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## Wanted: 'golden' citizens

The *Gulf Islands Driftwood* has joined with Air Canada and other community newspapers across the nation to implement an awards program for people who contribute to improving the quality of life in the centres where they live.

The Air Canada *Heart of Gold Award* program is calling for nominations of individual Canadians who "have helped others or have in some way contributed to the improvement of the quality of life in their communities."

The program, a joint project of Air Canada and 700 community newspapers across Canada, is described in an advertisement in today's edition of *Driftwood*. The ad also contains a form readers can use to nominate people they feel deserve recognition as outstanding citizens.

All nominees will receive *Heart of Gold* certificates. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges representing newspapers in each region of Canada.

The program was launched by Air Canada following its 50th anniversary celebrations as a way to "recognize outstanding people from all walks of life who have contributed to a better Canada."

## Long-range plan eyed for health care needs

A Health Care Society presently in the works for Salt Spring and the Outer Gulf Islands would allow for longer-term health care planning, and leave islanders "in charge of (their) own future," the Capital Regional District (CRD) says.

The recommendation to form the society came from the CRD's Hospital Planning department following an in-depth study it made into health care on the Gulf Islands. Ideally, the society would form under the merged boards of Lady Minto Hospital and the Greenwoods intermediate care facility, and include special interest representatives from the community.

Incorporation as a health care society would also provide a global budget and enable the society to fund projects outside hospital boundaries.

The study notes there is pressure in the province to "increase productivity and provide more services with the same resources,



### Smaller fry

Grade Seven student Alwyn O'Brien (left) helps kindergarten student Nova Kodaly, as the Salt Spring Elementary class releases the first of 1,500 chum salmon fry into Ganges Creek. Seven island classrooms participated in the Salmon Enhancement Society program, which has seen the 1,500 fry hatch in classroom incubators.

improve quality of care, increase the range of services available, and provide up-to-date services made possible by technological change."

"The problem is the government has no money," says Dr. Hugh Borsman, local director to the (CRD) and chairman of the Regional Community Health Committee. "We can sit on our backsides and scream about it... or we can think about what we can do for ourselves."

Borsman says the finest recommendation he could take to government is that islanders didn't "sit waiting, but did some of the sweat and tears about it" themselves.

At the latest, the society could be formed after the hospital's annual meeting in June. It is already gaining momentum, however, as committees are formed and plans made.

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### 'No rush to pass'

## Hearings slated for cutting bylaw

The Islands Trust is in no hurry to proceed with a tree-cutting bylaw, it said last Friday after giving first reading to the package of proposed regulations.

Although a legal opinion solicited by the Trust held that it could have adopted the proposed bylaw on Friday, chairman Nick Gilbert said a series of public meetings and a hearing will be held before any further steps are taken.

"We intend to put the document on the table, then go back to the public for more discussion and to see what support is there. We can then possibly amend the bylaw, or abandon it if it's found to be unreasonable — or if we're convinced there are better ways to reach the same conclusion."

The bylaw was drawn up in response to fears that wholesale clear-cut logging would take place on many of the 4,800 acres of land formerly owned on Salt Spring by MacMillan-Bloedel and sold recently to individual landowners. It was drafted according to a section of the Municipal Act allowing for controls over tree-cutting in areas where erosion is a possibility.

The bylaw designates lands zoned as upland and forest — the MB properties — as tree-cutting permit areas, but excludes lands classified as tree farm and parcels under 10 hectares. It prohibits

tree-cutting on slopes exceeding 50 degrees and within 50 feet of a natural watercourse, and says permits must be obtained for any cutting on slopes exceeding 30 degrees and on lands which drain into Mawell, Weston or Stowell lakes.

Contravention of the bylaw is liable to a maximum penalty upon summary conviction of \$2,000.

The bylaw was first presented to a public information meeting held in Ganges two weeks ago. Following that session, Gilbert told Friday's Trust meeting, he was approached with requests for further public input.

"We moved quickly (with the bylaw) because of public concern over the amount of tree-cutting," he said. "We had hoped this would be a compromise — one that would help the developers and concerned people come to a common understanding, and let everyone know what to expect."

"The intent is to prevent damage to the island," he continued. "If the community can find some other way to accomplish that, we could abandon the bylaw."

The next step, Gilbert said, will be to hold a series of public meetings to discuss forest practic-

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## Ecological reserve bid under study by ministry

The B.C. environment ministry is still studying an application from Salt Spring developer Murray Cyprus for a temporary, conditional permit to haul logs through an ecological reserve on the island.

Cyprus has applied for permission to truck the timber from the 602-acre parcel his Pepperbrook Retreats Ltd. owns on Mt. Tuam through a portion of the ecological reserve bordering the east side of the land. The route would follow an old logging road.

Steep slopes on the Mt. Tuam block would make it difficult and expensive to haul the logs out by any other route, Cyprus says. He stressed that the application seeks a temporary permit: "We're not asking for a highway."

The Pepperbrook Retreats application is being challenged by a group, Concerned Citizens of Salt Spring, that was formed two weeks ago for the express purpose of protecting the ecological reserve.

Kathy Scarfo, a spokesman for the group, said she has walked

the developer's property and, with the help of a geologist, determined that the timber owned by Cyprus can be removed from Mt. Tuam without being trucked through the reserve.

The route suggested by Scarfo would require building a road across the face of a slope to link two existing roads, and would likely prove more expensive than travelling through the reserve, she said. However, Scarfo added that the economic concerns are the developer's and should not be used to rationalize crossing an ecological reserve.

"What is the meaning of other access? When he bought the property, he knew access would be tough, economically?"

However, Cyprus replied that maps he perused before Pepperbrook Retreats purchased the Mt. Tuam parcel showed that the old logging road was on his property. When he later found that the map was in error, and that the road

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# Questions arise over tax status of lands

## Hearings set for discussion of tree bylaw

A difference of opinion has arisen over the current tax status of the former MacMillan-Bloedel lands on Salt Spring Island.

Developer Murray Cyprus, who has an interest in 1,050 of the 4,800 acres recently sold, said Friday he believes the land is classified by provincial tax assessors as managed forestland — a classification that would exempt the properties from the provisions of the Trust's proposed tree-cutting bylaw.

Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, meanwhile, said Sunday that his discussions with the tax assessment office "clearly showed" the land automatically lost its managed forestland status when it was sold.

"It's definitely out — there's no question about that," Gilbert said.

## Former MB lands may not carry 'managed' status in wake of sale

Gary Kadatz of MacMillan-Bloedel said earlier that when his company owned the acreage, the land was contained within a larger tree farm licence held by MB and was classed as managed forestland before it was sold. At the point of sale, he continued, the tax assessment office was notified that the properties were no longer part of MB's tree farm licence.

Both Kadatz and Gilbert agree that it could take some time before the tax assessment office "catches up" to the properties and reassigns them according to

its "highest and best use" formula.

Managed forestland is taxed at a relatively low rate. Another advantage is that the value of trees is not not calculated into the tax formula until they are harvested.

To qualify for managed forestland status, the landowner must have a forest management plan approved by the tax assessment branch. Other stipulations include limits on the scope of tree-cutting allowed each year, and provision for reforestation.

A forest management plan

must include data on soil, access, topography and timber inventory, as well as a statement of the owner's objectives for the first five years and for one full growing cycle.

Tax assessment office guidelines also call for cutting areas to be reforested within five years, and for all potential productive forestland to be reforested within 10 years.

The landowner is also required to: tend the land in such a way that seedlings achieve and maintain free growth in 15 years; to protect soil and crops from disease, insects, fire, windthrow, landslides and rising water; to maintain and harvest trees at the best time; to review tree density at regular intervals; and to review the overall management plan every five years.

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es on the island in general and the tree-cutting bylaw in particular.

Meanwhile, the choice of processes open to the Trust were questioned Friday after Gilbert said the tree-cutting bylaw could be given four readings — constituting official adoption — in one day.

Trust planner Dave Morris said that while Municipal Act regulations require advance notice, a public hearing, four readings and a referral to the municipal affairs minister before land rezonings or changes to the community plan can be adopted, there is no such process laid out for something like a tree-cutting bylaw.

## police report

A former Ganges resident is facing charges which could net him over \$1,400 in fines and 21 days imprisonment.

Richard Lloyd Barnett, 19, was allegedly stopped by Ganges police on two occasions and found to be driving his motorcycle while prohibited from doing so.

Police say the most recent incident took place March 11, when they clocked Barnett speeding on Booth Canal Road. Consequent investigation indicated Barnett was driving while prohibited by the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles.

The accused is also facing charges of driving without insurance, misuse of licence plates, and driving at excessive speeds.

If convicted, Barnett could owe up to \$775 in fines, and 14 days in jail.

Barnett is also facing charges stemming from an incident February 20. Again, he was allegedly found driving while prohibited and without insurance. For this alleged offence, he could face a payment of \$675, plus seven days imprisonment.

In other police matters, a Campbell River man faces several charges stemming from a three-vehicle accident last week.

The incident occurred as Don Fowler pulled out from a parking space in front of Grace Point Square. A pickup truck driven by a Victoria resident was struck, and another vehicle sideswiped.

Each of the vehicles sustained approximately \$100 worth of damage.

Fowler is facing charges of driving without a valid licence, having the wrong licence plate and driving without insurance.

## School tax total only

Last week's *Driftwood* article, *School tax hike tied to Victoria* dealt entirely with school taxes, and should not have been read as referring to complete taxes owed.

The sentence beginning: "An individual under 65 years of age who, for example, owns real estate valued at \$80,000, will pay \$508.60," should have concluded with *in school taxes*.

The story then noted that "after subtracting the homeowner's grant, this total will be \$128.60." Again, this figure refers only to the school tax portion of the total taxes owed.

## Early arrival of dry weather advances burning permit date

Continuing dry weather has prompted the forests ministry to require class A burning permits one month ahead of schedule.


As of midnight Sunday, those preparing to burn class A type fires — logging slash and large-scale land clearing piles — must obtain a burning permit from the fire hall.

The permits are automatically required after April 15, when the


forest fire season officially begins.

Tom Walker, district manager of the Duncan Forest District, said the one-month advance in requiring fire permits was made due to "unprecedented drought conditions through 1987, and a deficit of precipitation so far in 1988."

Local assistant fire chief Les Wagg says all other types of burning may continue without a permit, until further notice.



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	2340	10.2		1900	3.5
24	0415	9.3	28	0330	10.5
	0710	9.6		0930	7.7
TH	1550	2.8	MO	1240	8.1
				1955	3.6
25	0105	10.5	29	0350	10.3
	0500	9.4		0955	7.2
FR	0915	8.9	TU	1400	8.2
	1655	3.1		2040	3.9
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St. Mark's, Central .. 11:15 am Holy Eucharist  
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St. Mark's, Central ..... 7 pm Evensong

**Monday, March 28: MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK**  
St. George's, Ganges 5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, March 29: TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**  
St. Mark's, Central ..... 10 am Holy Eucharist  
St. George's, Ganges 5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

**Wednesday, March 30: WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**  
St. George's, Ganges 5:15 pm Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, March 31: MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
St. George's Hall ..... 6 pm Lenten Supper  
and foot-washing

St. George's, Ganges ... 7 pm **LITURGY OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST**  
& stripping of the altar

**Friday, April 1: GOOD FRIDAY**  
St. George's Hall ..... 10 am **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** and hot cross buns

St. Mark's, Central ..... Noon Vigil before the Cross  
2 pm The Good Friday Liturgy

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**It's for the birds!**

A few years ago Women's Lib was invited to take part in a bird count during the Christmas period. She was delighted to do so until she started to identify birds. I must hang my head in shame, for neither of us could identify anything beyond seagulls and crows and one or two of the regulars. That's why I feel so humble at this time of the year when reader after reader calls to announce the arrival of the first of each species. And here am I — I didn't even know half of them had been away!

**Read the labels!**

Of course you can learn a foreign language from the labels on the packages! We're out of luck in Canada, because we only get two languages on our labels. In Europe you have three or four and sometimes more languages printed out. When I was a small boy my grandmother made custard with custard powder, not eggs. In the custard, when it was cool, she would slice bananas and her twin grandsons were appreciative. I still make it occasionally, and I still enjoy it as well as the memories of a half-century ago. And, when I make it I read the label. It paid off when I was in Paris last year. One of the desserts in a restaurant specified "creme anglaise," or "English cream." But my grand-daughter, who doesn't make custard and, for all I know, doesn't read labels, anyway, asked me to translate it. I was able to identify it from having read it here, in the kitchen, and Nicola enjoyed a sickly dessert based on custard, or English cream. So far I'm on the second line of the corn flakes pack.

**Tiptoe my foot!**

They didn't tiptoe through any tulips — they massacred them. My late wife was addicted to bulbs and I'm not thinking of onions or garlic. We had violets, snowdrops, croaks, tulips and a host of others. Each year, in her day, the flowers hurried out of the cold soil to announce the imminence of spring. They mostly did just that this year. All except the tulips. For the first time in two decades the deer got to the tulips before the flowers could. They have been eaten down to the earth.

**What was so funny?**

First purely automotive joke I can remember was about the fellow who graduated from university. His daddy was delighted and gave him \$100 to kick up his heels before he entered the family business. Came evening and the family sat down to dinner or supper or whatever. "Have you decided what to do with your money, son?" enquired the father. "I've spent it, Dad!" "You've spent it all? What did you buy, son?" "I bought a car, Dad!" "Son! If you mother wasn't my wife, I'd say you were some kind of stupid slob. What kind of a car did you buy, son?" "I bought an Essex, Dad." "Son, you are some kind of a stupid slob!" Funny thing about that joke is that the cheapest used car I ever bought was a 1927 Essex when I was stationed with the air force at Sidney. Funnier still is that it was no more trouble than the most expensive car I ever bought. I kept knocking out the bearings, but it hadn't been designed to run flat out all the time.

Sometimes I just wish I had that Essex coupe back. Other times I don't. It was in that car that I made my first trip to Salt Spring Island about 1942. I drove up Mount Tuam on a corduroy road. Coming down was tougher. I only had rear brakes and we slid down that bumpy road at quite some speed.

Oh, yes! I paid \$7 for that car and drove it for months.

**Easy come ...**

For a short time at the week end I was in possession of two ancient magazines. Not even the owner saw them. I found them when my son-in-law, Ken Byron, was burning debris and brush on Friday. They were rain-soaked and grubby, with part of the pages rotted away. The magazines were two issues of *The Review of Reviews*, published in London at the close of the 19th Century. As I said, they were grubby and left a trail of black dust when I moved them. Last I saw of them I put them to dry on top of the washing machine. A couple of hours later I couldn't find them. I wouldn't want to point the finger, but the only answer I can see is that some member of my family didn't want me to be reading such dirty books.

**Benefit scheduled for cancer victim**

A pot luck-dinner to raise funds for cancer victim Darlene Kopp will be hosted this Saturday by the Salt Spring Island branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The dinner is part of an extensive fund-raising drive for Kopp that had raised close to \$5,900 as of Monday — including \$4,800 in the first three days of the campaign.

The money, held in a trust fund, was initially used to cover the cost of a trip Kopp took last week to the Mayo Clinic to determine the extent of her illness and the medical measures that can now be taken.

Kopp returned from the Mayo Clinic with some hope. Her cancer has been diagnosed, and doctors say her treatment should be external radiation adminis-

tered in Victoria. Should that treatment prove ineffective, they added, Kopp has been directed to return to the Mayo Clinic for internal radiation therapy.

"We will know within the week if Darlene has to return to the Mayo Clinic," a family member said Monday. Darlene, 35, is the daughter of long-time islanders Terry and Marge Byron.

Members of the Byron family will provide musical entertainment at this Saturday's benefit at the Legion Hall. The pot luck dinner will begin at 7 pm, and admission will be by donation to the Darlene Kopp trust fund.

Donations to the fund can be made at the Ganges branch of the Bank of Montreal, the Royal Canadian Legion, or to any member of the Byron family.

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**Coroner's inquest**

**Gun safety regulations urged**

The judgement of a coroner's inquiry into the 1987 shooting death of an 11-year-old Salt Spring Island boy has recommended legislative changes and a public awareness campaign to lessen the chances of similar tragedies occurring.

Coroner Ivan Dare's inquiry found that Matthew James Prendergast died accidentally and instantly from a gunshot wound suffered last July 31. Prendergast and an 11-year-old friend had been playing with a rifle and shotgun in the basement of the friend's house.

"This tragic accident has caused me considerable concern as it follows a similar accident in Victoria two months prior," Dare's report notes. "It is realized that this type of accident cannot be entirely eliminated; however, I believe such incidents can be reduced . . . I have concluded that the best avenue to approach this problem is through legislation and public awareness."

On the legislative front, Dare recommends new regulations — or amendments to existing legislation — be introduced to make trigger locks mandatory with the purchase of all new and used firearms. The recommendation has been forwarded to the Solicitor-General of Canada, the provincial Attorney-General, the provincial minister of corporate af-

fairs, and the deputy commissioner of the RCMP.

To promote public awareness, Dare has recommended to the federal minister of health and welfare that notices be included twice annually with Family Allowance cheques, stressing the need for secure and proper storage of firearms and ammunition.

The notices, he continued, "should point out the extreme danger posed to children in the home and the inexpensive solution of purchasing a trigger lock and an ordinary tool box in which to lock up ammunition as well as

rifle bolts."

Dare's report said the rifle and shotgun involved in the Prendergast shooting were hidden in the home, as were shells for both. It also indicated there were instances prior to the shooting when the 11-year-old played with the guns while his parents were not at home. However, Dare notes the parents were unaware of any such incidents, and that the regional Crown Counsel investigated the possibility of laying charges for careless storage of firearms but found insufficient evidence to proceed.

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It was disheartening to see last Saturday's fundraising campaign for Job-Trac draw so few people — and so few dollars in donations — to its corner of Centennial Park in Ganges. There was even a touch of irony in the scene, as an event staged on the nicely refurbished grounds of Centennial Park could draw so little attention to the program directly responsible for drastic improvements to the venue.

Not that the quest for approximately \$64,000 from the community — to go along with \$226,000 from the province — has been a failure. Far from it: local residents have so far come up with approximately \$35,000 to cover the island's share of the cost of 14 major projects designed to enhance local recreational, cultural and tourism-related amenities. The crunch is that much more cash is still needed and, most important of all,

## Program needs better support

needed rather quickly.

Salt Spring Island is a generous community, one that shows again and again that it is not reluctant to reach into its collective pocket-book in support of a worthy cause (the recent raising of \$4,800 in three days for cancer victim Darlene Kopp is a good example). However, in the case of Job-Trac, it appears that the same pockets are now being searched for the second or third time. Merchants are being pressed to make up the lion's share of the

amount outstanding, probably because canvassers for donations have so few other prospects.

However, businesses are not the sole beneficiaries of the fruits of the Job-Trac program. We all profit, be it by a stroll through refurbished Centennial Park, attendance at an event at the renovated premises at Off Centre Stage, a stroll along hiking trails in the Channel Ridge area, a morsel from the new barbecue pit at the Farmers' Institute grounds ...

The most telling reason to help support fundraising for Job-Trac at this point, however, is money. The old saw about something being a bargain at half the price is applicable here — except, with the province picking up the bulk of the budget, what we have received from Job-Trac is a bargain at *one-quarter* the cost. Surely, we can come up with one quarter. Can't we?

## Job-Trac employees made lasting donation

... and while we search our pockets for spare change for the Job-Trac program (see above), we could perhaps also take a moment or two to reflect on the contributions made to that program by its employees.

While project organizers, administrators and supervisors have to date captured much of the attention for the Job-Trac projects, the two crews of 19 employees in total have shouldered most of the actual beautification, upgrading and renovation work. And they've done a fine job, as any walk near the Ganges Creek linear park or any of the other 13 projects will show.

Long after the Job-Trac program closes shop and balances its budget, Salt Spring Island will continue to reap the benefits of the contributions those employees have made to this community. Sure, they were paid for their efforts — but the island has received a good return on the dollars spent. For that, we give the workers a large measure of the thanks.



## Business can be fun — if you can fathom the lingo

Although my personal net worth does not include holdings of investments like stocks or bonds, I find my attention being drawn more and more to the business pages of Canada's national daily newspaper.

Part of this is because professional curiosity prompts me to read most newspapers from front to back — including at least a glance at sections of little personal interest — and part is because I'm told that business reporting has suddenly become big news.

So big, in fact, that a major media battle is currently being waged between the *Globe and Mail* and the *Financial Post* for the eyes of businessmen and the pocketbooks of advertisers trying

to attract those eyes. It's not too difficult to understand why: the financial pages tell me the *Globe and Mail* business section, for instance, produces 50 per cent of that newspaper's substantial revenue total.

But, I digress. My intent today is not to fill this corner with observations about the business of business, or even about the money of business, but about the confusion of business. By that, I mean the difficulty a poor outsider has grasping the subtle nuances of this (to me) alien world.

Take last Wednesday's section of the *Globe*, for example. Mumbling easily through an article about a particular corporate takeover, I was stalled in my tracks

my word

by

**duncan macdonnell**

by a section concerning the strategic subtleties and implications of one company's "poison pill defence" against said takeover. Nowhere did it tell me what that meant, and my dictionary was of no help.

I fared a bit better in the next story, being able — through intuition and a modest dose of guesswork — to figure out what a

"forensic accountant" might be. At least, I think I did.

Then there was this bit, concerning an analyst's pondering of the sale of a successful food-production company by its owner, after a failed attempt to increase his share of the international market: "The problem was Buitoni didn't reach sufficient critical mass." I knew I should have paid closer attention to my high school physics teacher.

It got worse, but I won't document my stumblings or risk knowing chuckles by revealing the words that finally caused me to toss the paper into a nearby bin. The articles were well-written, interesting and sometimes even highly entertaining,

but without a grounding in the lingo, full comprehension was a world away.

And then I thought: no . . . don't give in. Treat it like cricket or football or one of those other equally-arcanic followings, and learn the meaning of the business equivalents of *silly middle off* and *crackback block*.

So I continue to force myself through the business section each day. And I wait for the day when I can make sense of the inevitable story about a forensic accountant who forced a street sweep after he jitted a chequable account and reached critical mass, only to be thwarted by a poison pill defence. And then I will ask, was it man-to-man, or zone coverage?

## Gain for pain

Sir,  
A past issue of *The Oyster Catcher*, the quarterly bulletin of the Salt Spring Island Trail and Nature Club (the publication of which is planned to resume soon) quotes the following from Robert F. Harrington's *Thoughts from the Woods*:

"Unfortunately, for those who believe that freedom is licence to turn all ends to their own gain, a conservation ethic involves the sacrifice of present gain for future good. It involves a restriction of freedom. It involves recognition of the fact that the accumulation of wealth at the expense of ravaging the earth is not justifiable.

"However, soothsayers of the modern age will have their way. They will avoid truth by citing half-truth. The wrecking of some portion of the earth for monetary gain or political capital will be smoothed over with neat packets of figures indicating how many people will be employed, how much a region will increase its net worth ... The only answer to this kind of oratorical banditry is the adoption of a binding ethic — that immediate gain will not be justifiable when long-range ecological damage may occur."

ANDREW GIBSON,  
Ganges.

## Hypocrisy

Sir,  
Issues of life and death like abortion, are ones which each has to examine in their heart, through their values and experiences, and live with.

It seems this issue is being exploited by a male politician, male media announcers, and male judges, rather than balanced representation. The debate does force us to take a look at value of life in a fast, technological world; where people are human, in a largely inhuman age.

We have to be aware of spiritual hypocrisy on this issue — people passing judgment when they should be understanding. The essence of love, no matter which faith you belong to, is caring, not condemning.

The women of Brazil, on International Day, wrote: "Brazil is a country of youth. Nearly half the population is under the age of 19. A small percentage of children are educated beyond the primary level and the problem of abandoned children becomes more serious every day." Will the Roman Catholic Church and the wealthy empire of the Vatican take responsibility for this with their birth control policy?

Ideally, we would all live in a world where everyone is wanted and cared for. A world where, as one Texan put it, "everyone has someone to love, something to do and something to look forward to ..." Fortunately, you can't kill the spirit.

SUE HISCOCKS,  
Ganges.

## Strong stuff

Sir,  
At the March 18 Trust meeting at which I was present, Trust Chairman Nick Gilbert made an eloquent plea for an independent Trust funded by a levy against property.

Earlier at the same meeting, Nick Gilbert had stated unequivocally that the proposed

bylaw requiring tree-cutting permits in certain applications could, without further ado, be enacted at the meeting — then and there, by simply proceeding with four readings in a single session.

As such a bylaw would impact upon a large number of property owners who might justifiably feel that they had the right to speak on this proposed bylaw, Mr. Gilbert probably offended the sense of fairness of a number of those he is asking to pay the bill for an expanded Trust.

Further, what will worry me and other property owners is the idea of funding a room full of pencil-pushers drafting bylaws that could potentially be implemented without a reasonable degree of public input.

If I, as a property owner, am asked to pay for something, I like to think its going to do the job for me, not on me. I am reminded that in some parts of the world, after the execution, the condemned man's estate is charged for the bullet.

This four readings in a single session is strong stuff (sort of Salt Spring's own version of the War Measures Act). As the knee-jerk reaction of the Trust to do what they view as a crisis is well-known; perhaps this is an instance where as property owners, we should agree to some level of additional funding to be raised by a levy against property, with the proviso that all bylaws must have a full and adequate scrutiny by the public, and that those affected may be assured they will have an opportunity to be heard throughout four separate readings.

ROBERT M. TRUMP,  
Ganges.  
P.S. Yes, Virginia, while there was no attempt to have four readings in a session, the implied threat was significant. While merely a technicality, I believe Nick Gilbert erred when he so stated that four readings could be had in a single session. It is my understanding that three readings could be done in a session and then a day's wait would be required before the fourth reading — but further even to that, I feel a successful challenge could be and would be mounted immediately to any such attempted shortcut — over to you, Nick.

## Beware

Sir,  
Two weeks ago my dog was poisoned, I presume not intentionally. Thanks to our most devoted and talented veterinarian Claus Andress, she is alive and well.

I was just going to rejoice and forget the incident, but an article in a gardening magazine caught my

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attention and I changed my mind. The use of organophosphate insecticides (applied to lawns, plants and trees), rat poison in compost piles, and slug bait is potentially dangerous to anyone's pet. Please, if you use these substances, be aware of their dangers and protect the lives of our canine and feline friends.

PHYLLIS COLEMAN,  
Ganges.  
P.S. A lot of children and adults develop reactions (nausea, dizziness, rashes and more) from the use of these products, too.

## Answers

Sir,  
We have had numerous inquiries concerning the monies that are still in the Bob Walde Trust Fund.

I would like to point out at this time that Bob Walde is still using the funds for various treatments not covered under the B.C. Medical Plan. Until such time that Bob feels he no longer needs the funds, or that a legal claim settlement has been reached, or the Workers' Compensation Board finally covers his claim (which could take up to a year or more), we must keep the monies allocated to Bob until he has fully recovered his health or has fully recovered his claim.

The trust fund balance is as follows:

- Total raised, \$10,211.52;
- Cost of Mayo clinic plus travel, \$3,600;
- Balance, \$6,611.52;
- Cost of Acupuncture (16 treatments), \$627.15;
- Cost of Chemical sensitivity testing, drugs, travel, etc. \$980;
- Interest from monthly term deposits, \$153.61; and
- New total including interest, term deposits, and all interest from savings, \$5,454.42.

Should there be any more inquiries or information please contact one of the following trustees: Tony Richards, Ron McQuiggan, Les Wagg, or Henry Schwagly.

HENRY SCHWAGLY,  
Ganges.

## Pro-death?

Sir,  
A person who is pro-life is definitely concerned about the value of the child's life and is pro-child.

A person who is pro-choice is really pro-death, as they are totally unconcerned about the value of the unborn child's right to life. They are personally and selfishly only concerned about having their right to kill, which isn't really their right at all.

The terms *pro-life* and *pro-choice* are misnomers: both could well be called pro-decision, as one decides on the life of the child and the other decides on the death of the child.

I am a pro-decision, pro-life, pro-child male. Thank God my mother, as well as everyone else's mother, was pro-life. She allowed us to live to express our views.

All the mothers of pro-choicers were pro-life. Only the offspring of a pro-life person could write this letter, as the offspring of a pro-choice person has been aborted and is no longer around to express their views.

I am happy to take my stand on the side of the unborn, because I have been born.

JOHN M. STEEL,  
Ganges.

## An apology

Sir,  
With regard to your article entitled *'Copter service crews grounded*, published in the March 2 issue, the hospital would like to clarify the statements made regarding the use of the water taxi for emergency evacuation.

The water taxi service is an important aspect in emergency transfer and we would like to

apologize to Jack and Wendy Hughes for any misunderstanding arising from our statements on the loss of the emergency night airlifts.

Both airlift and water taxi services are important for emergency transfers and each provides the necessary facility for a particular type of patient emergency. For this we are grateful to the water taxi service and their dedicated personnel.

DIANE HOROVATIN,  
Administrator,  
Lady Minto Hospital.

## Protection

Sir,  
I would like to thank everyone who rallied, on such short notice, to safeguard our ecological reserve.

At this time, it appears that the ministry of environment will honour the intent of the Ecological Reserve Act.

However, at present, the reserve does not have an acting warden. All concerned must take on the role of voluntary warden to ensure that ecological reserves remain a small but necessary portion of British Columbia's heritage.

KATHY SCARFO,  
Fulford Harbour.  
  
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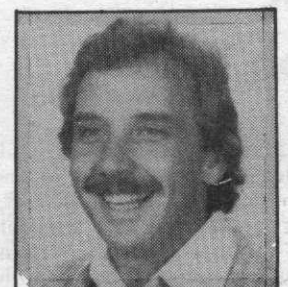
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# No muss, no fuss — leave the baby on the bus ...

By ANDREW GIBSON

Sure, *Maclean's*, *Time* and *Saturday Night* do a good job of giving us routine news, but if you want to know what is really going on you have to read one or more of those weekly tabloids whose lurid headlines scream at you while you wait at check-out counters, and cause your eyes and jaws to pop and drop (respectively).

On hold the other day at the eight-items-or-less counter, behind an overweight afreet with a month's supply of calories, my eyes were drawn to the March 8 issue of the *National Examiner*. With my eyeballs brushing my bifocals, I read that (a) *Mom Gives Birth on Bus, Then Forgets to Take Baby,*

## ...and other twisted tales from the check-out stand

(b) *Incredible New Wonderpill Can Flush Out 20 Pounds of Body Fat While You Sleep*, and (c) *Enormous Crystal Blamed for Devil's Triangle*.

Oblivious to the irate female behind me, I remained in a catatonic state until dropping a can of pineapple on my foot brought me back to reality. I limped out with my purchases, including the *National Examiner*, and hurried to the nearest bench to read more.

Story (a): "It was the most

stupid thing I've ever done," marvelled Maria. "I had walked to the hospital before I realized I had left the baby wrapped in my coat on the back seat of the bus. I guess I'm just absent minded." Luckily, she immediately called the bus company, who by then had notified authorities and were holding the baby in their lost and found department. "I've never been known as an Einstein," said Maria.

"Losing her keys ... is one thing, but giving birth and forgetting

about it — is another," said her husband.

I feel better now. Sometimes I feel self-conscious about mismatched socks or a car lost in a parking lot, but I now realize that I have a long way to go to equal Maria's detachment.

Story (b): "When the body is at rest Femfibrozil dislodges sticky fat and washes it out of the system to slim down hips and thighs and other areas of unsightly flab."

I certainly don't intend to reveal to total strangers the condition of

my hips and thighs, and I take a little umbrage at the term 'unsightly flab,' but I concede that to be a senior male Twiggy I would have to slim down. Would Gemfibrozil help my quest? Before ordering the economy barrel I checked out the other offerings, and it's just as well that I did. About Dietol 7 I read: "I lost 71 pounds in six weeks, and to help me lose it I ate all I wanted of fatty meats, bacon, roast chicken, shrimp, roast beef and pork. I used unlimited amounts of cheese, butter ... and plenty of heavy cream."

But even this was eclipsed by Nutritrim, which is sent in a plain brown wrapper, and will have me 83 pounds lighter in two months while eating six filling meals a day and snacking as often as I want. So, in addition to getting a four months supply of Nutritrim I plan to eat 12 filling meals a day, with innumerable snacks, or else I am in danger of disappearing.

Next I turned to story (c), a startling scientific breakthrough which answers the question that has plagued us heavy thinkers for decades — why do ships and planes keep disappearing in the Bermuda Triangle? At one time we speculated that a black hole had been captured by Castro's fiendish atheist scientists, and is roaming the triangle, dragging in non-communist ships and planes.

It now turns out that the culprit is an enormous crystal which survived the destruction of Atlantis thousands of years ago. As you probably know, the Atlantians had solar-powered aircraft, and they used this big crystal to focus the sun's rays on them in flight. Now lying at the bottom of the ocean, it is as powerful as ever, and continues to zap floaters and fliers. Thank heaven that's settled, anyway.

Back home, I leafed through the offers to give me an Atlas body in seven days, pausing a little longer to read about pheromones, which will make men of all ages (even those considered unattractive) irresistible to women. This spray is a natural attractant to females, arouses their innermost desires, and drives them wild, but I decided against it. I'm not fleet enough of foot to outrun hordes of passion-crazed females, nor is a Tercel a good getaway car.

Limp as I had become from all this, I still had enough energy to investigate *How to Read Anybody's Mind*. With this power I can smile when I sit down to play poker or blackjack, because, knowing the other person's cards, I couldn't lose. And, when a loved one is far away, I am able to keep in touch without expensive long distance charges. I was lost in reverie about renting myself out in competition with B.C. Tel when I became aware that my wife was reading over my shoulder.

"Did you know," she said, "that I already have the power to tell what you are thinking?"

"Ho ho!", I scoffed, although my heart sank.

"You think," she said, "that I didn't see you mooning over that Wild Women spray. But here's a way you can have a wild woman and weight loss at the same time." She pointed to *She Fed Him to the Fishes* — "she dumped piranhas into the bathtub while he was bathing ... Melvin needed 100 stitches. His only comment was 'I guess she was really angry with me, huh?'"

Too proud to bandy words, I laid aside the *National Examiner* and defiantly buried myself in our local counterpart, *The B.C. Provincial Report*.

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### Repercussions

Sir,  
Regarding A. Clarke's letter of March 9, I respect anyone's opinion, and a right to it, no matter how narrow-minded.

I also moved here to get away from regulations, stop lights, etc. In fact when asked why I moved here from Ontario I reply: "Because there was too much cement."

Progress can be fine and it is an inevitable part of life — but Mr. Clarke, if us 'crybabies' want to 'hog' what we have in this little part of the world, the reasons are justified. This is a beautiful place. Who wants to be swallowed up by the obvious repercussions progress may bring?

It would appear that you are well off, or at least comfortable. How dare you describe the unemployed as cases and moochers? These people are not any less than you, and you have no right to treat them as lepers. Who and what gives you the right to judge? It is precisely the affluent and their attitude that keeps these people without hope, dreams and opportunity.

If this island's people and environment survives, it will be because the humanitarians speak up (not cry), and not sit on their rears and watch it slip by.

One of the reasons the world is in such a mess is because we thought we had a lot of unspoiled land, populations of wildlife (as the whales slowly dwindle), unpolluted air and pure water.

Well, buddy, pick up a Farley Mowat or Daid Suzuki book and learn a lesson. Maybe next time you'll speak from the heart.

Oh, for the record, I am not on welfare, and am employed.

LESLIE SHIELDS,  
Ganges.

### Too loud

Sir,  
On March 12 my husband and I attended the GISS *Salute to the Century* concert. The musicians, dancers and singers were excellent and it was obvious that all of them had put in hours of work. We both enjoyed the concert — except for one thing, and that was the loudness of the P.A. system. At times there was a hum in the system and the microphones were so loud when the master and mistress of ceremonies were speaking that their voices were distorted.

Especially during the second half of the concert, the band was really loud for the size of the hall, and during many numbers,

including ones with singers such as the cute little Beatles, I had to cover my ears and I saw other people doing the same.

My husband and I had to leave before the last three numbers due to the unbearable loudness pounding on our ear drums, and we thought of all the young children in the audience being bombarded by sound.

The students and all who participated in the concert are very talented and the evening was most enjoyable except for the above mentioned noise level.

MARY F. LaPAGE,  
Ganges.

### Explanation

Sir,  
Our 602-acre Mt. Tuam property is Section 38, which contains four of the original Crown grants issued on Salt Spring Island. Its first settlers were compelled by the granting process to log their lands and burn the slash.

Today, modern technology provides us with an opportunity to function more effectively and efficiently than in the days of the original settlers. Long before we purchased the lands we determined that we would not develop the property as a subdivision. We believe that the golden rule for success in all matters of land usage is the applied science of common sense — and in getting the job done.

It is our opinion that the Mt. Tuam lands are best suited for the following mixed land uses: timber growing and harvesting; agriculture; outdoor recreational retreat; and provision for public access to specific trails and sites.

Pepperbrook Retreat's objective is to be successful and by using modern methods with respect to our logging practises, which will include reforestation, we intend to cause minimal damage to the present environment and enhance the possibilities for a better yield of our forest for future generations — our children and our children's children — provided that they have the right to harvest this renewable resource.

Concerned residents must bear this simple fact in mind — that when it comes to logging, for the land owners, it is only prudent and viable to log those areas that contain merchantable timber, which must be in a volume capable of producing an income which exceeds the cost of logging. For those interested in our development plans we provide the following rough estimates of the Mt. Tuam site: patches of merchantable timber (varying sizes), 125 acres; selective logging

area sites, 150 acres; non-accessible (rock, severe slope), 125 acres; healthy, immature patches, 150 acres; unhealthy immature patches, 50 acres.

Each and every forest management opportunity and development program must be determined by a "site specific" analysis of: choice of logging methods; climatic conditions; conditions of the soil; and topography and aspect of the site, etc.

We believe the proposed tree-cutting permits suggested by the Islands Trust will benefit neither Salt Spring Island nor our Mt. Tuam lands. The proposed Trust bylaw is discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional. The bylaw, as proposed, does not guarantee a permit by the Trust if an applicant succeeds in meeting the criteria set out. The basis of the proposed bylaw is "erosion", left to be decided by a forester, not a geotechnical engineer.

The Islands Trust has claimed publicly that it is not opposed to logging "per se," yet we wonder aloud whether in fact its statement is true? Nick Gilbert, the chairman of the Trust, claims we have located the "Mother lode," and is trying to make logging a motherhood issue. He has preached about his ethical concerns and detailed his moral observations while warning us publicly about "wholesale logging".

We must remind Nick that Father Time has a nifty way of healing scars and soothing lumps and bruises. With the assistance of a well-organized reforestation program, our forest will grow and be harvestable again and again, if allowed to.

Instead of creating incentives to encourage good logging practices and good land use practices, Nick Gilbert chooses to use the phrase "small, not fair, small." Well Nick, we believe that part of common sense is to be fair-minded, not small-minded — it allows for a healthier growth environment.

We further believe that it is a big mistake on your part to try and punish the new owners of the MB lands for your own inability to make a deal with MB, or for not having a viable contingency plan in place should you not make the deal. You had a great deal of time to prepare for both and you were fully aware of the potential outcome should you fail to make the deal.

As one of the new owners of the MB lands, we will not allow you to interfere with our development plans. As we understand it, the Parks and Recreation Commission is sadly lacking in funds. We are prepared to debate Nick

Gilbert on land use issues, with all the proceeds to be donated to the Parks and Recreation Commission. A debate of land use issues may be informative, interesting and entertaining. We remain prepared to debate, given one week's notice.

MURRAY CYPRUS,  
Ganges.

### Thanks

Sir,  
The Gulf Islands Secondary School Peace Group is holding a teen dance at Fulford Hall this Friday, March 25, to raise money for the group to attend a Global Awareness Conference at UBC. Some of the chaperones are: Bonnie Kreye, Mr. and Mrs. David Matthews, Nicholas Gilbert, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jacquest. The cost of the dance is \$4 with student card, \$5 without. All support is greatly appreciated. GULF ISLANDS SECONDARY SCHOOL PEACE GROUP.

### Clarification

Sir,  
While we appreciate your coverage of Salt Spring Island Pre-School in the March 16 issue, I would like to clarify one point.

I am quoted as saying that the pre-school program differs from day care services "in that parents are not looking for a place to drop off their children while they work."

If I said these words, I regret them. Salt Spring parents undoubtedly give a good deal of consideration to where they leave their children during work hours. I have every respect for the day-care centres of this island and had no intention of implying that they are "just a babysitting service."

BLY KAYE,  
Supervisor,  
Salt Spring Island  
Pre-School.

### Daffodils

Sir,  
The Salt Spring Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society will hold its second annual daffodil sale March 25 and 26. Flowers will be available at various locations in Ganges.

A mail drop will also take place the first week in April. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

The war can only be won with your support. You make the difference.

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BETSY DOSCO,  
Fundraising chairman,  
Canadian Cancer Society,  
Ganges.

**'Semi' privatization**

# Victoria shedding energy ministry

VICTORIA — Energy Minister Jack Davis calls it a sort of privatization, but no matter which way you look at it, the government is getting rid of a ministry.

No, I'm not referring to the bridge and road maintenance division of the highways ministry. I'm talking about Premier Vander Zalm's latest brainchild — the privatization of the ministry of energy, mines and petroleum resources. The latter two of the ministry's three functions are to be transferred to two boards which will be funded jointly by the government and the mining industry.

The scheme was laid out before ministry employees last week by deputy energy minister Bob Plecas, with the explicit warning not to talk to the media. But when you're up to your fanny in alligators, you tend to ignore warnings that the water might be polluted. Some of the employees couldn't get to a phone fast enough to spill the beans.

Here's the plan. Within the next six months, the government will establish a Petroleum Resources Board and a Mineral Development Board. The two boards will oversee and implement all policies now looked after by the ministry. Only the development of policy and the collection of revenue will remain in government hands.

Plecas told the 200 employees they would remain public servants, even though they would be working for the new boards. Their job security wouldn't be threatened.

The B.C. Government Employees Union is skeptical on that point. Union spokesman Mona Sykes says the crunch will come when the government cuts back on funding for the boards and when the boards will, in turn, cut back on staff and wages.

That suspicion is understandable, considering that the energy minister expects a savings of \$15 million a year out of a current \$25 million budget when the transfer is completed.

And that's about it. With the stroke of a pen and a solid majority in the legislature, the Socreds are about to wipe out half a ministry.

The most alarming part of the plan is the intention to place responsibility for the implementation of energy and mining policies into the hands of the industry. Talk about putting the goat in charge of the cabbage patch.

The boards will, for instance, be responsible for gathering all data that determine royalties; they will oversee safety regulations; they will be in charge of mine inspections.

Glen Clark, energy critic for the

**capital comment**

*hubert beyer*

NDP, calls this latest privatization venture "insidious." He says the Socreds don't understand the difference between the public interest and the interests of the private sector. While the latter is driven by a desire to maximize profits, the public's interest is not only a fair return on the resources they own, but their protection — two aspects the industry couldn't care less about.

If he's right, what's to stop the government from doing the same thing with the forests ministry? Actually, that process has already begun. By placing close to 70 per cent of the province's forests into Tree Farm Licences, the government will in effect turn over much of the forests ministry's responsibility to the private sector.

It's difficult to believe that Premier Vander Zalm doesn't realize how shifty the ground is on which he is building his and his party's political future. Mike Harcourt couldn't do a better job of making sure that the NDP will form the next government. The premier has become the architect in charge of designing and the foreman in charge of building the NDP's election platform.

And what a job he's doing. His scheme to privatize the highways ministry's road and bridge maintenance division alone is enough to lose him the next election. Alex Fraser, the old Socred warhorse from the Cariboo, predicts this move will cost the party about 15 seats in the next election. The fact that 70 municipal councils have passed resolutions imploring the government not to sell off the highways ministry lends credence to Fraser's forecast.

The other big mistake was his decentralization scheme. When the public realizes that the plan is a mirror show at best and a subversion of the parliamentary system at worst, a few more Socred seats will go down the tube.

He will also get no thanks for his mischievous attack on Confederation in last week's Throne Speech. He may not know it, but most Canadians don't view Confederation as an investment club.

The more Vander Zalm reveals of his agenda, the more he shows that he is not only out of touch with the people but with the system he is supposed to serve.

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# Bylaws confirm rear parking for Ganges core

Two bylaws covering parking in downtown Ganges were given three readings following public hearings at last Friday's Islands Trust meeting.

The bylaws provide for the general timing and implementation of common off-street parking areas, and for the location of parking areas within 40 feet of the rear lot line of properties.

The thrust of the bylaws is to locate parking at the rear of buildings and allow parking areas to be interconnected.

Design consultant Michael Schubart opposed both bylaws, noting that while he favoured shared use of the rear of buildings for parking, the provisions of the bylaws would "restrict the ways developers and planners could find creative, more innovative solutions to problems."

In some cases, Schubart said, rear parking may not be the best

## Two measures outline 'ideal' for off-street parking

use of a particular lot.

He added that a series of interconnected, rear-lot parking areas could create a secondary road network — which he called a "schizophrenic approach."

Pat James also spoke against the bylaws, saying they pose "an unnecessary constraint on the design and planning of the Ganges core, especially before the economy can start to show us the trends in that area."

James also noted that the Trust already has a mechanism for control over parking in downtown Ganges, through use of development permits.

In comments on the bylaw passed along to the Trust, the

highways ministry said the measure calling for locating parking no more than 40 feet from rear lot lines was a restriction that could pose hardships for business.

Following the public hearing, the Trust gave three readings to the bylaw concerning location of parking within 40 feet of rear lot lines. The first bylaw, however, was amended before it, too, received three readings.

The amendments, proposed by trustee Pat Byrne, softened the bylaw by adding *ideally* and *wherever possible* before certain clauses.

"We're describing an ideal here, not saying *these are the rules*," Byrne said.

Trustee Nick Gilbert said the bylaw should not be seen as being unreasonably restrictive, because variance permits can be issued to make exceptions in some cases.

"We've gone over site-specific applications and already indicated our willingness to vary this if it comes into effect," he said. "We can look for this on new developments, but with redevelopment on old properties, we can look to do the best we can."

He added: "The longer we leave this, the less possible it will be to provide protection for off-street parking. We recognize that it's still possible to do something worthwhile."

The provision for interconnect-

ed parking areas, for instance, would reduce the number of street accesses required, thus increasing the number of parking spaces that could be required.

Gilbert added that the bylaw requirements could be waived in the interest of accepting a "good plan" for use of a property.

It was also noted that the bylaws would not preclude on-street parking if a property owner desired it.

## more letters

### Thank you

Sir,  
Heart Month is over and on behalf of the B.C. Heart Foundation, I would like to thank you for your assistance in publicizing our 1988 Heart Fund Drive.

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**DON WALL,**  
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### Assaulted

Sir,  
Salt Spring, our beautiful island, is being assaulted on all sides — by developers out to make a quick buck regardless of the environmental consequences, by a government that appears all too willing to help the quick-buck artists maximize the profits and pillage, by dioxin-spewing pulp mills, and worse of all, by a seemingly silent and apathetic public which allows the mindless destruction to continue.

What can we, as individuals, do? The answer is little — unless we join to form an environmental group which is willing to confront these issues and address the environmental concerns that affect

all of us.

This Thursday, March 24 at 7:30 pm at the Salt Spring Island Elementary School music room, we will have a guest speaker, Sharon Chow, the executive director for the Sierra Club of Western Canada. She will discuss and answer questions about the pros and cons of becoming a Sierra Club group.

Here's your opportunity to find out more about this most effective way to deal with Salt Spring's environmental issues. Whether we become a Sierra Club group or some other community-based environmental activist group will be the focus of this meeting.

We will also discuss the Crofton mill, the application to use (and destroy) a portion of the ecological reserve on Mt. Tuam, plastics, and the logging situation on the former MB lands.

Also of interest is a logging video being shown that same evening at the Elementary School library. Continuing Education will show how the Swedes do it — *Losing Our Legacy* — with showings at 4 pm, 6:30 pm and 9 pm. Hope to see you there.

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Bylaws that would permit redevelopment of several adjacent lots in downtown Ganges were moved towards adoption at last Friday's Trust meeting.

Following a public hearing, the Trust gave second and third reading to two bylaws calling for rezoning of properties from residential and commercial status to "comprehensive development."

The properties include four lots across from the Legion Hall on Hereford Avenue, and two nearby lots on McPhillips Avenue, one of which contains the office of lawyer Jonathan Oldroyd.

A mixed commercial-

## Commercial-residential project moves closer to Trust approval

residential development is planned for those lots, and on four other lots on the north side of McPhillips that received comprehensive development zoning last year.

The project will involve several commercial buildings for retail and office use integrated with

multiple-family housing. Also included in the plan is a link to the walkway bordering Ganges Creek.

Project planner Bob Hassell was the sole person to speak at the public hearing into the two bylaws. His comments were restricted to noting that the Ganges Sewer Commission had indicated

approval of the proposal provided certain conditions related to hookups were understood.

Trustee Nick Gilbert noted that passage of the two bylaws would allow a single owner to "take control of several lots and come up with a unified plan for those lots." He also noted that the plan

would comply with Community Plan provisions regarding protection of Ganges Creek.

"It (the proposed development) meshes well with the recommendations from the Ganges Creek task force," he said. "There is a lot of potential to do a good job on the site."

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## Trust staffing problems on increase; approval process slowdown warned

The Islands Trust approval process will be slowed unless additional staff are made available, last Friday's Salt Spring Island Trust Committee meeting was told.

"Until it happens, we're looking at a slower response to applications — the public should be warned," Salt Spring trustee Pat Byrne said after Trust chairman Nick Gilbert and vice-chairman Carol Martin had outlined the state of the staffing crunch facing the Trust.

Gilbert said a recent Trust review of staffing levels showed the body was operating with 75 per cent of the people needed to do a "basic" job. Since then, it has lost the services of one planner and is now "near 50 per cent of the basic level."

Martin added that the Trust had three planners to share the workload from the 13 member islands. "With two planners, there's no way we can process all of the applications."

Islands Trust staff are provided by the provincial ministry of municipal affairs. The current staff level is 6.25 full-time-equivalent employees, down from a high of 10 in 1984.

Martin indicated she found it ironic that the provincial government has stated a commitment to tourism while staff cutbacks like those facing the Trust mean delays in processing applications for developments aimed at promoting tourism.

"We've looked hard at the

situation," Gilbert said, "and we find we are in a more and more impossible situation as time goes on. Since our staff was absorbed by the ministry, we've had no control over staffing. With restraint and cutbacks, our staff has been cut. We can no longer offer a reasonable service to the public — our ability to do a good job is severely depleted. We're at risk, and it could get worse."

Bob Hassell, a Salt Spring Island building designer, said from the audience that the major problem facing the Trust was not maintaining the status quo "but providing planning for the future."

The only way to resolve the situation, Gilbert said, is to make the Trust an independent body.

The Trust is asking the minister of municipal affairs to let it levy local taxes to cover the full cost of the Trust, and the right to hire and direct its own staff.

"We think we've made a reasonable offer to the minister: take the Trust off the dole, and let it be entirely responsible to the local population," Gilbert said.

Islanders now pay 17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value in support of the Trust. Bearing the full cost of the body would likely mean a levy of 50 cents per \$1,000.

"Obviously, we need some form of local government, and whatever it is will cost money," Gilbert said. "This would probably be the cheapest."

## Committee heads named

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission has named its committee chairmen:

- Neville Smith heads up both the planning and grants committees;
- Matt Flanagan is sports committee chairman;
- Rob Dunn chairs the fields committee;
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March 23-31	SATURNA PO	Art Display	Phone school for details
March Mon.-Wed.	SALT SPRING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	Adriene Towne & Diana Dean Drawing & Painting - Artists in the School program	Each afternoon, Monday to Wednesday
March 24	FERNWOOD	Fine Arts Encouragement Assembly	1 pm - open to all
March 21-25	G.I.S.S.	Art Display in Board Room	Business Hours
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March 14 to April	FERNWOOD	Yarrow Sheehan - Creative Movement Lessons - Artists in the School program	Phone school for details
March 24 & 25	VOLUME II BOOK STORE	G.I.S.S. students - Easter Egg painting demonstration	12:30-2:30 pm
April 20	GALIANO	District Music "Play-In"	8:30-10:30 am
April 7	FERNWOOD	Fine Arts Celebration, Reader Theatre, Art, Band, Plays	1:00-3:00 pm
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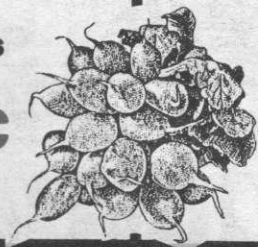
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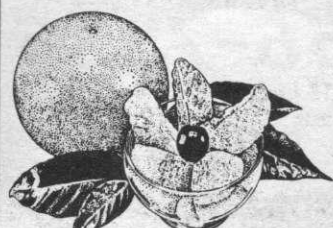
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# Two-man gallery show set

Artists Frank Townsley and Gary Whitley will be featured at an Easter weekend show at the Ewart Gallery.

Townsley, who lives in Vancouver, received a Bachelor of Science degree from UBC and later graduated with honours from a four-year environmental design program at the College of Design

in Los Angeles. While there, he studied watercolour landscape painting under Paul Souza.

Returning to Vancouver, Townsley established a free-lance design, watercolour and photography practice. A frequent visi-

tor to Salt Spring, he exhibits locally and in Vancouver and Victoria, and has his works hanging in many private and corporate collections.

At the Ewart Gallery, Townsley will display paintings and limited

edition prints of Salt Spring scenes.

Whitley, an associate of the Federation of Canadian Artists, was born in Edmonton. He is known through Western Canada for his teaching ability, and shows

his works in galleries in B.C., Alberta and Ontario. His paintings also hang in private and corporate collections.

Whitley is adept in a number of mediums, including watercolours, oil, acrylic and gouache.

The two-man show at the Ewart Gallery opens April 2 and continues until April 29.

## Summer-long program offering instruction in artistic disciplines

From time to time I am asked to recommend a school where one might go to further their knowledge in a particular area of the arts, or to get their toes wet in some discipline entirely new to them.

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Still in the traditional vein, Walker Weed, past director of the crafts program at Dartmouth College, will offer instruction on the design and production of Shaker furniture. Instruction on the making of "rustic furniture" will be offered by Daniel Mack. This is the genre of seat or chair that used to inhabit granpa's Loon Lake cabin.

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making pots — the leach tradition, getting to know your glazes and clay bodies, and exploring functional forms.

Japanese potter Akio Takamori, who does large figurative sculptures, will lead students into the world of drawing on vessels, and Ron Nagle will investigate new approaches using model making, casting, china paints and multi-fire systems.

The photography section of the summer school is broad-ranging and includes courses on dye transfer printing processes, landscape photography, advertising photography, and photographing people. The summer staff features such noted photographers as Jay Maisel, Judy Dater and Richard Misrach.

David Hiser will explore colour and the Utah Canyonlands with his students and Mark Klett and Robert Dawson will explore the Anasazi ruins and petroglyphs in the Four Corners region of the American Southwest. Bring your hiking boots.

For a more human approach, Richard Misrach will examine the limitations of traditional photojournalism in his workshop titled *The Political Landscape*.

For your copy of the course prospectus, write Anderson Ranch Arts Centre, P.O. Box 5598, Snowmass Village, CO 81615 USA.

### Blues on tap

Blues performer Marvin Hiebert will appear at the Vesuvius Inn on March 25 and 26. Hiebert, who plays slide and jazz guitar, will be accompanied by former Salt Spring resident Jerome Jarvis on drums and percussion. The duo will provide music ranging from Muddy Waters and the Rolling Stones to Hank Williams and Duke Ellington.

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Ottawa singer-songwriter Ian Tamblyn to appear on Salt Spring

## Ian Tamblyn concert to mark re-opening of Off Centre Stage

Ottawa singer-songwriter Ian Tamblyn returns to Salt Spring on March 26 to perform at the official reopening of Off Centre Stage.

The performing arts venue at Upper Ganges Centre has been closed for the past two months while renovations were carried out under the island's Job-Trac program. It now boasts a new stage, lighting booth, risers, cupboards and a fresh coat of paint.

The Tamblyn concert will begin at 8 pm, following a Greek dinner featuring "barbecued kebobs" made available to the first 30 people to buy advance tickets for the event. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and available at *et cetera* and the door; tickets for the dinner are \$7 and must be purchased before March 25 by calling 537-5211 or 537-4167.

Tamblyn appeared at Off Centre Stage last summer and is back by popular demand, thanks in part to the local popularity of

his tape, *Over My Head*.

A performer since 1972, Tamblyn has released five albums and five tapes. He has also become active as an actor, producer and playwright.

Musically, the Ottawa artist is known for the quality of his instrumental sounds and for compositions mixing the sounds of nature with his music. For instance, he accompanies recorded bird

songs on hammer dulcimer, synthesizer and other instruments.

Off Centre Stage notes that its newly-renovated premises were made possible by the crew members of the Job-Trac program, by volunteers, by the Chamber of Commerce, and by the continued help and support of the Community Arts Council.

## School choir 'impressive'

Salt Spring Elementary School's choir earned high praise when it performed at the recent Cowichan Music Festival in Duncan.

The choir, composed of 29 students from grades Four through Seven, was entered in a non-competitive event. It performed several selections, including *Inchworm* and *My Music*.

Adjudicator Trudy Barker Blake applauded the island group for its "stirring performance," and praised the children for their lovely tones, good diction, clear harmonies, and excellent attention to the conductor.

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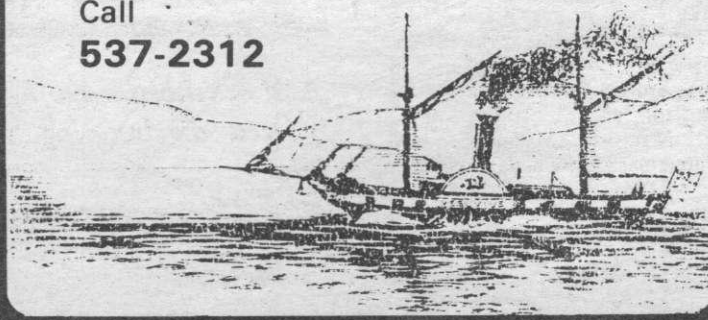
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# Legal opinion rules against bid to cross reserve

A legal opinion obtained by a Salt Spring group indicates the environment ministry has no authority to allow the hauling of logs through an ecological reserve on the south end of the island.

The Concerned Citizens of Salt Spring asked for the legal opinion after local land developer Murray Cyprus applied for a permit to haul logs across the reserve, which is located next to his 602-acre parcel at Mt. Tuam.

Cyprus says a route through the reserve is the only way he can haul timber to market from stands he is harvesting on Mt. Tuam. The Concerned Citizens group disputes the claim, saying there are other — albeit more expensive — routes that could be taken.

The legal opinion obtained by the group was presented last

## Doubt case on ministry's authority to issue permit

week to the environment ministry, which has authority over ecological reserves. The legal opinion, based on a reading of the Ecological Reserve Act and its regulations, says:

- that the co-ordinator for ecological reserves has no authority to issue a permit for construction of a logging road or to re-open an old logging road within the reserve, and has no authority to allow logging vehicles to use any portion of an ecological reserve for logging purposes; and
- that the environment minister has no authority to permit con-

struction of a logging road within the reserve. While the minister may allow "limited . . . use of motorized vehicles" within a reserve, he cannot make such an order "unless no significant disruption (will result) to the reserve," it says.

The opinion adds that the minister must obtain evidence that no disruption will result before such an order is issued, but that it doubts the words *limited use* "are consistent with the coming and going of logging trucks and related equipment."

It also cautions that "an extreme or drastic measure" would

be for the provincial cabinet, acting on the wishes of the minister, "to delete a portion of the reserve and re-dedicate that portion of land so as to accommodate the adjoining land owner."

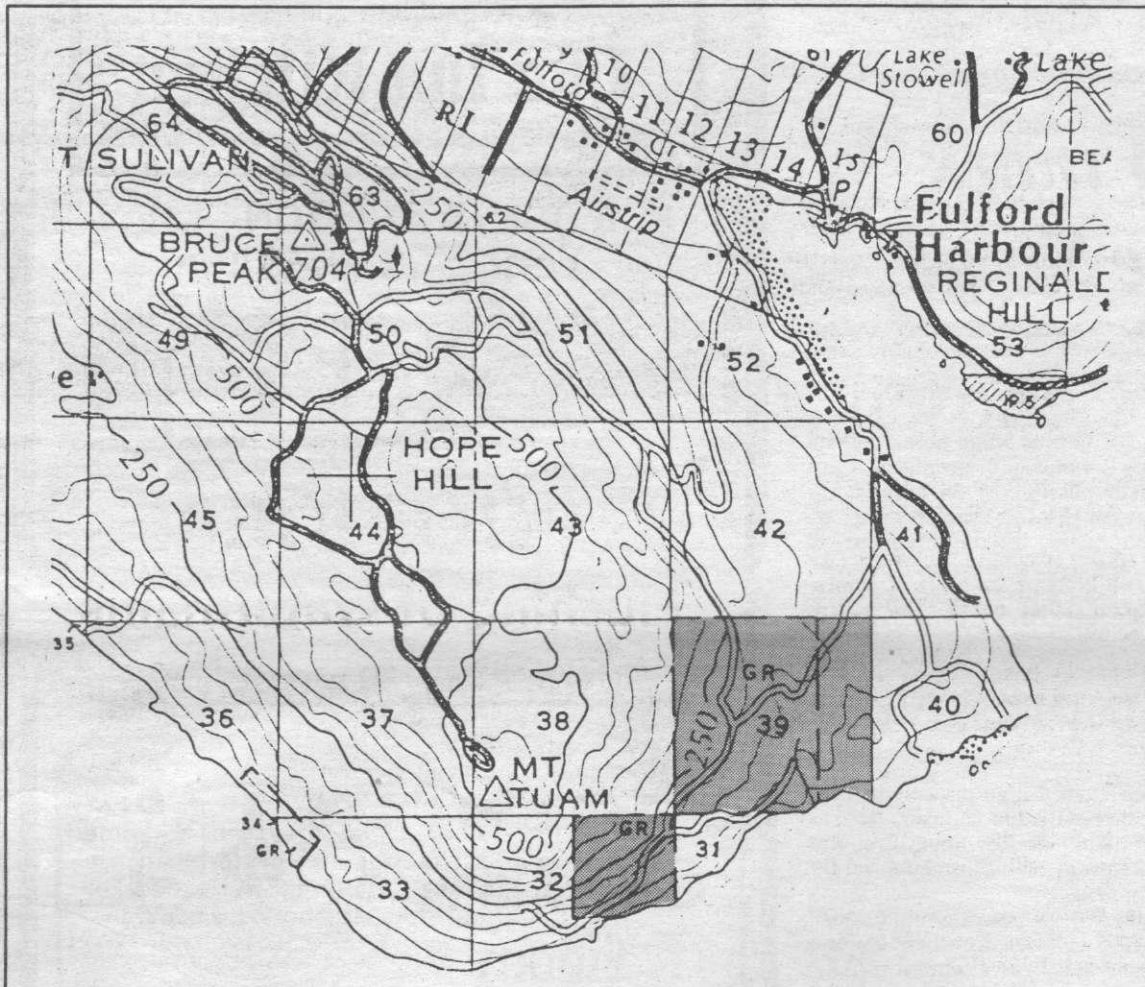
Kathy Scarfo, a spokesman for the Concerned Citizens group, said she was warned by ecological reserve officials in Victoria that her opposition to the Cyprus application might result in a deletion from the Salt Spring block — an action that would, in turn, place the entire ecological reserve program at risk.

"But if that means they can drive logging trucks through,

they may as well abolish ecological reserves publicly, not behind closed doors," she told *Driftwood*.

Bristol Foster, a Salt Spring resident who spent a decade with the ecological reserve program before leaving government, said approval of the Cyprus application or a deletion order would pose a threat to the ecological reserve system.

While there are precedents for allowing traffic across reserves, none measures up to the Salt Spring case, he explained. "It's significant because if it's allowed and there are similar applications anywhere, the government would be forced to allow them," he said. "Over the years, the ecological reserve system would be slowly eroded. It's only one-tenth of one per cent of the province."



### Ecological reserve

Shaded blocks on map show boundaries of ecological reserve at south end of Salt Spring. Due west of the larger of the two parcels is Block 38, the 602-acre property due to be logged by Pepperbrook Retreat Ltd. Logs would be hauled across reserve either along road shown at southern junction of Blocks 38 and 39, or along old logging road that

runs along the boundary between the two parcels. As topographical lines on map point out, Block 38 land slopes sharply towards the reserve, making for steep grades the developer says preclude hauling logs off land to the north or west. Application to cross portion of the reserve is now in the hands of the provincial environment ministry.

## Bid prompts warden to submit resignation

The volunteer warden of an ecological reserve at the south end of Salt Spring has tendered his resignation in the wake of an application to haul logs through the area.

The Community Planning Association of Salt Spring, meanwhile, has asked the environment ministry not to accept the resignation of Paul Kynaston.

Kynaston declined extensive comment on his resignation, saying that he sent the environment minister a letter of resignation on a matter of principle arising from its handling of the log-hauling application.

"I felt I could better serve the interests of ecological reserves by divorcing myself from the government and working with private citizens," he added.

Kathy Scarfo, the spokesman for a group of islanders which formed two weeks ago to preserve the ecological reserve, said the Concerned Citizens of Salt Spring Island are also disappointed with the way the ministry processed the application from developer

Murray Cyprus. Scarfo said the application from Cyprus was received by the ministry on February 16 but Kynaston was not told that it was being processed — even after warning the ministry to watch for possible encroachment on the reserve.

"There was no notification to the warden."

Scarfo added that Kynaston later came across survey tapes on the reserve which indicated a log dump was being planned. When that information was passed along to the ministry, she said, the warden was told an application was being considered.

Other members of the Concerned Citizens group credit Kynaston with alerting the public to the possibility of logs being hauled across the reserve.

Kynaston was one of approximately 45 volunteers in the province who help protect ecological reserves. Their tasks include posting signs and maintaining fences, and involvement in research projects.

## Log-hauling application now in ministry's hands

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extended into the reserve, he applied for the temporary use permit.

Last week, the co-ordinator of the ecological reserve program, Dr. Louise Goulet, said her office is in a difficult position because it must protect reserves but cannot deny an adjoining landowner the

right to remove his timber.

Scarfo said she has since been told by the environment ministry, which has authority over the ecological reserve program, that it opposes the application made by Cyprus but is still studying that application. The ministry did not reply to telephone messages left by *Driftwood*.

## Reserve areas set aside as 'outdoor laboratories'

The ecological reserve a group of residents is working to protect on Salt Spring Island is one of four in the Gulf Islands region and 117 across B.C.

The reserves are areas of Crown land set aside for scientific purposes, including research in an undisturbed environment and retention of "representative benchmark areas" against which the effect of changes created by man or nature can be measured.

A pamphlet from the provincial government describes the re-

serves as "undisturbed natural areas (that) yield a wealth of knowledge through their function as outdoor laboratories and classrooms." It adds that scientists value ecological reserves "because their permanence assures continuity of research in natural ecosystems," and notes that the value of unaltered sites will increase as natural areas become increasingly rare.

The brochure continues: "While casual use is permitted in most ecological reserves, they are pri-

marily intended for scientific purposes . . . ecological reserves are needed to help unravel and help understand some of the basic ecological processes . . . as gene pools they serve the function of a living museum of known and unknown life."

The reserve at the south end of Salt Spring was established in 1971 by a provincial government order-in-council to "conserve forest ecosystems representative of the dry subzone of the Coastal Douglas Fir zone."

The reserve is noted for pure stands of arbutus — "probably the best representation of this species in the ecological reserve system" — and for many rare plants. Its stands of Douglas Fir are mainly second-growth, although there are "some large veteran firs present," according to a provincial government report on the reserve.

Other reserves in the Gulf Islands include a block on Saturna Island noted for its Coastal Douglas Fir forest, the Canoe Islets near

Valdes Island (home to a sea bird colony), and the Rose Islets in Trincomali Channel (which support a colony of double-crested cormorants).

To be established as an ecological reserve, a site must be recommended for acceptance by a ministry of environment group which accepts proposals from other agencies, the public, scientists and naturalists. After any possible conflicts are resolved with all government ministries, a proposal is forwarded to cabinet.

# Salt Spring Islander seeks NDP nomination

Two more New Democrats are seeking the party's nomination in the new federal Saanich-Gulf Islands riding.

Salt Spring school teacher Irene Wright and Saanich resident Lynn Hunter recently joined poetess Elizabeth Woods in the race to carry the NDP standard in Saanich-Gulf Islands in the next federal election.

The party will nominate its candidate May 14 in Sidney Central Hall.

Saanich-Gulf Islands will be a new federal riding, carved out of the old Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands and Saanich-Esquamalt ridings. The NDP's Jim Manly, current MP for the Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands, has said he will not seek re-election in the new riding. Pat Crofton, the PC member for Esquamalt-Saanich, has announced his intention to seek election in the new riding.

Born in Vancouver, Wright has lived on Salt Spring for 21 years and taught in three island schools. She presently teaches in the French Immersion program at Gulf Island Secondary School.

An NDP activist for several years, Wright is a member of the party's provincial executive and its federal council. She currently chairs the Gulf Islands NDP club and serves on the regional affairs policy committee, the council of federal ridings, and the B.C. federal elections planning committee. She also participates in the provincial women's rights committee.

Wright believes Canadians should be able to expect fairness and honesty in government. All Canadians are entitled to an economy which serves their needs, she says. Wright also feels Canadians should support the goals outlined in the recently-released United Nations report which calls for a sustainable world economy and environment.

Wright describes her particular assets as high energy, devotion to work, a great deal of political experience with the NDP, bilingualism, and a considerable knowledge of Canada and its history.

Hunter, meanwhile, is co-ordinator of OXFAM-Canada's Vancouver Island operations. In connection with her work, Hunter travels regularly throughout Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, speaking on international development and Canada's role in the process. In 1986 she visited Eritrea in Northern Ethiopia to



Irene Wright

experience, first-hand, the situation there.

Like Wright, Hunter is involved in a number of community groups. She is past chairman of the Victoria Status of Women Action group and continues to work with the committee, a member of the Victoria Southern Africa Action Coalition, and the

New Democratic Women's Rights committee.

A 1985 graduate of the University of Victoria — with a double major in history and political science — Hunter says her community involvement spurred her to seeking the riding nomination.

"It's a natural extension of the work I'm already doing," she said. Through my job and through my volunteer activities, I have made presentations to government bodies and individual politicians. I have worked with them both formally and informally to achieve the best possible policies. I have learned to be an effective representative — how to get things done. I see an opportunity as a Member of Parliament to contribute directly in effecting change in Ottawa."

Woods, meanwhile, is seeking the nomination under the theme *A Poet for Parliament*. The Victoria resident has published two books of poetry and written several works broadcast on CBC-Radio.

Woods describes herself as a "blue socialist," saying she advocates small-scale private enterprise while recognizing the NDP as a party which "understands

best, and cares most about, the hard realities of most people's lives."

Central to Woods' campaign is her belief that the arts can play a major role in reorganizing society: "We all need to become more

like artists, not necessarily by becoming dancers or painters or writers but by considering ourselves as producers rather than as consumers, and by receiving intrinsic satisfaction from what we do to earn our living."

## PC directors chosen

Four Gulf Islands residents — including three from Salt Spring — have been named to help direct the Progressive Conservative (PC) party's local riding association.

Pender Islander Phil King and Salt Spring residents John Crofton, Claire Nutting and Nan Jenks were recently named to sit as directors on the association's recently-formed 19-member board. The board includes five table officers and 14 directors.

Formation of the riding association was made necessary by pending changes to the boundaries of electoral areas in the region. In July, portions of the current federal ridings of Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands and Esquamalt-Saanich will be merged to produce the new riding of Saanich-Gulf Islands.

Jim Manly (NDP), the MP for Cowichan-Malahat-the-Islands, has said he will not seek his party's nomination in the new riding. Pat Crofton (PC), the MP for Esquamalt-Saanich, will be seeking the PC nomination in Saanich-Gulf Islands.

To date, three candidates are in the running for the NDP nomination in the new riding: Salt Spring resident Irene Wright and Victoria-area residents Elizabeth Woods and Lynn Hunter.



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**in brief**

The Islands Trust has approved the appointments of two members and their alternates to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC).

At its March 18 meeting, the Trust accepted Rick Rockliffe as a representative of the Accommodation Association of Salt Spring Island, and Brian Jewell as his alternate. Also accepted were the nominations of W. Garrick and D. Bragging to act as alternates for Chamber of Commerce representative Jack Cherry.

A resolution expressing no concerns over operation of the Lady Minto Hospital heliport was approved at the March 18 Trust meeting.

The resolution was presented at the request of the hospital, which said its approval was required before Transport Canada would sanction use of the heliport.

"In the last year, one (helicopter) saved my life," Trustee Pat Byrne said in support of the resolution. "I hope that doesn't put me in a conflict-of-interest position."

Byrne was suddenly taken ill last year and had to be flown to hospital in Victoria.

An amendment to a development permit regulating the Salt Spring Island Sea Products plant on Rainbow Road has been endorsed by the Trust, pending approval of neighbouring property owners.

The plant requested an amendment to its permit to allow a 15-foot by 45-foot freezer extension at the rear of the building, to allow more fish to be stocked. The Trust agreed to issue approval subject to written confirmation from neighbours that they are in agreement with the amendment.

# Schedule changes outlined for ferries

A number of proposed changes to the B.C. Ferry Corporation's sailing schedule indicates the corporation holds new attitudes concerning Gulf Island ferry travel, transportation committee chairman David Clegg said last week.

Clegg, along with several other Salt Spring and Outer Gulf Island representatives, met February 20 with senior ferry corporation officials. Clegg described the meeting, which was chaired by Saanich-and-the-Islands MLA Terry Huberts, as a successful attempt to develop efficiencies in inter-island travel.

If the proposed changes are accepted, Clegg said, they will "herald a whole new concept in the way existing routes are used."

Subject to corporation approval, the proposed changes would see fewer "milk runs" between Salt Spring Island and Tsawwassen, plus supplementary stops at the Outer Islands by vessels travelling between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen.

The Friday night arrival time on Salt Spring from Tsawwassen would be 10:45 rather than 11:50 pm, as it has been in the past.

Ferries travelling to Salt Spring from the mainland will also arrive earlier in the day. On Saturdays, the scheduled arrival time would be noon, rather than 2:30 pm. On Mondays and Fridays, the vessel would dock at 11:30 am (three hours earlier); on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, at 12:30 pm; and on 1:30 pm on Sunday.

Sunday evening sailings, leaving at 4:30 pm, would go directly to Tsawwassen without stopping at any of the Outer Islands. Mainland arrival time would be

5:55 pm, effectively cutting half an hour off sailing time.

Sunday night's Tsawwassen to Long Harbour run would also be a direct sailing. Rather than leaving at 10:30 pm, as it did last year, the boat would sail at 8:55 pm and arrive on Salt Spring at 10:30 pm.

The ferry corporation has traditionally maintained its route one (Swartz Bay/Tsawwassen) sailing as a direct run. If the schedule is accepted, this summer would see supplementary route one sailings, stopping at the Outer Gulf Islands.

Monday and Friday morning sailings from Swartz Bay, for example, would stop at Galiano en route to Tsawwassen. On the return run, the ferry would stop at Galiano and Pender.

"The new schedule gives greatly-increased lift-off to any island," Clegg said.

Because of the increased service, the corporation feels the reservation system will become redundant. It intends to phase out the system.

Through ticketing will be a further feature, Clegg believes. "We'll be able to buy a ticket at one end and go right through."

So what do Gulf Islanders have to give up? Possibly last-minute arrivals at ferry terminals. Commuters may have to be in terminal line-ups 20 minutes before sailing time. Clegg was unsure which terminals would have the ruling in place, and said the committee feels the corporation will likely be flexible on the issue.

"The committee is very excited about (the corporation's) movement on many issues that we've been trying to move on for some time," Clegg said.

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## Castle contest sand stolen

A stockpile of sand, intended for the annual Sea Capers sand sculpture contest, has "mysteriously disappeared" from highways property at Vesuvius Bay beach.

Seven tons of sand, valued at \$250, were donated to Sea Capers last year by Gulf Coast Materials. After some was used in the 1987 contest, it was estimated that supplies for at least five more years remained.

The remaining sand was stockpiled at the head of the stairs leading to the beach. During the past winter the pile, valued at

approximately \$200, has disappeared. The Sea Capers committee must now replace the sand — which, with delivery charges, will cost about \$250.

The sand sculpture contest is one of the most popular Sea Capers events. Last year there were 104 entries, and indications for this year point to even more. Enquiries have been received from Victoria and Parksville.


The Sea Capers committee is hoping the sand will be returned in time for use at this year's event, scheduled for Sunday, June 19.


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# Turnout, contributions fall short

Job-Trac officials were disappointed by the low turnout at a fund-raising event held last Saturday at Centennial Park in Ganges.

Cool weather and thin crowds at the nearby Saturday Farmers' Market may have contributed to the poor turnout for two musical acts and a karate demonstration staged in support of Job-Trac, Chamber of Commerce president Jack Cherry said Saturday afternoon.

At mid-day, the fund-raising event had collected about \$100 towards the \$64,000 being sought to cover the island's share of the cost of the Job-Trac program.

Launched with \$226,000 from the provincial government, the Job-Trac program employed 19 people — and two supervisors — for six months on a variety of projects aimed at improving the island's cultural, recreational and tourism-related amenities. Included were upgrading of Centennial and Drummond parks, refurbishing of the Farmers' Institute building, renovations at Off Centre Stage, clearing of hiking trails and construction of boat-launching facilities.

Fund-raising for the community's share of Job-Trac costs — the difference between the province's contribution and the total cost —

is being handled through the Centennial Society, an umbrella group formed to represent the organizations involved. To date, the society has raised about \$35,000 towards the \$64,000 required.

When the program was launched last fall on Salt Spring, local sponsoring groups accepted responsibility for raising the additional funds needed to undertake the projects. The provincial government's contribution is expected to cover the cost of labour and employee benefits, while the remaining total is for materials and services.

If the full \$64,000 required

from the community cannot be raised, organizers say, personal loans may have to be taken out to cover the outstanding amount.

The program itself, meanwhile, is nearing its March 31 completion date. Work on most of the projects has been finished, and crews are now wrapping up Ganges Creek linear park work and construction of new toilet

facilities at Centennial Park. Chamber of Commerce business manager Spencer Marr said all Job-Trac work will be finished by March 31, leaving only some contractor work to be completed at Centennial Park.



Jack Cherry

## Employment opportunities sought by workers finishing Job-Trac project

Salt Spring Island Chamber of Commerce is trying to line up full-time employment for workers involved in the Job-Trac program.

The program, which winds up March 31, put 19 people to work over the last six months on 14 major island improvement projects, ranging from creating of the Ganges Creek linear park to construction of hiking trails at Channel Ridge.

Chamber of Commerce president Jack Cherry said Saturday that six Job-Trac employees have found full-time employment and

three others are hopeful of soon landing work.

As for the rest, the Chamber is making enquiries about openings and inviting employers to consider the Job-Trac labour pool.

"There are a lot of very good people in that pool — people who are anxious to work, and well-worth hiring," Chamber business manager Spencer Marr said.

Cherry added: "These people have had six months of employment and they're trying to get back into the mainstream. It would be a shame if we can't find them something."

Job-Trac, launched with

\$226,000 in partial funding from the province, was aimed at returning unemployed people to the workforce. In the beginning, employees were given instruction in job-placement techniques like resume writing and handling interviews. Over the course of the projects, they received skills training in landscaping, masonry, carpentry and roofing techniques.

"One local contractor is interviewing to fill a position, and we'd like to hear from more," Cherry said. "We're inviting requests from contractors, or from anyone else who wants help."

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**AIR CANADA**

# Long-range health care plan in works

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statistics included in the CRD study, the society-in-waiting has also targeted several long-term planning goals. The following provides a summary of the recommendations and the directions the society could take with each:

- The study suggests the immediate need of an additional seven extended care beds by 1991, and a further six beds by 1996. Planning should also include eight additional intermediate care beds by 1996. According to Borsman, planning in this direction is already underway.

The report also notes the need for respite, or swing beds, to allow care-givers temporary relief from 24-hour service to highly-ill patients.

- A provincial trend towards multi-levelled care complexes — where intermediate, acute and extended care patients are housed in one building — is recommended for Salt Spring.

Housing elderly patients in one complex minimizes disruption when they move from one stage of care need to another. At present on Salt Spring, a resident of Greenwoods (intermediate care) might move to Victoria for acute care, and then to Lady Minto for extended care.

- A recommendation for an adult day care facility is, according to Borsman, one of the most important items noted by the study. Borsman notes that many seniors rarely leave their homes and soon lose interest in necessities like eating and walking.

An adult day care would provide for twice-a-week visits by elderly people, and the opportunity for them to speak with a dietician or counsellor. They would be given a meal and have contact with people outside their homes.

The study further recommends that a day care be established on the Lady Minto-Greenwoods site.

- Community surveys indicated a high priority for the islands should be housing for seniors that provides meal and activity assistance.

While precise figures are unknown, the study suggests 200 islanders fit the description of "candidates" for this type of housing. They are individuals over the age of 75, who are often alone and have an annual income



## Community effort

Janet Newstead, Order of the Eastern Star (right) presents Carolyn Mouat with a cheque for \$500 for the Alert Line program. Many community organizations have donated money to the program. Alert Line is one of many community health programs which could fall under the administration of the proposed Health Care Society.

of less than \$10,000.

Projections for Salt Spring indicate 336 seniors will fall into that category by 1996.

One type of supportive housing mentioned in the report is the Abbeyfield concept, which accommodates a homemaker and approximately six residents. The group lives together in a large house, with the homemaker providing cooking, laundry and other "home" duties.

- A home alarm system for seniors, which allows those over the age of 75 with an assurance of help at any time, is already operating on Salt Spring. The next step, Borsman says, is to take the program to the Outer Islands.

- While the local homemakers' program is deemed adequate at present, the Health Care Society could look at changes in home nursing care. The service is currently provided on Salt Spring by one nurse operating on a contractual basis. The home care nurse often works more hours than the contract calls for.

Recommendations for changes to the service involve local administration. Borsman says that if, for example, the home care nurse was based at the hospital, she would be more flexible, providing

home care when necessary and hospital care when not.

- The Bessie Dane Foundation provides hospice — emotional support and counselling for patient and family — on Salt Spring. Hospice care involves support for terminally-ill cancer patients and visits to anyone who needs someone to talk to, Borsman says. The recommendation to the society was to assist the foundation in long-term planning.

- At a recent Health Care Society meeting, participants agreed the area of mental health care represents the largest single need on the island.

The group agreed there are school children — many from broken homes or "environments not conducive to mental well-being" — in need of increased counselling services.

"The government tends to not spend money on it (mental health programs)," Borsman says, "because there is nothing physical to grasp." Mental health problems, he explained, are not easily defined.

- After conducting surveys, the study concluded transportation is a problem for many people — young and old — on the islands. If an adult day care program was established on the island, some form of transportation system

would have to be employed. Whether such a system was operated on a volunteer basis or through B.C. Transit, the study recommends further examination of the issue.

The study make several further suggestions involving information services, retirement, health libraries and a capital plan. It also details special needs of individual Gulf Islands.

Outer Islands representatives on the Lady Minto and Greenwoods boards have been asked to conduct studies and speak with pertinent individuals in order to establish the needs their islands have.

Sandy Gordon, chairman of the hospital board, feels the formation of a health care society is an important step for this area. "It's a good idea that we look after ourselves and remain in charge of our own future," he says.

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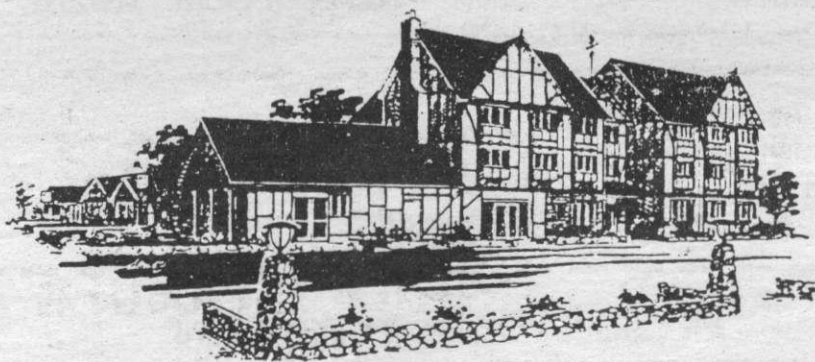
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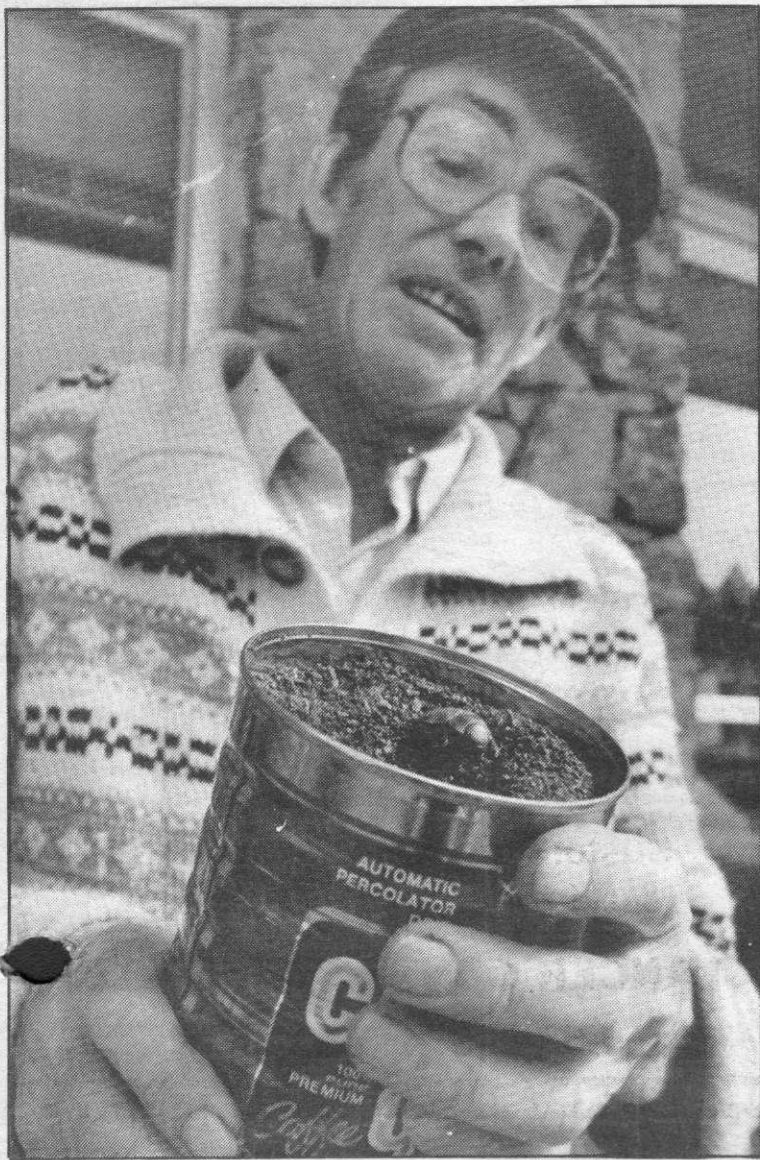
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• (East-West) Gordon Hutton and Fred Struve; Vivian Storr and Marion Ashmore; John Sarginson and Cassie Cherniwchan.

Tuesday night winners were:

• (North-South) Chuck Beasley and Don Nemeth; Dorothy Crofton and Helen Shandro; Fred Struve and Conhor Hunt; Betsy and Bill Minten.

• (East-West) Irene Hawksworth and Gordon Hutton; June Knowles and Barbara Adams; Ruthe Grant and Libby Noble; Anne and Norm McConnell.

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on March 14 were: Kay Harrison and Marg Havens; Fred Struve and Gordon Hutton; Barbara Adams and Audrey Campbell; Cassie Cherniwchan and John Sarginson; Jim Burford and Conhor Hunt.

Tuesday night winners were:

• (North-South) Don Nemeth and Chuck Beasley; Helen Shandro and Dorothy Crofton; Isabelle Richardson and Audrey Campbell; Sue and Jim Bradford.

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A recent and particularly obvious bloom of algae on St. Mary Lake has been classified as *anabaema*, or blue-green algae.

Mike Larmour of Salt Spring Island Waterworks had a sample of the algae sent for examination in Victoria a few weeks ago.

Larmour said growth of this type of algae is not uncommon to lakes: "Sequences of growth come and go." He said the bloom indicates high amounts of nutrients — such as phosphorus — in the lake.

The algae grows with the right amount of nutrients, warmth and light.

From the Waterworks' point of view, Larmour said, the algae is not desirable. It can affect the taste, odour and colour of the drinking water.

"Once the algae blooms, there is no good way of getting rid of it," he added.

Reducing the nutrients flowing into the lake is the best long-term method of reducing algae growth.

For example, sewage treatment can limit the amount of phosphorus flowing into the water. On St. Mary Lake, however, the source of nutrients entering the lake is diffuse, Larmour said.



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