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## Skills demonstration

Gulf Islands Secondary School students Lisa Jorgensen (left) and Niki Marks created Ukrainian Easter eggs at display table set up last week in Volume

II bookstore in Ganges. Demonstration was part of school district's celebration of arts taught in local classrooms

## Trust withdraws tree-cutting bylaw

There will be no tree-cutting bylaw for Salt Spring Island.

Island Trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne said last week the proposed bylaw will be withdrawn because they believe it might have intensified cutting efforts.

The decision to withdraw the bylaw was made after the two trustees met in private last Wednesday night with about 16 concerned property owners and logging operators who critiqued the proposed regulations.

"We decided that, rather than bring forth a bad bylaw, it was better to bring forth no bylaw at all," Byrne said Thursday. "Rather than try to legislate good logging practices, we felt we should go back to the honour system, where we expect the landowners to be responsible — as I'm sure most of them will be."

The proposed bylaw, drafted after the start of logging on blocks of the former MacMillan-Bloedel

lands, would have restricted tree-cutting on steep slopes, within watersheds and near watercourses.

Gilbert said the feeling present at the meeting with logging operators and property owners was that the bylaw would have prevented logging on steep slopes — which was not the intent, he added.

"People were perceiving the bylaw as a threat," Gilbert said. In the past few weeks, he continued, the Trust has heard that some logging operators or landowners were preparing to cut "quickly and extensively" to clear land before the bylaw could come into effect.

"It was dismaying to us," Gilbert said. "We thought we had sent out clear signals that we wanted to work this out with the public."

Byrne said the two trustees

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## Deadlines advanced

The Easter holidays have forced changes to *Driftwood's* regular advertising deadlines.

Because of Good Friday, all real estate, display and semi-display advertising must be submitted to the *Driftwood* office by 5 pm this Thursday, March 31. The office will be closed on Good Friday.

All other advertising deadlines remain unchanged.

The *Driftwood* office will re-open on Easter Monday, April 4.

Alteration of advertising deadlines will not affect *Driftwood's* regular production or distribution schedules.

## No word yet on bid to haul

The two sides interested in the fate of a local developer's application to truck logs through an ecological reserve are still waiting to hear the environment ministry's decision on the bid.

Developer Murray Cyprus and the Concerned Citizens of Salt Spring, a group formed to protect the ecological reserve, have presented their views to Environment Minister Bruce Strachan.

As of Monday, the minister had not yet announced a decision.

If granted, the application would allow Cyprus to haul timber from a 602-acre parcel being logged on Mt. Tuam. Trucks would travel through a portion of the ecological reserve bordering the east side of the property.

The Concerned Citizens group, meanwhile, has obtained a legal opinion which says the ministry has no authority to approve the application. It has indicated it would initiate court action if the Cyprus bid is approved.

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## Property owner blames junked cars for loss of two chances to sell land

By SUSAN DICKER

A Salt Spring property owner says at least two attempts to sell his property have failed due to an accumulation of "junked vehicles" stored on a neighbouring piece of land.

But Henry Schwagly says his frustration is directed more at the Islands Trust, which seems "reluctant to enforce (its) own bylaws," than at Richard Murakami, the man who is storing the cars.

"I'm upset the Islands Trust isn't doing the job it is supposed

to do," Schwagly told *Driftwood* last week.

When the Schwaglys moved into their Rainbow Road home eight years ago, they were assured the surrounding neighbourhood would remain a rural residential area. John Van Schaik, whose property also looks down onto the junked car lot, was given the same assurances when he bought his home in 1986.

Murakami's land was originally zoned for commercial purposes and used as a gravel pit. It was later rezoned rural residential, a

15-foot deep pond was incorporated, and a building site cleared.

According to Schwagly, the "junked vehicles" started coming in over a year ago: at first he counted 10, now there are over 140. The cars, which he can see from the balcony of his home, are stacked three high in some areas. He said he can smell fuel on hotter days.

Murakami has owned the property for approximately seven years. It has two levels — one close to Rainbow Road and one behind it. Both Van Schaik's and Schwagly's properties look over the second level.

Murakami said he has stored vehicles on the lower level of land ever since he took possession of the property. The vehicles are only partially visible from the road. The current situation on the upper level began with a request from Salt Spring Auto Body to store its junked vehicles there.

The autobody company previ-

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## Turn time ahead one hour

The time of year to stretch daylight hours has once again arrived. Daylight savings time officially begins at 2 am this Sunday, April 3.

For the second year in a row, clocks will be turned *ahead* three weeks earlier than usual. Daylight savings time used to arrive on the final weekend in April.

The recommended way to implement the change is to turn clocks *ahead* one hour before retiring on Saturday night.

# Through-fare set for connecting ferry

Travellers who sail to Swartz Bay from Tsawwassen will no longer pay extra to continue on to Salt Spring Island.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation last week announced it will drop the fare on the Swartz Bay-Fulford Harbour ferry for passengers using the Tsawwassen-Swartz Bay route in connection with travel to or from Salt Spring Island. The change is effective April 1.

Introduction of the through fare was announced on the same day the corporation released a new rate structure for most ferry travel, including sailings between

the Gulf Islands.

The new inter-Gulf Islands rates, effective April 1, are as follows, with the former one-way charge in parentheses: underheight passenger vehicle and driver, \$3.85 (\$3.75); overheight passenger vehicle and driver, \$4.70 (\$4.55); underheight vehicle, trailer and driver, \$6.45 (\$6.25); overheight vehicle, trailer and driver, \$8.15 (\$7.85); motorcycle and driver, \$2.55 (\$2.50); and per-foot charge for commercial vehicles, 68 cents (65 cents). The \$1.25 fee for adult passengers remains unchanged.

Charges for travel between the

Gulf Islands and Vancouver Island remain unchanged, except for an increase in the per-foot charge for commercial vehicles, to 68 cents from 65 cents.

Rate increases for the corporation's major runs, consisting mainly of a 50-cent hike in the cost for vehicles, will go into effect on April 1. For travel between Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands, for instance, the new fees are as follows, with old rates in parentheses: underheight passenger vehicle and driver, \$17 (\$16); overheight passenger vehicle and driver, \$21.25 (\$21);

underheight vehicle, trailer and driver, \$30.75 (\$28.75); overheight vehicle, trailer and driver, \$39.25 (\$38.75); motorcycle and driver, \$10.15 (\$9.65); per-foot charge for commercial vehicles, \$2 (\$1.90). The \$3.25 adult passenger charge remains unchanged.

In announcing the rate changes, Stephen Rogers, minister responsible for the B.C. Ferry Corporation, said the increases were needed "to control the growth of the annual subsidy we require from the provincial government."

## Transportation committee

### Chairman welcomes pricing adjustments

A new through fare payment policy for ferry passengers travelling from Fulford Harbour to Tsawwassen via Swartz Bay — or vice versa — has been applauded by the Salt Spring Transportation Committee.

"It's something we've been seeking a long time," committee chairman David Clegg said.

The new policy, announced last week by the B.C. Ferry Corporation, will mean passengers travelling to or from the mainland via Swartz Bay will no longer have to pay the extra fare for a Salt Spring connection.

Clegg said the public has already caught on to using the Swartz Bay connection in an effort to offset difficulties posed by the Long Harbour to Tsawwassen route.

"People have been paying two fares as a result of poor service," he said.

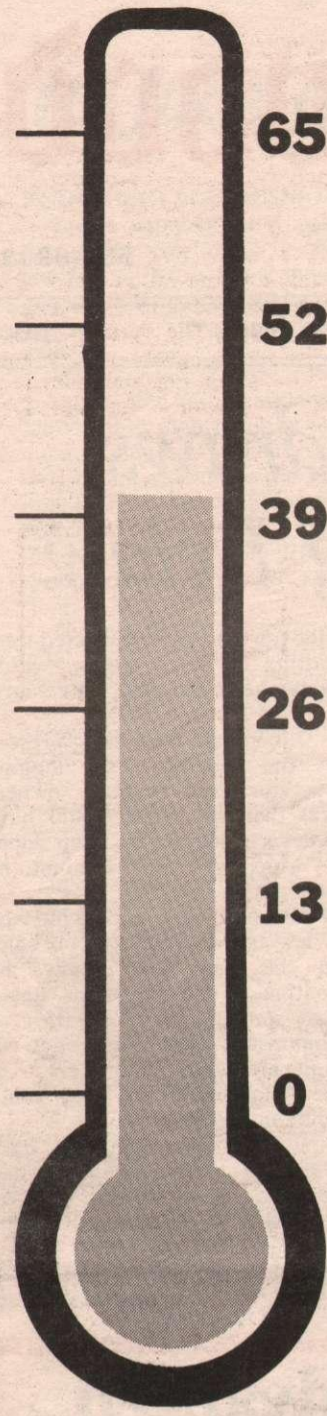
The Long Harbour to Tsawwassen run can be time-consuming due to numerous stops at the Outer Gulf Islands. Its scheduling can create further difficulties.

Clegg does not feel the through fare system marks the corporation's first step towards phasing out the Long Harbour to Tsawwassen run. He said the new system cannot take the place of the Long Harbour run.

"It's a more efficient use of existing routes, without additional costs," he said.

Clegg hopes a computerized ticket processing system will follow the through fare policy, plus an automatic booking on the next sailing. As the policy works now, passengers do not have assurance of loading.

The new system will, however, allow less expensive access to Salt Spring.



Job-Trac fund-raising campaign is closing in on its goal of \$64,000.

## Job-Trac employees sponsor benefit

Employees hired by Salt Spring's Job-Trac program are organizing a benefit dance to raise funds for the program.

The dance, featuring Club Mongo and other island entertainment, will be held April 16 at 9 pm in the Farmers' Institute building.

Admission is \$7, and all proceeds will be handed over to the Job-Trac fund-raising committee.

Advance tickets are available at *et cetera*, and Mixmasters at Grace Point Square.

Meanwhile, the fund-raising drive has reached the \$40,000 mark, leaving another \$24,000 to be collected in local contributions.

The \$64,000 to be raised on Salt Spring represents the difference between the \$226,000 the provincial government provided to

launch the program, and the final amount needed to cover the full cost of the 14 local improvement projects undertaken.

The Job-Trac program, initiated last fall, winds up tomorrow (March 31) after six months. It has employed 19 workers and two project managers operating under the direction of the local Chamber of Commerce.



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**They're back!**

Watching for swallows must be a full-time job. Every year Mrs. Audrey Brabandt is keeping tabs on the winged travellers and most years the Beddis Road birdwatcher is the first to report their arrival. As she was again, recently.

First hummingbird was reported by Alice Richards, my daughter-in-law. Ken Whyte also reported the return of the sputniks to the islands. And many readers have seen the return of the migrants and rejoiced in the advent of spring.

**Getting older?**

I have found the ultimate reminder of the passage of the years. When I wanted to move a desk downstairs, I struggled and sweated to manage it.

Funny thing is that I put it upstairs some years ago with scarcely an effort. Must be the weather, I guess.

**It can't be Christmas already!**

A few weeks ago I wrote that I was not sending Christmas cards as my life-partner used to do. Instead, I counted out the list that she had left me and calculated what I had saved by adopting a strictly Scroogian approach.

It was already a thin list. The saving was something in the vicinity of \$45, based on \$1.50 a card and 75 cents postage for many of the cards.

I am sending off a cheque for \$45 to Operation Eyesight Universal of Canada. That was Barbara's favourite charity, so it has to be mine.

When I explained this plan I wrote that I would write a letter to those near and dear to me. Later I received a very cool letter from a kid brother explaining that he had read my comments but had not seen any letter.

I reckon he must have got the message without any letter!

**It's Good Friday again!**

Every year before Easter I think of McRuer's story of the Trial of Jesus. And each year I go through the tale with the same interest. Chief Justice James McRuer presented the trial of Jesus as an example of a miscarriage of justice, outlining the circumstances which preceded the first Good Friday and the manner in which the judicial system was employed by his enemies to wrongly justify a death sentence.

McRuer was well-versed in law and almost equally well-versed in the story of the Crucifixion. His book is the key to the familiar story of the trial before the Roman procurator, Pontius Pilate, because it provides a detailed explanation of earlier history and conditions which led to that story.

And each year, the book is still alive and novel.

**Red-hot system!**

It's the wrong way round. So often the unfortunate wife is left without any idea of household accounts when her husband dies. I've gone the other way.

Ever since we went broke over spending more than we possessed, Women's Lib used to keep our accounts. It was a first-class set up, I have to admit. Two or three times a year she used to explain to me how she kept everything up to date and two or three times a year, I would dutifully say *yes* and *no* at the appropriate moments, and the rest of the year I never gave it a thought.

On my own, my system is different. Like on Monday, when I was preparing beans. And that was another thing. I like garlic with baked beans and Barbara never did. I used to have to prepare two lots of beans, spiced and unspiced.

But, like I said, I was preparing beans, with garlic, when I remembered a bill I hadn't paid.

I couldn't remember what it was under. It wasn't under last week's *Driftwood* and it wasn't under this week's *Economist*. I searched until I heard those familiar old spluttering noises. I dashed out the door with a smoking, sizzling pan and abandoned my search for that bill. If I should be hauled off to jail next week for failure to pay a bill, I shall blame it on the beans.

There's nothing quite as bad as cleaning a cast iron pan that has reached the flash-point of vegetable oil. Unless it's leaving your bills unpaid!

**The pack rat!**

If I hunted in a pack we would be a rat-pack of pack-rats. I have all the finer instincts of a scavenger. I hold no brief for vultures, and seagulls and crows leave me nauseated as they tear into garbage. Yet, I am, like them, scavenging all the time. They do it to eat and I do it for something to do.

When the office moved, there were old shelves and dirty bits of lumber lying around. So far I have made an eight-foot bookshelf, three feet high. Only problem I have now is where to put it. There isn't really room in the office and the only space at home is outside, where the books might get wet.

My newest is equipped with shelves of various depths to accommodate atlases and those books that are too big to fit in ordinary bookshelves and too useful to throw away. I'm its author; father and mother of a new bookcase and, do you know, I figure it's got an awful lot of mistakes in it.

I reckon if I had been a crow I'd be throwing up all the time. At least, I know I'm doing something wrong!

**Tree-cutting bylaw cancelled by Trust**

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realized it would be "very, very difficult to write a bylaw to accomplish what we were trying to do."

Gilbert added: "We need three things to make the bylaw succeed — time, staff and the assistance of all the landowners involved. Since we have lost the goodwill of some landowners, we have lost the time needed to prepare a good bylaw. Rather than add fuel to the fire, we felt it was best to withdraw the bylaw."

Instead of a blanket approach to tree-cutting regulations, Gilbert said, the Trust would now prefer to assess all sensitive areas on the island and apply protective measures on a site-specific basis. However, such an approach would require extensive staff time and effort, which Gilbert said is not available to the Trust at present.

Another approach, he said, might be to use development permits to protect sensitive areas.

The tree-cutting bylaw proposed by the Trust cited the risk of erosion, land-slip and avalanche as the rationale for limiting tree-cutting in some areas of the island. The data base to be used to designate at-risk areas was an environmental assessment report prepared for the Trust several years ago.



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**Two ecological reserves on island**

There are two ecological reserves on Salt Spring Island — not one, as reported in last week's *Driftwood*.

The overlooked reserve is a 160-acre parcel adjoining the west side of Mt. Maxwell Park. Situated on the steep southwest slope of Baynes Peak.

The second ecological reserve on Salt Spring, near Mt. Tuam, is the site of an application by a developer who wishes road access,

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Since the Islands Trust has decided it cannot meet the perceived threat of bad logging practices through employment of a stick, perhaps it's time to try some honey.

The Trust last week decided, in the face of some opposition, to place its proposed tree-cutting bylaw on the shelf. A primary reason for cancelling the planned set of regulations was the Trust's fear that some operators might begin to cut rapidly and thoroughly in hopes of having their trees down before the bylaw could be put in place. In other words, the bylaw might have shut the door after the horse had bolted.

In choosing to rely again on the good intentions of landowners, the Trust finds itself back at square

## Try some honey in place of stick

one in the debate over the need for control of large-scale logging practices on private land.

As we've noted before, the question is difficult to answer because while a handful of provincial government ministries have an interest in the issue, none has any authority to act. The onus for a resolution, then, falls to the local level.

Or does it? The 'honey' we noted above could well be the granting of managed forestland status

by the provincial Assessment Authority.

If the Trust is, as we suspect, supportive of the goals outlined in the terms of that classification — long-term management of woodland resources — and wishes to see it continue to be applied to parcels of former MB land now in private hands, we suggest it set up an information session with Assessment Authority representatives and any interested landowners.

The landowners would only become interested in retaining managed forestland status if the tax breaks, long-term investment benefits and the values of community aesthetics are explained to them. And someone has to take the initiative to set up such an information session.

## Through-fare system a boon to Salt Spring

We salute the B.C. Ferry Corporation's recent — and long overdue — decision to institute a through fare to Salt Spring for trips from the Lower Mainland via Swartz Bay. The change means ferry passengers will no longer pay extra to board the Fulford Harbour-Swartz Bay ferry en route to or returning from a mainland connection.

While the change is welcome, however, we cannot help but feel its implementation will eventually place the Long Harbour-Tsawwassen sailings at risk.

Perhaps we're being overly paranoid, but when we look at the amount of subsidy the corporation pours into the Gulf Islands, at the two one-price connections we now enjoy to the mainland, at the limited number of sailings to or from Long Harbour, and at past hints that the Salt Spring Island terminal may be phased out (Hello, Isabella Point), a suspicion surfaces that the through fare route may soon be our only route.

But, since no one else seems particularly worried about that scenario, we'll let it lie as well. Until further notice, we applaud the new through fare as a long-overdue financial break for travellers to and from Salt Spring who find the Long Harbour connections too inconvenient or infrequent.



## Finance minister ponders million-dollar question

What would you do with a few million dollars? If you're one of the Canadians from coast to coast who chased last week's record lottery jackpot, thoughts of new cars and houses invariably cross your mind. If you're Mel Couvelier, increased funding for education is the answer.

Couvelier, MLA for Saanich-Gulf Islands and B.C.'s finance minister, met Saturday with *Driftwood* to discuss the provincial budget he delivered in the legislature last Thursday. He was asked: is there any one item in the document he would change, given additional revenue?

The answer was immediate: "It's important," he said, "that we find a way to get more money into education — not because we don't spend enough now, but

because our future is in our young people."

Specifically, the finance minister yearns to direct additional dollars towards education programs that would establish B.C. as Canada's route to the Orient. Programs aimed at reaching that goal have already been launched — i.e., a Pacific Rim Initiatives fund started last year, and dollars for Japanese and Mandarin language courses — but the steps taken to date have been small in comparison to the scale Couvelier would prefer.

"I'd like to have more money to give it a better focus," he said. "To my mind, we can't get there quickly enough."

The MLA's reasoning is simple enough: B.C., because of its close and historical proximity to Pacific

### my word

by

**duncan macdonnell**

Rim nations, is perfectly situated to be Canada's link in fostering improved commercial ties to the Orient. What's needed are British Columbians who fully understand the languages, customs and business mechanics of Far East nations.

"We have to make a commitment, through our education system, to become the one place in Canada that understands the Orient," Couvelier said. "The

rest of Canada should be coming to B.C. if it wants to talk to the Orient; we should be the place with the expertise. But to do that, we have to re-focus our education system. We need more money to give to education."

There is a political angle to this, too. Couvelier noted that the B.C. government's recent Throne Speech contained numerous attacks on Ottawa, specifically in regards to the perceived shortfall in the share of dollars and attention the province receives from the federal government. Couvelier agrees with Premier Bill Vander Zalm that B.C. has not been given a fair shake, and he sees increased funding for education as a way to change the status quo.

"We haven't received our fair

share from Confederation," the finance minister said, "but we can't wring our hands about it without doing something for ourselves. If we think of B.C.'s role in Confederation, it has to be as a link with Pacific Rim nations. But we have to make the rest of Canada realize we're important to them as a link to the Pacific Rim."

The significance of that view is that it runs counter to the tack taken by the father-and-son Bennett dynasty. The last two Sacred leaders, Couvelier noted, looked first to Central Canada in attempting to prove B.C. was an integral part of the nation, and virtually ignored links with the Orient. The Vander Zalm government is now looking outward first, and to Central Canada second.

# Gratitude

Sir,  
We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and concern for our family after the passing of Katsuyori Murakami. The flowers, cards, visits, phone calls and food flood our home continuously. These gestures of sharing our sorrow helped to ease some of the pain.

It is difficult to fully express our sense of gratitude to all those who reached out to us in so many different ways. However, there are some whom we would like to acknowledge at this time: Rev. Allister Skinner, who gave such a moving sermon summarizing Katsuyori's life, and his influence upon all those he touched; the United Church Ladies Auxiliary, who as usual provided us with wonderful food and service at the reception after; Patrick Beattie from the Goodman-Jones Funeral Home, who provided us with thoughtful and compassionate service; and Joyce Bowden, who gave strength and support to Kimiko, Richard and Vi during the final days of Katsuyori's life.

Please accept our deepest gratitude. Your support was greatly appreciated. Father would have been pleased.  
**ALICE TANAKA,  
MARY KITAGAWA,  
Ganges.**

# Apathetic

Sir,  
I am saddened to note that the definition of the word apathy — "lack of feeling, emotion or sensation; insensibility; indifference" — so accurately describes the attitudes of many of our island residents with respect to community spirit.

It seems we have forgotten that the reason we are resident on this beautiful island is because we chose to leave the day-to-day insensibilities and health-threatening lifestyles that city life offers. Sadly, many of us have not left these ambivalent feelings and stressful situations behind in the city, but have simply relocated them. Tragically, for us, they relocated them to Salt Spring.

Does the average person living and working or retiring here on Salt Spring realize how many business people in our community are bending over backwards to provide services far superior and more varied than one would ordinarily expect to find in a community the size of Salt Spring? Unfortunately, I think not. These people are willing to go that extra mile for us, for you and me, the people of Salt Spring.

Salt Spring used to be blessed with a strong community spirit and the island residents were willing to pull together towards the betterment of the island lifestyle. Over the past 16 years I have witnessed the battle of community spirit versus apathy, with community spirit plummeting steadily downwards at such an alarming rate that what was once a community of happy, caring individuals concerned with the mutual welfare of island residents has now become a community of spiteful, vindictive, selfish individuals. Apathy has now tipped the scales the other way and I personally am no longer about to feel proud about living and trying to work within a community whose scoreboard now reads: Apathy 10, Community Spirit 0.

Something must be done to revive community spirit and this cannot be accomplished by a handful of people who stalwartly refuse to be disheartened by the cancerous, incipient growth of pettiness, small-mindedness and rancorous decay that is constantly

# letters

threatening to undermine this community. This is a project that must be undertaken by each and every one of us. The serious consequences of failure in this endeavour are only too obviously terminal.

I think we all realize that what we have here is a nearly idyllic lifestyle. The problem we are experiencing seems to stem from the fact that we are holding onto it too tightly for fear of losing it. We want all the great things that are part and parcel of island living, but we don't want anyone else to share it. We want to have all the services that the business people of this community are striving to provide, but we don't want to make the effort required to support them. Everyone is fighting over the same small piece of cake, instead of pulling together as a community and creating an entire cake that has enough pieces so that we are all able to benefit and enjoy what we are so fortunate to have here.

Let's turn apathy into community spirit and work together towards the common, mutually beneficial goal of retaining and improving our enviable island lifestyle in a way which is beneficial to the community as a whole.

Remember, the community is us and we are the community. Please join us before it's too late.

**JUDY KELLY,  
Ganges.**

# Appreciative

Sir,  
I would like to thank all the wonderful Salt Spring Island merchants who contributed to the *Salute to the Century* raffle basket.

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Thank you for your support.  
**ELSIE MARSHALL,  
Ganges.**

# Scandalous

Sir,  
I often pick up the *Pictorial* which appears on top of mailboxes at the weekends. It seldom has anything of interest, but last week there was an item of note.

It would appear that MacMillan-Bloedel is aware that the public is concerned about erosion resulting from clear-cutting, and has decided that if anybody is going to do a study, it would have a better chance of white-washing if it did it

themselves. MB have proposed to the government that it should do this study and has been awarded \$139,000 to pay expenses.

Now, anybody else who wants to do such a study can be told that there is one already underway and in a few years we shall probably be told that logging machinery is good for the soil and that all the damage is done by marmots or wood mice.

I can think of few worse instances of scandalous misuse of public money.

I have long realized that ministers of the environment, whether federal or provincial — and which province doesn't seem to matter — are there, not to protect the environment, but to legalize its misuse. Now it appears that other ministries are getting into the act.

**RONALD S. HOLCROFT,  
Ganges.**

# Attack!

Sir,  
One can hardly avoid the rhetorical frenzy being expressed these days by those stalwart defenders of absolute right, property ownership power, and development progress.

Once again, the only game in town is to attack the Islands Trust. Why? Because it is the only hope those of us who are opposed to wholesale logging, uncontrolled development and commercial uses of ecological reserves and park lands have at the present time.

It is almost laughable to see how the Cyprus group's incursions into reserve and park areas is rationalized as somehow enhancing their use. How wonderful to have nice wide roads into these areas, with lots of wood chips to add to their natural beauty.

I must congratulate those concerned citizens who, in the absence of more effective local government, are joining together as organized Concerned Citizens or Sierra Club groups. There is no doubt that people do not have to sit by and watch speculators and dollar-hungry developers desecrate the landscape. They can and have organized themselves into effective opponents to those whose only view at the end of the tunnel is glittered with gold.

Anyone attending public meetings these days is exposed to the stridency and volubility of a few so-called proponents of progress. It is sometimes hard to hear the voice of reason above the almost-intimidating clamour.

The Cyprus group's ludicrous suggestion of a debate shows clearly their contempt for the Islands Trust. There is an established procedure for developers to follow. We do not

need any more "entertainment" on land-use issues, especially when provided by developers and their supporters.

I believe that when a developer states that "we will not allow you to interfere with our development plans," there is a need for a counter-vailing force. Others have argued in this paper that there is really no such thing as an "absolute right" in our society. It remains to be seen if mechanisms, political or otherwise, can be developed soon to balance land-use views.

**LOWELL HICKS,  
Fulford Harbour.**

# Wrecked

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

We are writing this letter to inform you of the grave injustice which we are suffering at the hands of the Islands Trust.

Approximately one year ago, our neighbouring property began storing junk vehicles. At that time there were approximately 10 automobiles stored there and we expressed concern to the owner Richard Murakami.

Having no success with Mr. Murakami we contacted the Islands Trust. Mr. Pat Byrne met

with us and by that time there were over 20 cars. These vehicles could be seen from my residence and the public road. Mr. Byrne assured us that he would look into the situation, and get back to us in writing. He never did.

Since then we have sent a letter to the Islands Trust after approximately 50 more wrecks were brought in.

We now have over 140 junked vehicles. We have sent a letter to David Morris, and have made numerous phone calls to Nick Gilbert, with no results. The "wrecks" keep coming in.

It has come to our attention recently that two separate parties are dumping wrecks on this property and are paying Mr. Murakami for the right to do so.

The property in question is zoned rural residential. The Islands Trust seems to be reluctant to enforce its own bylaws.

When we bought our properties, we were assured that the neighbourhood would stay rural residential. With this letter, we hope to have a response from you.

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# The salvation salesman and the archbishop ...

By ANDREW GIBSON

*"And what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6).*

On some Sunday mornings, when the sun is shining and the birds are singing, we can be brought back to reality by watching a big-budget TV evangelist. This exercise can remind us that however smiling the world seems, there are people prowling out there with a sinister insight into our vulnerabilities, ready to exploit them with the latest in hard-sell techniques.

It is easy to ridicule and dismiss some of them, but I didn't find one J. Swaggart at all amusing. It may seem a strange parallel, but to watch him pacing the stage like a panther — his coat half off, his face drenched in sweat, tears streaming from his eyes, his voice rising to a scream and lowering to a whisper — carried me back nearly 50 years to when, both repelled and fascinated, I listened to Hitler at the Nuremberg rallies.

Far-fetched? Of course — the one said he was preaching the love of God to the devout, the other was preaching a brutal nihilism to disciples full of hate. But the parallel is in the scary manipulative powers of the exhorters, and the consummate use of fear and visual symbolism.

It was horrifying to listen to the preacher tell of the fates of two men, one guilty at the end of his life of every crime and depravity, the other having lived his whole life with compassion and generosity. In lurid detail, with flames dancing on the TV screen, millions of people were told to believe in a monster-god who would consign the blameless one to everlasting fire.

Why fire? Why not worship a god who would stretch him forever on the rack, or break him on the wheel? Below the flames, the ultimate desecration — the phone number and the acceptable credit cards for salvation.

On the same day that I heard these horrors, I listened to the Popular Mass of El Salvador. An expression of the commitment to

liberation of the Christian communities of that tortured country, it was written at the request of Archbishop Oscar Romero, who was assassinated in March, 1980, while celebrating Mass. It is dedicated to him and to the many priests who, leading the fight against a brutal repression, having been among the 40,000 (and counting) murdered there.

There are excerpts from what must have been among his last words to his people. One can hear the murmur of the congregation before his voice begins, and when it ends their exultation at what they have heard:

*"We must tell those that govern us that no reform can come with so much bloodshed. In the name of God, in the name of the suffering people whose laments reach to the heavens day after day, we beg of you, we command you — stop the repression!"*

Eight years later, the repression continues, and with the victory last week of the unspeakable ARENA party under D'Aubuisson, and the increasing ferment in Central America, it seems sure to intensify.

Shortly before Rev. Swaggart self-destructed he was in Nicaragua, leading what was billed as "The Miracle in Managua." There, as in the rest of the hemisphere, a political and religious struggle is being waged between the two concepts of what mankind owes to its creator — that of Swaggart and his brethren, or that of Archbishop Romero, who believed that it was his duty to extend the kingdom of God to the only place entrusted to our care.

The Meditation of his Mass has these familiar words from Ecclesiastes:

*For everything there is a season - and a time for every purpose under heaven ...*

*A time to rend, and a time to sow  
A time to keep silence — and a time to speak.*

This is no time to keep silence.

## Whoa!

Sir,

I would like to bring to your attention the problem of ignorant driving around horses.

On weekends between 8 am and 3:30 pm and on weekdays between 1 pm and 6 pm in the Stowell Lake, Reynolds Road and Saltair Lane (on Stewart Road) triangle, horses are travelling to and from the riding ring on the corner of Stewart and Beaver Point Road.

We wear reflector vests so drivers can see us, but people are coming around blind corners too fast. Please realize that horses are not the most intelligent creatures; they will turn into their fear.

Loud air brakes, a car lacking a muffler, music blaring from a convertible, a dog barking from the back of a truck, Volkswagen engines — all of these things will probably cause a horse to swing his nose into the front of a car and his hind end into a ditch, or vice versa.

We often lead one horse while riding another, and there are small children on the road with ponies as well; driving past these requires extra caution. If you see a horse being 'silly', please don't just slow down and keep on coming — bring yourself to a full stop and wait for the horse and rider to get sorted out. Let us proceed and get to a safer location, as we are in no position to argue with cars.

There have been too many close calls lately with horses and children almost getting hit. I am simply asking you to please be aware of what shares the road; especially with all the logging on Stewart Road.

JENNY BARNES,  
Beaver Point.

## Bouquets

Sir,

From time to time I read a letter in your paper reproving the older people in this community for not caring about young people. Let me point out that such sentiments

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must be disheartening for these adults who have unselfishly contributed hours of their time preparing workshops and presentations for the teenagers I work with. A few bouquets are in order.

On behalf of the Salt Spring Island Rangers and the Duke of Edinburgh Challenge group, please let me extend our very warmest thanks to a few such caring individuals:

- Gail Ritallack from the Salt Spring Community Society for facilitating a discussion at the Rangers' workshop on "Trouble with the Law".

- Corinne Cordoni Greenbaum and Kerry Chalmers from Salt Spring Speakers Club ITC for giving the Rangers two evening workshops on public speaking. Although we all benefited from their pointers, the two girls who are travelling to other countries as Rotary exchange students this year

will benefit especially from a well-prepared presentation.

- Gordon Ruckle from the Canadian Marine Rescue Auxiliary for his video and instruction on cold water hypothermia.

- Jim Eastman from the Power Squadron for a comprehensive two-hour lesson on reading marine charts.

The efforts on the part of Gordon and Jim will ensure that the group's four-day canoe expedition from Nanaimo to Salt Spring will be that much safer.

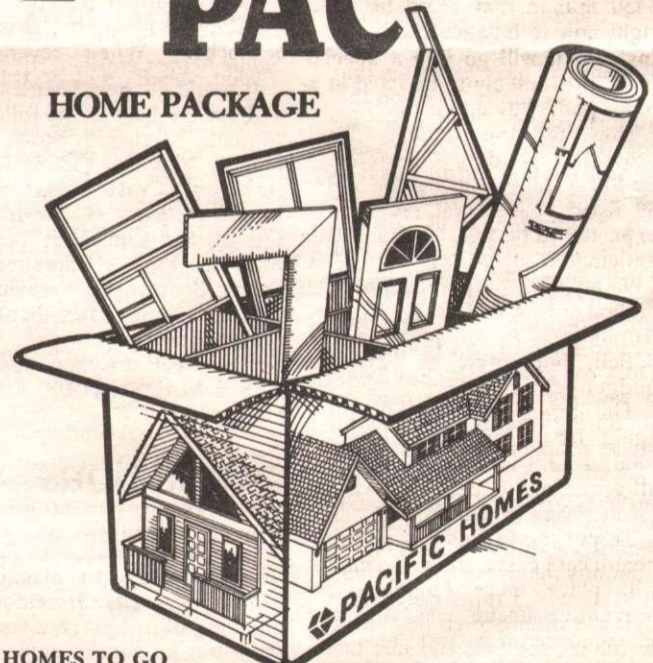
These are only a few of the many unsung heroes who are not parents of these teenagers, yet volunteer their knowledge and time to help the young people in our community.

ANNE MARSHALL,  
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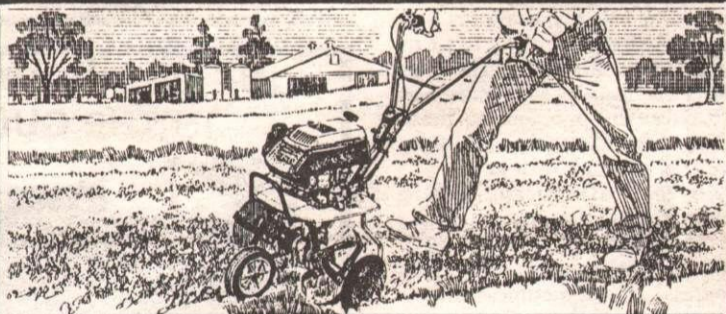
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# Provincial budget has varied impact

VICTORIA — Your reaction to Finance Minister Mel Couvelier's 1988-89 budget will depend to some degree on the vices in which you indulge.

If you're a smoker, you'll probably get mad. Ditto, if your recreational activities include the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

But even if you live a clean and healthy life, you will have ample reason to place Couvelier on your private most-wanted list. Contributors to the Medical Services Plan, which includes all of us, will have their pockets picked by the finance minister.

But if you are a small businessman or woman, you'll have reason for mild enthusiasm, and alternative health care practitioners will also be satisfied.

Enthusiastic supporters of the budget will include committed Socreds and those who believe the deficit must be reduced at any cost. Among the bitter opponents you will find committed NDP supporters, trade unions and doctors.

How will the budget affect the average family? According to the B.C. Institute of Chartered Accountants, a family of four with one smoker and social-drinking habits will have to fork out an additional \$267 a year to finance this budget.

Those who believe that politicians are a sneaky lot will have their suspicions confirmed. The government is squirrelling away \$450 million that could be used right now to balance the budget. Instead, it will go into a special fund, presumably to be used at a more politically opportune time.

Now for the details. Total provincial spending is expected to be \$11.8 billion during the 1988-89 fiscal year. Total revenue is expected to be \$11.4 billion. The anticipated operating deficit is \$395 million, compared with \$800 million during the last fiscal year. An impressive reduction in the deficit, but sorry, no balanced budget yet.

The largest spender will, once again, be the health ministry. A total of \$3.9 billion, one-third of all government spending, will go towards health care.

To put the brakes on spiralling health care costs, the government will place more emphasis on preventive health care and put the squeeze on doctors' fees.

Couvelier stresses the government's commitment to the continued use of chiropractors, podiatrists, physiotherapists, orthodontists, massage practitioners and naturopaths under its Medical Services Plan. The emphasis of the health care system, he says, will shift to "the merits of sustaining wellness rather than paying for sickness."

Now for some of the measures that will affect the pocketbook of the average British Columbian. Sales tax on alcoholic beverages

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will be increased from six to 10 per cent. That will include draught beer.

Motor fuel tax will go up by one cent a litre. Tobacco tax will go up by nine cents for a package of 25 cigarettes. Medical Services Plan premiums will go up to \$29 a month for single subscribers, \$52 for a family of two and \$58 for a family of three or more. Those figures are up by \$9, \$15 and \$16 respectively.

Trying to pre-empt any criticism, Couvelier points out that the new fees are still lower than those in Ontario. He also stresses that more people will be eligible for premium subsidies.

Rural property taxes will be increased for both homeowners and businesses. The average increase for homeowners will be \$39 a year. Tax on car insurance premiums will go up from three to four per cent.

Of significance is the establishment of two new funds meant to stabilize government spending and reduce the \$6 billion debt load we've racked up with deficit financing in the past few years. The Budget Stabilization Fund, with an initial injection of \$450 million, is meant to "absorb fiscal shocks." When revenues are good, money will be transferred into the fund; when things turn sour, money will be taken out of the fund and put into general revenue.

That money would have been more than enough to wipe out this fiscal year's anticipated deficit and produce a balanced budget, but why do it two years before the next election, eh? "Our objective will be to avoid borrowing or cutting back social programs," Couvelier says.

The second fund will be known as the Privatization Benefits Fund. Any revenue derived from the privatization of government operations will go into that fund and will initially be used to reduce the accumulated deficit. When that's paid off, the fund will be used to bolster general revenue.

To support the small business sector, the government will provide loan guarantees of up to 75 per cent of individual loans of up to \$50,000 made to small businesses by financial institutions.

At first glance, the budget is not an exciting one. It's a conservative document that places emphasis on frugality and sound fiscal management — two ingredients the government believes it badly needs after the array of megaproject fiascos of the previous Socred administration.

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## Don't disturb

Sir,  
Last week's *Driftwood* ran an article explaining that a local developer had applied to the ecological reserve department for access through the ecological reserve on Mt. Tuam, for his logging trucks; since he is cutting trees nearby.

I feel some explanation as to the purpose of ecological reserves is necessary, so that we can all consider the implications of such a request.

What are ecological reserves? A great deal of time and study goes into choosing the reserves, sometimes because of their uniqueness, or that they are typical of the area represented, and sometimes because they are all that's left of an area now used for other purposes — i.e., logging, mining, farming, houses, etc. I like to think of them as 'outdoor libraries.'

In other words, throughout B.C. we have these treasured small cases of natural material, the purpose of which is to provide a place for study, a storage of genetic plant and animal material, an example of what was once there.

As the warden for the Salt Spring ecological reserves for a period of over five years, you can imagine the deep sense of pride and pleasure I felt when showing people from various backgrounds and countries — in particular our own school children — what a beautiful legacy Salt Spring had been given, hopefully for years to come.

Most of those people left the reserves with a sense of reverence, or at least an understanding not to disturb any of the material, pick the various wildflowers or upset the natural homes of thousands of creatures living within its boundaries. How, then, can I explain to these same people that it's okay for logging trucks to drive through these areas, when little or no disturbance should take place?

The decision should not be one of politics or profit.

Come on, Salt Spring, these two small areas of our island belong to us all, our children and their children. When other areas have changed forever, we still retain this natural heritage. Let's not disturb this precious gift that is ours to keep.

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## Concerned

Sir,  
Our family recently had the opportunity of vacationing on Salt Spring Island. This was a return trip to the island following a visit several years ago. We were pleased to find that the island had retained much of its character. We found the recent commercial development in Ganges tasteful and in keeping with the character of the island.

It was with concern, however, that we read of the logging controversy facing the island. Coming from an area where even closely-controlled, government-administered logging has resulted in significant loss of recreational opportunities, we are well familiar with the negative aspects of logging.

Our last visit to the Gulf Islands was to Galiano Island. Although we fond the southern part of the island to exhibit a certain charm, we found the large outblocks elsewhere on the island particularly distasteful and have no plans for a return visit.

Hopefully, we will find on our next visit to Salt Spring that it has not met the same fate.  
CLINT G. DOCKEN,  
Calgary, Alberta.

## Ill-informed

Sir,  
I can't help but notice that on this island there is a noisy, if

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somewhat ill-informed, group that has decided the profession of logging is not one they wish their offspring to enter, although this province has built its foundations on the forest industry, and at one time 50 cents of every dollar the government received in revenue came from the forest.

These protesters obviously hope that primary industries such as logging and mining — which use large noisy pieces of machinery to remove trees and dig up the ground — will either disappear entirely or do it all somewhere else: preferably in a part of the province where no one is likely to stumble onto the scene during a nature hike. This would reduce the amount of tree cutting on the island to woodlot and firewood harvesting, which for some reason is seen by the activists as acceptable.

Trees are a crop like any other, except for a longer rotation time and higher harvesting costs; and the loggers that harvest the crop are working for a living just like most people on the island.

It's not always an easy living, what with snow, mud, dust, flies, accidents and isolated camps to contend with, as well as loss of work due to wet weather making roads impassable, and dry weather

closing the woods during the fire season.

When the woods do catch fire in the summer and while the island residents are enjoying boating, tennis and barbecues, the logging crews and equipment are called upon to help put the fires out — and suddenly those large, noisy pieces of machinery working in the smoke are performing a function that even the most rabid environmentalist would approve of.

I wonder how many of the people who mill around protesting this and that would be willing to help save the forests from fire this coming summer, and would be prepared to offer their services to

whichever Forest District is having a serious manpower shortage. Of course, a shovel becomes a little heavier than a placard at the end of a 14-hour day and the working conditions are often unpleasant, but surely anyone who feels strongly that trees should be saved from saws would be more than willing to help preserve them from the flames.

It seems that pollution entering St. Mary Lake is producing an algal bloom, which is good news for those who are forced to drink it. I would suggest to the activists on the island that they redirect their energies to protest the causes of what is likely to become a worsening situation.

The slogan *Keep B.C. Green* wasn't meant to apply to lakes and reservoirs.  
NICK RAESIDE,  
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Inter Gulf Islands	\$ 3.85	\$ 6.45	\$ 4.70	\$ 8.15
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Swartz Bay/ Fulford Hbr. Crofton/ Vesuvius Bay Swartz Bay/ Gulf Islands	\$ 6.25	\$11.15	\$ 7.80	\$14.25
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- Passenger fares remain unchanged.
- Through-fare saving: travel between Tsawwassen and the Gulf Islands via Swartz Bay — through-fare at the Tsawwassen/Swartz Bay rate.
- Motorcycle and side car/trailer rates are in effect on all routes.
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- Rates shown are for vehicles up to 20' (6.1 m) in length. Vehicles over length are charged an additional per foot rate.

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For a free copy of the complete statement, "TO THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD", or information about the Baha'i Faith and local activities, please write or call 537-5383 or 537-4588, Box 772, Ganges, B.C. V0S 1E0.

# Near-accident prompts busing change

A near-accident between a department of highways truck and a school bus has prompted changes to a few school bus routes on Salt Spring.

The incident occurred March 14 as school bus driver Bill Simpkin pulled into his regular route stop at the corner of Dukes and Fulford-Ganges roads. A department of highways truck came "speeding" around the corner on Fulford-Ganges. Seeing the school bus, the driver hit the brakes.

According to Simpkin, the

brake on only one wheel worked, causing the truck to skid some 50 to 60 feet before stopping.

At the time of the incident, Simpkin had 43 high school students — whose lives he feels were endangered — on the bus. Due to safety reasons, he says, he now refuses to make that stop.

According to the Motor Vehicle Act, he should not have to. Regulations state that 200 feet on either side of a stop must be cleared for visibility. Superintendent of Works Frank Sutherland said the RCMP have looked at the

site and agreed it has a visibility problem.

"It's not over until we get that section cleared out," Sutherland said. The brush and bushes must be cut back.

In the meantime, the school board has reactivated an older, smaller bus which runs up Dukes Road to pick up students. While the bus must still stop at the corner, Sutherland said, at least the students are on board and not standing on the roadside.

Simpkin has also made a minor change in route stops on Beaver

Point Road. He previously stopped at a point where the road came at a sharp corner. With two cars backed up behind him, he said, the third car had little chance to stop when it came out of the corner. Simpkin has moved the stop to the peak of the hill.

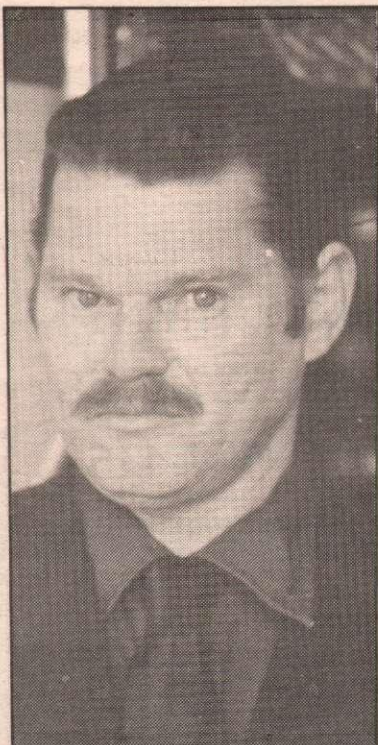
Simpkin said many Salt Spring drivers do not adhere to school bus regulations. When the bus has its red lights flashing, cars are not permitted to pass it, no matter which direction they are travelling.

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## Les Wagg to take over as new fire chief

After 19 years with the Salt Spring Island Volunteer Fire Department, Les Wagg takes over as fire chief at the beginning of April.

The deputy fire chief will replace current Fire Chief Bob Leask, who is retiring after 10 years in that position.

Born on Salt Spring, Wagg joined the the fire department as a volunteer in March, 1969. Two and one half years later he began working as a fire-fighter on a full-time basis.

As a member of the fire department, Wagg has taken numerous courses at the Justice Institute's fire academy in Vancouver. Through these classes, he has studied fire prevention, suppression and investigation.

The 28-member department — which includes 26 volunteers — meets every Tuesday night for discussion and training. When an emergency occurs, the volunteer members are notified through a dispatcher.

The department is still looking to fill the position being vacated by Wagg.

## Managed forest status held by former MB land

MacMillan-Bloedel's former tree-farm acreage on Salt Spring, since sold to private interests, is classified as managed forestland, the B.C. Assessment Authority confirmed last week.

The authority also says the lands will retain their current classification for the 1988 assessment and tax year.

However, the assessment office adds that lands which cease to be held by the owner which made the application resulting in the classification — in this case, MB — will have the current classification cancelled.

"Therefore," the Assessment Authority says, "we shall be reviewing each of the affected parcels later in the spring to see if they qualify as forest land for the 1989 assessment year."

New owners are to be notified by June 1, 1988, to apply for retention of managed forestland classifications.

Developer Murray Cyprus sought the clarification when the noted the Trust's proposed — and since withdrawn — tree-cutting bylaw would not apply to parcels holding managed forestland status.

Cyprus said last week he hopes to gather a group of purchasers of the former MB lands who would be interested in pursuing managed forestland status for their properties. A representative of the Assessment Authority would

then visit the island and explain the application process, he said.

Companies controlled by Cyprus own 1,050 acres of former MB land — two parcels totalling 448 acres on Stewart Road, and a 602-acre block on Mt. Tuam. Cyprus said he would seek retention of managed forestland status on the Mt. Tuam acreage, while the Stewart Road property is to be subdivided.

Managed forestland status is granted to properties whose owners submit a five-year forest management plan approved by the Assessment Authority.

## Bylaw covers water disposal

First reading was given at the March 18 Islands Trust meeting to a proposed bylaw covering disposal of surface runoff and stormwater in drainage collection systems in Ganges.

The bylaw says no lands in Ganges may be paved, developed or subdivided without first making provision for disposal of runoff and stormwater in accordance with the findings of a flood control engineering study done for the Trust by Phillip Grange.

Prior to development, it continues, landowners must prepare a plan for drainage of the land and control of stormwater.

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View of junked car lot as seen from John Van Schaik's Rainbow Road property. Van Schaik and Henry Schwagly are growing more and more frustrated with the Island Trust's lack of action in what they see as a blatant violation of zoning bylaws. Land in the photo is zoned rural-residential.

## Owner claims land sale lost by presence of junked cars

From Page A1

ously stored its vehicles on a Lakeview Crescent property, which is now zoned for a multiple-family dwelling complex. The company pays Murakami \$100 per month for use of the land.

Murakami recently said he would ask Salt Spring Auto Body to remove the junked vehicles. "Who needs all the aggravation for \$100 a month?" he said.

In the meantime, Schwagly and Van Schaik have become more and more frustrated in their dealings with the Islands Trust. None of their letters or telephone calls have been returned, they said. Both local Island Trustees have been to the site, but no action has been taken.

"We're getting very frustrated," Van Schaik said. "We can't seem to do anything."

"We have four letters out, but we haven't heard *boo*," Schwagly said.

Among their correspondence was a letter to Islands Trust planner David Morris, and another to the minister of municipal affairs Rita Johnston. Neither have responded.

Schwagly and Van Schaik say their next step will be to a local MLA, and should that fail, they will look to obtaining a court injunction.

"I've lost two (house) sales: one private and one through a real estate agent," Schwagly said. "Everything is peachy until they (prospective buyers) walk towards the cars."

Schwagly said he wants all the junk vehicles removed — top level and bottom — before he will stop proceedings. Any commercial activity on the property, he said, is contrary to the rural residential zoning in place.

Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert said enforcement of bylaws must be taken through the court process. Although the Trust writes the bylaws, it does not have the authority to determine guilt should they be violated. It can advise offending individuals to conform to the bylaws, but only

the courts can actually enforce them, he explained.

Court proceedings are expensive in terms of money and time, Gilbert said.

As for the Murakami situation and others similar to it, Gilbert said, the Islands Trust is waiting for a recommendation from the Advisory Planning Commission (APC), regarding industrial land use. The commission is holding a special meeting April 11 to discuss proposals made by its guidelines sub-committee. The results of the meeting may have direct bearing on the Rainbow Road situation.

According to Schwagly and Van Schaik, however, one and a half years is too long to have to wait for an Islands Trust response.

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## Care for fish urged

With local school children releasing salmon fry into Ganges Creek, the Island Stream and Salmon Enhancement Society is asking the community to help protect the creek — and to contribute funds for its improvement.

Society member Kathy Reimer said the creek has improved "dramatically" due to the work done there by the Job-Trac program and by the Chamber of Commerce. She noted the creek is now suitable for chum salmon, although flood control and gravel spawning platforms must yet be installed.

The society is asking the public to send donations to the chamber, which is still raising funds to help cover the cost of the Job-Trac projects.

The society is also asking property owners along the creek to avoid contaminating the watercourse. The most common materials, toxic to trout and salmon fry, are petroleum products, fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides, ashes, salt, detergents and chlorinated water.

Some 1,500 salmon fry have been hatched in Salt Spring Island classroom incubators as part of the society's environment education program. Five classrooms at Salt Spring Elementary School, one at Fulford Elementary, and one at Gulf Islands Secondary are participating in the program.

The young salmon are fed in the classrooms for two to three weeks, and released as soon as possible into the creek. They will spend two to three summers at sea, and a little over ten per cent (15 to 20) should return as adults in 1990 or 1991.

## Make-believe

Salt Spring Elementary School students Jennie Walker, 5, and Dustin Benson, 6, put their imaginations to work while viewing scale model of castle donated for display at school by Olive Clayton. Model was constructed by her late husband, Jerry.

## Fulford Inn plan draws objections

A proposed rezoning of the Fulford Inn property drew objections from the majority of area residents who attended a recent public meeting called to discuss the plan.

Island Trustees Nick Gilbert and Pat Byrne, who chaired the meeting, said the audience objected to the development proposal because they felt it might cause a shift of commercial activity away from the Fulford core.

The proposal called for rezoning property behind the Inn to allow for a two-storey structure that would provide accommodation on the second floor and about eight retail-commercial spaces for lease on the ground floor.

Gilbert said that while the audience of about 110 people supported additional space for accommodation at the Inn, there was "some problem" with creation of additional retail space outside the Fulford core.

Another concern was the impact the project might have on nearby Fulford Creek.

Byrne said a show of hands at the close of the meeting showed two-thirds of the people present objected to the proposal.

The meeting was called for information and discussion only. The applicant could still proceed to the Trust and request a rezoning of the property.

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## Eclectic musical group returns to Salt Spring

An eclectic mixture of Celtic traditions, jazz, African rhythms and rock-and-roll will be heard April 9 on Salt Spring when Rare Air returns to perform in concert.

The band, which earned rave reviews when it played here at last year's Summer Festival of the Arts, will perform in the Activity Centre at 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$6 and \$7, at the door.

What is Rare Air? Picture this: a bald man with bells on his ankles, playing 12 roto-toms; a bouncy Japanese bassist; and two droning Highland pipers, one in rainbow-colored coveralls, the other with blue paint smeared on his face.

The band has been together for 10 years, giving its members time to hone their musical style — a style which is rooted in, but not bound by, their Canadian Scottish heritage.

Three of the four members have extensive training in traditional forms of Celtic music. Grier Coppins, the lead bagpipe player, was a child prodigy who won numerous piping competitions in Canada and Scotland. Pat O'Gorman, the second piper, won a first in foreign top class competitions in Scotland. In the 1970s, percussionist Trevor Ferrier won the North American snare drumming championship three years run-

ning. Dick Murai, the bassist, has training in jazz, rock and classical music styles.

In the late 1970s, Rare Air spent a year in Brittany learning Celtic traditions first-hand.

## Past, present worlds bridged in account of Alert Bay death

*An Error in Judgement*, by Dara Culhane Speck, Talon Books, Vancouver, \$14.95 paper.

By PEGGY WHITTAKER

We find it easy to ignore, justify, conveniently forget or theorize away atrocities that occurred decades ago. And yet when we are faced with current examples of injustice and human oppression in our daily lives, we lack the objectivity, detachment and sometimes just plain intelligence to see them clearly. Thus it is that wrongs go unrighted, patterns are repeated, and, inevitably, the lessons of the past are chronicled in a history book and rarely applied to every day life.

To my mind, then, the most important quality found in Dara Culhane Speck's *An Error in Judgement* is its ability to bridge the chasm between these two worlds of past and present.

Sub-titled *The Politics of Medical Care in an Indian/White Community*, this is the account of the events surrounding the 1979 death of Renee Smith, an 11-year-old member of Alert Bay's Nimpkish Indian Band, who died in St. George's Hospital of a burst appendix.

As the tale unfolds, we learn through interviews, anecdotes and testimonies at the inquest that the attending physician was an habitual drinker who was known to treat patients while under the influence of alcohol. This doctor and hospital staff alike kept scant, if any, patient histories, and other hospital practices were substandard. We learn, too, that Renee Smith was not the first Native Indian to suffer from the lack of proper care.

Band lawyer Professor Michael Jackson says on the back cover of the book: "As the political and historical overlays of (the death) are peeled back, we realize that the events of 1979 are not an exception

to, but a reflection of, underlying attitudes towards Indians."

Enter the book's look into the past. We are reminded of (and perhaps many of us never truly understood) the gross injustices meted out to native inhabitants of the coast when Europeans began settling here not much more than 150 years ago. In the 1940's, Kwakwaka'wakw men returning to Alert Bay from fighting the Second World War found they still could not vote, drink, or join the Legion. It wasn't until 1960 revisions to the Indian Act that Natives could drink anywhere other than inside licensed premises.

Try as we might, we cannot dismiss these facts with a "that was then, this is now" attitude. The relationship that was established between the Native and White

cultures is still apparent today. The events in the book, which chronicles the inept handling of the situation by the medical administration and the B.C. government, took place not 10 years ago. And controversy concerning current revisions to the Indian Act provoked a recent letter to the editor of the North Shore News in North Vancouver which stated: "On the one hand, people protest our so-called handouts and, on the other, are denying us (natives) any hope of improving our situation. We are a product of your ancestral manipulation and your cruel mistakes. We can no longer be treated as a problem that will hopefully go away."

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# Showcase displays quality artworks

Spring has sprung, and so has the art community on Salt Spring Island. This past weekend saw the opening of *Showcase '88* and the re-opening of everybody's favourite theatre-gallery, Off Centre Stage.

*Showcase* is the Community Arts Council's annual juried show of the best of arts and crafts in School District 64. If you want to see what work was held in highest esteem by the jury, you'll just have to spend an hour or so at Mahon Hall between now and April 4 (hours are 11 am to 4 pm).

The C.A.C. is giving each visitor to *Showcase* an opportunity to pick their favourite artwork. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

There is lots of fine work to choose from. In the painting department Diana Dean's large oil, *Woman Coming Out of the Water*, makes a strong connection between landscape (the earth) and woman as the nurturer of new life. The subjects of the painting are like actors in a morality play. The narrative may be about us, for the landscape is most assuredly a wilderness — a wilderness and a paradise in the same breath.

Michael Robb's landscapes are more appropriately dreamscapes. Time and motion are suspended and we become acutely aware of our role as observers. The photographic precision of his two paintings, *Commuter* and *Inclinate*, come from a surrealist tradition. Unlikely combinations of elements exist together in comfort if not conventional harmony. The frames, although they function as windows to be looked through, are in my view an aggravating and superfluous distraction which could well be done away with.

*A Red, Red Rose* by Diana Thompson is a very prickly, spiky composition. With great delight, she has exposed this phallic object and love-making with all its attendant pitfalls and rushed emotions. It is a very risky picture but one of the best I've seen from this artist, who by the way makes

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her living as a botanical illustrator and naturalist.

The craft component of the exhibition, although sparsely representative of practitioners was nonetheless of high quality.

Particularly impressive was the fine traditional woodworking of Illyd Perkins. Both the music stand and the rosewood and silver chest are conservative in design but luscious in attention to detail. On the chest the silver inlay and detail by Craig Wright was a perfect



Detail from Thomas work, 'The Etcher.'

counterpoint to the chocolate rosewood.

It is rare to see the work of two different disciplines so beautifully orchestrated, no one element dominating, each enhancing the other.

Still in wood but in the sculpture category is *Contemplating the Past* by Barry Holmes. More than just a section of tree trunk, this piece echoes the growth rings like pages of a book, or stories in time. The split boards or shakes of the block are a sequencing of volumes — a very musical and evocative piece.

In clay, Melissa Searcy's ceramic boxes *Evocation #2* and *#3* summon visions of geological folding of earth building, of coloured sedimentary strata. Fault lines and thrusting hog back mountains are abstractly rendered

into coherent compositions.

The hanging and display of the show seem to be good, with two glaring exceptions. Terry Warbey's superbly crafted mandolin seems to be stuck on the display, screen like a piece of chewing gum. And again, the same artist's delicately rendered silver heart-shaped locket is almost lost displayed against Ilse Leader's handwoven jacket. Please correct!

The jurors were all enthusiastic about the quality of the work, their only regret being the paucity of craft submissions.

Bernie Ruffo of the Winchester Gallery in Victoria, stated enthusiastically that with a very few exceptions the paintings in the show were of acceptable quality for his gallery. All in all a job well done by the *Showcase* committee!

## Gallery at Off Centre Stage boasts alterations, new show

Off Centre Stage's gallery is reopening with a show of works by Ian Thomas, a local artist who teaches at Camosun College.

Thomas recently exhibited at Artopolis in Vancouver, and is currently taking part in a group show at Open Space in Victoria. He works — painting, drawings and print-making — will be shown until the end of April.

Comedy Night returns to Off Centre Stage on Saturday, April 16. It will be followed by two weekends of theatre.

Wednesday Night Music will be revitalized after the Easter

holidays, in the format of an open stage talent night. All performers are welcome to sign up for a set or a song and enjoy the opportunity to play with other local musicians. This will be a regular Wednesday night event, open to the public.

A goods and services auction is being organized to raise funds to cover operating costs incurred while Off Centre Stage was closed for renovations. Memberships are also being sold — for \$10 — and organizers remind that Off Centre Stage is available for rental.

## Top Showcase choices made

The works of nine local artists received special mention when *Showcase* — the Community Arts Council's annual exhibition of top-drawer arts and crafts — opened last Saturday night at Mahon Hall.

The jury of three singled out the following entries for special mention:

- Nell Bushby and Howard McDonald, for a coat based on a Turkish Kilim.
- Gary Cherneff, for a "late summer" tea pot.

- Sharada Filkow, for *Song of the River*, gouache on paper.
- Anna Hawthorne, for *Kimono #1*, mixed medium.
- Carol Evans, for *Sea*, watercolour.
- Illyd Perkins, for a music stand.
- Michael Robb, for *Commuter*, oil.
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Thank you all for taking part. High scores for the week of March 21 were: Ken Collins, 801 (213, 315, 273), 731 (232, 267, 232); Vic Dodds, 789 (303, 219, 267); Terry Jenkins, 786 (206, 266, 314), 767 (268, 209, 290); Jim Jeffrey, 776 (207, 373, 196); Gordon Thorne, 716 (211, 244, 261); Gordon Alexander, 712 (280, 228, 204).

**300 games:** Jim Jeffrey, 773; Diane Little, 320; Margaret Baker, 316; Ken Collins, 315; Terry Jenkins, 314; Vic Dodds, 303.

**Pins over average:** Jim Jeffrey, 284; Margaret Baker, 177; Helen Storms, 140; Goodie Goodman, 139; Dot Beech, 131.

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**Monday afternoon:** Margaret Baker, 316; Vera Payne, 232; Dave McRoberts, 216; Dorothy Armstrong, 204.

**Tuesday morning:** Jean Haines, 288; Art Robinson, 232; Edie Gear, 205.

**Tuesday afternoon:** June Webb, 229, 227; Dot Beech, 218, 206; Cy Sloan, 205; Flo Kavanagh, 201.

**Friday morning:** John Richardson, 252; Goodie Goodman, 245, 244; Lydia Purser, 242; Edie Gear, 210.

**Friday afternoon:** Vic Dodds, 300, 236; Babs Ross, 272; Bill Hague, 243, 211; Joyce Lampier, 229, 216; Gene Graham, 225; Dick Young, 208; Ed Allan, 205; Miona Irwin, 201.

**Over 700:** Vic Dodds, 734.

**Over 600:** Margaret Baker, 685; Goodie Goodman, 619; Gene Graham, 608; Jean Haines, 600.

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**Peewees:** Stephanie Collette, 109; Corry Schwagly, 81; Ian Baker, 168; Chris Langdon, 142; Tom Langdon, 138.

**Bantams:** Amy Schwagly, 193; Cheryl David, 155; Kate McGregor, 124; Eric Taylor, 198; Stephen McColl, 99.

**Juniors:** Lisa Caldwell, 156; Ariana Jacobs, 134; Lori Quesnel, 131; David Collette, 203; Aaron Slingsby, 151.

**Senior:** Lisa Jorgensen, 240.

# Bishop visiting islands as part of Easter tour

A group of islanders met at the Ganges wharf on Palm Sunday to celebrate the Liturgy of the Palms with Reverend James Koester and visiting Right Reverend Ronald F. Shepherd.

Bishop Shepherd then proceeded by boat to continue his Holy Week tour of the Islands of the Diocese.

Bishop Shepherd's itinerary involved leaving Ganges Harbour early in the morning of Palm Sunday, and reaching Alert Bay for services on Easter Sunday.

Stops in between were to include Galiano Island, for a Palm Sunday service at St. Margaret of Scotland, followed by an afternoon service at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on Mayne Island.

Monday was to include a stop at Pender Island; on Tuesday, the Bishop was to participate in a community event on Thetis Island, plus visit Camp Columbia; Wednesday would see him at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Lasqueti Island; on Thursday, he intended to stop at Denman Island, followed by Good Friday services on Cortes Island.

The Bishop Shepherd's tour is being conducted on board the *John Antle*, a vessel formerly part of the Columbia Coast Mission.

For the final lap of the journey into Alert Bay, however, a speedier vessel is needed. To this end, Admiral George of CFB Esquimalt has made available the HMCS *Chaleur*.

# Sea Capers directors slate planning session

The Sea Capers Society will hold a meeting tonight (Wednesday, March 30) to continue organization of the annual Salt Spring Island celebration.

The meeting, called to review progress made to date and to outline planning, will see members deliver short verbal reports. The meeting will begin at 7 pm in the school board office in Ganges and end at 9 pm.

Preparations for the 1988 version of Sea Capers are going well, the society reports. Among arrangements recently finalized are a visit to the celebrations by two naval training ships, an appearance in the parade by the Gizeh Temple Shrine band from Victoria (which will later perform in Centennial Park), and a mixed doubles tennis tournament (combined ages of players to be over 90 years) arranged by the Salt Spring Island Tennis Association.

Organizing of hospitality for the visiting Shrine Club members will be handled by Ralph and Janet Newstead, who have rejoined the Sea Capers Committee 10 years after helping to organize its inaugural appearance.

Good weather is virtually guaranteed for this year's version of Sea Capers.

Organizers of the annual Salt

Spring Island event contacted Environment Canada for information of weather trends before deciding which days in June would be set aside for the festivities.

The weekend of June 18-19 was picked after Environment Canada said it offered the best chances for dry, sunny weather on Salt Spring. "Historically, it has been the warmest, driest and sunniest" of the four weekends in June, the department said.

Environment Canada noted the June 18 weekend traditionally provides a normal maximum temperature of 20.6 degrees Celsius, a mean temperature of 15° C, and a minimum of 9.5° C — all of which are higher than the historical totals recorded on the other three weekend dates.

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Nominations of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed, seconded, with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office, Upper Ganges Road, at or before 12:00 noon, Monday the 11th day of April, 1988.

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor.

*To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian citizen, 19 years of age or older and a ratepayer of the District, or spouse of a ratepayer, in good standing.*

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After Geneva conference

# Canadian peace delegation finds few reasons for hope

A Fulford Harbour resident who attended a recent disarmament conference in Switzerland says her group returned to Canada with little hope for a rapid change in the global situation.

Marg Simons was one of 11 Canadian Voice of Women representatives to take part in the Conference on Disarmament sponsored by the United Nations and held in Geneva for two weeks in early April. The conference drew private citizens from around the globe, plus ambassadors and senior diplomats from a number of governments.

Simons, who stressed that her comments on the conference are the views of all 11 Voice of Women representatives, said the group "was not impressed with any sense of urgency from the government representatives at the only multilateral disarmament negotiating forum in the world."

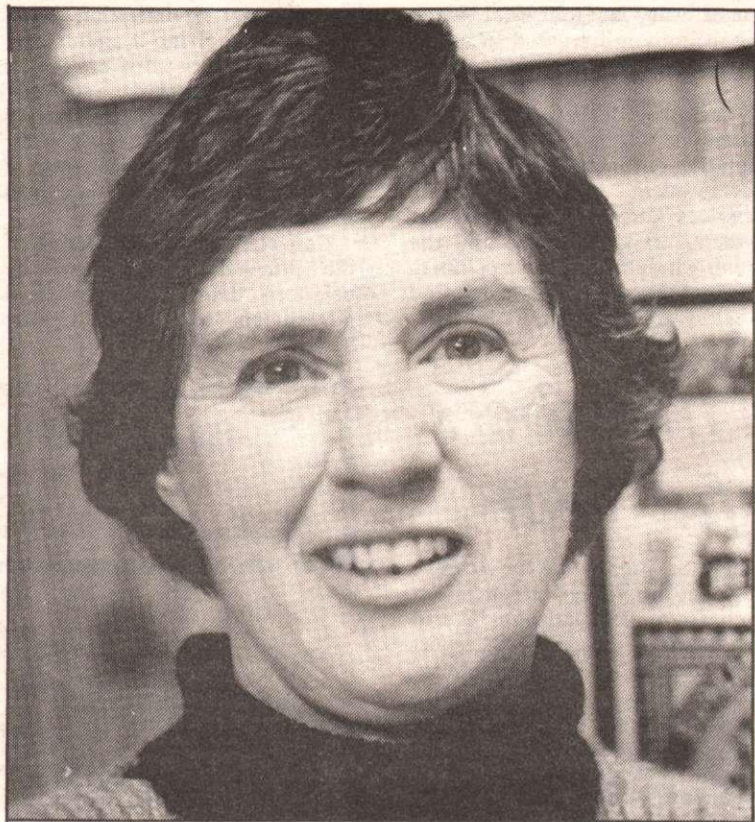
The Canadian delegation, which was housed in a nuclear bomb shelter in Geneva, held meetings with the representatives of 10 governments — including China, the Soviet Union, Britain, India, Sweden and Mexico.

All listened to the group's "views as feminists committed to peace, equality and justice," Simons said. However, the Voice of Women representatives were left feeling that politicians are not moving quickly enough to usher in a new system of common security to "replace cold war doctrines of war . . . with negotiated resolution of global and regional conflicts through political means."

The recent conference, the group said, continued 89 years of little progress made in attempts at arms control: "The 40 member states . . . have become so rigidly positioned and so technically fixated that they have lost sight of the big picture."

"The tragic reality, which no one wants to admit, is that the present international system of military alliances, deterrent military doctrines, out-of-control arms manufacture and export, and the stockpiling of redundant nuclear and conventional arsenals does not enhance security but actually threatens it."

The goals of Voice of Women



Marg Simons

were sharpened by the results of the conference, Simons added. The group believes real security means "peace based on the respect of the human rights of all, social equality and the simultaneous pursuit of disarmament, sustainable development and a healthy environment."

Simons said that after listening to the rationale government representatives used to avoid reaching a consensus on specific arms control measures, the Canadian group was left wondering whether those representatives are listening to what their citizens desire. She noted that a recent public opinion poll held in Canada determined that the public believes the policies and weaponry of both superpowers — not just that of the USSR — to be the major problem in East-West relations.

"The present nuclear stockpiles of both superpowers are regarded as increasing the likelihood of war, rather than decreasing it," she said. "Since militar-

ism is a deep-rooted common denominator to the thinking of all sides, regardless of their ideological commitments or state of development, the Voice of Women delegation is more convinced than ever that if women with a feminist vision to challenge the global scope of militarism were to negotiate at the disarmament conference, the world would move more quickly and effectively towards being a sane and safe place."

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**Finance minister says**

# B.C. budget marks philosophical shift

By **DUNCAN MacDONNELL**  
Despite the criticism his budget has received since being handed down in the provincial legislature last Thursday, B.C. Finance Minister Mel Couvelier is proud of the document.

Couvelier, the MLA for Saanich-Gulf Islands, is drawing flak for a number of measures introduced in his budget for 1988-89 — particularly for large increases in the cost of Medical Services Plan premiums, and for hikes in the rates residents pay to stay in care homes.

In an interview with *Driftwood* held last Saturday in Sidney, Couvelier said the attention being paid to increases in the price the public pays for health care overlooks the province's attempt to highlight those costs.

"It's true we've increased the cost of medical premiums, but we haven't distorted them," he said. "We still charge less than Ontario, the richest province in Canada — and the premiums only contribute 12 per cent to the medical system. We're trying to make the point that people should appreciate the cost of medical services."

Other measures in the budget hope to encourage greater use of "supplementary" medical services like physiotherapy and introduce the concept of non-clinical community health centres which would examine patients before further referral to doctors.

The finance minister would also like to see reductions in the number of certain medical procedures performed in B.C. hospitals — i.e., tonsillectomies and Caesarian sections are well above the national rate, he noted. Couvelier sees introduction of midwives and nurse practitioners — "super nurses" — into the mainstream medical system as one way to bring down health costs.

The government's new health care stance is an important philosophical shift, Couvelier said, "but it's only a small part of the budget." He pointed out that the document actually increases the amount of money allocated for social services, at the expense of other ministries which traditionally receive increases.

The additional money for health care, for instance, came at the same time as the highways ministry budget was reduced, Couvelier said — a decision he said means the end of megaprojects in B.C.

"There will be no more Coquihallas," he said.

That move also signals a decision to break away from centralized planning, Couvelier said. More money is being directed to the regional level for "micro projects, not macro projects."

He continued: "We've had

top-down thinking in B.C. for the past 25 years, where we've tried to create jobs in multiples of hundreds. The best way is the small way, at the local level, where jobs are created in multiples of twos and threes."

Couvelier describes the document as a good news budget, pointing out increased allocations for student assistance, social services and education, and tax cuts for small business and the mining industry. He also points to indicators showing continued healthy growth of the B.C. economy.

The finance minister acknowledged that he has been criticized for taking \$450 million in windfall revenue and tucking it into the new Budget Stabilization Fund instead of applying it against the provincial deficit. But he said it makes sense to hold onto that money now, at a time of strong economic growth, and save it for increased social services costs if and when another downturn strikes.

Couvelier also promised that the provincial budget will be balanced before the provincial government next goes to the polls.



**Mel Couvelier**

## Credit Union members enjoy successful year

Year-end statistics indicate 1987 was a successful year for the 23,000 member-shareholders of Island Savings Credit Union, chief executive officer Ray Bush said last week.

Membership and deposits were up 14 per cent in 1987, and loans grew by 12 per cent. Total assets as of December 31 were \$118 million. Delinquency on loans is the lowest it has been for years, Bush noted.

Net earnings for the year, after distribution of a seven per cent dividend and provision for taxes and loan losses, were \$507,462 — compared to \$166,812 in 1986.

The annual general meeting for

Island Savings is set for April 7, 1988, at the Village Green Inn in Duncan. Senior management and the board of directors will report 1987 results to membership at that time.

Members will also be asked to vote on proposed rule changes, which, if approved, will allow creation of a new class of equity shares in the credit union. This change would provide a vehicle through which patronage refunds or dividends could be paid to members, based on their usage of Island Savings' services.

The board views the proposed changes as a step towards the basic credit union philosophy of sharing profits with membership.

## Seawalk plan endorsed

The March 18 meeting of the Islands Trust gave three readings to a Community Plan amendment providing for continuation of a seawalk in the downtown core.

There was no comment on the proposed bylaw at a public hearing held immediately prior to the regular Trust meeting.


The bylaw allows for construction of a seawalk from the foot of Fulford-Ganges Road to the head of Ganges Harbour, "in stages by private owners as part of the enhancement of the commercial attractiveness of their lands, and/or by public service groups with private or public funding."

The bylaw says the seawalk would involve a combination of wooden walkways over the sea, and wooden walkways or hard-surface paths on land.

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April 7	FERNWOOD	Fine Arts Celebration, Reader Theatre, Art, Band, Plays	1:00-3:00 pm
April 8	MAHON HALL	Free Music - Official opening of School District art display	G.I.S.S. Music Students 7:30 pm
April 8 & 9	MAHON HALL	School District #64 students Art Display, all schools - open to all Gulf Islands	Friday 7:00-9:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm
April 9	MAHON HALL	Free Music Concert & Art Display	11 am S.S. Elem. Choir 1 pm Fernwood Music 3 pm Fulford Music
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# Each strawberry variety has unique attributes

This past week has certainly given us a taste of what we should have suffered through for a couple of months in order to qualify for the legitimate arrival of spring. With spring officially here, and Easter due this coming weekend, we've had our taste of bad weather, and are now ready for spring gardening in earnest. While it may take a couple of weeks for the heavier soils to dry out, raised beds and more sandy or organic soils will now be recharged with moisture and ready to turn or work within a few days.

Last week's article dealt with the care and feeding of strawberries, as well as several other considerations dealing with siting and soils, but before we got into varieties and selections, space ran out, so this time around I'd like to deal with the rundown on strawberry types and choices.

As mentioned last week, there are two groups of strawberries, namely ever-bearing or day-neutral varieties, and the larger, more familiar group, the regular June-bearing varieties.

While we covered most of the differences between the two groups, one additional fact may help you in making your choice: day-neutral varieties will produce flowers, and hence fruit all season long, regardless of day length, and will commence fruit production as soon as the plant has established enough strength to enable it to make full berries.

For this reason, all ever-bearing varieties can be treated and grown as annuals, being fed and watered well throughout the whole season, and bearing right up to and beyond the first frosts of autumn.

After the first season's production you will get another good year's cropping, but for the

third year you should aim to work with the best runners you can select from your second year's runner production. This will give the optimal production on the healthiest plants.

The same sort of prospects hold true for the regular June-bearing varieties, excepting that the rotation schedule should be lengthened by a year to allow for the first year, during which you shouldn't have permitted the young plants to go into production (three year cycle).

The rundown on ever-bearing types should start with the best, most-often recommended one, *Hecker*. While it gives relatively small fruit, *Hecker* bears continuously, all season long, yielding evenly red, excellent-tasting, wedge-shaped berries. They may be used fresh or for preserves, and the plants are vigorous growers.

The second favourite is *Tillikum*, having slightly larger berries with good flavour and a bright red flush of colour. It has the added virtue of being the least virus-susceptible variety, while also producing a good total volume of berries.

After these two the trail is scattered with a few notables, a couple of old favourites, and the soon-to-come new releases. Among the new group, one finds Northwest-suitable varieties such as *Sukuma* (worthy of trying), *Burlington* (said not to be showing satisfactory fruit quality), *Tristar* (excellent flavour and colour but still yielding small fruit), *Tribute* (same attributes as *Tristar*, and *Selva*, which is producing very good quality berries but demonstrates a weak day-neutral character (thus not cropping so heavily).

## your garden

by  
**Chris Schmah**

In the old standby category, one finds *Quinault*, which gives a fair crop during the regular June season, and then follows with another crop in late August, September and October. While the fruit is generally large, it tends to be soft and will rot quite quickly if not picked promptly. *Quinault* also shows some resistance to virus diseases.

The other old standby still sometimes available is *Fort Laramie*. While it is hardy, and a vigorous producer of runners, *Fort Laramie* only produces fair crops of fair berries; not a glowing report when one is ultimately looking for

strawberries, not runners.

The other group to deal with is the regular June-bearing bunch, starting off with the fave-rave, recommended by nine out of 10 connoisseurs — *Totem*, a variety developed for our growing region and demonstrating virus resistance as well as resistance to powdery mildew and fruit rot. *Totem* is resistant to red stele root rot, grows vigorously and produces very well. The berries are large, firm and dark red, making them suitable for preserves, freezer storage or just plain fresh eatin'.

Next along the line one finds *Shuksan*, which demonstrates slightly less resistance to all of the aforementioned diseases, but produces larger fruit. Commencing about a week later than *Totem*, *Shuksan* fruit is bright red and flavourful, suitable for both fresh and processing uses.

For the earliest crop of berries, choose *Puget Beauty*, as it produces sweet, glossy fruit on vigorous plants that show some resistance to rots and mildews.

*Hood* is another variety which is often recommended for its excellent flavour, but is quite susceptible to virus attack. If grown outside of strawberry production areas, and isolated, clean stock can be kept healthy and will yield large, beautiful fruit with a delicate taste. While it is excellent for fresh use, it is not very suitable for processing.

That just about covers the worthy varieties of strawberries, and while there are hundreds of others to choose from, this bunch will give you the best bowlfull, so until next week, don't drool too much, and get out there and garden.



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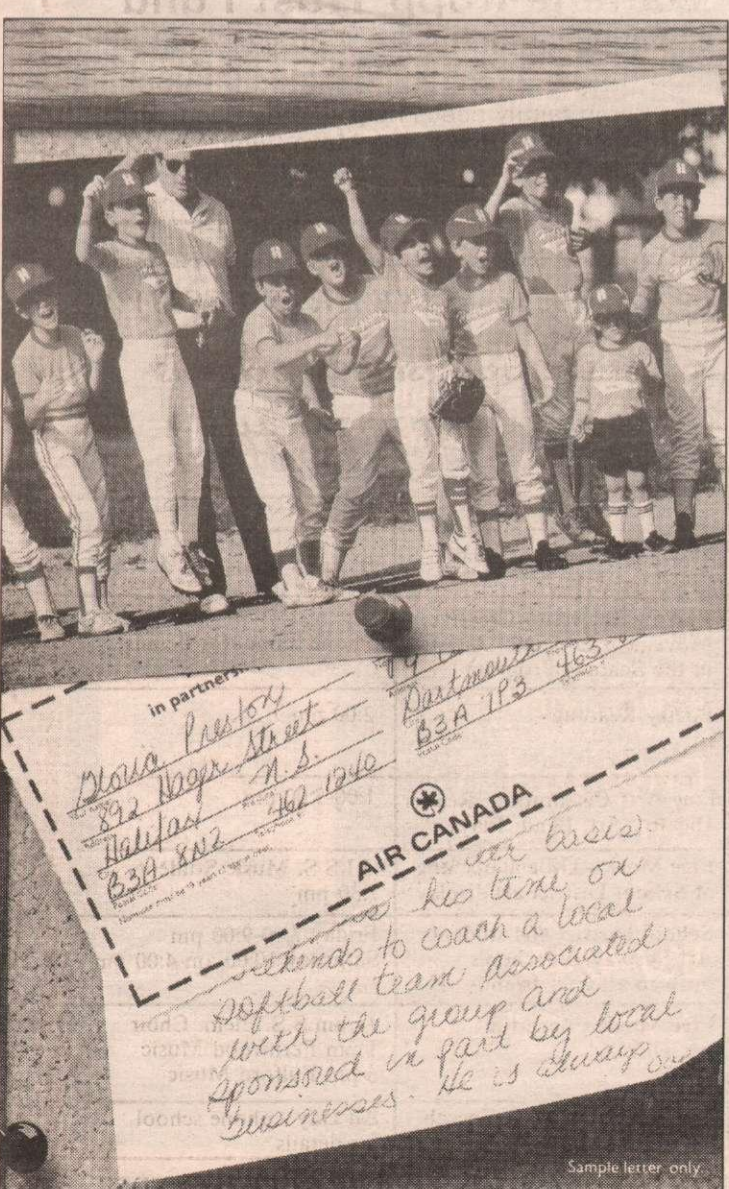
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# Investor can help organize financial affairs

By **BILL CALLIN**

If the mere mention of financial record-keeping makes your eyes glaze over, you're not alone. Record keeping is not only tedious, time-consuming and never-ending, but also intimately associated with the annual agony of filing your tax returns.

It's important for your family's financial well-being, however, to develop a more positive attitude toward maintaining investment records. Obviously, you must keep track of your investments for tax purposes, but there are other reasons: accurate records enable you to periodically assess your financial position and determine which assets are working hard for

you, and which should be eliminated from your portfolio.

Many people pull their personal investment information together for the first time when they open an account with a brokerage firm. Your brokerage firm can help you organize this data.

All you need to set up a home financial record-keeping system are file folders (pocket folders sealed on three sides are especially handy) and a desk drawer or box for storing the folders vertically. Mark on the folder for each account, whether it's with a brokerage firm, bank or mutual fund.

Standing the folders up is essential; that way you can see

their labels and easily put investment documents (transaction confirmations, account statements) into them as they arrive. If the folders lie flat, stacked on top of each other, you simply won't use them. Pieces of paper won't pile up until filing becomes a major headache.

What should you keep? Some people save everything and do a massive cleaning of their files once or twice a year. But you'll save time and — even more important — encourage yourself to keep an eye on how your investments are performing if you keep your information current.

An efficient approach is to hold every transaction confirmation

until your monthly brokerage account statement arrives. Check to see that every transaction is recorded, then throw away the original confirmations.

The point of keeping yearly summaries is to know when and what you paid for each security so you can compute your capital gain (or loss) when you sell it — or when you want to evaluate your holdings. Determining what you paid for a stock, bond or mutual fund share can be difficult if you haven't saved your statements, particularly if years have passed since the purchase or if you've bought the same security at different prices over time.

You can ask the brokerage firm

or mutual fund company to send you copies of your old statements, but this takes time and may cost you money. One mutual fund, for instance, charged an investor a \$25 "research fee" to retrieve statements going back to the 1970s.

And if you're one of the growing number of investors who owns a computer, personal finance software can help you organize your finances, including investments. But remember: Even if you put all your investment data into your computer, don't dispose of your paper statements.

*Bill Callin is an investment executive with McLeod Young Weir Limited in Victoria.*

## Plan now to take advantage of capital gains exemptions

By **BRUCE FOERSTER**

Dear Bruce:

I am not looking forward to the cheque I am having to write again this year to the Receiver General. It's an annual event I could live without.

I am retired, after working hard all my life, and it irks me to have to continue paying so much income tax on such a modest income (especially when you consider how they spend it). My income consists of Canada Pension and Old Age Pension, as well as a small company pension and the interest I earn on my GICs (approximately \$5,000 per year). My accountant keeps suggesting I should look to dividends and capital gains for tax relief. Could you please explain how these are taxed and the best way to generate dividends and capital gains?

Dear L.C.:

There are really three different ways of receiving investment income.

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Dividends are another popular method of receiving investment income. Dividends are paid by the corporations in which you invest. Providing these are Canadian companies, the dividends will be eligible for the dividend tax credit, an incentive the federal government gives you to invest in the Canadian corporate economy. As a result of the dividend tax credit you would only have to pay about \$230 in income tax on \$1,000 of dividend income this year.

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Surprisingly, few people are really aware of this tax-free method of generating income, and even fewer have structured their investments to take advantage of it.

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*Bruce Foerster is a senior financial advisor with England Securities Ltd.*



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## Islanders agree to form local Sierra Club branch

A Salt Spring Island chapter of the Sierra Club was formed at a meeting held last Thursday night in Ganges.

The club was formed in response to concerns about local impacts on the environment and the wider significance of those impacts.

Sue Hiscocks, who was named chairman of the new club, said the local group felt the best way to address concerns about environmental issues was to align with a larger organization like the Sierra Club, rather than by forming a new entity.

Membership in the Sierra Club gives the 35-plus people in the island chapter access to an established information network, a regular newsletter, an international magazine, speakers and "a

larger coalition of people interested in common issues," says Bob Andrews, one of three co-chairmen of the club.

The other two co-chairmen are Rick Laing and John Herbert. Dave Fisher was named treasurer, and Alicia Valchez was selected to serve as secretary.

The Crofton mill was the main topic of discussion at the club's inaugural meeting. It was noted that information on testing for dioxin levels should soon be obtained through MP Jim Manly, and that proposed expansion of the mill might contribute to increased pollution.

Applications for membership in the Sierra Club are available from the Continuing Education office in Moutat's Mall.

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# Several factors force changes to face of B.C. forest industry

By DUNCAN MacDONNELL  
Social, economic and political factors are combining to change the face of B.C.'s forest industry, the March 4-5 Trust Council meeting on Hornby Island was told.

The overview of current forestry practices and future options was provided by Bob Nixon, a former nuclear engineer who later worked in the environmental assessment field before founding *Forest Planning Canada*, a Victoria-based magazine "published to promote the wise use of Canada's forests."

Nixon told the council meeting that the social factor coming to bear on the forest industry is a growing public awareness of logging practices and their impacts. "Five to seven years ago," he said, "no one listened to talk about forestry. But now there is a growing body of public opinion and interest in trees and forestry. There is now a real concern to do things differently — to accept, for instance, that logging has an impact on tourism."

On the economic front, Nixon continued, the value of the forest industry is declining. It is no longer true that the industry contributes 50 cents out of every dollar earned in B.C., he said, explaining that 14 per cent of the gross provincial product now comes from the manufacturing sector, and that the forest industry makes up about one-half of the 14 per cent.

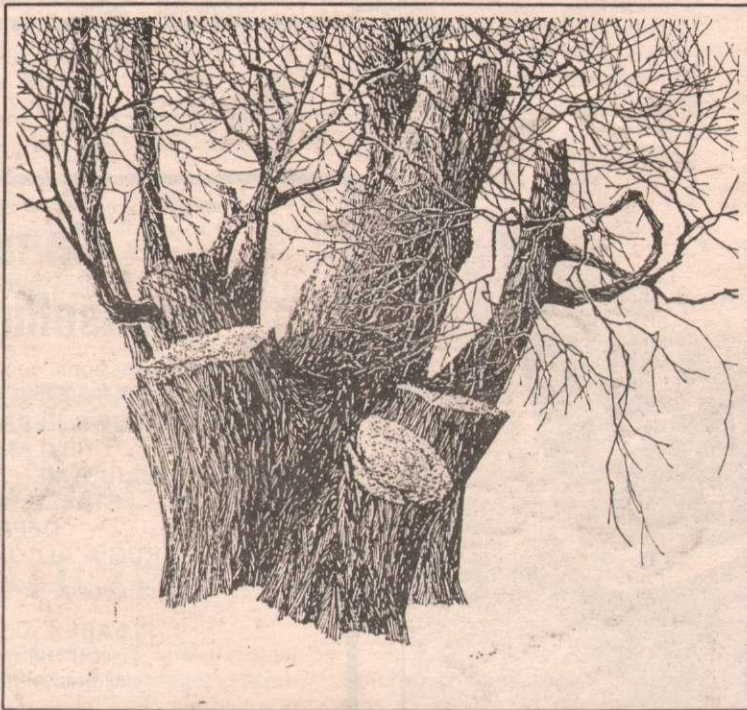
"The value of the forest industry is in decline, and the economy is desperate for diversity," Nixon said. "There is a need for value-added activity, not low-value commodities like two-by-fours."

At the same time, he noted, B.C.'s forest industry is facing increased stumpage rates negotiated after the U.S. imposed its 15 per cent lumber tariff, has lost 15,000 to 20,000 jobs in the past five years, and is using up the stands of old-growth timber that guarantee its health.

"Overnight, the economic value of trees in B.C. has changed."

On the political front, Nixon continued, the combination of the changing economic future of the forest industry and the heightened interest the public is showing in its practices has caused Victoria to take a closer look at forestry.

Nixon said the path the industry should take is to move towards a private-land forest industry that takes changing public opinion, economic factors and political considerations into account.



He noted that the move would be helped by the fact that Bill Vander Zalm's government was elected in part because of its stated belief in placing the interests of small business ahead of large corporations, and because it is "waking up" to demands for changes in the way the forest industry operates.

"In the next couple of years, government-initiated economic development is not going to be there," Nixon said. "It's important to realize that, and to recognize the possibilities it creates for private-land forestry."

Calling small-scale private-land forestry "the future engine of the economy," Nixon said the problem in putting the industry into place is a lack of government experience in that sector, and the need for the public to push for the change.

"Unfortunately, there is no history of experience in private-land forest management in B.C., because it has never been relevant before," he said, noting that the bulk of large-scale forest industry activity in B.C. now takes place on lands owned by the province.

As for public opinion, Nixon continued, a push for change is coming but it has to be focused at the local level.

"It's not just the Islands Trust area that is grappling with the need for greater public input into forestry — you are part of a wider movement taking root at the municipal and regional district level across this province," he said. "The community is the

voice of the middle ground, and there are councils there eager to form liaisons to put that view forward. The change has got to come from the local level — if not, there will be no change."

The Gulf Islands region, he continued, would be a perfect place to establish small-scale forestry management operations that take both tourism appeal and tax revenue considerations into account.

"We're at a turning point, but we're adrift because we're not sure about how and where to go from here," Nixon said. On the flip side, however, he said it is clear B.C. cannot continue its current forestry practices. "We can't put our feet up on the stove for 30 years and wait for the trees to grow again."



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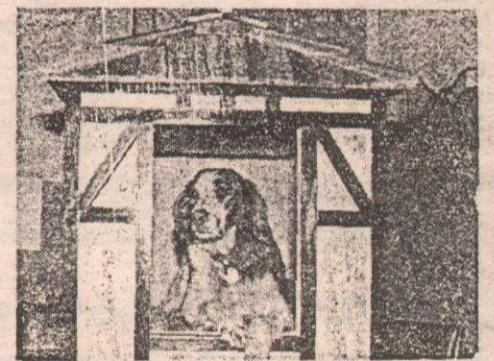
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