses rather than helping school and students build on real talents.

The GISS parent group meets on the first Monday of every month. Along with Principal John Wellingham and the odd trustee, it is working hard to give positive input to improve the school and its responsiveness to student and community needs. The school will only be as good as its parts — i.e., teachers, students, parents and community. Let's use such wonderful successes as the *Salute to the Century* as models for excellence in education in our schools.

**CHARLES HINGSTON,**  
Fulford Harbour.

### Uneasiness

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to MLAs Mel Couvelier and Terry Huberts, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

Sirs,  
I am writing to express my concern about the logging operation now taking place along Stewart Road on Salt Spring Island, on lands formerly owned by MacMillan-Bloedel Ltd.

Very shortly after the transfer of almost 5,000 acres of M-B land, extremely large logging equipment arrived on the island, and crews began logging along Stewart Road. While the area currently being logged may not be that large (it's hard to tell exactly), the size and the amount of the machinery that's been brought in would indicate that much more logging activity is planned on the island.

Because the new owners of the MB land are private individuals, their plans do not have to be made public, and their activities cannot be regulated. This leaves many of us with an uneasy feeling. Just how extensive will the logging on these 5,000 acres be?

While I do not pretend to be knowledgeable about the impacts

of various types of logging on the environment, it does appear that the present logging activity is more destructive than I believe it should be. I do wonder about the impacts on watershed and drainage areas, and wonder if these have been adequately considered by the developers.

I also believe that there are larger issues at stake here, if only because of the size of the area which might potentially be logged. I would like to know what use these lands are going to be put to after they are logged? Residential development? It seems to me that the Gulf Islands still do represent an opportunity for wilderness or remote tourist activities, within a short distance of major urban centres.

If logging and development occurs on the scale that these properties could allow, that opportunity will almost undoubtedly be lost. The time for us — all of us — to consider the future of the Gulf Islands is now. Do we want them to become suburbs of Vancouver and Victoria, or do we want to preserve them for the recreational enjoyment of future generations? I do not believe that we can have it both ways.

I would like to suggest that the logging activity on all of the Gulf Islands, but in particular the current activity on Salt Spring Island, be stopped until we have a clearer understanding of its impact

on the environment and on the future recreational and residential uses of the islands.

It seems to me that there ought to be some mechanism for controlling development, even on private lands, on these islands, and that this control should logically rest with the Islands Trust. The power of the Trust is at present so restricted that it cannot hope to participate meaningfully in planning for the island's development. Why have a Trust if it is not empowered to act?

Many, many people on Salt Spring Island feel frustrated, concerned about the nature of the development that is taking place, and unable to participate meaningfully in decisions regarding that development. As usual, the power rests in the hands of a few, who presume to dictate to the rest the kind of community we shall have. It is a most unsatisfactory arrangement, and one that I believe could be greatly improved if a body such as the Islands Trust were given more control, with a mandate also to involve the local citizens in the planning of their environment.

The Gulf Islands are a precious part of this province, one worth taking more time to consider. Please get involved now, before it is too late (more land is being logged with each hour you delay). I would appreciate a response to this letter, outlining what steps are being taken to ensure more thoughtful development of the islands' resources.

**JULIA ATKINS,**  
Fulford Harbour.

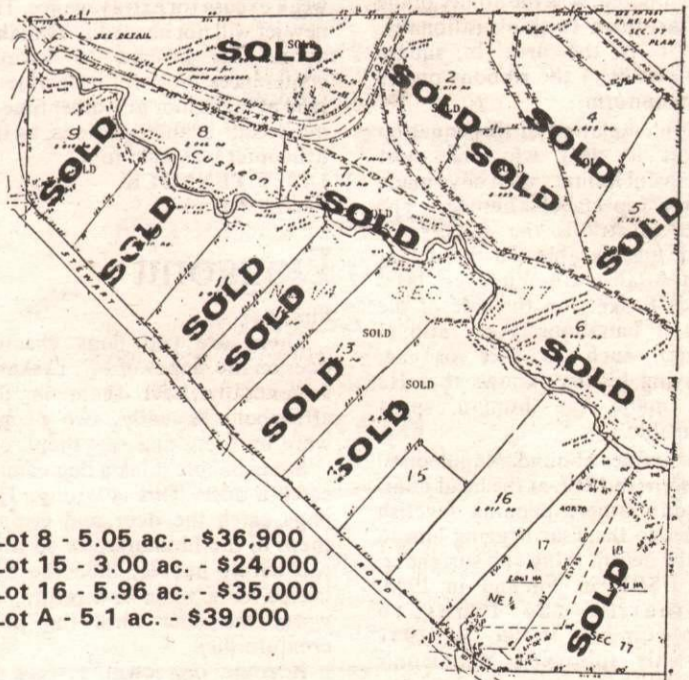
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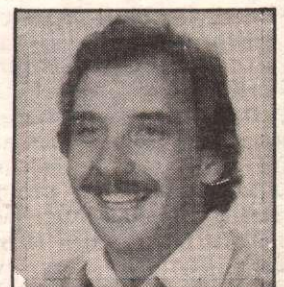
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# Do dreamers threaten Canada's security?

## Visionaries lead sheltered lives — ones insulated from reality

By ANDREW GIBSON

Canadians disagree about defense policy. Do we really need submarines, frigates, Malaventure-class carriers, explosive fighter planes? Are our battalions in Europe essential for making German strip-joints profitable? Would the Cruise be more reliable if shipped by CN? Are sailors in green uniforms demoralized by being mistaken for doormen? Will women have rolls in combat, and, if so, with whom?

There is no consensus about any of these crucial matters. The trouble is that we have so many dreamers, visionaries and impractical persons who have led secure, sheltered lives, insulated from reality.

I refer, of course, to our military men, particularly to the senior ones with access to our young defence minister. They have launched his beautifully coifed but impressionable head high into the (mushroom) clouds, so that he is now talking minister-of-attack nuclear submarines.

Although we must be firm with these bubbleheads, we should not blame them. Representing modest, self-effacing Canada, they yet get to hobnob with Pentagon fire-breathers, and so are programmed to deal with the irrational as if it made sense. Such goofy concepts as decapitation strikes, megadeaths, backyard shelters, Star Wars and limited nuclear warfare are discussed with no rolling-in-the-aisle. But they cannot be blamed — they are just this generation's crop of what has always been a problem for the world's sensible people: how to keep the military from going ape.

The tendency to do so has been studied by the world's greatest thinkers, and has been quantified by the formula  $X$  equals  $1$  divided by  $r$ -squared.  $X$  is the ability of the military man to think rationally, and  $r$  is the area in square centimetres of the ribbons on his dress uniform.

Contemplation of this equation makes it clear why the most successful military men have made the most spectacular blunders. The more illustrious the career, the more unshakable the belief that God-Allah-Odin-Whoever is a power-broker, on the side of the biggest battalions. Any rational person, such as thee or me, studying history, knows that He has made the human spirit invincible.

Examples abound. Napoleon in Moscow in 1812, at the head of his Grand Armee, penning feverish letters to the Tsar begging him to do the decent thing and surrender; the USSR in Finland in 1940, entreating the Finns to compromise; Hitler in 1941 slavishly following Napoleon's example in Russia; America hoping to make North Vietnam see reason by bombing it back to the stone age; the Soviets in Afghanistan; Reagan's America in Nicaragua; and finally, and tragically, Israel, a country born of the Holocaust, in her occupied territories.

In mentioning these sad histories I am not at all suggesting that our leaders, restrained as they are by the fact that we are not, to say the least, a major power, are longing to get into the military major leagues. Still, our treaties have made it absolutely certain that, should one or other of the major powers go crazy, we Canadians are in nuclear lock-step.

This is not rational. Is there another country in the world

which does not have as its bottom-line its own national interest? Certainly our neighbour does, to the extent that it confidently expects other countries to be governed accordingly.

Canada, with goodwill to all, malice to none, desiring, like its national beaver, to be left in peace to tend its wood and water, should not try to bristle with armaments.

Are we likely to be physically invaded from over the North Pole or across the 40th parallel? Neither madness is likely, but both are remotely possible, given the previously-explained military

dementia. It is far more likely that the competing great powers will try to take us over by agit-prop. Normally we identify closely with our neighbours to the south, even under Reagan, but what if Pat Robertson becomes president? Will we all have to speak in tongues and agree that the world began 6,000-odd years ago? Or, if glasnost continues in the USSR, will (shudder) our soup-kitchen customers lose their enthusiasm for capitalism?

If we Canadians really think that we have a tolerance and a concept of democracy that the whole world

should embrace, then we should look to our defenses. Our first task is to promote, not economic equality, but social justice. We need quality education, in the inner city as in suburbia. We need a living minimum wage. We need day care, so that poor children can grow up to be assets to Canada. We need medicare not chipped away to nothing. We need, in short, a level playing field for our most potent anti-invasion weapon, namely our citizenry. We do not need unfeeling confrontational demagogues.

When this first and by far most important line of defense is in

place, we may look to the second. We will have the wherewithal for a well-trained, well-motivated fighting force, prepared to defend our country in the same efficient way that the Finns and the Vietnamese defended theirs.

How will we pay for the social programs for the first line of defense? That's easy — with the money made from the increased productivity of a well-educated, contented citizenry, and with what we save by not buying apocalyptic playthings for our gallant but naive and misled military.

Are there any further questions?

## more letters

### Foolishness

Sir,

Bill Vander Zalm and his treasurer, Mel Couvelier, our MLA, seem to be becoming penny-wise and pound-foolish. Shortly after the announcement of the plan to purchase a multi-million dollar luxury jet comes word that the provincial helicopter ambulance will be cut to save money.

Surely it would be more cost-effective for cabinet ministers to fly commercial business class with its perks of fine (imported) wine and gourmet cuisine. For the King and his new ministers of state, if business-class air travel doesn't provide sufficient luxury, there is always first class — still a lot cheaper, I expect, than the purchase and maintenance, with borrowed money, of an expensive luxury jet.

The statement that the new luxury jet will be equipped in part as an ambulance seems a pretty weak excuse for extravagance. The new jet will not be readily available as it flits around to various conferences, nor will it be able to land at night, nor any other time at most Gulf Island locations, as the helicopter was able to do.

CLIFF PENNOCK,  
Pender Island.

### Doggonit

Sir,

There are two dogs chasing deer on the slopes of Mt. Erskine. I generally hear them in the afternoon. Recently, two people were up there and saw them.

Some people think a dog cannot catch a deer. This is wrong. The dogs catch the deer and cripple them in the hindquarters so they can barely hobble, then the dog leaves for a while and returns to worry the deer until the poor creature dies.

If some dog owners were to come across a nearly-dead deer in the woods — one that was being mauled by dogs — they might change their thinking about how harmless it is for their dogs to get exercise by chasing deer.

LASSIE DODDS,  
Ganges.

### Rebuttal

Sir,

In a recent letter to *Driftwood*, Eugene Kaellis accused me of ignorance regarding the events which led to the Zionist occupation of Palestine. On the contrary, it is Mr. Kaellis who either is ignorant of the historical facts or refuses to acknowledge the truth. It is precisely because I am aware of many of the historical

facts that I denounce the Zionist entity and its legacy of terror.

Mr. Kaellis' retort that "Israel did not seize Palestine and expel Palestinians" is not supported by the record of history. The Palestinians did not invite Zionists into Palestine, nor did the Palestinians give away or sell their country to the foreigners.

About 100 years ago, members of the world Jewish establishment began to declare a desire to take over Palestine for the benefit of Judaism. However, until the late 19th Century, the population of Palestine consisted almost entirely of Arab Moslems and Christians. The Turkish Empire allowed some Zionist Jews to immigrate to Palestine prior to World War One; the first significant immigration occurred in 1882. By 1917, Jews constituted about five per cent of the population.

During British rule after the war, Zionist immigration was imposed upon the people of Palestine at a much greater rate. Jewish influence in the British government produced a slow invasion of hundreds of thousands of Zionists. The Palestinians, without political control of their own land, were powerless to stop the unwelcome migration. By 1946, the population included about 1.3 million Arabs and about 680 thousand non-Arab Jews.

The Zionists had formed terrorist organizations prior to 1940. Even before Britain's mandate terminated on May 15, 1948, armies of Zionist terrorists attacked Arab towns and seized Palestinian territory. With poor weaponry and leadership, the Palestinians were unable to effectively defend themselves, and tens of thousands of them fled to neighbouring Arab countries. By 1949, the only parts of Palestine which remained free from Zionist conquest were the West Bank and Gaza Strip areas. In 1967, the Zionists seized those lands too.

Mr. Kaellis' statement — "When the British mandate was terminated, the UN decided to partition Palestine" — is misleading. The UN General Assembly did vote, in 1947, for a recommendation to divide Palestine. The partition plan proposed to give the Zionists 55 per cent of Palestine despite the facts that the Zionists owned only eight per cent of the total area, that they constituted only about 35 per cent of the population and that non-Jewish Arabs formed nearly half the population of the area designated as a potential Jewish state. Clearly, the UN proposal was most unfair and irresponsible.

However, Britain subsequently refused to participate in the partition administration and, two months before the termination of

the mandate, the UN had decided that it could not implement the plan. The only partition program was performed with Zionist bullets and bombs.

Finally, the dream of many Palestinians for the "total destruction" of the parasitic Zionist entity is fully justified. Palestinians should never be expected to recognize any right of Israel to exist.

CHRIS LITTLER,  
Ganges.

### Clear-cut

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to Municipal Affairs Minister Rita Johnston, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

Sir,

We are faced with clear-cut logging on 5,000 acres on Salt Spring Island. Who in the B.C. government is responsible to oversee proper logging practices on streams, waterways and steep slopes?

The timber logged is of poor quality second-growth, full of knots and hollow butt, and without government regulation the timber will be bulldozed and hauled out as cheaply as possible.

The taxpayers here will pay dearly for this. We are already suffering erosion problems from previous operations. Basically we are having homeowner washouts and the harbour is actually filling with silt at the Sailing Club. Due to this the budget of the highways department has increased.

An immediate answer would be appreciated.

FRANK BANNON,  
Ganges.

### Minstrels

Sir,

In 1986 Peter, Paul and Mary (remember them? — Puff the Magic Dragon, Lemon Tree, If I Had A Hammer, Blowing in the Wind) travelled through El Salvador and Nicaragua, to see the effects of United States foreign policy for themselves. They were warned before they left: don't let yourselves get brainwashed. They met with politicians and peasants, generals and orphans. They sang in tents and hospitals, with popular local musicians and with children displaced by war. At the end of their tour, they tell us, they haven't been brainwashed; instead, they feel "heartwashed" by all they've seen and heard.

A wonderful video was made of their tour, capturing the highlights of their journey and the many moving encounters they had along the way. *Tools for Peace* and the Teachers' Committee in Solidarity

with El Salvador will show the video on Monday, March 21 at 7:30 at the Salt Spring Elementary School Library. Admission is free and everyone is invited.

As Americans, Peter Paul and Mary were travelling through two small countries ravaged by wars their own government was committed to prolonging. Their honesty in refusing to evade the painful questions this raised for them is a good part of the video's appeal.

As Canadians, the questions we face with regards to the wars in Central America are different. They have more to do with Canada's diplomatic and aid policies in the region and less with direct or indirect military intervention. For those who wish to stay, the video will be followed by discussions of what we can do as Canadians to help promote peace in Central America.

MURRAY REISS,  
Vesuvius Bay.

### Salutation

Sir,

One of the influencing factors of choosing to live on Salt Spring was the presence here of people who expressed their artistic flair in the living of their lives. For me, this came to particular focus at our high school gym during the annual dinner show extravaganza. This year's production was entitled *Salute to the Century*. The success and consequent enjoyment by most highlighted the performing arts, visual arts and the emerging audio arts.

Here also was evidence of what artistic energy is available when layers of so-called sophistication and progress are not yet blanketed upon those involved. Here also is where special commendation should be mentioned to the musical director Dwaine Prosk. Through his leadership, sufficient room was given to the underlying energy levels to come through and excite, and entertain. Nothing fell apart. There was an inherent control to the organized confusion, although the moon was a bit much. This is what the arts should do — excite and entertain, not put one to sleep.

So as our community emerges more and more through architectural designs, business plans, marketing, etc., let us let the underlying energy or spirit have room to come through. Salt Spring then can be exciting and entertaining or put people to sleep. The choice is ours, really.

GARY LUNDY,  
Ganges.

# Fraser turns tables on Coquihalla critics

VICTORIA — Eager to fight what will probably have been his last political battle, Alex Fraser took his place in the B.C. Legislature last week, breaking months of silence.

His silence hadn't been by choice. Cancer of the throat had claimed his larynx, but with dogged determination, Fraser fought back. He learned to speak again, with the help of an electronic device.

Fraser's appearance in the legislature after months of absence wasn't by choice. He had found himself the centre of a controversy over the huge over-runs the government had incurred in the construction of the Coquihalla Highway.

Fraser had been fingered by the NDP as the prime suspect in connection with allegations that the government of the day had misled the legislature with regard to the true costs of the project during its construction. The opposition had succeeded in getting a motion on the floor of the House, asking that a special committee of the legislature be established to look into those allegations.

The debate over whether or not Fraser had, indeed, misled the House was in its second day when Fraser stood up in his defence.

The NDP was obviously uncomfortable at the thought of kicking a man when he's down but did the best it could under the circumstances.

*'With that statement on the record in the legislature, the case of the NDP collapsed.'*

If the NDP's attack was somewhat reluctant, Fraser's defence certainly wasn't. He spoke eloquently and with conviction. But he failed miserably at clearing the fog of confusion that surrounds the controversy if, indeed, he tried.

Fraser blamed the overruns on a number of factors. Inflation, he said, accounted for much of the additional cost. Inflation and the forbidding terrain through which the highway was forged.

Turning the tables on his accusers quite nicely, Fraser brought the Vancouver Sky Train overruns to the legislature's attention. That project was originally estimated at \$289 million and came in a \$1 billion.

"As the honorable members know, Sky Train was built on fairly level ground and under

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hubert beyer

moderate weather conditions, compared to the Coquihalla Highway, which was built over mountain ranges in all types of weather," he said.

And then he went on the attack. Everybody who took part in this "great project" should be congratulated for a job well done and should "feel proud of the part they played in the transportation history of our province," Fraser said.

As for the allegations that he had misled the legislature with regard to the true costs of the project, Fraser's only defence was an emphatic denial.

"Mr. Speaker, I have never misled this House at any time in the eighteen and a half years I have been a member," he said. And when he stated in the legislature in November, 1985, that the highway would cost \$375 million, he believed that to be the case, he added.

And with that statement on the record in the legislature, the case of the NDP collapsed. There is no way the opposition can afford to pursue the matter any further.

Pity. Closing the books on the Coquihalla scandal will not provide taxpayers with any safeguards against similar disasters. When all is said and done, the important point was not whether Fraser or anyone else misled the legislature, bad enough as that would have been. The really troubling question is how a government which prides itself on fiscal expertise could have mismanaged public funds that badly.

Being out half a billion on a project that was supposed to cost only \$375 million is more than inflation could possibly account for. As for the bad terrain, that didn't just appear overnight. It was there all the time the highway was being designed.

The truth is: the government of the day screwed up. It screwed up badly. The same government which always maintained the NDP couldn't run a peanut stand wasted half a billion dollars of the taxpayers' money.

Unfortunately, the opposition has no tools left with which to pry open the closet that hides the Coquihalla skeletons. We will probably never know why the gross cost overruns occurred. The opposition has been shut down.

On the other hand, I can see election posters showing a scenic stretch of the Coquihalla overlaid in red with the figure \$1 billion and a caption: NEVER AGAIN.

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I always hesitate to mention persons who have been particularly helpful because there are so many willing, hard-working, and community-minded people constantly working for us all in various ways. There are many who have devoted much time to Job-Trac, and the time will come to recognize them.

But there is one person I would mention at this time. He was one of the originators of the idea of literally rebuilding Centennial Park. He was the one who successfully applied for and received a Canada Works Grant which was used to build the boardwalk and bandstand at Centennial Park.

When Job-Trac came along there were many problems of a legal nature, for which there was no allowance permitted in the agreement with the government.

Jonathan Oldroyd has devoted a great deal of his time and knowledge to the total project. His contribution was, and is, invaluable. On behalf of the community, thank you Jonathan. **POLICE ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAWS**

You might recall that a lack of enforcement of bylaws by the RCMP was mentioned some time ago. The electoral areas of the CRD complained, through the regional board, to the Attorney-General. After some investigation by the government and the RCMP, and the local detachments, no satisfactory conclusion was reached, except for the Ganges detachment and the Pender Island detachment.

My complaints to the local officers were courteously received, and they, along with the Pender detachment, have opted to enforce the noise bylaw, which was one of our main concerns. On your behalf I express sincere appreciation to the members of the Salt Spring detachment.

**COMMONWEALTH GAMES SOCIETY REQUEST**

I just received a letter from David Black, chairman of the above Society, asking for funds from the electoral area of Salt Spring. The society was directed to use a cost sharing formula based on 50 per cent population and 50 per cent on hospital assessment. I now quote: "The Society hereby requests a contribution of \$2,550 from the electoral area of Salt Spring Island to assist with the International bid."

Obviously I don't like the word "request," but more importantly, \$2,550 seems like a large share of the required budget for an area that would benefit in a very minimal way if the Victoria bid is

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by **hugh borsman**

successful. Probably many of us would like to see Victoria bid succeed, but I wouldn't even consider the request for tax money without some indication from a sampling of you.

Could you give me your opinion when we meet, or drop me a line?

**PROPOSED HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE SOCIETY**

This is certainly the most ambitious project ever considered by the Gulf Islands. The concept originated from a conviction by the chairmen and boards of the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital and the Greenwoods Intermediate Care Society that they should be more concerned with the total health care needs of the islands, rather than just the provision of beds and what goes with that requirement. A special, comprehensive study of these total health needs was prepared by the CRD's hospital and health planning commission, with the assistance of local committees

The conclusion of the report was to urge the merger of the boards of the two above facilities, add people from the community who were interested in health matters, and then tackle some very ambitious projects. Included, for example, are: bed requirements for the next 20 years, an adult day care centre which would require solving some

transportation problems, more seniors' housing, possibly low-cost family housing depending on demonstrated need, expansion of the Alert Line system, along with expanded homemaker service and meals on wheels, an expanded home nursing care service, special health care services to the schools, and possibly other areas of need.

**BRIDGE**

The CRD received a letter from the city of Parksville pointing out that the provincial government has been lobbied to construct some sort of fixed link from the lower mainland to Vancouver Island. They were seeking our support in requesting the provincial government allow an island-wide (and Gulf Islands) referendum to take place prior to any decision being made on whether a fixed link will be constructed.

I'm sure the province won't have money for that project for a long, long time. There obviously isn't enough money for health, education and social services, just to name three.

**TRUST REGIONAL DISTRICT**  
Because of some mixed signals

still coming in from the government regarding the possible formation of an Islands Trust regional district, Director Verne Roddick, Bill Jordan, executive director of the CRD, and myself met with Rita Johnston, the minister of municipal affairs.

It appears that consideration of that proposal has low priority, and the minister explained that she had not had time to consider the quite voluminous correspondence, virtually all of it opposed to the plan.

I asked the minister what she thought of it, and she replied that it had some good points.

Overall, we had the impression that there was no real likelihood of any significant changes. I also asked if we would have ample notice of any proposed changes. She assured us that we would be kept informed.

The CRD took a firm stand against it, but the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) took an even firmer stand, stating that they would refuse to contract services for any of the islands which might be included in an Islands Trust regional district. They were also

requesting a \$1.565 million refund for property the region had purchased for a park on Bowen Island, if the plan went ahead. So I feel certain that the prompt rejection of the proposal by almost all concerned parties will effectively squash the concept of a new regional district.

Finally, I asked the minister if she would be supportive of the incorporation of Ganges if the people affected were in favour of such a plan. Again, she indicated that she would have no objections to such a decision by the people.

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**To the Peoples of the World**  
A BAHÁ'Í STATEMENT ON **Peace**

THE TENTATIVE STEPS towards world order, especially since World War II, give hopeful signs. The increasing tendency of groups of nations to formalize relationships which enable them to co-operate in matters of mutual interest suggests that eventually all nations could overcome this paralysis. The Association of South East Asian Nations, the Caribbean Community and Common Market, the Central American Common Market, the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, the European Communities, the League of Arab States, the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of American States, the South Pacific Forum—all the joint endeavours represented by such organizations prepare the path to world order.

The increasing attention being focused on some of the most deep-rooted problems of the planet is yet another hopeful sign. Despite the obvious short-comings of the United Nations, the more than two score declarations and conventions adopted by that organization, even where governments have not been enthusiastic in their commitment, have given ordinary people a sense of a new lease on life. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and the similar measures concerned with eliminating all forms of discrimination based on race, sex or religious belief; upholding the rights of the child; protecting all persons against being subjected to torture; eradicating hunger and malnutrition; using scientific and technological progress in the interest of peace and the benefit of mankind—all such measures, if courageously enforced and expanded, will advance the day when the spectre of war will have lost its power to dominate international relations. There is no need to stress the significance of the issues addressed by these declarations and conventions. However, a few such issues, because of their immediate relevance to establishing world peace, deserve additional comment.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT #64 — FINE ARTS FESTIVAL**  
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**WEEK 1**

| DATE          | LOCATION                  | EVENT  | TIME  |
|---------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| March 8       | DUNCAN                    | Salt Spring Elementary Choir Music Festival  | Telephone school for time   |
| March 10      | SALT SPRING ELEM. SCHOOLS | Vancouver Opera                              | 11:00 am Fernwood, Fulford<br>1:30 pm S.S. Elem., Mayne<br>All grades, K-7  |
| March 10-16   | SALT SPRING ELEM. SCHOOL  | Primary Children Enrichment Art Display      | 9 am-3:30 pm school days  |
| March 12      | G.I.S.S. GYMNASIUM        | SALUTE THE MUSIC OF THE CENTURY              | Dinner optional (\$8) 5:30 pm<br>Show only (\$3) 7:00 pm (Children's rates) |
| March 10-16   | SATURNA SCHOOL            | Drama, Art Community participation           | Check with school for times.  |
| March 10-16   | MAYNE ISLAND              | Community Art Displays                       | Phone School for locations  |
| March 16      | FULFORD                   | Visit Music Classes in Session               | 11 am-3 pm<br>All Welcome   |
| March 14 & 16 | FERNWOOD                  | Open House (afternoons) Enrichment Programme | 1 pm to 2 pm<br>All Welcome   |
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**police report**

A Galiano Island resident was charged and arrested for impaired driving last week, when police allegedly found him in control of a vehicle only 38 minutes after warning him not to drive.

Roland James Hagan, 29, first encountered police at approximately 9:10 pm March 12, when he was involved in a minor car accident on Porlier Pass Road. At this time, Hagan claimed he had not been driving the vehicle.

Police allege it was apparent the accused had been drinking, and warned him not to drive.

When police next met Hagan, they charged him with impaired driving.

A Ganges resident has been charged with speeding and failing to produce a driver's licence.

The incident took place at 11 pm on March 10, when 26-year-old Tom Toynbee of Swanson Road was allegedly clocked speeding by police radar. A brief pursuit concluded with Toynbee driving off the road and into the ditch at the corner of Atkins and Swanson Roads.

A minor break-and-enter was reported March 8 in the Victoria Street area.

Plastic had been torn away and the door to the home left open, indicating the house had been broken into. However, nothing was taken from the premises.

Charges are pending against a 19-year-old Ganges resident who was stopped by police as he drove his motorcycle on March 11.

The individual, who police have not identified, is facing charges of driving with a suspended driver's licence, driving without insurance, and driving at excessive speeds.

In an act that police say "restores faith in mankind," an individual found a large sum of loose cash on the floor at Ganges Village Market, and turned it in to police.

The owner can claim the cash at the local detachment by identifying the amount of money lost.

# Greenwoods names new administrator

There is a new face in the administrative ranks of the Greenwoods intermediate care home facility on Salt Spring.

Marg McKay took over as the new administrator on February 7. She replaces former administrator Jonna Mattiesing, who resigned late last year.

McKay, who moved to Salt Spring from Victoria just over one year ago, has some 20 years

experience working in the social services field. She spent five of those years with Canadian Mental Health, and 12 with the George Pearkes Centre in Victoria.

At the Pearkes Centre, McKay held the position of executive assistant and acting administrator until the centre merged with the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Children, leaving her position redundant.

"The philosophies of the Pearkes Centre and Greenwoods are very similar," McKay said, describing the care home's activity program as an example.

"The activity program provides encouragement to clients to participate as much as physically possible," McKay noted. The idea behind this philosophy is to prevent regression.

McKay also commented on the warm, "home-like" atmosphere at Greenwoods, the general contentment of residents, and the helpfulness of staff members.

"They (the staff) have been very helpful at breaking me in," she said.

McKay has three sons — two in Victoria, plus one in the Lower Mainland — and a two-year-old grand-daughter.

## Busy schedule posted by Salt Spring SPCA

The number of calls fielded, hours worked and miles travelled all increased last year for the Salt Spring Island auxiliary to the Victoria SPCA.

In its recently-released annual report for 1987, the Salt Spring SPCA office records a five per cent increase over 1986 in enquiries, hours and mileage — and a 130 per cent hike in the number of complaints registered.

However, Salt Spring SPCA president Dr. David Wooldridge notes in his report that the increase in complaints "appeared to be prompted by lack of knowledge by the animal owner of the appropriate care . . . the result of the inspector's inquiry was often a voluntary improvement in the care provided. No seizures were made."

In terms of numbers only, the local office recorded 278 hours worked in 1987 compared to 265 in 1986; a total of 1,953 miles logged last year, compared to 1,848 the year before; and 23 complaints registered and evaluated in 1987, compared to 10 in 1986.

In his report, Dr. Wooldridge noted that the 1987 hiring of Leslie Hall as an additional inspector allowed the chief inspector to reduce her previous, 365-days-a-year commitment to on-call service. Hall completed her provincial inspector course in March, 1987.

Also pointed out in the report was the increased amount of time spent in 1987 to counsel elderly people about their pets.

"Several seniors who may well have given up the pleasures of pet companionship have welcomed the opportunity to discuss continuing care of their pet if, for example, disability prevents visits to the veterinarian," the report says. "More especially, the auxiliary, by offering care for the pet if it is predeceased by its owner, has allayed anxieties which commonly lead to premature relinquishment of ownership."

On the financial side, the Salt Spring auxiliary reported receipts of \$6,303.47 in 1987, against disbursements of \$5,203.22. A year earlier, receipts totalled \$5,546.72 and disbursements were \$3,611.16.

The largest increase in receipts was recorded in memberships, which provided \$1,561 in 1987, compared to \$167 a year earlier. Donations, meanwhile, fell to \$3,371.52 in 1987, after reaching \$4,001.15 in 1986.

On the expenses side, the largest amount spent by the SPCA on Salt Spring was a \$2,048 charge for assisting pet owners pay for spay and neutering services. Of that total, \$1,165 was later recovered from pet owners.

Anyone wishing to take out a membership in the local SPCA auxiliary, or to make a donation to help fund its operations, should contact Dr. David Wooldridge, write to Box 522 in Ganges, or call 537-2123.

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# Imagination shows different kind of intelligence'

By GARY CHERNEFF

Last night I had a dream and, as I see it now, it drew for its imagery on a number of recent experiences which all had one thing in common — the exhilaration or fear of being in high places.

To assuage your curiosity I will tell you that it contained elements from a recent trip to Craigdaroch Castle in Victoria, and some similarly precipitous scenes from Roman Polanski's new film *Frantic*, along with its references to airplanes and flying. Combine this with a not-too-distant-trip to Mount Washington with a valued group of friends, then shake the contents vigorously and spill the works out onto the floor to see what combinations and permutations come up.

You may end up with one very entertaining dream, an article for *Driftwood*, maybe even a short story and quite possibly a new perspective on the subject material of the dream.

Dreams have the uncanny ability to make the cross-referencing function of your brain fluid to the point of recklessness. Waking imagination is rarely that uncontrolled.

Dreams, however, demonstrate the capacity, our brains have for juxtapositioning diverse experiences and then attempting to rationalize or make sense of their placement — sort of like trying to make a piece of one jigsaw puzzle fit into that of another puzzle.

Elliot Eisner, Professor of Education and Art at Stanford University, has written: "We possess another ability that goes beyond the ability to recall. It is the ability to manipulate imaginatively the images or concepts that we are able to recall. It is through the process of imaginative transformation that human beings are able to conceive what is not, but what might be."

Imagination is evidence of a different kind of intelligence working within us, one which does not merely perform formal linear tasks which are either right or wrong (such as spelling or math), but which goes beyond to cross reference all our stored experiences, knowledge and learned skills.

Associate Professor Dwaine Greer of the University of Arizona states: "As science education encompasses those several disciplines that systematize our knowledge about the facts in the physical world, so the arts, when taught as interconnected disciplines, can bring about a coherent understanding of the diverse expressive forms that delineate imagination."

Back to Eisner, he says: "We move children ... as rapidly as we

can from percept to label, and in our haste to have them name, they miss what cannot be named, the very qualities words cannot describe. Unlike much of what is taught (in the schools) ... there is no right or wrong way to solve a problem or formulate an answer in the arts ... In the arts children must rely on that most exquisite of human intellectual abilities — judgement."

The ability to innovate and the ability to constructively deal with ambiguity are two of the salient skills which will be required in the workplace of the future, according to William F. Kieschnick,

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by gary cherneff

president and chief executive officer of Atlantic Richfield Company.

"The gift of creativity," he says, "can be cultivated, nourished and improved if a mind is open to dialogue, contemplation, explanation of the unexpected and consideration of the new. The fate of an individual, a business, a community institution, or a country can be constructively leveraged through innovation."

## Executive body named to steer Jazz Society

An executive body has been named to steer the Salt Spring Island Jazz Society in 1988.

At the society's annual general meeting, held March 7, Gary Greco was named president, Gary Lundy was chosen vice-president, Terra Tepper was named treasurer, and Libby Jones assumed the secretary's responsibilities. Stu Salmond was also named member-at-large.

The society, which this year will host the fourth annual Salt Spring Island jazz festival, is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting music. Its goal is to establish a scholarship fund that would assist music students, either through instrument purchases or helping to further studies.

This year's jazz festival is scheduled for August 19, 20 and 21 at the Farmers' Institute grounds in Ganges. The society has put in place most of the committees handling details of the festival, but says it still needs volunteers to assist in that work. Later, more volunteers will be solicited to help with staging the

festival itself.

In the interim, the society is organizing a Sunday brunch fund-

raiser for May, and is considering holding a fund-raising dinner and dance shortly afterwards, in May or June.

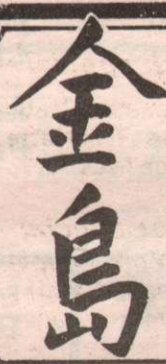
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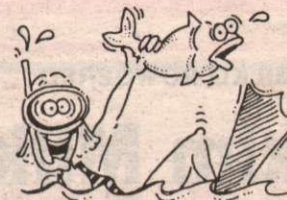


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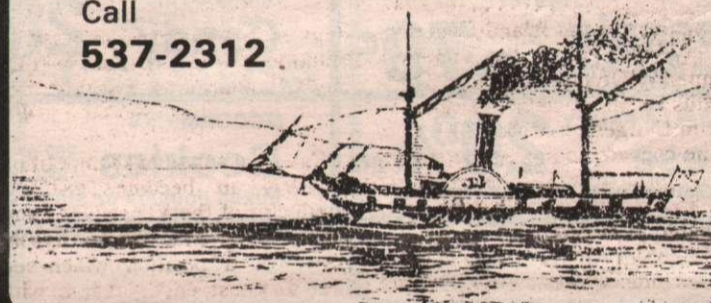
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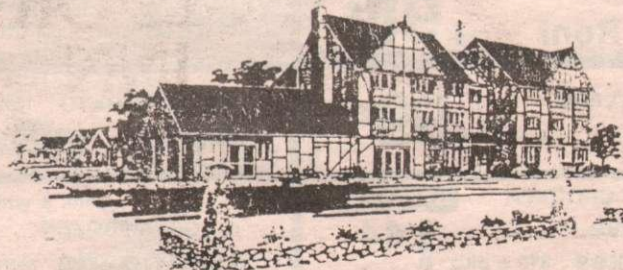


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Band director Dwaine Prosk turns to audience at Cowichan Music Festival, where Salt Spring Elementary's Grade Six band took first place in its category. March 10 event was attended by several other Gulf Island bands.

### In Ganges on Sunday

## Symphony Orchestra appearance set

The Salt Spring Island Concert Society will present the Victoria Symphony Orchestra at the Gulf Islands Secondary School auditorium in Ganges on March 20.

The concert begins at 2:30 pm and is priced at \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at *et cetera*.

The program for the concert will include: *Fingals Cave Overture* by Mendelssohn; *Clarinet Concerto in A* by Mozart, with Keith MacLeod as soloist; Adaskin's *Serenade Concertante*; and Bizet's *Symphony in C*.

Conductor of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra is Glen Fast, who was raised in Vancouver in a rich musical environment which included early studies in piano and violin. The son of a physician, Fast began studying flute with the late Conrad Crocker and played as a member of the Vancouver Preparatory Orchestra.

In 1970, Fast attended the University of Victoria to study flute with Jan Menting and Lanny Pollet, then conducting with Dr. George Corwin. He completed his

degree in 1974 and moved to Hamilton as a member of that city's Philharmonic Institute.

Fast won a national competition in 1978 to become assistant conductor of the Vancouver Symphony under Maestro Kazuyoshi Akiyama, a position which led him to guest engagements with major Canadian orchestras. In 1983, he was appointed associate conductor of the Victoria Symphony.

Soloist Keith MacLeod is in his fifth year as principal clarinet player with the Victoria Symphony after previously appearing with the Milwaukee Symphony and Ballet, Atlantic Symphony, Calgary Philharmonic and Vancouver Symphony.

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The Ganges chapter of the IODE elected officers for 1988-89 at its annual general meeting held in mid-February.

Twenty-eight members were present when the following officers were elected: J. Parsons, regent; M. Cuttall, vice-regent; A. Warrington, secretary; H. Hopper, treasurer; S. Palesch, publicity; M. Howell, membership; E. Patrick, services; D.

## IODE elects executive slate

Cherry, education; L. Purser, citizenship; M. Smith, Echoes.

Highlighting the meeting was an interesting and inspiring film on the achievements and projects of the IODE since 1900. Members

reaffirmed their commitment to public service, and much discussion followed on national and local needs.

The first of many local projects to be undertaken this year is a

March 26 garage sale at the 114 McGoldrick Crescent home of Jean Brindamore. Items for sale are welcomed: call 653-9363 for pick-up.

Proceeds from the sale will be

used to support the Medic Alert program on Salt Spring Island.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by Sheila Palesch, Ann Heeley-Ray and Joyce Parsons.

In 1921, the IODE established a War Memorial scholarship program in memory of Canada's war dead. One well-known recipient was Marshall McLuhan.

## Sea Capers strikes committees, sets tentative outline for festivities

A committee to form and guide this year's Sea Capers celebration was struck at a recent meeting of the Sea Capers Society.

The meeting, held February 25 at the school board office, also produced a tentative outline for the June festivities.

Heading up the newly-formed committee is past-president Jonathan Oldroyd, immediate past-president Carol Fowles, and president Gary Greico. Pat Beitel is treasurer, and Bevis Walters serves as secretary.

The committee's directors-at-large include Tony Richards and Arvid Chalmers. Other directors are: Ross McIlvenna, Ian Fraser (aquatic events), Geoff Swift, Bev Swift (land events), Lyn Richardson (concessions), Trish Nobile (entertainment).

Ron Holcroft takes the position of parade marshal, Ed Allen will provide liaison functions, and Cedric Barker is the photographer.

The sand sculpture committee consists of Nancy Holcroft (convener), John Steele, Mary McCardia and Charlotte Walters.

The 1988 Sea Caper celebrations are scheduled for June 17, 18 and 19.

The tentative plans include a Salt Spring Island Merchants Big Bargain Day on the 17th. The day will feature "once-in-a-lifetime bargains" at "once-in-a-lifetime prices." During the evening and far into the night, Sea Capers will host the Carnival with party hats and favours, and prizes.

Saturday, June 18, will feature the parade, land and sea events,

continental beer garden, fancy food concessions, daytime entertainment in the park for children, and night-time entertainment for adults.

The last day of festivities will hold the annual sand sculpture contest and treasure hunt.

The Royal Navy at Esquimalt will be sending two training ships, with full complement, as Sea Capers guests. The committee hopes a local organization will "adopt" them for the day, allowing them to enjoy themselves as much as the island will enjoy having them here.

Membership in the Sea Capers Society is open to any Salt Spring Island resident, merely by applying.

Sea Capers information can be obtained by calling 537-9487.

## Workings of pulse detector shown to Hospital Auxiliary

Fifty members attended the regular monthly meeting of the Auxiliary to the Lady Minto Gulf Islands Hospital, held at Ganges United Church February 22.

Vice president Bea Carr took the chair in the absence of president Betty Galt.


The minutes of the January meeting were read, followed by the treasurer's report. Each department co-ordinator also provided a report.

The public relations officer read an amusing article, entitled *What is a Senior Citizen?*

From here, the meeting introduced Dr. Heaton, who demonstrated a pulse sensor. The instrument, small and apparently simple to operate, measures the amount of oxygen in the blood while a patient is under anaesthetic. The cost of the unit — \$4,000 — is part of the auxiliary's donations to the hospital.

The meeting adjourned and tea was served.

Guest speaker at the March 28 meeting will be the newly-appointed administrator to Greenwoods, Margaret McKay.



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# Part 5: The Press

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**T**heir duties range from processing subscription renewals and taking classified ads to passing on news leads to editorial staff and fielding all kinds of questions about Gulf Islands affairs and activities. And if someone's name should be printed incorrectly, the front office staff are also the first to hear about that too!

**T**he front office must also maintain a subscriber list of more than 2,000 names and ensure distribution of another 3,000 papers per week through newsstands and vending machines. Circulation records are kept on a Tandy 1000 computer, which not only keeps track of expiry dates but prints out the mailing labels for subscribers' papers every week.

**T**he newspaper week begins on Wednesday following mailing and distribution. But it's not until Friday that the pressure begins to mount as the first advertising deadline—at 5 pm Friday—approaches. On Monday the front office really gets going as classified advertisers come in before the three o'clock deadline. And in addition to answering the telephone and greeting customers at the counter,



**Jill Byron, Catherine McFadyen  
and Damaris Rumsby**

Catherine and Damaris must proofread ads and prepare dummy sheets for page layouts before the day is done. To add even more variety to the week's activities, the receptionists have an 800-line to answer for calls to Second Impressions, a printing industry trade magazine which is also published by Driftwood Publishing.

A third front-office staffer is Jill Byron, daughter of company president Frank Richards and sister to publisher Tony. Jill looks after the accounting functions for the newspaper, a chore that has changed dramatically this past month following installation of customized accounting software on the Tandy 1000. With weekly transactions on nearly 500 accounts, the billing function will be streamlined considerably through computerization. And by reducing the number of times transactions are recorded in writing the possibility for error is minimized.

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# Centennial Park set to host Job-Trac fund-raising push



Job-Trac crews are currently working on creation of linear park for Ganges Creek, and on new washroom facilities at Centennial Park. Above, employees landscape portion of linear park.

A bid to raise \$64,000 in support of Salt Spring Island's Job-Trac program neared the \$35,000 point earlier this week.

The fund-raising drive was launched earlier this month and will continue until the end of March, when organizers must have the total required amount in hand or secure loans to meet the balance owing.

The appeal will kick into high gear this Saturday — March 19 — at Centennial Park in Ganges, when a mid-day presentation of entertainment will promote the benefits of Job-Trac and explain the need for contributions.

Set to run from 11 am to 3 pm, the Centennial Park event will feature performances by the Gulf Islands Secondary School band (11 am to noon) and Les Four (noon to 1 pm), and a demonstration of karate techniques presented by Pat Byron's students. Two others acts are being lined up for the remainder of the afternoon.

Emcees for the four-hour event will be Mike Hayes and Arvid Chalmers.

Job-Trac was launched on Salt Spring last fall with the aid of a \$226,000 grant from the provincial government. The government contribution was for the bulk of the cost of the projects undertaken, and was handed over on the understanding that islanders would make up the remaining total.

Headed by the Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce, Job-Trac has undertaken 14 major local projects ranging from installation of new floats at Stowell Lake to construction of a new boat-launching facility on the island's north end. The two crews of 21 employees are currently working on a linear park for Ganges Creek, and new washroom facilities at Centennial Park.

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An agreement over roads standards in the Gulf Islands is being negotiated between the Islands Trust and the provincial ministry of highways and transportation.

Meetings between representatives of both agencies have produced a draft understanding of the standards that would apply to roads in the islands. The meetings were prompted by the Trust's desire to eliminate different standards for roads on individual islands with guidelines that would apply to all islands — an

# Roads standards negotiated

aim that was endorsed by the ministry.

The draft document has three sections, pertaining to road width, design and construction standards, and the process to be used for classifying roads.

The road width section sets out five types of roads — arterial, collector, Local A, Local B, and

lanes — with rights-of-way provisions ranging from 80 feet for arterial to 66 feet for the remaining types. Cleared width, top width and paved width are also noted.

Trustees agreed at the March 4-5 council meeting on Hornby Island that they would seek to discourage arterial roads on

islands. Trustee Glen Snook of Denman Island said that type of road, with its provision for an 80-foot right-of-way, amounted to a "land grab." Other trustees noted that the speed and amount of traffic increases on arterial roads.

The draft agreement notes that design and construction of roads

will be in accordance with highways ministry standards, and that the Trust and the ministry would negotiate to determine the classification of roads.

Trustees agreed to accept the classification system outlined in the agreement, and to discourage construction of lanes and arterial roads. They also agreed that the next steps in the process would be to establish a schedule for individual Trust committees to incorporate the agreement into their subdivision bylaws.

## Mt. Belcher residents outline flaws in Trust's density transfer concept

Mt. Belcher should not receive development densities transferred from elsewhere on Salt Spring, the island's two trustees said last Tuesday night at a public meeting called to discuss the transfer concept.

Trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne made that statement after first explaining how density transfers would work, then listening to public comment on the implications such a move would have on the Mt. Belcher neighbourhood.

The transfer concept involves moving development rights off one parcel of land and onto another. The receiving parcel then has higher-than-normal densities, while the first plot of land has little or none.

The Trust is aiming the transfer plan at the forested lands recently sold here by MacMillan-Bloedel. Those parcels are all zoned for lots averaging 20 acres in size: some blocks would apparently be better left as forest land, while others are best suited for residential development. By encouraging transfers of development rights from the former to the latter, the Trust hopes it can promote clustering of housing in the most appropriate locations, and retention of as much forest as possible.

Mt. Belcher entered the density transfer equation when Gordon Cudmore offered to purchase a large block of former MB land, give it to the Trust as parkland and move its development rights to acreage he owns on Mt. Belcher. While that offer has since been withdrawn, the Trust still chose to discuss its theoretical merits at last Tuesday's meeting.

The density-for-parkland offer made by Cudmore "could have been very desirable," Gilbert told the meeting, "but the implications are different for the area to receive the density."

Mt. Belcher residents then outlined those implications for Gilbert and Byrne. They told the trustees that access to homes on the mountain just south of Ganges "is difficult at the best of times" — given the steep, narrow

road up its face — and that increased traffic flows could compound the problem. Also cited was the impact increased development might have on the limited supply of domestic water in the neighbourhood.

"In principle," one resident said, "the density transfer concept is good, but this is not a suitable area for new densities. You'd be robbing Peter to pay Paul if you transfer densities to areas where it is not suitable."

**'If there is one cut-and-dried answer, it's that there should be no transfers to Mt. Belcher.'**

After hearing those and other comments, Gilbert said it was apparent that any application to transfer densities to Mt. Belcher would have "very little chance" of succeeding.

Byrne added: "If there is one cut-and-dried answer, it's that there should be no transfers to Mt. Belcher."

However, both trustees cautioned the audience that a lan-

downer has a right to apply for transfers "regardless of our opinions about his chances to succeed."

On the transfer concept in general, the audience expressed fears that a parcel losing its densities might still be developed at a future date. A further complication, one speaker noted, was the political uncertainty facing the Trust — i.e., if its role is diminished or cancelled by the provincial government, the agency that assumed authority for land use on the islands might return densities to the downzoned parcels.

Gilbert conceded the second point, noting the future of the Trust was a question of "political will." On the first point, he said density transfers would be done through rezonings and could involve covenants — processes that would indicate no further development could take place on the downzoned parcels.

It was also pointed out during the meeting that the density transfer concept would tie in with other measures being promoted by the Trust to encourage retention of the former MB forest lands. The zoning classification in place on those parcels includes provision for increased densities in return for comprehensive development plans that take into account such factors as land sensitivity, hiking trail easements and minimal tree harvesting.

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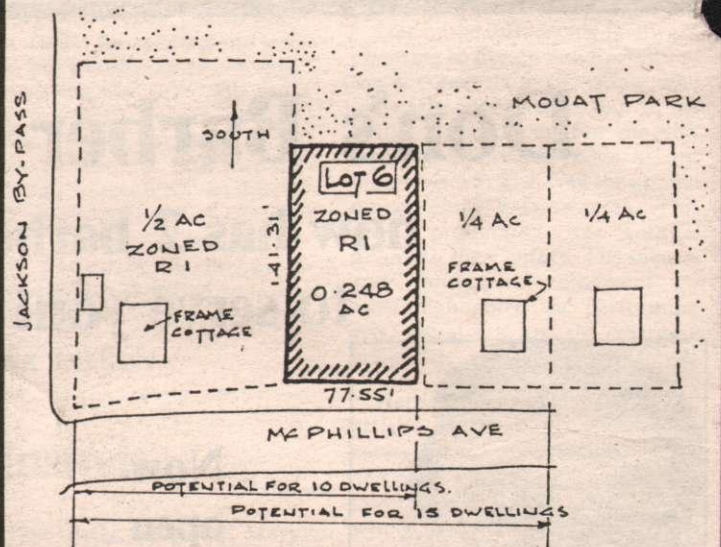
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# Reading planned for proposed tree-cutting bylaw

From Page A1

The designation, drawn up according to terms outlined in the Municipal Act, would allow the Trust to require permits for tree-cutting in areas felt to be subject to flooding, erosion, land slip or avalanche.

Full prohibitions against cutting would be in effect on slopes exceeding 50 degrees, within the watersheds of Maxwell and Weston lakes, and within 50 feet of a natural watercourse.

On slopes exceeding 30 degrees, logging would have to be preceded by a report from a professional forester certifying "that any erosion resulting from tree-cutting will not affect the capacity of the land to regenerate tree growth, and that any erosion will not affect lower elevation watercourses."

Permits would not be required for tree-cutting on uplands and forest zone properties designated by tax assessors as managed forestland.

Last Tuesday's meeting on the proposed bylaw heard public support from those interested in minimizing the impact of logging activity on Salt Spring, and concern from those worried that the measure would be too restrictive.

Local land appraiser Ron McQuiggan said he believed the bylaw was an attempt by the Trust to find a loophole through which it could control logging on Salt Spring. "I'm concerned about the property rights of the individual," he said. "This is a bylaw to defend minority rights — you're fighting fires for the minority of islanders."

McQuiggan added that the bylaw's intent could theoretically be extended to smaller parcels.

Other speakers who echoed McQuiggan's sentiments noted that logging has a long history on Salt Spring, and that many of the parcels to be covered by the proposed bylaw had seen tree-cutting in the past.

"Everyone keeps talking about erosion," one speaker offered,

## Step follows mixed reception at public meeting

"but where is it? The island has been logged for years, and where's the erosion?"

Murray Cyprus, whose companies hold three former MB parcels slated for logging, told the Trust its proposed bylaw was discriminatory because it would be applied only to properties in the uplands and forest zone.

"You're discriminating against the people with large lots," he said. "You have no right to pick on one person. If you did this (a tree-cutting bylaw) for everyone, you'd have 500 people in here tonight."

Another speaker added that there are already enough regulations in place on Salt Spring, and that the question of erosion impacts should be left to the provincial forests ministry to address.

(The forests ministry earlier said it has no authority to regulate tree-cutting on private land, save to ensure logs taken are properly marked and slash is cleaned up after cutting.)

Resident Donald Kreye, speaking in support of the bylaw, said owners of large properties to be

logged should expect tree-cutting restrictions if "the public good" is at stake. The public, he explained, has an interest in large-scale erosion occurs and impacts neighbouring properties.

Kreye added that landowners should not fear bylaws that encourage good forestry practices.

Shilo Zylbergold added: "There is a responsibility to make sure that erosion doesn't happen. And we're talking about 50-degree slopes — what are you afraid of?"

Trustee Nick Gilbert told the audience the thrust of the bylaw is to encourage "good" logging practices at a time when some property owners are "in a rush" to take advantage of high log prices.

"We want to put the public's mind at rest, to assure that logging is done well," he said, adding that large-scale tree-cutting should take into account the possible impacts on neighbouring properties.

On Tuesday, Gilbert said a public hearing on the proposed bylaw will give the Trust further input into the tree-cutting question. "We don't want to rush into it," he said. "We want to give the community a chance to respond."

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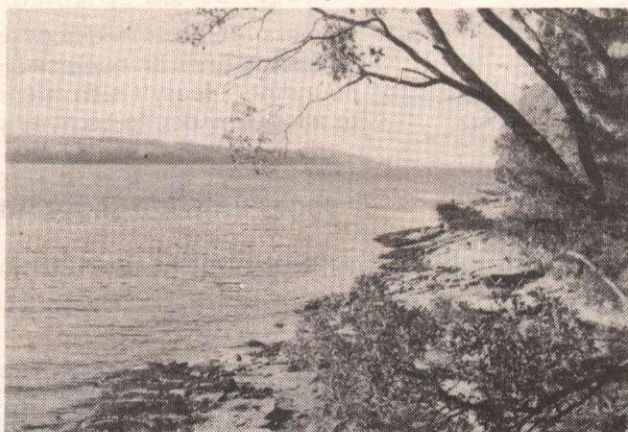
- the addition of 200,000 new child care spaces;
- the creation of a \$100 million Child Care Initiatives Fund for developmental projects for child care and special needs groups;

- the increase of the Child Care Expense Deduction from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for children six and under or with special needs;
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# Community Centre pre-school stresses play, 'not academics'

"Free play" at the community centre pre-school means lots of activity. There is the four-year-old, wearing a doctor's smock, helping an imaginary patient to bed; the group at the red table cutting and pasting; and the entranced four, listening, motionless, to a story.

The room is a collage of colour. Children's artwork covers the walls and hangs from the ceiling, balloons decorate a pillar, and even the goldfish add their spot of colour.

After many years of operation, the co-operatively run pre-school has a well-rounded collection of toys and equipment. Children learn to play together, to share and work out problems.

"The emphasis is on play and getting along, not on academics," says program supervisor Bly Kaye. "We want the children to grow and develop themselves, but we're not trying to set them up into an academic schedule."

The program differs from day-care services, in that parents are not looking for a place to drop off their children while they work, Kaye says. It is not a baby-sitting service, as children only attend for two and a half hours each session.

"It also takes more commitment from parents," she says.

The three- and four-year-old children involved in the program must have parents willing to dedicate time to its organization.



Costumes and crafts are only part of the selection of toys and equipment at the Community Centre's pre-school. Emphasis on the program is on learning to play and share together rather than academics.

Often working behind the scenes, parents handle cleanup, organize fund-raising events, attend monthly meetings and take one or two duty days every four weeks.

Several parents are in the process of making a quilt to raffle off this summer. Proceeds are turned back into the school and used to purchase and replenish equipment.

At the monthly meetings, parents hear guest speakers discuss

a variety of topics. Some of the more recent talks have covered areas such as creative movement, children's art, and how to avoid saying *no* and *don't*.

And what do the children think of pre-school? "They just love it," says parent Lorraine Machell.

Three-year-olds attend the pre-school Tuesdays and Thursdays. Monday, Wednesday and Friday are reserved for four-year-olds. The sessions are licenced for 15 children in each class.

The day starts out with a "free play" period: children can play with the full range of toys, costumes, craft centres and library.

Circle time follows. The children gather to count who is there, and who is missing. The children whose parents are on duty that day host a show-and-tell period. For the older group, a second circle time takes place after further free play. During this exercise, they share story-telling, games and singing.

The children have a snack, and then move outside to play in the playground.

Machell feels the pre-school process helps prepare a child for school.

"One of my children, who is now in Grade One, had no difficulty making the transition from pre-school to kindergarten to Grade One," she says. "And I think it stems back to the pre-school."



Parents play an active role in organizing and working at the co-operatively run pre-school. Parents of four-year-olds have several "duty days" each month.

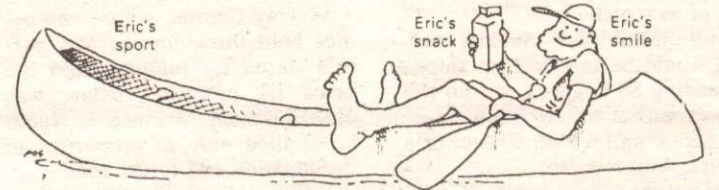


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# 'Government unaware of demand for midwifery'

By HEATHER MARTIN  
Second of two parts

There exists in this province a well-organized professional body of midwives — the Midwives Association of B.C. (MABC) — which has established a school of midwifery. The school has been accredited by the Seattle School of Midwifery, and the program's first 10 graduates have been licensed by Washington state.

Internationally, the MABC is a member of the 3,000-strong International Confederation of Midwives. The group endorses the legalization of midwifery in Canada, and many members are appalled at this nation's lack of health service and high rates of intervention as compared to their own 200-plus countries.

Our government is now looking into the issue. Chief Coroner Alan Galbraith recently recommended the minister of health investigate the "untenable situation regarding the state of uncertainty in the health field with regard to midwifery and homebirth." The minister is to put forward suggestions by September of this year.

The figures on medical intervention are striking and worrisome. In Canada approximately one of every five women giving birth in the years 1985 and 1986, had a Caesarian section (CS). This rate is much higher than in most countries.

The high number of CSs is disturbing: both the mother's and the baby's health is at a greater risk than during a vaginal birth; separation between mother and offspring is increased, as is emotional stress.

Other interventions include a growing trend towards artificially induced labour, and the use of \$24,000 electronic fetal monitors. The incidence of episiotomies is so widespread, they are not even considered interventions. The use of drugs in labour remains commonplace in Canada, with more than 70 per cent of women, having their first child in urban areas, undergoing epidural anaesthesia.

In Denmark, epidurals are used in only two to three per cent of all births, while in the Netherlands, this figure drops to one per cent. In these countries, as in Finland and Sweden, midwives attend the majority of births. They hold the best records for maternal and infant mortality and morbidity (illness).

In the first six months of 1986, 43 per cent of all births at

## guest column

Vancouver Grace Hospital were either forceps or CS deliveries. For women having their first babies, the rate rose to 53 per cent. The CS rate alone was 24 per cent.

In those same rooms, with the same equipment and staffed by nurse-midwives under an experimental study, the same months produced no more than a five per cent CS rate. The nurse-midwives had an episiotomy rate of 22 per cent, compared to the hospital average upwards of 75 per cent. Homebirth midwives' rate of episiotomy is four per cent.

Each CS costs an extra \$3,000 over the costs of a normal vaginal delivery. If our CS rate was brought down just one per cent, it is estimated we would save \$1 million. If the CS rate were brought down to the rate estimated by the World Health Organization — 15 per cent — we would save \$7 million in that procedure alone.

On Salt Spring, there are approximately 50 babies born each year at Lady Minto Hospital. Approximately 10 are assisted by midwives acting in the role of labour support. Almost another 10 a year are delivered at home

with the help of midwives, making the number of births using midwifery services 33 per cent of the island total — probably the highest percentage in B.C., if not the country.

The government is unaware of the demand for midwifery here. Now is the time to let them know. So far in this province, there has not been an organized public lobby. The issues have not been

taken seriously by the legislature. Now that it is under scrutiny, we are asking for support.

On Saturday, March 19, at 2 pm, the United Church Hall in Ganges will be the site of a public information afternoon. The day will feature films, a guest speaker from Vancouver, story-telling for children, and a membership drive for the B.C. Midwifery Task Force. The task force is an

interdisciplinary organization, involving doctors, midwives, nurses and parents who share a unifying belief in midwifery.

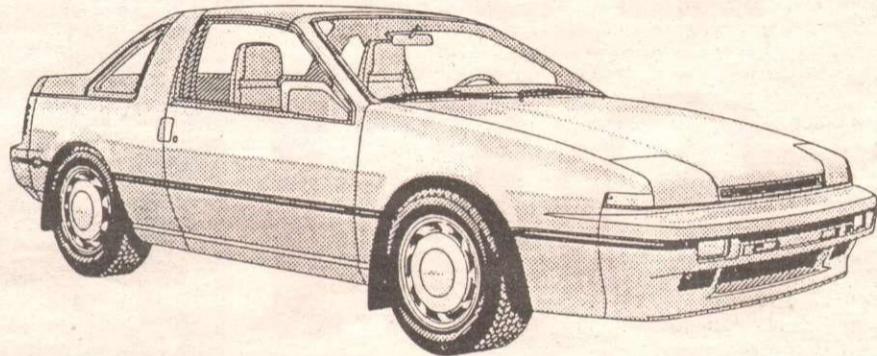
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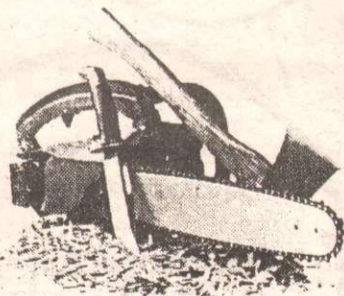


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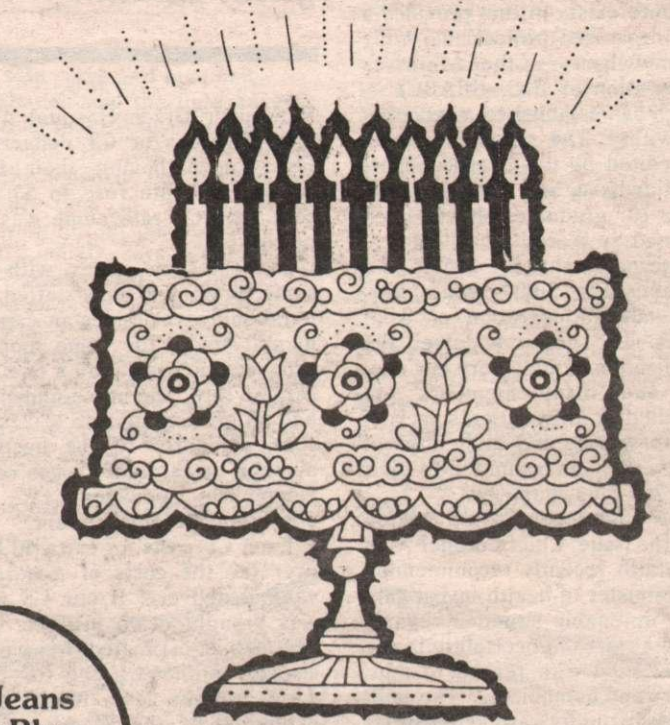
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