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## Inspection bylaw tabled by district

A controversial Capital Regional District (CRD) bylaw to regulate the sale of uninspected meat has once again been tabled for further consideration.

The amended bylaw was sent back to the health committee last Wednesday after regional directors heard objections from Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, Saturna Island sheep farmer Jim Campbell and B.C. Sheep and Wool Commission chairman Brian Currie.

The bylaw, which would bring Gulf Islands meat inspection regulations into line with those in effect in the rest of the CRD, has been criticized by farmers concerned about the extra burden it will place on Gulf Islands lamb producers.

A spokesman at the CRD municipal affairs branch said Monday that the committee will presumably consider further amendments to the bylaw. At present, the spokesman said, the bylaw is in limbo: it has not been determined whether or not the CRD will continue to pursue the changes.

In his presentation to directors, Currie expressed several concerns the B.C. Sheep and Wool Commission has about the bylaw.

In the first instance, he said, the commission sees no apparent reason to extend the inspection area. "To the best of our knowledge no consumer complaints have been made nor health risks reported due to current commer-

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## Good cause

Voices — and money — were raised Sunday at auction for food bank. Above, Tuned Air choir members, including (l-r) Claudia Clarke, Marjorie Ensminger, Susan Blagborne and Wendy Vine, entertained before auctioneers Arvid Chalmers and Mike Hayes (bottom) began process that raised \$4,000-plus for needy. At right, Caitlin Hayes assists auctioneers by showing items on the block.



## Riding's vote tally finalized

Eligible voters in the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding exercised their democratic privileges even more in the recent federal election than they did in the 1984 campaign.

According to Barbara Craven, district returning officer for the riding, 84.7 per cent of eligible voters went to the polls on November 21. "That figure is up from the 1984 election when we had 80.4 per cent of the eligible voters turn out," she said.

A spokesman for Elections Canada in Ottawa said their office is projecting a 75 per cent turnout nationally. In 1984, he said, the nation-wide turnout was 75.3 per cent and in B.C. was 78 per cent.

In the Gulf Islands portion of the Saanich-Gulf Islands riding, 20 of the 21 polls were won by the New Democratic Party, while the Progressive Conservatives won one and finished in second place in all but one poll — from Fulford,

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## International news offered

Beginning this week and continuing until at least mid-December, *Driftwood* will carry a special selection of international news from various sources.

The news items and analytical pieces, selected from major newspapers and news services around the globe, are being published in *Driftwood* on a trial basis. Depending on the reaction and wishes of our readers, the section will be continued or cancelled.

The first page of international items begins on Page A14 of this week's edition of *Driftwood*. Over the next three weeks, call or write our office to tell us if you want to see the service continued.

# Meat bylaw proposal draws objections

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cial meat marketing practices on any of the Gulf Islands."

Secondly, the commission feels the inspection regulations will impose rather than prevent health risks. As Currie explained, meat inspection assures only that the condition of the carcass complies with regulations at the time of

slaughter. Because there are no inspection facilities on the Islands, animals may have to be transferred to Victoria or the Fraser Valley, precluding the possibility of "unhygienic transport and storage, loss of freshness and quality and loss of identity of (the) local product."

Higher costs for lamb will result from transportation, handling and inspection fees, he added.

Furthermore, Currie pointed out, the Meat Inspection Act is being inconsistently applied throughout the province. The portion of Vancouver Island north of the Malahat is not subject to enforcement of the Act, nor is most of the province outside the Fraser Valley.

He also said lamb is inherently disease-free and therefore wondered why it is necessary to extend enforcement to include the Gulf Islands, in the absence of any stated problem. Campbell, the former Islands Trust representative for Saturna Island, pointed out that passage of the bylaw would make the Gulf Islands the first rural area of B.C.

to be subjected to these regulations.

Salt Spring Trust representative Nick Gilbert said he feels the legislation would discourage farming and result in further subdivision of land on the islands.

Health department representative Les Potter was unavailable for comment as *Driftwood* went to press.

## Island-by-island polling results show strength of NDP victory

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where the Liberals came in second.

On Salt Spring Island the poll results were as follows:

- Poll One — NDP 113, PC 137, Liberal 60, Reform Party 22, Communist Party 2, Libertarian 1, Pat Kelly 1.
- Poll 2 — NDP 148, PC 80, Liberal 63, Reform 29, Pat Kelly 1.
- Poll 3 — NDP 168, PC 85, Liberal 50, Reform 26, Pat Kelly 2.
- Poll 4 — NDP 102, PC 101, Liberal 54, Reform 18, Libertarian 1, Pat Kelly 1.
- Poll 5 — NDP 113, PC 90, Liberal 69, Reform 28, Western Canada Concept Party 1, Pat Kelly 1.
- Poll 6 — NDP 130, PC 112, Liberal 63, Reform 29, Communist 1, Libertarian 1, Pat Kelly 1.
- Poll 7 — NDP 113, PC 65, Liberal 58, Reform 22, Libertarian 3, WCC 1, Communist 1, Pat Kelly 2.
- Poll 8 — NDP 130, PC 104, Liberal 72, Reform 15, Communist 1, Libertarian 1, Pat Kelly 1.
- Poll 9 — NDP 85, PC 67, Liberal 46, Reform 23, Pat Kelly 4, WCC 1, Libertarian 3.
- Poll 10 — NDP 134, PC 93, Liberal 73, Reform 25, WCC 2, Kelly 2, Communist 1, Libertarian 1.
- Poll 11 — NDP 130, PC 43, Liberal 50, Reform 13, Libertarian 1.
- Poll 12 — NDP 227, PC 49,

Liberal 36, Reform 25, WCC 1, Pat Kelly 2.

### OUTER ISLANDS

- Galiano**
- Poll 13 — NDP 67, PC 26, Liberal 14, Reform 7, WCC 1.
- Poll 14 — NDP 101, PC 50, Liberal 32, Reform 11.
- Poll 15 — NDP 96, PC 52, Liberal 28, Reform 7, Pat Kelly 2.
- Mayne Island**
- Poll 16 — NDP 101, PC 65, Liberal 30, Reform 17, Libertarian 1.
- Poll 17 — NDP 92, PC 66, Liberal 35, Reform 14, Pat Kelly 3, WCC 1.

Saturna Island

- Poll 18 — NDP 71, PC 45, Liberal 19, Reform 9, WCC 2, Libertarian 1, Pat Kelly 1.

North Pender Island

- Poll 19 — NDP 122, PC 52, Liberal 29, Reform 57, Communist 1, Libertarian 1, Pat Kelly 1.
- Poll 20 — NDP 117, PC 77, Liberal 43, Reform 77.

South Pender Island

- Poll 21 — NDP 113, PC 81, Liberal 27, Reform 50, Communist 2, Libertarian 1, Pat Kelly 1.

The official final count for the entire riding was: NDP 23,168; PC 21,900; Liberal 11,534; Reform 8,165; Communist 78; WCC 172; Libertarian 214; and Pat Kelly 216.

## Vote decision pending

The B.C. Ferry Corporation and members of the Ferry and Marine Workers Union must wait until at least December 12 to learn the outcome of a tentative contract settlement reached on November 4.

December 12 is the deadline for a count at union headquarters of ballots determining the wishes of the membership.

Penny Crawford of the Ferry and Marine Workers Union told *Driftwood* that following a final meeting between the executive council and the 3,003 union members on November 23, ballots were mailed out to members. They are to return them by mail

before December 8. After that the votes will be tallied and a count released to the union members and to the public.

The union's bargaining committee has been visiting the various union locals explaining the contract offer to members. Both the executive council and the bargaining committee have voted in favour of accepting the contract.

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**Wouldn't dream of it!**

It was tough having two elections in rapid succession. Here we are, heading into the greatest economic gamble of international co-operation in the life of Canada and yet we find an election on Saturday, followed by an election on Monday, probably because we don't have liaison within the country, let alone beyond it.

I gave me a nightmare, the very thought of it!  
I dreamt that Brian Mulroney was voted new chairman of the Islands Trust and Johnny Stepaniuk made an easy leap into the Prime Minister's office. Ottawa was being jogged into a new routine of order, while the Trust was noisily debating the sale of clear-cut Salt Spring Island logs under a free trade agreement.

I'm glad I woke up! Or am I?

**What? Out of tea!**

Ever since I developed an accommodating ulcer, many years ago, I have avoided coffee. It always hots the spot, so I drink tea: gallons of tea. Instead of a cup of coffee every hour I drink two mugs of tea about six times a day.

Last week I ran out of tea bags. It was Shakespearean! There I was, faced with the familiar quote from the Bard of Avon just like I was back in high school:

"Bo te, or not bo te: that is the question!"

**They were wasps or hornets**

When I wrote of being stung in my garden I attributed the treacherous attack on either bees or wasps. The question could not arise, I am assured. Fulford beekeeper and honey-maker David Harris tells me that the response differs vastly between the two stingers.

Had my attackers been bees, he asserts, they would not sting me as I tried to cut wood. They would have been busy stacking it for me.

He knows nothing about starting airplane engines, notes my correspondent.

He doesn't know much about the little bees that came after me and they could have been wasps, at that!

**Too late to classify**

After the paper was in bed, before the election, I had a call from a friendly Conservative. Had I heard the Salt Spring proverb: "Ne'er vote a Clout till Brian's out!"

**Swing that propellor**

The routine of starting an airplane engine was old hat to Thomas Gee, of Malview Drive. But the established routine also included the process of turning the propellor to suck in fuel before swinging it to start, he recalls.

He should be an authority on starting engines: he learned the routine almost 60 years ago, when he was a boy entrant in the Royal Air Force, at Halton air force station. In 1930 the Ganges veteran started his training as a flight mechanic, starting the engine on a first war Bristol Fighter. They used a three man crew on the larger engines, he recalls, but the command was the same: "Switches off! Suck in! Contact!"

He came out of the Royal Air Force after a quarter-century as mechanic, fitter and flight engineer.

**That was the First World War**

As most of us know only too well, the Great War was the "war to end all wars." But something went wrong and it didn't.

Way things are shaping up the only war that will end all wars will be the war that ends all nations.

**Cocaine trafficking charge dismissed by county court**

New Westminster county court has dropped all charges against a Salt Spring Island man who was arrested last year and charged with importing cocaine into Canada for the purpose of trafficking.

Ronald James Dunbar, 41, waited one year for the court to acquit him on the charges. On November 14, the Crown entered a stay of proceedings and Dunbar left the courtroom a free man.

The charges were laid November 17, 1987, when Canada Customs seized slightly more than one kilogram of high-grade

cocaine at the Aldergrove border crossing from a car driven by 29-year-old Leho Alari Wiira. Dunbar was a passenger in that car. A member of the Langley RCMP detachment said the seized cocaine had an estimated street value of \$300,000.

Wiira, who pleaded guilty to the offence, was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to one day in jail.

Defence counsel George Angelomatis said the court recognized Dunbar as an "innocent" passenger in the vehicle.

**Storms whip Gulf Islands**

Last week's bout of stormy weather brought snow, wind, rains and a reminder of winter to the Gulf Islands.

The storms, which whipped through the area early last week, caused power outages on most of the Gulf Islands, disrupted ferry and water taxi service, and dropped more rain than is normal for November.

Various parts of Pender Island suffered lengthy power outages on November 22, when hydro crews were unable to re-connect power until early the next day. On Mayne Island, a tree crashed through power lines, leaving residents without power from 8 am to 3 pm.

Saturna Islanders went without power from 8 am to 12:45 pm.

According to B.C. Hydro spokesman Jim Hatch, Galiano Island had no power outages, and Salt Spring suffered only minor interruptions in isolated areas.

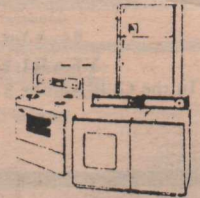
Foul weather also meant ferry service was disrupted in the northern Gulf Islands, and the Gulf Islands Water Taxi service was forced to cancel one run. According to Jack Hughes, winds were blowing up to 60 knots before daylight on November 22. The early morning run was cancelled and Outer Islands high school students — who were only scheduled for a half day — were unable to reach Salt Spring.

Meanwhile, the Sidney weather office has tallied November's rainfall (until the 27th) at 161.8 millilitres. The normal amount of rainfall for this time of year is 116.6 millilitres.

The month has also seen a total of 56.2 hours of sunshine, compared to the normal amount of 71.1.

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## Referendum vote analysis recommended

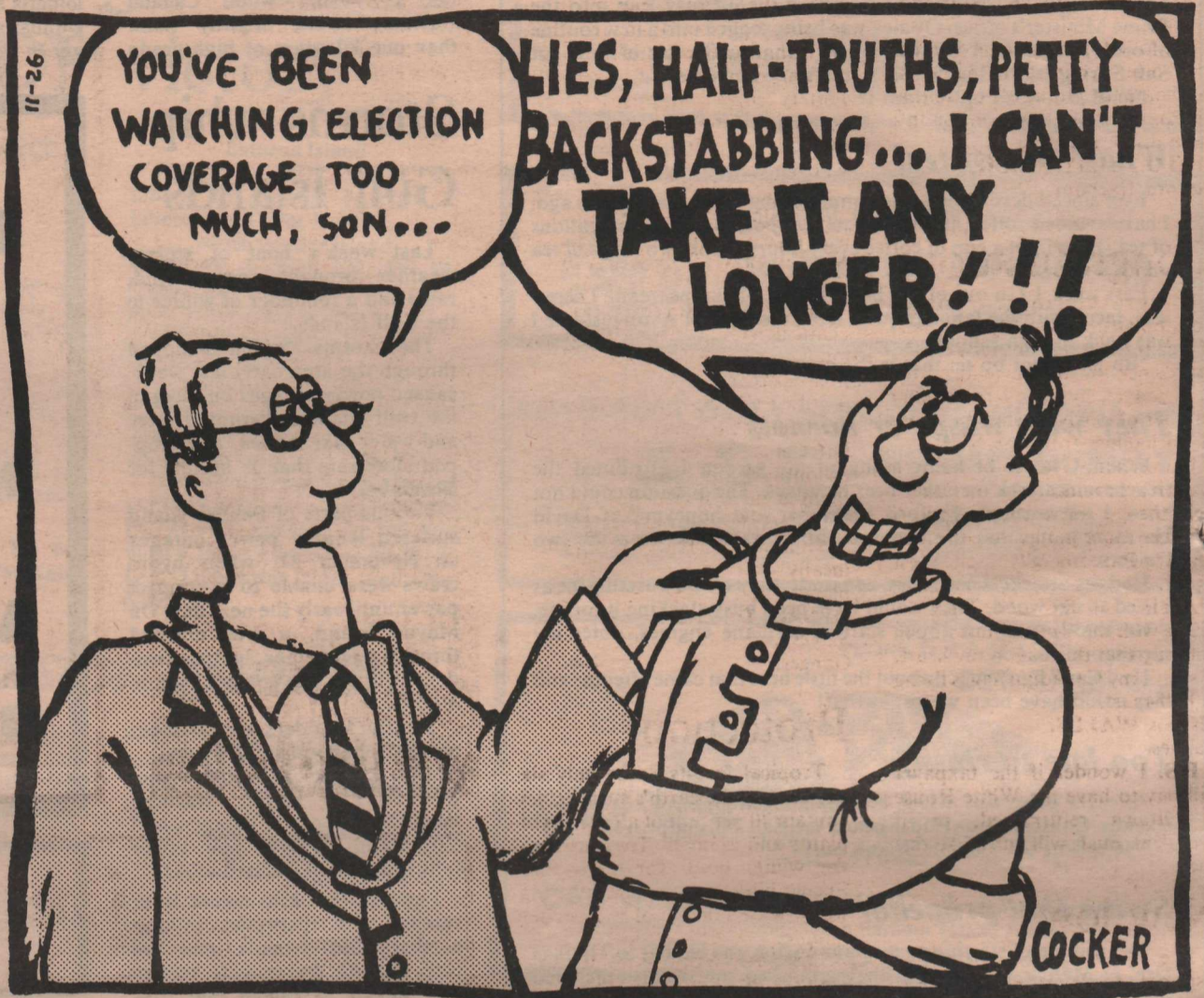
While the November 19 referendum on a \$48,000 budget hike for the Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission saw a healthy 61 per cent of residents vote in favour of the increase, enough *no* ballots were cast to raise several questions worth pondering.

The proposal put to voters was to boost financial support for parks and recreation programs through an increased tax levy of \$15 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. This relatively-modest sum, it was explained to voters, was essential if the cash-strapped commission was to deliver the quality of recreation facilities and programs demanded by islanders. Anything less would see a continuance of hard-pressed circumstances.

Although 1,146 residents responded to the call by casting votes in the affirmative, a significant number — 725 — were opposed. The recreation commission should now be wondering what factors prompted opposition to the referendum, and whether those factors will affect future delivery of local programs.

If the rationale behind *no* votes was concern over a rise in taxes, no matter how slight the increase and no matter what the dollars are used for, the commission must make note of that concern.

If money for an essential upgrading of facilities and services are yielded grudgingly, the sentiment expressed bodes ill for any future recreation-oriented expenditure to be put to voters. Commission strategy — and project costing — would have to be adjusted accordingly if there is to be strong hope of voter acceptance.



And if opposition to the tax hike was rooted in a neutral attitude towards commission-operated recreation facilities and programs, that factor must also be taken into account.

For instance, it may well be that the wealth of unstructured recreational opportunities — i.e., hiking and boating — available in this outdoor paradise leads residents to give low priority to any stated need for structured offerings.

In that vein, the commission must find out whether any future plan to expand services will

need an accompanying campaign to sell residents on the need and value of those services.

As noted above, the commission enjoyed a healthy margin of voter support for this referendum call. But enough *no* ballots were cast to prompt thoughts about public attitudes towards recreation. Between now and the next time the commission may place another tax dollar referendum before islanders, it would do well to attempt to discern voter views on recreation and public money.


## Abrupt change plays havoc with memory banks

As we turned off East First Avenue in Vancouver and headed towards the neighbourhood where my home had been for a few years in the mid-1980s, my passenger noted the proliferation of quite old but comfortable-looking houses in the area.

He was correct. The blocks where we were — near Renfrew Street and the PNE grounds — were covered with homes erected in the 1940s and 1950s, when a house covering 800 or 900 square feet was considered more than ample for a family.

The place I had here for two years was erected on the same principle. Small but cozy like every other dwelling on the block, it stood out in sharp contrast to many of the hurried, ever-changing aspects of city life I despise. As such, it housed a lot

my word  
.....  
by duncan macdonnell



of fond memories of my relatively short stay in Vancouver.

Nearing the park that bounded the end of my old block, however, I noticed a scattering of newer dwellings encroaching on the neighbourhood. Turning the corner of my former street, I was just pointing out my old house when my jaw and arm dropped. The house was gone.

In its place was one of the so-called "Vancouver Specials," architectual insults dominated by

chintzy brick and gaudy ironwork, all crowded onto a lot that had seemed large before but now appeared much too small.

Across the street, where the corner store operated by the nice older Chinese couple had once been, there stood a clone. Up and down both sides of the street, more were spreading. They easily outnumbered the older, cozier houses dominating the neighbourhood of my memory.

Now, I have no real quarrel

with that type of dwelling, as long as I don't have to live in it. And I certainly can't fault the taste of people who disregard the aesthetic drawbacks of the "special" in the interests of meeting their housing needs, even if the spread of such houses means the gradual decay of the kind of neighbourhood I prefer.

But what shook me as I surveyed the altered shape of my old stomping grounds was the effect the change had on my memories. Already, I could feel them slipping away.

Before, when I recalled events of that time and place, the anchor of my memory was the mental picture of the house or the neighbourhood in general. The feel and smell and sense of the place could be retrieved by a quick search for the physical

image of the place. The rest then fell into place.

Looking at the "special" sitting where my house once stood, at the one where the store had been, and at the others poised at too many strategic locations up and down both sides of the street, I found I could not recall what the neighbourhood had once looked like. The picture of the present reality was quickly overlapping and obliterating the mental image in my memory banks.

I quickly started the truck and we left. Up at the corner that was once home to small and strange ethnic shops, and where the Christmas tree sales depot would set up in an empty lot each December, a sprawling shopping mall had taken over. I shuddered and drove away before another memory could be stolen.

letters

Appreciation

I trust this letter will atone for the grave omission of gratitude to Murray Cyprus in last week's edition of *Driftwood*, which carried the local election results.

Murray, on behalf of myself and countless others, we sincerely thank you for your published personal tirades and tasteless (yet promising) forays into cartoon art. Without your tireless and selfless dedication, it is possible that many voters would not have bothered to come out on a rainy Saturday to re-elect Nick Gilbert as Islands Trustee.

We look forward to the day that you offer your own name as candidate for public office, so that we can show our appreciation in a more direct manner.

SHILO ZYLBERGOLD,  
Fulford Harbour.

Congratulations

Congratulations, British Columbians! Obviously, the issue of free trade weighs heavily on the conscience of our province. It's been proven by the overwhelming number of newly-elected members of Parliament from the NDP.

I'm certainly glad to be residing in such a province. The message is clear the the rest of the country. A stronger more united voice will be heard in Parliament from the West Coast.

Again, on the issue of Free Trade with the United States, I can only say that this day in my heart, in spirit, my Canadian flag is flying at half-mast.

FIONA WALLS,  
Ganges.

P.S. I wonder if the taxpayer will pay to have the White House in Ottawa refurbished, or if President Bush will subsidize this one.

New low

The *Publisher's note*, in response to letters of criticism written by Irene Wright and Messrs. Massy and Lammers, is simplistic and quite inadequate, particularly in light of the standards of good taste to which most media aspire.

*Driftwood's* seemingly unquestioning acceptance of this so-called "advertisement" surely sets a new low for publishing standards.

Moreover, it is normal practice for those placing advertisements for products, goods, services or events, to identify the advertiser in some clear way; usually, where the product or service may be obtained or where the event is to take place and under whose sponsorship.

LOWELL HICKS,  
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Forward

Please allow me to use the medium of your newspaper to extend thanks and congratulations to the Potter's Guild for their environmental forward-thinking.

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DEBBIE DAVIES,  
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Protection

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Their next program preserves precious tropical forest habitats and is described as "Guardians of the Rainforest." In Central

America, crucial areas have been set aside for preservation by their own governments but are unprotected from logging, poaching and slash and burn clearing for hamburger ranches. WWF has chosen three areas in Mexico — The Sian Ka'an Reserve in Yucatan, Monarch Butterfly Reserves and Sierra de Manantlan Reserve — and the Quetzal Cloud Reserve in Guatemala. They are working with local groups to establish wardens to guard the areas and to launch demonstration projects of low-erosion farming, sustainable harvesting and environmental education for residents and visitors.

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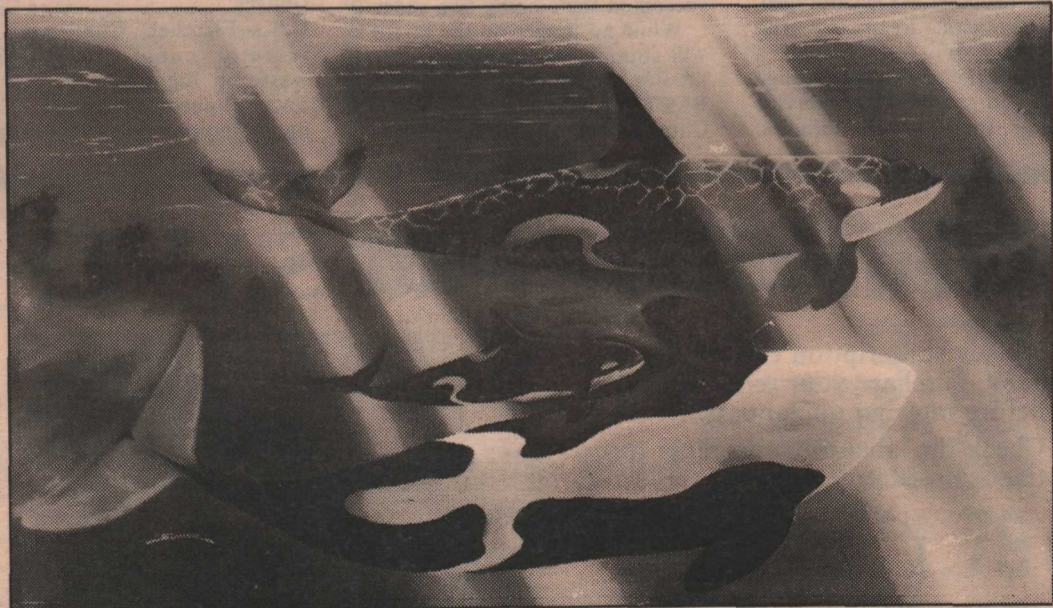
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### Vilification

With others, I was somewhat perturbed about the unattributed cartoon in the November 16 issue. However, I consulted my spiritual adviser, and she showed me the error in my thinking.

"Look," she said gently, pointing to the cartoon. "You must be more understanding. Would anybody having produced this as a best effort admit it? Of course not — far better to use the newly-announced *Driftwood* "Infantile Anonymous Vilification" ad category.

I nodded. She had a point.  
**ANDREW GIBSON,**  
Ganges.

### Thank you

Thank you, Salt Spring Island, for making it such a success. The Salt Spring Island Guilds' Pre-Christmas Sale was exactly that.

Thank you to the contributors, the many volunteers who made it happen, and the many, many patrons who came to shop. Also to the shopowners who supported the weekend by keeping their doors open on Sunday.

**ILSE LEADER,**  
Ganges.

### Food Bank

On behalf of the Community Society, I want to thank everybody who participated in the food bank auction on Sunday, and especially Maggie Warbey, who put the whole thing together.

I would also like to clarify a couple of statements made in last week's article about the food bank. The Community Workers are in charge of the Community Society's food bank, assisted by some of the volunteers at the Community Centre. The food bank is an emergency service for people who, for one reason or another, find themselves short of food.

There is no one who relies regularly upon the food bank for their food supply, as those with a chronic problem are encouraged, through the help of the Community Workers, to seek a solution to their problem through established community service agencies. In 1988, 91 families,

representing 187 adults and children, have received help from the food bank, involving approximately 270 separate visits.

The food bank also sponsors the Community Society's Christmas hamper program which provides families and individuals who are facing a hard time at Christmas with a Christmas dinner and some special treats for the children. The food bank and the Christmas hampers are supported entirely by the generosity of the Salt Spring community, through the food bank auction and other donations received throughout the year. Last year, approximately 90 families received hampers, and it is anticipated that this year's number will be about the same.

The Community Society is most appreciative of the community's involvement in making both the food bank and the Christmas hampers possible.  
**MARY TOYNBEE,**  
Ganges.

### Coming event

The Salt Spring Elementary School Parents Group would like to inform your readers of their upcoming Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3, in the Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School.

The bazaar will run from 11 am until 3 pm and will feature live entertainment by several choirs and local personalities, Christmas crafts and gifts on sale, baked goods and a tea-room.

Proceeds from this fund-raiser will be used to support programs at the school. Please come and join us on Saturday; we have lots to offer. We look forward to seeing you.

**WENDY J. VINE,**  
Salt Spring Elementary  
Parents Group.

### Thank you

Just a short note to thank all those folks on Salt Spring who supported me in the school board election.

I wish David and Charles success in the coming two years.

While no longer on the board I will continue to be interested and involved in education.

**BERT BEITEL,**  
Ganges.

### Grateful

Tom Mitchell and I wish to thank all the individuals and groups who participated in Saturday's Holiday Festival for Peace, Justice and the Environment, as well as the Nica-Noel entertainers for the evening's program.

All of us are grateful to this caring community who supported our efforts with their presence and their money! Gracias—mil gracias!

**VIRGINIA NEWMAN,**  
Ganges.

### Land grab

Hubert Beyer was right when he stated in the November 23 *Driftwood* that "both the government and Fletcher Challenge were hoping that the public would not become fully aware of the deal's implications."

No, not the Free Trade Deal; this is the deal where we hand over 25,000 square miles of Beautiful B.C. to a foreign corporation to rape more efficiently for us.

I asked our local MLAs at the recent town hall meeting about their views on this serious issue. Our finance minister, Mel Couvelier, stated repeatedly that he knew very little about this massive give-away. Terry Huberts, our parks minister, was silent. Another fine example of the Sacred sleaze campaign.

The only conclusion to draw from this inexcusable lack of concern is that the government is once again proving to be controlled by "big business", whether local or foreign-owned.

Meanwhile, where does our loyal NDP opposition party stand on this issue? They seem suspiciously silent, rather than screaming from the rooftops. Now that Vander Zalm has quit shooting himself in the foot—at least publicly—is it not time Mike Harcourt made his presence felt regarding these major issues?

**GARY GAGNE,**  
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P.S.—Fletcher Challenge was recently convicted of gross wasteful logging practices on South Vancouver Island. That's my definition of clear-cut logging.

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## Gulf Islands Driftwood

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

arthur black



Whoever sells land sells his mother.

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So the Lubicon Indians won their land claim battle. The Alberta government, to its credit, has acknowledged that the natives have been shafted shabbily for more than 40 years. Under the terms of the agreement the Lubicon Indians shall have their land and the rights to everything on and under it.

Negotiators have finessed an honourable settlement out of a situation that had all the makings of a violent confrontation, and that's a good thing, but there's a certain sense of silliness that pervades the whole situation.

Who owns the land? Nobody does when you get right down to it. Of all the misguided notions we beguile ourself with, surely one of the most foolish is "land ownership."

We speak of owning a downtown property or a cottage lot or a few acres in the country, but it's a myth. You can't "own" land. If you think you own some real estate, try not paying taxes on it for a couple of years. Your friendly local government will soon straighten you out.

And if they don't get you, the feds sure will.

### White man's pipe dream

But it goes deeper than that. The whole concept of owning land is a white man's pipe dream. It's about as sensible as trying to own sunshine or licence air. I think that's why the North American tribes gave in so easily and signed so many disastrously one-sided treaties when government agents and lawyers for land barons first approached them, waving pieces of paper.

It was inconceivable to the original people that any race of people, however deranged, would try to kill all the buffalo, chop down all the trees, put up fences and post *No Admittance* signs.

Not that things have changed all that much for a lot of the world's native people. There was a particularly sad photograph in my newspaper the other day showing yet another Lubicon-style confrontation, only this one was taking place on the outskirts of the city of Belem, in Brazil.

On one side stood a khaki wall of Brazilian soldiers armed with rifles. Facing them — bare-chested, barefoot and gunless — stood hundreds of bewildered-looking Kiapo Indians. They had gathered in Belem to protest the trial of two tribe members. The two Indians had gone abroad to get publicity in their fight against government dams which, if built, will flood millions of acres of tribal land.

The Brazilian government charged the two men with libel.

### More valuable than money

The confrontation with the soldiers emanated from yet another sensitive and compassionate move on the part of the government — the trial judge refused to let one of the accused take the stand in native garb, ordering him to dress in pants and a shirt.

But it ill behooves a Canadian to cluck his tongue and speak disparagingly of the Brazilian government. Over the past few years we've flooded millions of acres of Cree ancestral land — hunting areas, graves, encampments, sacred spots — in order to build the James Bay Hydro project. Nobody asked the Cree if they thought that would be alright.

Oh well. At least we didn't force them to dress up.

Maybe the most eloquent statement on the subject came from the lips of a Crowfoot Indian chief, in a speech made more than 100 years ago. He was trying to explain why his tribe was not interested in making a deal for a tract of land.

"Our land is more valuable than your money," he said. "It will last forever. It will not perish as long as the sun shines and the water flows, through all the years it will give life to men and beasts. It was put there by the Great Spirit and we cannot sell it because it does not belong to us."

Not bad, but I think perhaps it was a white Canadian who said it even better. Elmer MacKay, MP for Central Nova, once said: "Land is not something you inherit from your parents. It is something you borrow from your children."

## Rezoning approval pending?

A bid to rezone a Rainbow Road lot from residential to commercial passed its first step Thursday, when members of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) agreed to recommend the Islands Trust accept the application.

In what Tom Wright described as a "straight-forward" application, APC members voted to approve rezoning of the lot located between the Gulf Island Veterinary Clinic and the former *Driftwood* office. The intent of the rezoning, explained representatives of applicant Saltair Farms, is to permit construction of retail shops.

As Bob Tara explained, the company intends to erect a commercial building over the two lots. (The lot housing the former *Driftwood* office, which was demolished last week, already has commercial zoning in place.) The building would not exceed 8,000 square feet and would be built back from the road.

Discussion of the application focused on parking concerns. APC chairman Ian Fraser noted the proposed building is in close proximity to the Ganges school site, and that greater vehicular traffic along Rainbow Road is undesirable.

Islands Trust planner Dave Morris explained that access to the lot should be achieved with an easement through lots on Hereford Road. In this way, the Rainbow Road lots need only be accessed by pedestrian traffic.

In passing the motion, APC members agreed to recommend the Islands Trust approve the rezoning, with the provision that an easement be secured at the back of the property, to tie in with other proposed easements for back lane parking. The motion further recommended to disallow vehicular access from Rainbow Road.

Pat Massey voted against the motion, saying she agreed the property should be rezoned but felt the APC did not have the right to include the latter part of the motion.

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### Up in flames

Former Driftwood office on Rainbow Road was torched last week by volunteer firemen, who used blaze to practice skills and techniques. Building was razed to permit redevelopment of downtown property.

## New MP getting ready for first term in Ottawa

Lynn Hunter, the new Saanich-Gulf Islands MP, is busily preparing for her new career in Ottawa.

"It has been pretty harried around here since we won the election," she said Monday. "I don't have a constituency office set up yet, so I have been running things out of my home."

Hunter said she hopes to be able to establish a constituency office on Salt Spring Island, if money allows. "We run the offices on a pretty tight budget, but I'm hoping there will be enough to let us put an office in Ganges," she said. "Salt Spring is very special to me, so I'm hoping we can work it out."

In the meantime the MP has been busy trying to find rental space for an office in Saanich, and hiring staff to man the operation. She then leaves for Ottawa on December 3.

"We have a caucus meeting scheduled for the 7th," she said. "In between I have to find an apartment, get my parliamentary office set up, and get orientated with parliamentary procedures."

Hunter, who has resigned from her former post as Vancouver Island co-ordinator for OXFAM-Canada, said friends who work for OXFAM in Ottawa are looking for an apartment for her in the nation's capital.

"My family and I decided that

it would be best if they stayed here on the island," she said. "It wouldn't be fair to take the kids out of school — they are doing very well at school, sports, and in the band. Besides, all their friends are here as well, so I plan on getting an apartment and commuting"

Hunter said she expects the caucus meeting to focus on the free trade issue. "I imagine that we will all sit down and put our heads together and figure out a strategy on how to deal with the issue," she said.

Although the MP is planning to come home on December 16, she said the NDP is prepared to sit right through the Christmas break, if need be.

"Mulroney is planning on pushing the deal through by the new year, but I think there could be some opposition to moving it so quickly," she said. "We will have to wait and see what we decide to do."

Hunter, who was on Salt Spring last Sunday to host a thank you luncheon for her supporters and to attend the Food Bank Auction, said she will not forget the islanders who supported her campaign.

"I received a great deal of support from the residents of Salt Spring and I plan on doing my best to represent them when I get to Ottawa," she said.



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# Tenure for Crown lands sought by ad-hoc committee

Local control of Crown lands on Salt Spring Island is being pursued by an ad-hoc committee struck by the Gulf Islands Woodlands Association.

Before the committee takes any steps towards reaching that goal, however, its members say they must receive indications of broad-based community support. Without that support, member Jim Fogarty indicated Monday, no action can be taken.

The Crown land being sought is a scattered series of parcels covering between 4,000 and 5,000 acres. Chris Schmah, another member of the five-man ad-hoc committee, said Monday the land is being reassessed by the province and could be put into private hands.

"If it's not taken over by a public group, the land resource will be split up," he said. "Once the land is in pieces, it's lost to the community."

The ad-hoc committee includes Fogarty, Schmah, Lisa Lloyd, Tim Collins and Murray Cyprus.

Fogarty explained that the committee was formed under the auspices of the Gulf Islands Woodlands Association and given a mandate to investigate securing the tenure for Crown lands on Salt Spring, and vesting that tenure with a non-profit public group that would undertake its management.

Fogarty stressed that members of the ad-hoc committee are only interested in "galvanizing the island behind a proposal, not in receiving or managing the land."

The group, he continued, would be prepared to put a proposal on paper, take it to the government and negotiate terms of tenure. It would then be up to the community to decide how the lands would be managed, and for what purpose.

Schmah, a professional forester before moving to Salt Spring, said multiple-use of the Crown lands would be pursued. He added that the ad-hoc committee has received indications that the Forest Resource Development Association (FRDA) — a joint federal-provincial body charged with improving B.C.'s timberlands —

would be receptive to an application for funding to prepare a management plan.

The concept of local control of forestlands was to be discussed at a Monday night meeting featuring MLA Graham Bruce (SC), who saw first-hand the benefits of that control when he served as mayor of the municipality of North Cowichan, which controls its own woodlot.

Following that meeting, Fogarty said early Monday, members were invited to discuss the concept at a Wednesday session with the public lands committee of the Islands Watch Society.

## B. C. Woodlot Association meeting government reps

A Salt Spring resident last week attended a northern B.C. conference aimed at formalizing a province-wide woodlot operators' association.

Ken Renaud, past-president of the Gulf Islands Woodlands Association and vice-president of the B.C. federation of woodlot associations, attended the three-day conference in Fort St. John.

The conference, organized under terms of the joint federal-provincial Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA), concluded Tuesday and included 14 representatives from federal and provincial governments and private groups. Included was Peter Saunders, a University of B.C. research forester who is president of the B.C. federation of woodlot associations.

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VICTORIA — The election is over and the big stories are already stale news. Free Trade won the voters' approval, the New Democratic Party sent an unprecedented number of members to Ottawa, John Turner did not lead his Liberal Party into oblivion, and British Columbians gave the Tories a thrashing.

I'd like to talk about a couple of election stories that may not be as spectacular as the defeat of several cabinet ministers or the warning from Moscow that free trade will make Canada a vassal of the United States. But they are no less important.

One story is about the easy victory Svend Robinson carried off in Burnaby, the other is about Doug Collins' unsuccessful attempt to become a candidate for the Reform Party. The two stories have one thing in common. They give rise to hope for mankind.

The 36-year-old Svend Robinson was first elected as a member of the New Democratic Party to the House of Commons in 1979. He was re-elected in 1980, 1984 and 1988. Robinson studied at the University of British Columbia and the London School of Economics. He is a lawyer by profession.

By any standard you care to apply, Robinson is an exemplary Member of Parliament. He has good debating skills and he works hard for his constituents. But he has, in the eyes of some, a drawback. He is a homosexual.

Robinson came out of the closet some time ago, and from that moment on, he became one of the most articulate spokesmen for gay rights — but not, it should be stressed, at the expense of other issues. He continued to represent his constituents very well on every front.

Robinson's defeat predicted

Still, many people predicted Robinson's defeat this time around. They said voters wouldn't return a man who openly professed his homosexuality. The voters had different ideas. They returned him to office with a resounding majority.

It speaks well for the voters of Burnaby that they placed Robinson's record as an MP before what is somewhat euphemistically referred to as his sexual preference. They clearly rejected the opportunity to legally discriminate against Robinson.

Doug Collins' brief foray into federal politics is equally noteworthy. At a meeting a few weeks before the election, Reform Party supporters chose Collins as their candidate in Capilano-Howe Sound. Unfortunately for Collins and his supporters, the party leader refused to sign his nomination papers.

In a way, that was a pity. I would have liked to see Collins actually run in the election. I am sure the margin of his defeat would have embarrassed even him.

Collins is one of the premier bigots in the land. His views on immigrants, minority groups, welfare recipients, women and everything else you care to mention are sometimes frightening and always repulsive. He spouts them wherever and whenever he can. His regular platform is a Lower Mainland weekly newspaper which features him as a columnist.

If I feel offended by Collins' venom, you can imagine how people feel whose skin is not white. Emery Barnes, the New Democratic Party MLA for Vancouver Centre, is often disturbed and troubled by Collins' campaigns of hatred and bigotry. And Barnes has reason to be troubled. He is black.

Would have had clock cleaned

He has, of course, the right to exercise his freedom of speech. God forbid that extremists ever be muzzled. They would do far more harm underground. That's why Collins should have been allowed to run.

Now we'll never know just how much of a thrashing the voters would have given him. But based on Robinson's decisive victory, we can safely assume that Collins would have had his clock cleaned.

Fifty years ago, Collins would have been an official hero, a role model for our youth, and Robinson would have been in jail. There are still today countries where people like Collins are absolute rulers and people like Robinson are killed.

We still have our share of Canadians who lament the passing of the 'good old days' and who would rather put every homosexual behind bars, but they are a minority. The majority have rejected the old notions of intolerance and prejudice.

So, when historians in later years examine the significance of the 1988 federal election, they will no doubt conclude that the most noteworthy result was the acceptance by Canadian voters of free trade with the United States. They will pass judgement on whether or not free trade has affected our sovereignty, our social programs, our culture.

They will note that the campaign was fought with an unprecedented fervor. They will perhaps point out that for the first time, the advertising campaign of a political party accused the leader of another party of lying.

And if they look hard enough, they may decide to add a footnote about the role one Svend Robinson and one Doug Collins played in the 1988 election.

Cancer benefit slated

An evening of music, comedy and videos has been lined up to help raise funds on Salt Spring for the Canadian Cancer Society.

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The Canadian Cancer Society benefit will also offer food prepared by the Flying Burrito Brothers.

Tickets for the evening extravaganza are priced at \$8.50 and available — advance only — from *et cetera*, Video Ranch, Video Visions and Rodrigo's in Fulford.

Organizers say the evening will follow a telethon format and be divided among comedy skits, music and video productions presented over a special closed-circuit network. For the event, Fulford Hall will be redesigned to resemble "a giant television studio," organizers say.

Betsy Dosco, chief fund-raiser for the Canadian Cancer Society on Salt Spring, said the December 3 event is one of many scheduled for the September-to-June period that she hopes will raised \$6,000 for the fight against cancer. Funds received from events to date total about \$1,000 she said.

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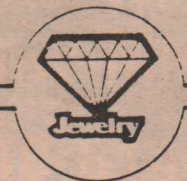
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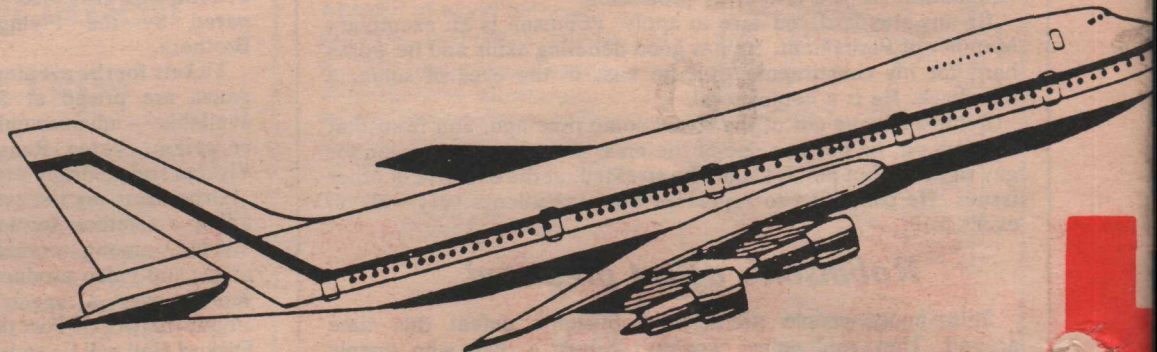
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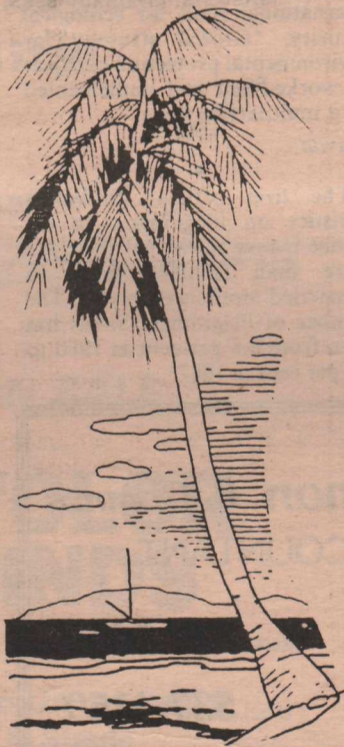
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The violence and political dissension among Soviet Republics and satellite states, highlighted this past week by civil conflict in Azerbaijan between Christian Armenians and Moslem Azeri, is only the tip of the iceberg when one considers that the USSR is made up of hundreds of divergent ethnic groups, with less than 50 per cent of the population being ethnically Russian.

The problem in Azerbaijan centres on the autonomous province Nagorno Karabakh, about 40 miles wide and 100 miles

## Satellite states a concern

long, ethnically 70 per cent Armenian but subject to rule by Turkic Azeris in Baku and separated from the Armenian Republic by a corridor less than 10 miles wide. It would seem logical to allow Nagorno Karabakh to join Armenia, of which historically it was a part for over 1,000 years, but former Soviet Leader Brezhnev and current leader

Gorbachev have rejected Armenian wishes.

If Moscow allows the principle of self-determination to become established within the Soviet Union, the whole area of the Caucasus and the Republic of Georgia would become a patchwork quilt of self-governing ethnic groups. Glasnost has opened up serious dialogues

between Moscow and its more independent states in the Baltic, with Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania pushing for more constitutional independence. The Republic of Georgia has also expressed dissatisfaction by unprecedented street demonstrations against new amendments to the Soviet Constitution which they claim undermine the power of state

governments.

Gorbachev is unlikely to allow the de-imperialization of Russia, as the introduction of Soviet troops, curfews and virtual martial law in Azerbaijan and Armenia in the last few days has shown, but Glasnost has opened up a political minefield for him. It appears that lavish supplies of consumer goods, concessions on education and a TV channel in their own language, and the sackings of party chiefs after earlier February disturbances, has failed to smother ethnic grievances. *Pravda/New York Times*

## Shamir courting problems with ultra-orthodox parties

Israel's Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, may find himself increasingly out of step with world opinion if he continues to form a coalition government with the ultra-orthodox religious and right wing parties.

Shimon Peres' moderate Labour Party won only 39 seats and despite talks with Shamir and the Likkud party with 40 seats, Peres has rejected proposals for another National Unity government.

Shamir has been lobbied by American and Canadian Jewish organizations who fear the power of the orthodox parties, who determinedly propose that conversions to Judaism would be accepted in Israel only if performed by Orthodox rabbis. Most Jews in North America are Reform or Conservative rather than Orthodox. There are fears within the Likkud Party that North American disapproval could reduce financial and moral

support for Israel.

The Israeli parliament is split on proposals for the Occupied Territories with factions favouring expulsion or "transfer" of Arabs from Israel, equal political rights for Arabs, and relinquishing the Territories. A recent poll shows that 49 per cent of Jewish adults believe in "transfer", 20 per cent in equal rights and 30 per cent in relinquishing the Territories. *Manchester Guardian/Globe and Mail/New York Times.*

## Longer hours for British pubs producing unexpected results

The Soviet Union and the United States joined 24 industrialized nations in an anti-pollution treaty to contain nitrous oxide emissions at 1987 levels. The treaty, signed in Sofia, Bulgaria, becomes effective in 1994. Nitrous oxide is one of the damaging elements of acid rain.

The U.S. and U.S.S.R. declined signing with 12 European nations a treaty to cut back emissions by 30 per cent in the next 10 years. However, this is the first binding commitment from the U.S. to Canada on acid rain reductions. *New York Times.*

English pubs are now staying open all day, but a recently released survey by London's Metropolitan Police shows that arrests for drunkenness have declined by 25 per cent since the extended hours were introduced in August.

Surprisingly, arrests for criminal offences committed just after night closing have also dropped by 30 per cent. Chief Supt. Stevens reported, "people are staying in the pubs throughout the afternoon and going home before the 11 pm (closing)."

The National Licensed Victuallers Association said: "Not only have things not got worse, but there has been an actual improvement in drinking habits." *London Sunday Telegraph.*

Argentina has never officially

declared a cessation of hostilities with Britain over the Falkland Islands, but talks at the United Nations this week between the two countries may resolve some problems, though Britain is adamant that the sovereignty question and the rights of the Islanders to self-determination is non-negotiable.

The main aim of the talks will be to re-establish diplomatic and commercial ties which were severed after the war of 1982. *Sunday Times - London.*

Soviet Deputy Foreign

Minister, Vladimir Petrovsky reports that the Soviet Government is proposing an international fund for ecological security. "Global strategy for environmental protection can only be worked out and implemented on a multilateral basis." *Pravda.*

The first official published statistics on illegitimacy in the Soviet Union show that there are more than 500,000 births to unmarried mothers each year. The number of illegitimate births has risen from 8.8 per cent in 1980 to 9.9 per cent in 1987.

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# APC showing support for forest subdivision proposal

By SUSAN DICKER

Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert described it as an "enlightened concept," while Advisory Planning Commission (APC) member Pat Massey found it almost "too good to be true."

Both comments were made at last week's APC meeting in Ganges, where Cec Bader described a development plan for a 147-acre parcel he owns at the corner of Isabella Point and Mountain roads.

Bader, who purchased the property almost one year ago from MacMillan Bloedel, told the APC he has logged 30 per cent of the land, and has in place a 10-year plan to continue taking trees from it.

However, Bader said he is not "totally unmindful" of the community, which has requested the forestlands be left in a natural state. Bader has therefore devised a development plan which, if approved by the Agricultural Land Commission and the Islands Trust, would leave 85 to 100 acres in a forested state.

The harvested area — covering approximately 40 acres — has been logged in such a way as to allow for subdivision development, Bader said. If he can obtain permission to subdivide this area into approximately 12 three- to five-acre parcels, he will leave the rest of the area intact, dividing its ownership among the 12 lot purchasers.

Bader further proposed to create a public trail system around the perimeter of the property, with an adjoining parking lot for eight to 10 vehicles.

The land, which borders on an ecological reserve, is part of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and is zoned to allow for subdivision into 20-acre parcels. Before Bader can proceed with his development plan, he must receive approval from the Agricultural Land Commission. If the approval is forthcoming, the next step would be application for an Islands Trust bylaw amendment to permit creation of the smaller lots.

According to Islands Trust planner Dave Morris, a provision for this type of bylaw amendment exists in the North Pender Islands Trust regulations. In other words, the ruling already exists within the Trust and could be drawn up and modified for Salt Spring.

Economically, Bader said, it would be safer for him to log the area: by initiating the development plan, he is giving away approximately \$300,000 worth of timber.

"I'd feel more comfortable logging it," he said.

His main stipulation for proceeding with the development, therefore, is that approval be granted as soon as possible. Bader would like to have roads installed in time to have the land on the market by this spring.

"I don't want to take chances with the real estate market," he told the APC.

After a lengthy discussion, the APC agreed to advise the Agricultural Land Commission of its approval of the proposal. If the land commission gives the plan its blessing, Bader will again appear before the APC for its recommendations regarding the bylaw amendment.

In the meantime, APC discussion centred around the potential status of the commonly-owned

acreage. In a strata title ownership, such as that found in the Reginald Hill and Maracaibo subdivisions on Salt Spring, a strata council is elected to take on responsibility for the maintenance of common property — i.e., roads.

This, Morris told *Driftwood*, differs from what is being proposed by Bader. Ownership of the common land would be undivided and roads (i.e., Mountain Road) would be maintained by the highways department. Authority for maintenance of the trail system has yet to be determined.

A restrictive covenant, registered at the land titles office, could prevent any of the 12 joint-landowners from building on or subdividing any of the common land, Morris added.

At least one commission member asked why Bader did not

simply dedicate the land to the Parks and Recreation Commission, establishing it as a public park. One comment suggested that such a step might lower the value of the properties, since partial ownership of a larger piece of land could be a purchasing incentive.

Realtor Pat James, who attended the APC meeting as an observer, told *Driftwood* the possibility of partial ownership of the larger piece might work against the property value. Depending on the tax burden, landowners may not want the added responsibility.

Another comment suggested that creation of a managed woodland of the area would serve to cover any tax costs.

A likely scenario would see the 12 owners reaching a joint decision on the status of their commonly-owned parcel.

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### Singer-songwriter slates island concert appearance

Canadian recording artist Willie P. Bennett returns to Off Centre Stage in Ganges on Friday, December 9.

Bennett, who last visited Salt Spring in 1985, has scheduled his Ganges concert appearance as part of a rare West Coast tour. Show time is 8:30 pm.

A native of southern Ontario, Bennett began his music career in Toronto in the early 1970s, along with Stan and Garnet Rogers, Ken Whiteley and David Essig. *Trying To Start Out Clean*, his first album, was released in 1975 on Woodshed Records and contained several songs that became popular requests — *Drifting Snow*, *White Line* and *Music in Your Eyes*.

A second LP, *Hobo's Taunt* was produced by Essig and released in 1977. It accentuated Bennett's vocals *Come On Train* and his perceptive songwriting *Diamond Rings* and *Such Things*, *Storm Cloud*.

In 1978, Bennett's third album, *Blackie and the Rodeo King*,

established him as a master on the harmonica.

Although other artists recorded his songs, Bennett did not release any music of his own until *The Lucky Ones* in 1986. Half of the cassette is solo acoustic music; the half features a band.

During the intervening years, Bennett played hundreds of concerts and festival stages, and appeared on LPs put out by the Dixie Flyers and *The Polka Dot Door* TV show. His concerts and interviews have been frequently broadcast by the CBC.

### Off Centre schedule arranged

Off Centre Stage in Ganges has released its calendar of events for December.

- Friday, December 9: Willie P. Bennett in concert. Doors open at 8 pm, show begins at 8:30 pm. Tickets \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door.

- Saturday, December 10: Work party. Helpers invited to work on changing the space. Call 537-5211 for details.

- Saturday, December 17: *The Christmas Office Party*. Dance performance, comedy, live band and much more. Doors open at 7:30 pm, show begins at 8 pm. Tickets \$5.

- Sunday, December 18: *The Ugly Duckling*. Tim Gosley and puppet friends. Doors open 1:30 pm, show begins at 2 pm. Tickets \$5.
- Monday, December 19: Valdy's *Christmas on the Coast* tour, with Garry Fjellgaard. Doors open at 1:30 pm, show begins at 2 pm. Advance tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. At the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

All tickets are available at *et cetera*. Call 537-5211 for details.

Meanwhile, shows continue in the Off Centre Stage gallery. Scheduled are:

- *Point and Counterpoint*, ceramics and paintings by Gary Cherneff, to December 9.

- *Christmas Around the World*, a display of art by children and young people from the Gulf Islands, plus arpilleras from Chile displayed through the local chapter of *Voice of Women*. December 13 to December 31.

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"I'm not much interested in the mere objects I'm creating, as in where they're taking me," says David Hockney. Indeed, for many artists it is the journey, the exploration, the investigation, the experiment which really drives the creative engine. It's great to complete the artwork and even better to have it appreciated, but the real magic is in the discovery.

David Hockney is one of those curious individuals with an insatiable and omnivorous appetite for visual experience. As I sit here in my living room with a stack of books on or by this English expatriate of the Californian persuasion, I can't help but be staggered by the diversity, energy and optimism of his work.

*Paper Pools* is a small book which outlines his exploration of the papermaking process as a vehicle or medium for the artist. Keeping in mind that Hockney's major work is paint on paper or canvas, imagine yourself spooning out coloured paper pulp. Using cookie cutter type baffles to separate the colours, the soggy pulp is "composed" in rectangular molds. Using a poultry baster, additional colour is pumped in to intensify hues.

Not at all a common way to paint, but as Hockney says of the experience, "you were forced to think of things in another way, you couldn't work in the way you had been working before and put detail in; working like that defined another kind of essence of making a picture that couldn't include detail."

Hockney has also experimented with photography. In one group of work he has layered hundreds of snapshots of a particular "scene," taken over time or from varying viewpoints, to construct images with the illusion of depth, movement and time.

His interest in photography led him from SX-70 Polaroid shots to eventually discovering the wonders of photocopiers that use coloured inks. On this subject Hockney says "this is the closest I've ever come in printmaking to what it's like to paint. I can put something down, evaluate it, alter it, revise it, re-examine it, all in a matter of seconds."

Hockney has also had an intense involvement in stage design for operas. Some of these are Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, *Parade* by Eric Satie, *Les Mamelles de Tiresias* by Poulenc, and *L'Enfant et les Sortilèges* by Ravel. Also included are three works by Igor Stravinsky: *Le Sacre du Printemps*, *Le Rossignol* and *Oedipus Rex*. The book *Hockney paints the Stage*, by Martin Friedman, gives the most complete documentation and illustration of these activities.

David Hockney not only moves from medium to medium with great exuberance, he also has a predilection for summarizing a cultural style. This is no more apparent than in his book, *China Diary*, which is co-authored by his friend Stephen Spender. At the outset one is inclined to believe this book was actually produced in China, so accurately is the typeset and layout mimicked, and we even have a red cloth binding. The graphic illustrations by Hockney are often done with brush and pale Chinese watercolours; likewise, the colour balance of the photographs adopts Chinese illustrative priorities.

The book is essentially a bit of cultural thievery and also a wonderful example of the art of book design. We can't help but to reassess how and why we choose our own artistic values after seeing this.

In an essay on *Hockney's Dialogue with Picasso*, Gert Schiff states: "The history of art is a history of appropriations. Artists incorporate in their work forms and formal procedures of earlier masters and engage in a dialogue with these revered models." Hockney has borrowed and built on Picasso's work and his mystique, using the great master as reference and reverence material.

Well, there is lots, lots more but I'm out of space. Our library does not have a single book on this great 20th century artist or many others, for that matter. Perhaps the best overview of Hockney's total work is *David Hockney, A Retrospective*, a book that catalogues the recent, comprehensive exhibition at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Ask for it in paperback at your bookstore.



Roberta Zander

**Artist's work on exhibit at Orcas Gallery**

A showing of works by West Coast painter Roberta Zander is scheduled for December 3-10 at Orcas Gallery in Gasoline Alley.

Born in Vancouver, Zander attended art programs and classes at the Vancouver Art Gallery before beginning her career under the guidance of the late William Selater, a well-known New Westminster artist.

Zander, a member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, holds an associate of fine arts diploma from Kwantlen College and has been involved in community art programs and exhibitions in Delta and the Gulf Islands. Her works are currently on exhibition in galleries on Salt Spring and Pender islands.

Zander has always concentrated on painting landscapes. Her works include many scenes from the Gulf Islands, the B.C. Interior and the Canadian Rockies. The influence of some of the Group of Seven painters can be seen in much of her landscapes.

More recently, Zander has turned her attention to depictions of the local scenes, featuring groups of people working or taking part in sporting and cultural events. This aspect of her work has taken her as far afield as Cuba, and has also broadened her artistic scope with coloured inks on paper.

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**Book looks at work of five women**

A Salt Spring Island settler is one of five B.C. women pioneers whose careers are traced in a new book entitled *As Wise as Serpents*.

The book tells ho women such as former Burgoyne Bay school teacher Cecilia Spofford, Maria Grant, Helen Grant, Margaret Jenkins and Emma Spencer took a keen interest in civic and provincial politics. These five members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union played prominent roles in shaping the early legislation of this province.

These women petitioned to get females on the school board and then ran for office. They demanded police matrons, built and staffed a home for women and lobbied for health care. They campaigned relentlessly for prohibition and full suffrage for women, achieving both in 1917.

During their lifetimes, they received awards and honours, yet few British Columbians recognize their names today.

Written by Lyn Gough, and now available in bookstores, *As Wise as Serpents* covers the period from 1883 to 1939 and is largely centred in Victoria.

The book's title comes from a speech given by Maria Grant in 1899. After a close vote in the provincial legislature, when women's suffrage was defeated by two votes, Maria thought they could win the vote next time around. She advised WCTU members to be "as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves."

**bridge report**

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on November 21 were:

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- (EAST-WEST) D. Nemeth and J. Sarginson; S. Love and P. Henderson; P. Jacquest and J. Burford.

Winners on November 22 were:

- (NORTH-SOUTH) B. Paborsa and P. Jacquest; F. Struve and J. Burford; D. Crofton and H. Shandro.
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# Short-handed Selects side thumped by Victoria squad

Salt Spring Selects 0, Juan De Fuca 6  
By MALCOLM LEGG

Although last Sunday was a day the Selects would rather forget, there was a bright star and a silver lining on an otherwise cloudy day.

Ten Selects players managed to take on a strong Juan de Fuca team, as the heart of the Salt Spring side was missing on this day. Chris Mullin (flu), Charlie Hume (ankle), Andrew Aust (back), Colin Walde (missed ferry) and B. J. Severs (truck trouble) are not players who can be easily replaced, as the final score indicated.

The Selects tried valiantly but the squad was simply overpowered by the quick Juan de Fuca side. In

fact, had it not been for the heroics of Chad Little in goal, Juan de Fuca would have scored more goals in the opening half.

At the half, the Selects juggled the line-up and the boys came up with a solid second half, led by a shining star in goal, Ben Clarke.

The man they call Ben was simply outstanding in goal. He stopped everything shot his way, with sprawling saves, some good positional play and one off hishead.

Ben's play seemed to confuse Juan de Fuca, as his unorthodox style kept them off balance, allowing his supporting cast to get on track and have a good second half.

Corbin Scott, Mark Nordine, Tony Marshall and Rod

Shoolbraid in defence, and Justin Scott, Ben Berry, Chad Little, Juda Shugar and Mike Lord up front all gave a good effort and were unlucky to be denied a goal in the second half.

Maybe the best aspect of the game came when it ended, as the Selects showed their class. There was no complaining or back-biting; the Selects took the loss in stride and felt they would offer Juan de Fuca a better game next time the two teams meet.

It is a great credit to a good team to see them walk off the field after a tough loss, knowing they gave full effort, and that they can do better — but most of all, they walked off as a team and as friends.

## down the gutter

High scores for the week were: Maddy Cooper, 720 (310, 237, 183); Terry Jenkins, 871 (222, 332, 317).

Most pins over their average were: Irene Mostad, 101; Ghislaine Jausdon, 105; Irene Sutherland, 120; Bruce Hansen, 133; Lesley Stacey, 137; Margaret Baker, 151.

### OLDEN AGERS

**Monday afternoon:** Goody Goodman, 623, 273; John Mulski, 255; Margaret Baker, 228; Dorothy Armstrong, 219, 216, 606; Babs Ross, 206; Stan Smith, 204.

**Tuesday morning:** Kay Cook, 241; Art Robinson, 220; Edie Gear, 215; Helen Hopper, 213; Ron Goodman, 211; Rusty Hopper, 207; Jack Goodwin, 205.

**Tuesday afternoon:** Dorothy Sloan, 252; Dot Beech, 224; Flo Kavanagh, 217; Margo Robinson, 202; June Webb, 225, 208.

**Friday morning:** Margaret Baker, 668 (244, 219, 205); Bill Baker, 227; Jim Cook, 222; 214; Jack Godwin, 225; Goody Goodman, 201.

**Friday afternoon:** Gene Graham, 218, 214; Vic Dodds, 619, 216, 205; Ann Reese, 204.

### GOLF LADIES

**Over 600:** June Webb, 623; Babs Ross, 608.

**Over 200:** June Webb, 237; Babs Ross, 235, 205; Lorraine Foller, 220; Tash Hewitson, 217; Ruby Webster, 216; Becky Armstrong, 201; Kay Booth, 200.

### Y.B.C.

**Smurfs:** Jennifer Keating, 63; Derek Shelley, 63; Jimmy Marcotte, 60.

**Peewees:** Corry Schwagly, 121; Stephanie Collette, 119; Erica Rico, 84; Jeremy Keating, 134; Joshua Marshall, 113; Jonah Marshall, 106.

**Bantams:** Kelly Laing, 166; Jessica Blagborne, 163; Lisa Cagna, 134; Allen Bedford, 120; Brad Johnson, 112; Trent Shouldice, 137.

# Slugs split pair of games; hot goaltender foils sweep

The Slugs, Salt Spring's ice hockey team, split two games played last week at the Fuller Lake Arena in Chemainus.

On Thursday, the Slugs recorded a 7-4 win over the Mill Bay Killer Bees. On Sunday, the team lost 2-1 to the Ladysmith Lunch Buckets.

Against the Killer Bees, the Slugs fell behind early when goalie "Farm Boy" Hughes gloved a slapshot but flipped the puck behind him and into the net.

Mill Bay's elation was short-lived, however, as Paul "Data Base" Sinclair quickly tested the red light behind the Bees' goaltender, depositing a hard snap shot into the upper left-hand corner. Salt Spring then upped its

lead to 3-1 on markers by "Del Scoot" and Rob Tranter.

The Slugs increased their lead to 5-1 in the second on goals by Stephan Caron and Gary Styles. The Bees cut that lead to 5-2 before the end of the frame, however.

In the third, each squad notched two goals, with Dave Moulton and Rob Tranter, with his second, scoring for the Slugs.

On Sunday, the Slugs fell behind early again, then replied with a goal by Gary Styles to knot the score 1-1. Ladysmith closed the scoring with the game-winner in the second period.

Slugs dominated play over the rest of the game but ran into a hot Ladysmith goaltender, who stopped 37 shots.

# Ajax dominates opposition; records impressive victory

### AJAX 7, BAYS UNITED 0

Although the weather was miserable two Saturdays ago, Salt Spring Ajax had their minds only on soccer. Ajax dominated this game from start from finish.

Graham Kaye opened the scoring in the early stages of the game by outrunning the Bays defence and beating the goalkeeper. Aidon Morris then scored his first of three markers for the afternoon, and singles were added by Tim Hood, Andrew Walde and David Carey.

Although Ajax scored many times, the score was not truly indicative of the play. The Oak Bay keeper made many saves on shots that looked to be sure goals.

There was no single outstanding player for Ajax in this game. The entire squad used teamwork to beat their opponent.

The win brought the Ajax record this year to six wins and one loss, good for first spot in the Lower Vancouver Island Division 5B League.

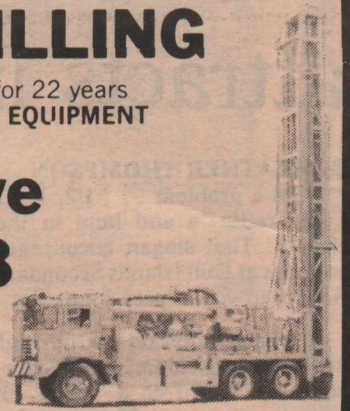
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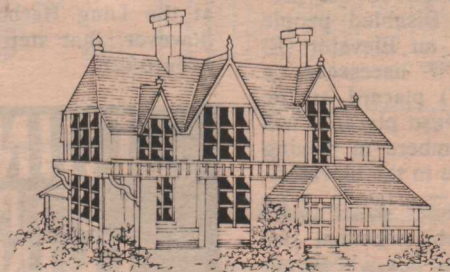
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# Peer counselling program attracts interest of students

By HEATHER THOMPSON  
 "Got a problem . . . U2, huh? Come rattle 'n and hum in the closet." That slogan encourages students at Gulf Islands Secondary School to visit a peer counsellor.

A recent addition to the high school's curriculum, peer counselling is based on a "teens for teens" strategy. The program grew out of concerns from parents and the RCMP about an increase in drug- and alcohol-related crimes.

A survey last year showed drugs and alcohol to be one of the top three problems faced by teens. One in four students reported having personal problems with substance abuse. Peer counselling program director Anne Marshall says 25 per cent is too high for a small place like Salt Spring.

More than 97 per cent of students said they would talk to a friend or peer about a problem before going to their parents. These peers, considered as the natural helpers in a crowd, said they wanted to help but didn't know how.

Students who opted to take the peer counselling course in September were selected for their interest in helping in a positive way.

Training began with a 20-hour retreat weekend at Shawnigan Lake, where the students developed communication skills. Empathic listening, posing open questions, positive feedback and decision-making were the key focuses.

Every second Sunday, the counsellors continue their training on topics of special concern. This has included self-esteem, substance and sexual abuse, grief, loss and separation. The peer counselling team plans to hold future sessions on depression, relationships and the law.

The function of the program is to listen and to focus thoughts and feelings to open alternatives. The bottom line is the services are confidential.

"One criticism we have received is that the counsellors are not mature enough, that they are kids themselves," says Marshall. But she points out that "kids are already talking to kids — the program teaches them how to do it in a helpful way."

In the works this week at Salt Spring Elementary School is a calendar for 1989. Each class chooses a theme for the month it is assigned. Students then draw their own interpretation of the

month to form a collage illustration. Besides traditional holidays and important dates, school information will be included.

Teacher co-ordinator Kevin Vine says the calendars will be available before the Christmas break and will sell for \$2 each.

Preparations are underway for Salt Spring Elementary School's annual Christmas production. Intermediate grade students will take the stage December 15. Primary students will sing Christmas carols in the band shelter in Centennial Park. Non perishable food items are being collected for the community food hamper.

On Thursday all students at Fulford Elementary School will participate in an afternoon art blitz. Larry Holbrook will provide a demonstration on the theme of birds.

The Fulford parents' group will meet next Monday at 7:30 in the library to hear Debbie Magnusson speak about the family life program.

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## Disabled passengers given access to deck

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The *Queen of Tsawwassen*, which replaced the *Queen of Nanaimo* for the winter months as of November 14, had an elevator installed last spring. Prior to that time, wheelchair-bound passengers had to either secure the help of crew members to get to the promenade deck, or remain in their vehicles.

Ferry corporation spokesman Erin Caldwell said installation of the elevator in this and other ferries has occurred as a matter of evolution. There is more awareness now of the plight of disabled people, she said.

The Seniors for Seniors group on Salt Spring wants to ensure that the island's disabled people are aware of the elevator's location, and the procedure for its use.

The new elevator is located forward on the ship, near the observation lounge on the promenade deck. Disabled people should request an Elevator (E) placard and, if necessary, a Wheelchair (W) placard at the ticket booth. These placards will assist crew members in placing the vehicle close to the elevator.

Disabled foot passengers should notify the terminal two hours in advance if a wheelchair is required. These people should also attempt to be at the ticket booth at least 20 minutes prior to loading.

Access to these services can be secured by calling the following numbers: (Salt Spring) 537-5313; (Tsawwassen) 669-1211; (Swartz

Bay) 386-3431; (Outer Gulf Islands) 629-3215.

While the elevator is a move in the right direction, islanders say there are still problems facing disabled ferry passengers. One problem, according to the Salt Spring Islander Kate Bragg-Van Wyck, was faced by her mother last September.

Rose Bragg, who travelled to Salt Spring from Ontario, is wheelchair-bound. If she had not been accompanied to the Long Harbour terminal by her daughter, she would have been forced to wait for the ferry outside the waiting room.

While the terminal building has a parking space reserved nearby for the use of disabled people, the building itself is not wheelchair accessible. As Bragg-Van Wyck told *Driftwood*, it was a "terrible" struggle to get her mother's wheelchair over the door ledges.

"I was fuming," she said. Bragg-Van Wyck said she intended to inform the ferry corporation of the accessibility problem at the Long Harbour terminal; however, that step has not yet been taken.

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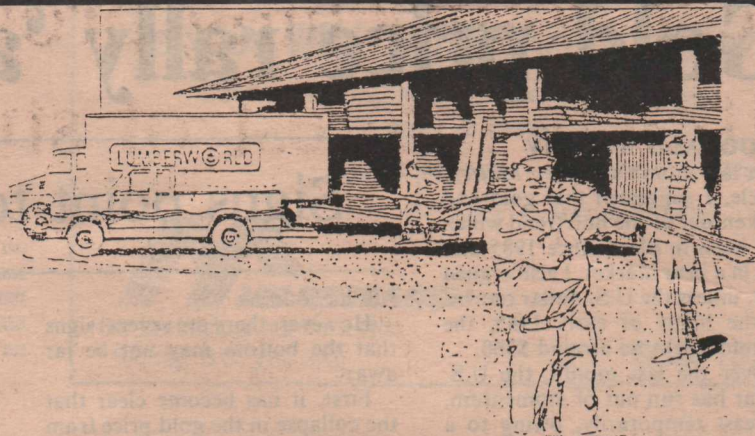
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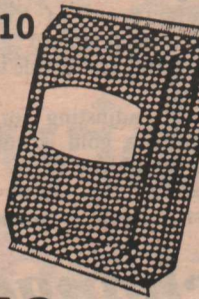
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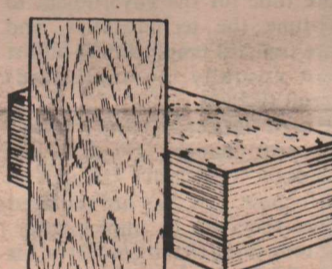
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# Gold price rally 'a technical bounce'

By DONALD W. DONY

In last month's *Money Matters* article, I suggested that gold had broken out of the bull trend which had been in place since 1985 and was in a bear market. I also argued that, unless the U.S. dollar returns to the highs of early 1985, the bottom might be around \$360.

Over the last month, the U.S. dollar has run out of momentum, at least temporarily, owing to a deterioration of the trade deficit and, perhaps more importantly, some concerns about the U.S. elections. Aided by renewed dollar weakness, gold bounced from the \$390 level and broke back above \$400.

At this stage, we view the rally as no more than a technical bounce. Previous trends in the gold price have lasted for at least 18 months and, even if it is argued that the bear trend actually started at the beginning of 1988 when the price peaked at about \$500, it seems unlikely that the bear market has

## Signs point to bottom coming into sight

run its course.

However, there are several signs that the bottom may not be far away.

First, it has become clear that the collapse in the gold price from \$425 was triggered by mining companies selling production in the forward markets. The initial selling appears to have started in Australia.

Second, there has been strong buying in the Far East. Indeed, the manufacturers of small bars, which are a favoured form of gold investment, are unable to meet the demand.

Third, adjusting for currency movements, gold is now back to the levels of late 1979.

Fourth, the surge in U.S. imports of gold in August suggests



strong buying by the jewellery trade ahead of the Christmas sales boom.

If the price of gold is adjusted for the value of the dollar, the price bottomed at about \$360 in 1982 and formed a weak bottom at \$400 in 1986. However, the bull market which took the price from \$284 in February 1985 to a peak of \$500 at

the beginning of this year, was solely a reflection of the U.S. dollar weakness. In international terms, the price has drifted sideways since 1984.

A break below the 1982 lows, after adjusting for the value of the U.S. dollar, would be a very bearish signal. Technically, there would be no support before \$250.

Perhaps more importantly, such a fall would be a clear signal of a recession and prolonged deflation rather than disinflation.

However, we consider such a break to be unlikely, given the continuing uncertainties in the world financial system and the underlying physical demand. In particular, the buyers in the Far East have an uncanny ability to recognize a bargain when they see one, unimpaired by the conflicting news and statistics which deluge the more "sophisticated" investors of New York, London and Tokyo.

We believe that, in international terms, there is little downside risk in gold. Allowing for any likely rise in the dollar, gold prices should bottom in the \$360 to \$380. However, we remain cautious on the gold stocks given their relative valuations against the gold price. A convincing move below \$400 would unnerve the gold share market sufficiently to provide some better buying opportunities.

## RRSP rule changes delayed

By BRUCE FOERSTER

Expansion of the contribution limits for registered retirement savings plans (RRSPs) and other tax-assisted retirement savings has been delayed — again.

New rules for the tax treatment of retirement savings were first proposed in late 1986. Starting this year, maximum RRSP contributions were scheduled to increase by about \$1,000 a year until they reached an annual level of \$15,500. The increase was initially delayed until 1989 and now has been put back until 1990. The increase for 1990 (assuming no more delays or changes in policy due to the 1988 federal election) will be \$3,000, so the maximum annual contribution limit of \$15,500 will still be reached in 1995.

Meanwhile, the maximum RRSP contribution for next year

### Adjustments put off — again

will be the same as for this year and last year — 20 per cent of earned income to a limit of \$7,500. For 1990, your RRSP contribution will be limited to 18 per cent of earned income, to a maximum of \$10,500.

These maximum contributions apply only to taxpayers who don't belong to a registered pension plan or a deferred profit sharing plan. If you do have such a plan, your maximum RRSP contribution will remain unchanged for next year at \$3,500, less contributions to your pension. Starting in 1990, the limits for total contributions by employer and employee to both a pension plan and an RRSP are

intended to be about the same as the limits for those who don't belong to a pension plan. But in reality it becomes a lot more complicated, in part because of the need to calculate employers' deemed contributions to defined benefit pension plans.

These complexities apparently led to the latest delay, allowing more time for the government to fine-tune the technicalities, and more time for employers to adjust their (usually computerized) payroll systems.

Unfortunately, the latest proposed changes are still just proposals. Legislative changes to the Income Tax Act are required before they can be implemented. The only thing that seems certain is that RRSP contributions won't increase next year as previously planned.

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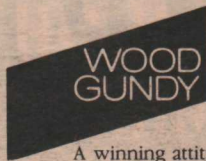
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# Impaired driving charges pressed by Ganges police

A California woman will appear in court on January 10 to face charges of impaired driving after she was involved in a traffic accident on November 22.

Police say the woman's vehicle was in collision with another car, also driven by a California resident. The accident took place on Fulford-Ganges Road near Beddis Road at 10 am. Damage to the two vehicles was set at \$1,200. There were no injuries.

A male young offender from Ganges will be summonsed to appear in provincial court in the near future to answer charges of impaired driving and refusing to supply a breath sample.

The charges were laid following a motor vehicle accident on Old Divide Road at 6 pm on November 23. Police report the young man was taken to Lady Minto Hospital with minor injuries before being charged.

Police have charged a 30-year-old Ganges woman with impaired driving and refusing to supply a breath sample after observing a vehicle being driven in an erratic manner at 1:35 am on November 26. The woman is to appear in court on January 10.

Mark Fettis of Ganges was charged with failing to yield after he was involved in a minor traffic

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