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Wood chips fly as local chainsaw carver Terry McKinnon creates a wooden grizzly bear. McKinnon was one of five carvers to stage a fund-

raising, chainsaw carving extravaganza at the Fulford Inn parking lot last Sunday. Event added \$3,000 to Jarrod Booth Fund coffers.

## Chainsaw carvers collect \$3,000 for Jarrod Booth fund

Everyone went home a winner.

The chainsaw carvers still had all their fingers plus a real feeling of accomplishment; purchasers walked away with carved eagles, critters and bears; and the Jarrod Booth Fund has been upped by more than \$3,000.

The sun shone on some 600 people who visited the Fulford Inn site of a chainsaw extravaganza, staged last Sunday to raise funds for island youngster Jarrod Booth.

The event raised \$3,026, which was directed to a trust fund set up for Jarrod, who has twice undergone major surgery for removal of a brain tumour. The tumour has since returned, and Jarrod is now undergoing chemotherapy every 28 days in Victoria.

The trust fund was established to help to help fund a trip to Disneyland for Jarrod and his parents, and help defray costs incurred by the Booth family as they travel between Salt Spring and Victoria.

The Sunday fund-raiser, which saw donations of chainsaw carvings, picnic tables, wood and a chainsaw, was organized by local chainsaw carver Terry McKinnon.

McKinnon expressed enthusiasm for the response to Sunday's event. Between the work of five carvers, several life-size depictions of animals and two picnic tables were created and donated to the cause. Also donated by various islanders were two truckloads of firewood, a new chainsaw and burl clocks.

(McKinnon said so many people donated goods and time to the event that he is hesitant to begin naming them, in case someone is forgotten.)

Everything, aside from those items carved during the day, was sold by 12:20 pm — less than one and a half hours after the event began.

"The day was a huge success and we had a lot of fun doing it," McKinnon said. "That's what living on Salt Spring is all about."

## Bush fires prompt appeals for caution

The current dry spell has prompted the Volunteer Fire Department and the B.C. Forest Service to advise Salt Spring residents to use extreme caution if and when fires are lit.

Over the past week, local firefighters have tackled three bush fires that consumed nearly 22 acres of forestland.

The first two fires, which were handled by the Salt Spring fire department, broke out April 25. Fire Chief Les Wagg said the first

occurred at 12:45 pm on Liberty Hall Lane where a brush fire flared up from the previous day's burn. About one-half acre of brush burned before the fire was placed under control.

Shortly afterwards, the fire department was called out to battle a brush fire on Wright Road, where a logging slash fire had flared up. Flames consumed nearly an acre of brush before they were brought under control.

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## Crown land options investigated

By SUSAN DICKER

A community-wide, low key effort instigated by the Island Watch Society has caused the search for potential uses of Crown Land on Salt Spring to go "forward in a positive light."

"The issue has not become a point of contention," says Bob Andrew, a member of the original task force looking at public lands. "It has drawn all aspects of the community to work together."

Through the combined effort of the Island Watch, the Islands Trust, the Capital Regional Dis-

trict (CRD), and a dozen various group including the Trail and Nature Club and the Chamber of Commerce, a one-year moratorium on "alienation" of Crown Lands has been granted by the province.

The Island Watch Society initiated the investigation into potential uses of Salt Spring's approximate 1,900 acres of Crown Land, by establishing a task force last June. The term of reference at that time, says Andrew, was to look at the Crown Lands for possible uses by the community as a whole. To achieve this, the task

force believed the lands should be brought under the tenure of the Islands Trust.

"We could then take the parcels of land with diversified possible functions and turn them over to the community and ask 'how do you want to use them.'"

The original task force has since evolved into the Crown Lands Use Coalition (CLUC), which believes the Trust should hold the tenure, but which is also looking at a variety of alternatives, such as becoming part of the regional parks system.

Salt Spring's Crown Lands are

located in the central and southern regions of the island. They include: a parcel of land at Mt. Erskine; some 56 acres in the Cusheon Lake watershed; 80 acres in the Ford Lake area; a large parcel at Mt. Bruce; some 400 acres at Hope Hill; and three pieces along Satellite Channel, south of Musgrave Point.

Various uses for the land have already been considered. The B.C. Parks Board has recommended the establishment of a combined marine park and trail network in the Satellite Channel area. Crown

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## Crofton spill investigated

By JIM BLACK

Nearly 10,000 gallons of a liquid bleach solution was swept into the ocean from the Crofton Pulp and Paper Mill on April 21 after a tank holding the solution ruptured, spilling the solution into an outfall system.

Dave Haywood, the mill's industrial relations supervisor, told Driftwood the chemical solution was a mild bleach sodium hypochlorite mixture. "It's very similar to household bleach," he said. "There is no health threat involved to either humans or wildlife, as this would have diluted very quickly once it left the outflow pipe."

While the mill spokesman and provincial waste management branch officials agree the spill poses no health threat, their data appears to be in conflict.

Waste management branch spokesman Ron Bollans said the report he received listed the amount of chemical spilled as unknown. It also says the tank did not rupture, but that a valve at the bottom of the tank had been left open by mistake. Bollans said the tank only held 3,000 gallons, and it was not known how much fluid was in it at the time.

But Haywood said the tank ex-

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# Strong community effort aids look at land options

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Land at Hope Hill and Ford Lake have been eyed for ecologically managed woodlot programs, and most people believe the watershed area at Cusheon Lake should not be touched.

The Mt. Bruce parcel, which was logged numerous years ago, has not rejuvenated and options for its use have not been considered.

Land at Mt. Erskine has only, in the past few years, been downgraded from a recreational use status to vacant Crown Land status, which means it is now open to anything. The Mt. Erskine bluff offers a beautiful viewpoint, which was inaccessible until adjacent property owner Jack Fisher donated 56 acres, opening access.

In March of this year a "preliminary assessment of the potential for a community forest management program" on Salt Spring's vacant Crown Land was released. The study, undertaken by Allen Hopwood Enterprises at the recommendation of the joint B.C.-Ottawa Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA), used air-photos, site visitations and maps to determine suitability for forest management.

Of the eight areas surveyed (the company missed the Mt. Erskine piece), the Hope Hill and Ford Lake-area pieces are described as having "excellent" potential for a forest management program.

Two areas in the Mt. Bruce area were deemed unsuitable at this time, for forest management. The parcels, which have been heavily logged in the past, need time to heal. The study recommends reserving these pieces for future forest management.

While the Satellite Channel pieces are "technically good" for forest management, the study says, their proximity to the public (boaters, hikers, divers and nearby residents) would cause a high fire hazard for any type of forest tending or harvesting. The survey also



Bob Andrew

recommends against a forest management program for the Cusheon Lake land, describing its potential as "negligible due to location and aesthetic sensitivity." It recommends setting this site aside as a watershed protection area, with limited recreational development or use.

Since the release of this study, a three-man core group of CLUC has taken on the task of finding and hiring a consultant to present a detailed list of options for use of Crown Lands here. The CRD has contributed \$2,000 towards this end.

*'The idea from the start was to get full community involvement.'*

The creation of regional parks is one option, Andrew says; however, Salt Spring residents would have to reverse a decision made several years ago not to participate in the CRD parks program. In a referendum, held numerous years ago, ratepayers on this island were the only group in the Capital Region to vote against

joining the regional parks program, due to the imminent mill increase.

The consultant might recommend the island hold another referendum on the issue, allowing some of the Crown Land to be maintained in regional parks.

Other options for the consultant to consider (aside from obtaining woodlot licences or entering the CRD park system) include: vesting tenure with the Islands Trust; creation of provincial parks or a Salt Spring Island park system; vesting partial tenure with the Water Preservation Society; or continuing placement of long term reserve status on parcels by the ministry of lands, pending the evolution of a local government with which permanent arrangements could be negotiated.

While it waited for the consultation process to get underway, CLUC requested the CRD and Islands Trust approach the provincial government and ask for a two-year moratorium on use of Crown Lands on Salt Spring. The government has apparently expressed enthusiasm over the interest Crown Lands have generated on the island.

It agreed that Crown Lands here would not be "alienated" for a period of one year, commencing at the end of March, 1989.

A letter from the ministry, received by Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, further expressed a desire to help the island solve the Crown Land use issue and requested it be pursued under the guidelines of the CRIS study (Coastal Resource Inventory Study), which demands the participation of as many community groups as possible in the decision-making process.

Pursuing the issue under these guidelines will pose no difficulty for CLUC. Says Andrew: "the idea from the start was to get full community involvement. We are really happy with the way it's all coming together."

# Chemical solution spilled; circumstances investigated

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ploded — thanks to over-pressurization — and was lifted off the ground, severing its connections. The chemical solution then ran into sewers, into the outflow tank, and into the ocean.

The investigation into the spill is being handled entirely by the mill, which will then give its find-

ings to the ministry of the environment.

Bollans said the standard procedure for this type of investigation is for the ministry to ask the mill to investigate the spill and then send the findings to them, at which time the ministry will decide if a separate investigation is warranted.

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# Hingston wins third term

A Gulf Islands school trustee has been acclaimed to another term as president of the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA).

Fulford resident Charles Hingston's bid to remain as president of the organization was unchallenged at a BCSTA conference held in Vancouver last weekend. His upcoming, one-year term will mark his third year as president of the association.

Hingston said about 500 people attended the conference.

The local school trustee said his major goal for the coming year is to make sure recommendations in the report of the Royal Commission on education are initiated effectively, with input from all participants in education.

He said that the combination of a new School Act, the Royal Commission and contract bargaining promise to make the year ahead a challenging one.

Hingston would like to see an emphasis on a "public education system," where issues do not become politically polarized, and where the ministry, government, teachers and trustees work together — keeping in mind that it is the students who count.

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## Budget belittled by ad campaign

Ottawa should put its money where its mouth is. Make that our money.

Whatever. While the federal government's desire to attack the federal deficit is to be commended — and never mind that it's long overdue — we must question the sincerity of the battle plan being mapped out in Ottawa.

No, not just the stringent expenditure reductions and steep tax increases outlined in the federal budget handed down last week by Finance Minister Michael Wilson. They are harsh and unpalatable steps, to be true, but no one can deny that a runaway deficit demands strong remedial action.

Still, we have a difficult time accepting those measures in light of Ottawa's willingness to cry poor while spending like a drunken sailor. For one thing, it's giving sailors a bad name.

One example of the federal government's fiscal hypocrisy should suffice. On the heels of the spending cutbacks and tax hikes announced in last week's budget, Ottawa launched a multi-million dollar print and television advertising campaign to convince Canadians that the size of the federal deficit is a serious problem demanding instant and concerted action.

As if we didn't know. After all, Finance Minister Wilson and his corps of fellow cabinet ministers have just spent the past six weeks reminding us that the deficit grows by \$80 million a day, represents \$50,000 owed by each and every family in Canada, and consumes 31 cents of every dollar spent by Ottawa.

You could look those figures up. Mr. Wilson got plenty of ink and air time from the press when he started spilling the numbers to prepare us for last Thursday's budget.

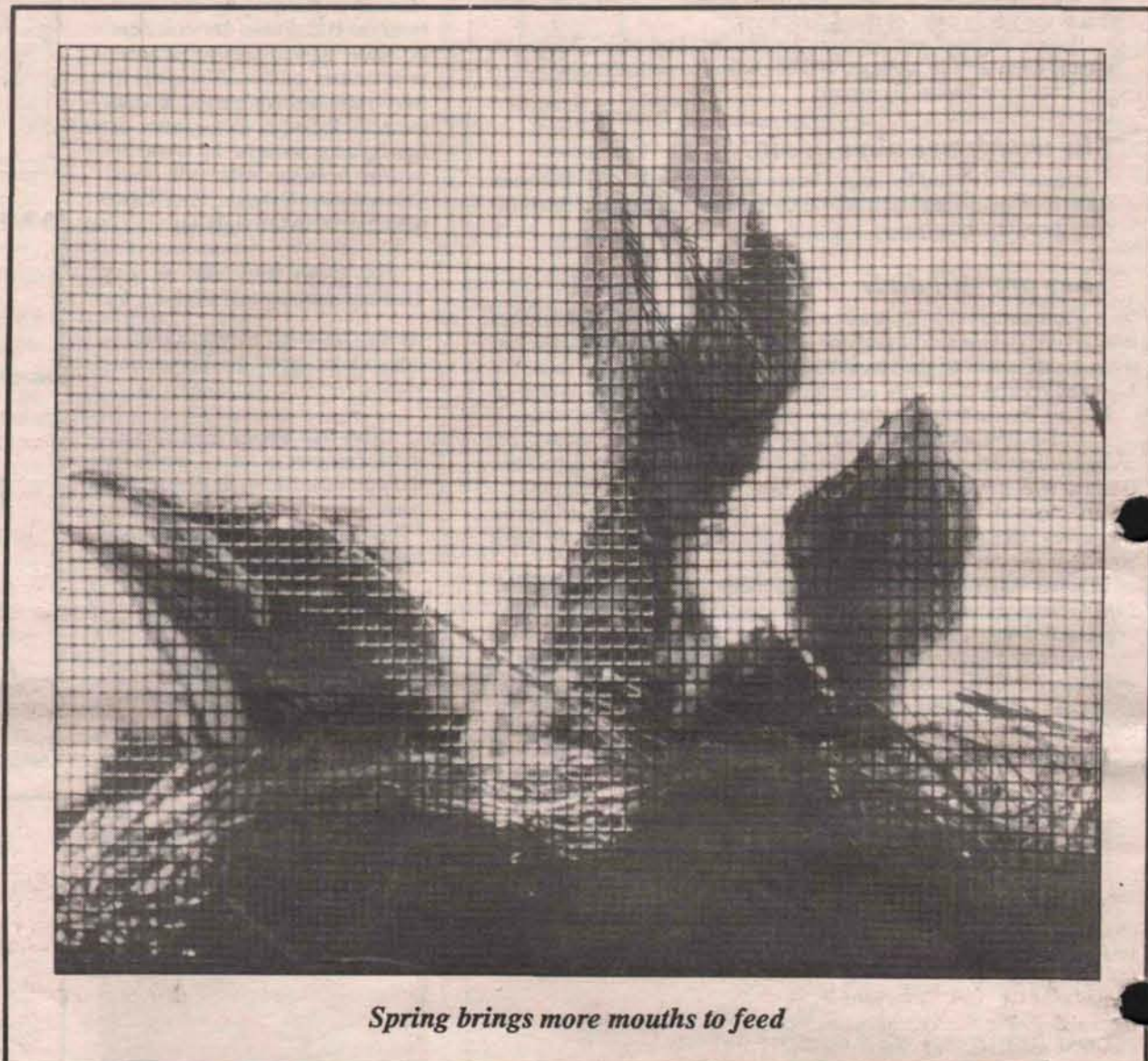
All of which makes the validity of the current advertising campaign even more unfathomable.

Sure, the \$10 million or \$12 million (estimates vary) price tag attached to the media campaign is a drop in the bucket compared to the billions collected and spent by the federal government. And sure, it's hardly fair to judge Ottawa's sincerity according to one expenditure allocation separated from the whole.

But at a time when strict fiscal responsibility is being called for, the federal government has no busi-

ness spending millions on yet another image-building initiative (that's an unkind way of saying advertising campaign), especially one designed to sell us on the pressing need for its cost-cutting policies.

Funny, isn't it? While we're tightening our belts, Ottawa stays fat.



Spring brings more mouths to feed

## Bargains must be bagged, no matter what the cost


By early spring, the ravages of time, weather and general abuse had reduce my footwear choices to three: sturdy hiking boots, quick-grip baseball cleats, and formal black funeral shoes.

Although the prospect of a life limited to hiking, baseball and sombre functions had its temptations, I nonetheless decided an expansion of my horizons was needed. I went shopping.

Never mind that serious shopping is one of the few vices beyond my ken. I felt sure that no matter what the odds, any determined browser armed with healthy wallet and discriminating taste should be able to return with billfold and self-esteem still intact.

But that was before I saw the merchandise to choose from. None of it was to my liking: the

**my word**  
.....  
**by duncan macdonnell**



acceptance of styling over form, the abundance of plastic in place of leather, the dependence on glue instead of stitching — all caused me to recoil in horror.

Then it hit me that the reason for my disorientation was the decade or so that had passed since I had last shopped for shoes. Out of sheer desperation and in automatic response, my mind cast back for something familiar from my youth. Loafers.

Wandering through the city as though possessed, I visited shoe stores large and small, only to face disappointment after disappointment. There were loafers to be found, all right, but not the right kind; they were all tarted up, made of a weird industrial plastic, or held together by glue. Some were guilty of all three sins.

Then I found them. The old style, or close enough, and tucked onto a sales rack hidden in the rear

corner of a cubbyhole. Half-price, the sign said.

I relaxed. Then I broke into a cold sweat. There were only five pairs to be had, and all were at least one full size too small. I put the largest pair on. They pinched my toes. I staggered around the room. Then I cursed the perpetrator of this cruel joke.

Still, I knew the material would stretch. And I knew that the first rule of shopping was to bag a bargain, and never mind the cost. I bought the shoes.

Hours later, back on Salt Spring, I propped myself up on the sundeck and heaved a heavy sigh of relief as I finally took the shoes off. They were not stretching as quickly as I had hoped.

By rubbing vigorously to restore circulation to feet turning

black, I aroused the curiosity of an interested observer. He listened as I related the tale of the shopping trip, the search for the bargain, the ensuing physical agony and, finally, the joke on myself.

His smile went beyond mere amusement at my plight. With a grin that would have done the Cheshire Cat proud, he pointed to his shoes and beckoned me to peer closer. They were relatively new, made of leather and quite stylish.

"Put your finger there," he said, indicating the toe.

I pushed and felt nothing. Probing further back, I found that his toes reached to within an inch of the end of the leather, and no more. I estimated them to be at least a full size too large.

My face must have gone blank. "Bought 'em on sale," he said.

letters

Appreciation

Haydn must have known that somewhere on this planet an island such as Salt Spring existed when he composed The Creation.

Sunday, April 23, 1989, saw the Victoria Choral Society travel to Ganges to give an afternoon performance of Haydn's masterpiece to an appreciative audience who forsook the bright sunshine of a glorious spring day to attend the concert at Salt Spring Elementary School.

The account of the creation of the world, taken from Genesis Chapter One, was portrayed by soloists Catherine Lewis, soprano, Simon Norton, tenor and Tom Fetter, bass with choral affirmation of God's wonderful work provided by the 120-voice chorus.

Conductor Bruce More remarked upon the opening of the second half that it appeared some audience members had been on the phone to friends during the intermission and encouraged them to come for the latter half of the concert: an optical illusion perhaps, but there did seem to be more "bodies" for the second half.

Victoria Choral Society rehearsal accompanist, Michael Gaudet, was the accompanist for the afternoon and his performance was given special recognition by both audience and choir alike.

The return trip from Fulford to Swartz Bay was the perfect end to a spring day and the choir eagerly anticipates its repeat performance with Victoria Symphony on April 29, 1989, at Christ Church Cathedral at 8 pm.

FRANCES WHITE,  
Victoria Choral Society.

Need new deal

With the current media emphasis on forest land use conflicts such as the Stein River and Carmanah Creek drainages, I'm concerned that we may be forgetting the need for increased emphasis on the renewal and tending of the province's forests.

While the industry and the provincial government are doing their part, the current Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA) is a critical source of funding to support these essential programs. Tree planting, thinning and research are some of the activities underway designed to maintain a healthy forest and a viable forest industry.

This five-year program is due to expire on March 31, 1990. The province has indicated its commitment to negotiate a second agreement. However, no announcement has been made by the federal government that this agreement will be renewed.

As a forester (retired), I consider that a continuation of this program is essential for the welfare of the province's public forests. In this regard, I hope that your readers will write their provincial and federal elected representatives and urge that the current Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement be renewed.

WILLIAM YOUNG,  
Victoria.

No facilities

Unless you have had friends and relatives come to visit travell-

ing in a motorhome, you might not be aware that Salt Spring does not have a public sani-dump.

Where do these vehicles that are coming to our island in increasing numbers empty their holding tanks? Surely we can do better than to advise them to up a back road and dump.

MARG SIMONS,  
Fulford Harbour.

Wrong title

Please would you print in your newspaper the information that The Field Mouse Wildlife Gallery is an Art Gallery and not an Arts and Crafts outlet. It is very irritating to have to pay for wrong information and have to wait a year before it can be put right in the next Lions Directory.

P.F. WRIGHT,  
Field Mouse Gallery  
Ganges.

Impressions

I attended the April 23 meeting at the Crofton Community Hall in Crofton which was sponsored by the North Cowichan Environment Protection group, to discuss the pulp mill.

It was a well attended meeting, (approx. 85) but no Government representatives and no representatives from the fisherman's union, which one would have thought would be interested in the reasons for the loss of their catch. It was also disappointing that more radio/TV coverage could not have been made.

No representative from Driftwood thought it worthwhile to come — no reporter, no editor, no publisher. Hence I think my own impressions may be found interesting by those not present.

Bill Clark, vice-president of Fletcher Challenge could have been expected to present his side of the case in a persuasive way, instead, he made so many ill-informed statements that the audience burst into laughter. Practically every argument he made was rebutted by Mr. Brian Kileen (an engineer from Greenpeace).

Brian Killen brought samples of unbleached paper products such as coffee filters, paper towels, tampons, toilet paper, cake cups, etc. from the Swedish paper mills. Many questions were asked about this and many wanted to know where to buy these products. A suggestion was made that if the Government placed an order for

unbleached, recycled paper, it would start the ball rolling. People want to buy these products. Brian Killen also said every time we use a white bleached coffee filter we drip dioxins into our coffee! Think about that.

Many people stood up to voice their anxious concerns — the smell, the noise, polluted beaches and estuaries, the disappearance of fish, birds, polluted shellfish — speaking with grave feeling and sincerity. It is a pity that similar sincerity was not expressed by Fletcher-Challenge.

PATRICIA L. MAY,  
Vesuvius.

Uncomfortable

Not just residents of Galiano were affected by the slash-burning. Eyes, ears, nose and throats were symptoms of the "fall-out."

The frightening smoke pall was witnessed first by this writer Monday April 17. Not long after, a sore throat, stopped up sinus were noticed and uncomfortable symptoms.

Do we need to suffer so?  
BUNNY JORDAN,  
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**capital comment**

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VICTORIA — I, too, think finance Minister Michael Wilson should have resigned, not because of the budget leak, but because the budget does little to reduce the federal deficit in the long run.

I am usually a great supporter of tradition, but not to the point of silliness. When Wilson's budget was leaked a day before he was to table it in the Commons, he did not comply with the opposition's demand for his resignation. Nor should he have. To resign and present a new budget would have been rather irresponsible.

The opposition's demand for the minister's resignation was particularly odious, considering that Prime Minister Mulroney had asked their co-operation in his attempt to call Parliament back for an immediate emergency session.

Had the NDP and the Liberals agreed to that request, Wilson could have presented his budget to the House a few hours after details had leaked out. Instead, he presented the gist of the budget on live TV, which didn't make him a lot of friends among hockey fans.

My gripe with the budget and my reason for wanting to see the federal finance minister resign is that his prescription for curing Canada's major ailment — the deficit — amounts to no more than a couple of aspirins and a prayer.

Think about it, these are the people who said in 1984 they would reduce the nation's deficit and introduce sane financial management. They didn't do it then, and they aren't doing it now.

**Willing to go beyond complaining**

All that Wilson's so-called tough budget is to achieve is the reduction of the anticipated deficit to \$30.5 billion this year and, maybe, halve it by 1993-94. Some reduction. Remember when the Liberals were said to be mortgaging our children's future, the deficit was only \$20 billion.

But I'm always willing to go beyond complaining by offering some constructive suggestions. Maybe Wilson could resign, so we can send our Mel Couvelier to Ottawa on loan.

When the Vander Zalm government was elected, one of the new premier's promises was to balance the budget and start paying back some of the accumulated debt in his first term of office. It sounded like a rash promise at the time, but he made good on it in the last provincial budget.

I know that my NDP friends and I don't agree on that point. They say the budget isn't really balanced. I say it's close enough to be considered a balanced budget.

When Couvelier introduced the budget in the legislature, which he managed to do without leaking the damned thing all over the place, he crowed that the government had achieved what was the envy of all other provinces, as well as the federal government.

He had every right to crow, as we can see from the federal budget. The Tories in Ottawa haven't even learned how to spell balanced budget, leave alone introduced one.

One of the biggest announcements in the federal budget was the scrapping of the nuclear sub program. Hell, that one was dead long ago, killed mercifully by public opinion. And it wasn't a budget reduction, because it was never a budget item to start with. A lot of other budget provisions are little more than chicken manure.

**Round up the usual suspects**

I mean, how much financial acumen does it take to round up the nation's last smokers and beat them to a pulp with a \$4 increase on a carton of cigarettes? Same goes for the proposed national child care program which has now become just another cynical election promise to be broken.

Other than that, gas will go up by a cent a litre, the remaining Air Canada shares will be sold to the private sector, 14 small military bases will be closed, subsidies to VIA Rail will be cut, and a new nine per cent national sales tax is to be introduced.

All in all, the cuts aren't even enough to offset the increase in interest charges on the accumulated \$320 billion debt. Some budget, some finance minister.

For five years now, the Tories have been bombarding us with doomsday stories about what will happen unless we reduce the deficit. I'm not sure I completely share that pessimism. The fears of deficit financing have always been exploited by politicians on the right.

My point is that when given a chance to practice what they preach, they don't do it.

At least here in British Columbia, they didn't say one thing and do another. The previous Socred government under Bill Bennett scared the daylights out of the public with its restraint program, which laid the foundation to the first balanced budget in a decade.

Our friends in Ottawa tell us that by 1993, maybe, they will have cut the deficit to \$15 billion. If you believe that, I got another deal for you — exclusive franchise rights on block ice for the north pole area.

The budget cannot possibly impress anyone. As a financial remedy for our deficit problems it is destined to failure. On the other hand, it hacks away at enough small groups to cause serious alienation.

The budget is, in short, one of the worst I've seen come out of Ottawa.

# Budget provisions underline need for defence white paper

Pat Crofton, the former MP who lost his bid for the Saanich-Gulf Islands seat in the last federal election, believes the latest federal budget shows the need for a new white paper on defence.

The budget's call to close seven military bases, scale down seven others and scrap the nuclear submarine purchase program means a new look is needed at Canada's defence policies, says Crofton, who now represents the federal government on a joint Canada-U.S. defence committee.

The former MP pointed to the most recent white paper on national defence, delivered in early 1988, and noted that much has changed since the document was prepared.

"We are now faced with different options," he said.

Crofton said he did not feel any bitterness about the scrapping of the nuclear submarine program after having campaigned in favour of the plan.

"You have to keep in mind that when you are campaigning you have to sing the team song," he said. "Personally I did have some reservations about the program — costs, safety and what would happen to the environment if one of them should flounder

were all matters that concerned me as well."

However, more than the budget cuts have convinced Crofton a new white paper on defence was needed. Arms reduction agreements between the superpowers and future reductions now being planned will have an impact on Canada's defence needs, he said.

"We still need to update some of our equipment but I think we should look at the entire range of the defence issue," Crofton said. "We still have to be able to defend our shores — either we do it or the Americans will do it for us. There is no free lunch here. We are members of NORAD and NATO, which means we have commitments to others."

He continued: "In the joint Canada-U.S. defence committee we are looking at a lot of different things which affect both of our countries. We have to deal with drug runners bringing their goods into the country undetected. They can afford to buy up-to-date equipment which we don't have. Right now we are using NORAD's eye-in-the-sky to detect them."

"I don't know how it (the budget) will affect the individual departments, but I suspect the

government is attempting to economize the military," Crofton continued. "Modern-day equipment and machinery is very expensive, and closing some of the bases may free up some money which can be used to modernize some of the equipment which is coming to the end of its lifespan."

Crofton said it will likely be some time next week before he begins to find out which programs have been affected by the budget.

"Our equipment is aged, but we have to make sure the money is in the till before we can replace any of it. There is probably a good argument now for non-nuclear submarines. The ones we have are getting on in age," he said. "But I think the need is there for a new white paper, driven by expenditure reductions from the budget and the arms talks. We will likely have quite a few changes to make."

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# British Columbians hard-hit by federal budget measures

The federal budget, tabled in the House of Commons last week will hit British Columbians hard, says Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Lynn Hunter.

"A family of four with an annual income of \$44,000 can expect to pay an additional \$710 in taxes next year, thanks to this budget," she said.

"This budget does nothing to address the needs of British Columbian families," Hunter continued. "B.C. residents have been hit with an increase of two per cent in the surtax, an increase of 15 per cent in the Unemployment Insurance premium and a one and a half per cent across-the-board increase in sales tax. All of this in addition to the proposed nine per cent sales tax the Tories are threatening to impose in 1991."

She also noted that the reduction in transfer payments to the provinces could accelerate federal and provincial government plans to further privatize government services.

"The Vander Zalm government is already looking for excuses to privatize or eliminate health and education services," she said. "The Tory plan could do that, or at least spell higher medicare fees for families and higher tuition fees for students."

Hunter also blasted Ottawa for renegeing on its 1984 commitment to extend funding for child care programs. The government had proposed a \$4 billion cost-sharing program with the provinces, which would have created 400,000 day care spaces by 1995. This has now been deferred indefinitely, although the \$3 billion in tax breaks for parents will remain.

"The welfare of Canada's children have been put on hold indefinitely by the Conservative govern-

ment," Hunter said. She also accused the government of using "smoke and mirrors" to sell what they call a minimum corporate tax.

"Small business will be footing the bill, not the large, profitable corporations," Hunter noted. "Not only are the small businessmen and women in this country paying the bulk of the taxes, but the federal management services budget has been reduced by \$13 million annually."

Another favourite target of the government at budget time is the CBC, which has faced budget cuts nearly every year since the Conservatives came to power in 1984. Once again, there are cutbacks to the corporation — \$20 million next year and \$10 million annually for the following three years.

Hunter said this practically eliminates any chance of Victoria getting its own CBC service. "With the implementation of this budget, Victoria will remain the only capital city in Canada without its own CBC service. The \$20 million cutback to the CBC means that Lower Vancouver Island residents will have to work harder to achieve service equal to many other parts of the country."

Hunter added that she was in agreement with most opposition members in calling for finance minister Michael Wilson's resignation.

"Parliamentary tradition demands that the finance minister first present the budget to the House of Commons, not to a hastily-called press conference," she said. "This is a complete breach of parliamentary tradition and a betrayal of the trust Canadians have in their finance minister. Clearly he should resign."

## Inspections conducted on licensed premises

The liquor licensing branch in Victoria is reminding local licensed premises they will continue to undergo periodic checks for infractions of their liquor licence.

Liquor control officer Peter Jones, who travelled to Salt Spring Island on April 21, said island establishments undergo regular enforcement checks.

Jones worked from 7 pm Friday to 2:30 the next morning, investigating each of the licensed premises on Salt Spring: the Vesuvius Inn, the Legion, the Harbour House and the Fulford Inn.

He said liquor control officers look for several potential licensing infractions, the most serious being over-crowding, service to minors and the presence of highly intoxicated patrons.

If infractions exist, the licensed premise is taken through a hearing process presided over by the Deputy General Manager of Enforcement. If the infractions are deemed serious, the hearings will likely result in a suspension of the liquor licence for a period of time.

Jones was unable to comment on the findings from his Friday night visit to Salt Spring.

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# Clam harvesters face restrictions

Commercial clam harvesting will be restricted by provisions of a new licensing system announced last week by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

The new system divides the B.C. coast into six geographic zones and specifies that clam harvesters will be permitted to dig in one zone only. They cannot move operations from area to area.

The six zones are: North Coast (razor clams only), Johnstone Strait, Sunshine Coast, Upper Georgia Strait, Lower Georgia Strait, and the west coast of Vancouver Island.

To obtain a licence to work in one of the zones, commercial clam diggers will be required to produce photo identification and to carry that identification while harvesting.

The new form of clam licences will accompany existing Personal Commercial Fishing Licenses and will be required to allow the harvest of clams on oyster leases.

The federal government, in announcing the new system, also reiterated its notice that it is illegal to sell any bivalve mollusc — clams, mussels, oysters and scallops — directly to the public, restaurants, retail outlets or distributors unless the products have been processed at a federally-registered shellfish plant.

The licences will cost \$10 and are available at the following Department of Fisheries and Oceans offices: Vancouver, Masset, Queen Charlotte City, Prince Rupert, Campbell River, Port Hardy, Nanaimo, Powell River, Victoria, Port Alberni, Tofino and Tahsis.

The measures come in the wake of repeated complaints from the public about a sharp increase

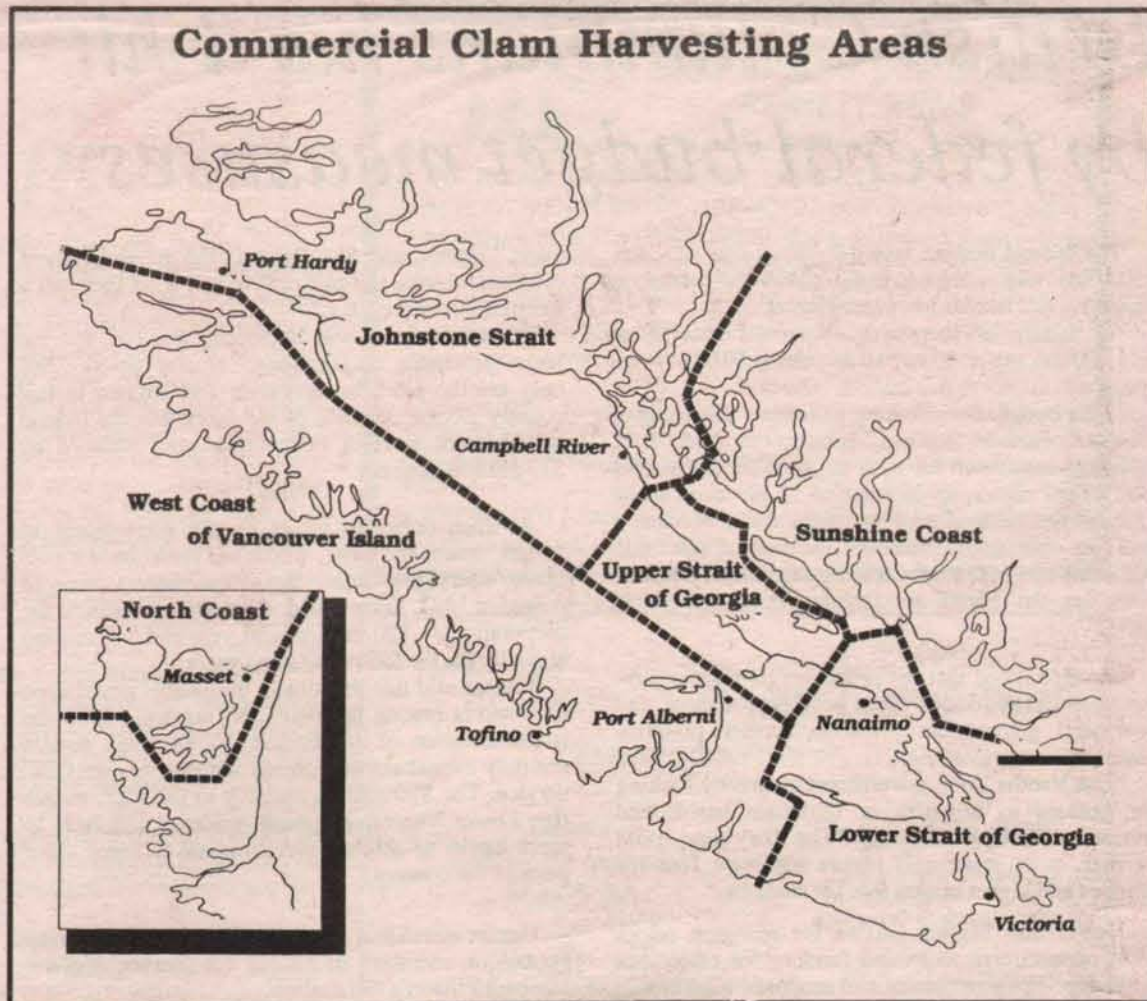
in the degree of commercial harvesting underway on the B.C. coast. It was alleged late last year that the resource on Savary Island, north of Powell River, had been virtually wiped out by diggers.

On the Gulf Islands, concerns for the resource were joined by complaints about noise and pollution caused by diggers.

In announcing the licensing system changes last week, Fisheries Minister Tom Siddon said they were intended "to provide a more controlled and orderly commercial harvest of intertidal clams."

He added: "Effective action is required to deal with the problems facing this industry. I see this new system of licensing as a significant step towards resolving those problems."

"Together with the provincial government, local communities, Native groups and clam harvesters, I will be looking at other possible measures aimed at bringing order to the industry."



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## CRD names new medical health officer

The Capital Regional District (CRD) has a new chief medical health officer.

Dr. Shaun Peck replaces Dr. Perry Kendall, who left effective March 31 to take up duties as medical health officer for the City of Toronto.

Dr. Peck, deputy medical health officer for the City of Vancouver for the past five years, has signed a five-year contract with the CRD.

Born in Cambridge, England, Dr. Peck has been involved with medical health in the Victoria area. He served as a resident in family practice at the old St. Joseph's Hospital, and as a family physician in the city, from 1969 to 1978.

CRD board chairman Susan Brice said Dr. Peck will continue the region's emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention. His experience in environmental health issues is also expected to be a plus.

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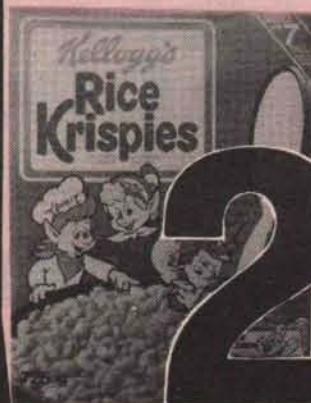
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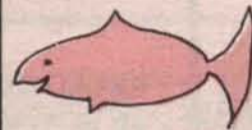
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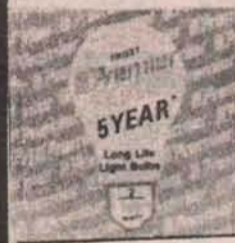
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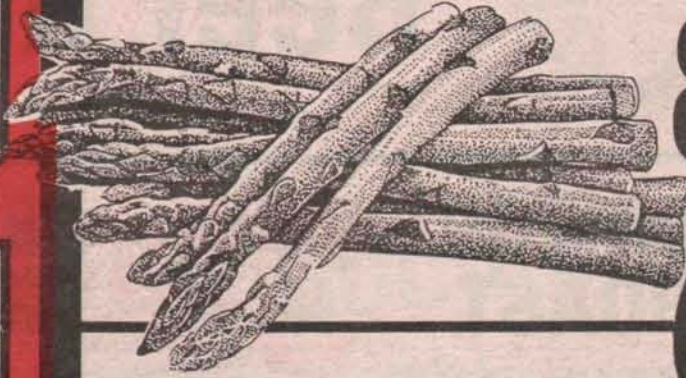
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GISS junior girls team includes, standing from left to right: Amy Twa, Dana Hohmann, Cathy Akerman, Sarah Pike, Michelle Beitel, Jody Bradley, Tracy Cunningham, Coach Strick Aust, Irene Lam, Kirsty Walde, Marv Binkly, Candice Walde,

Jessie Maron, Andrea Gaetz; kneeling from left to right: Caitlin Hayes, Heron Sinclair, Sandrine Contant, keeper Stacy Proctor, Nikki Hansen, Cheryl Tyson.

*Despite unblemished record*

## Salt Spring team second-best

GISS 1, Quamichan 0  
GISS 2, Chemainus 0  
GISS 0, Cowichan 0

In last week's high school championships, Gulf Islands Junior Girls registered three shutouts in a row, but even this feat only earned them a second place finish, an indication of the level of competition they faced.

Keeper Stacy Proctor earned the first two shutouts, while Cheryl Tyson and Tracy Cunningham shared the shutout in the third game.

The GISS team was not rated highly for the tournament as they are a first-year team made up of grade eights and nines, whereas their competition was made up mostly of grade 10 students.

But every girl on the team was determined to perform to the best of her ability, and it was this determination that earned them the second place finish.

Last year the girls brought home the Midget Girls Championship Trophy and they came very close to repeating that feat again this year, but next year they will be a second-year team in the junior ranks, and they will be the team to beat.

## Brooks Cup rounds held

By MAXINE WHORLEY

On Tuesday, April 25, Mildred Mitchell posted a net 73 to win the Brooks Cup played by the members of the 18-hole division.

Eileen Botham was second with a net 74. Medallist winner was Irene Hawksworth with a low gross of 97. The putt pot was shared by Peg Thorne, Jean Jeffries and Connie Hardy.

In an off-island seniors button match played at Glen Meadows, Connie Broadbent and Chris Lagrow won over a team from Oak Bay. This dynamic duo also played at Gorge Vale and beat a team from Prospect Lake. Way to go, ladies.

On Wednesday, April 26, the members of the nine-hole division hosted 12 ladies from Mt. Brenton in an inter-island match. Low gross was taken by Vivian Storr and Dorothy Scofield, while low net went to Anne Vodden and Al-leson Anderson.

The putt pot was shared by Vi Huska and Eirlys Stewart.

## Cribbage winners

The cribbage club of the Royal Canadian Legion wound up its season April 26 with a dinner and the presentation of trophies to the year's top scorers.

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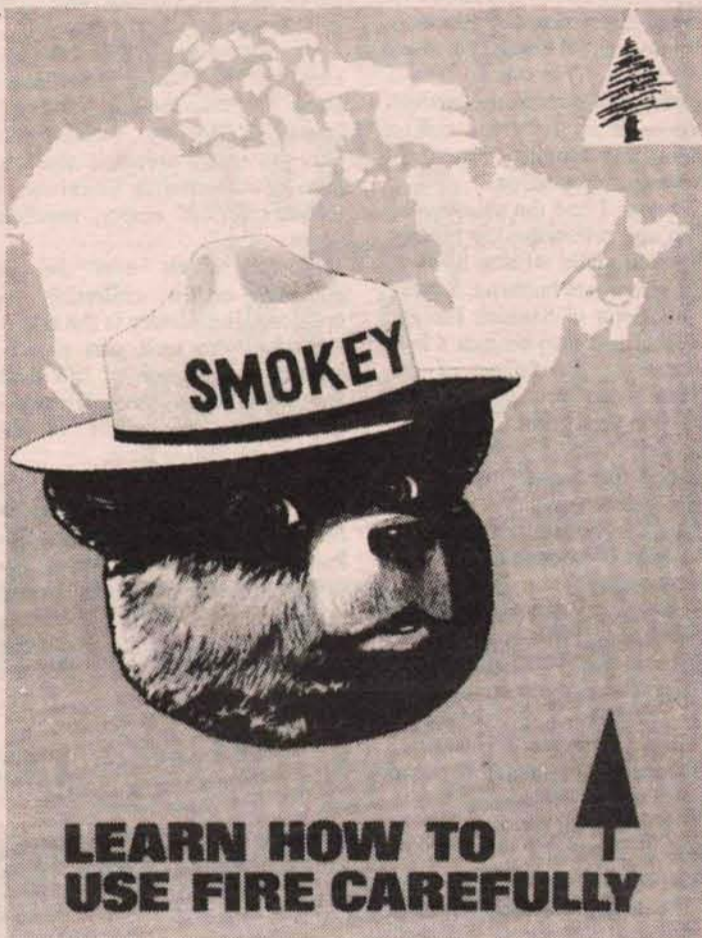
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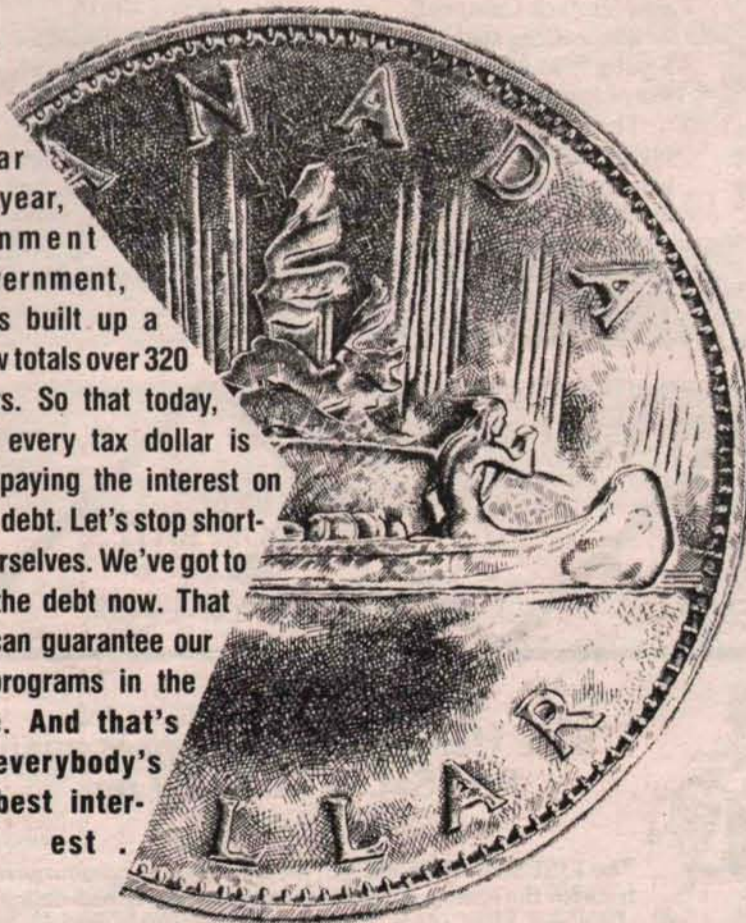
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# Decision against history work warrants determined protest

By FRANK RICHARDS

I am, by nature, a very humble man. I recognize everywhere the greater wisdom of so many of my fellows. I see many appointed to offices of distinction and I make a mental reverential obeisance when I meet them. Thus, when I feel somewhat indignant at the strange utterances of my betters, I rise to react and my humility lies shattered by that indignation.

Last year I had the pleasure of reading and reviewing the history of North Saanich, written by Nell Horth, whose late husband, Sandy, was proprietor of Saanich Freight Services. I had also written a few comments on the failure of the Heritage Trust to approve this publication for a grant. The review flourished, but I must have misplaced the further comments. The indignation remains with me and here it is, bursting its bonds!

No trust or benevolent society should be expected to go into its reasons for rejection. However, the Heritage Trust offered its reasons for rejecting this particular work and I find them strange, indeed.

I have a letter written last fall by the former regional publisher at Sidney, Gary Campbell. He wrote to the Friends of the Library, in Sidney, to commend Nell on her book, in whose preparation he was very active. He also noted that the book's eligibility for a Heritage grant had been discounted on the grounds that the original manuscript submitted for consideration had neither footnotes nor bibliography.

Without these or other referential remarks, "it could not be considered as a local history."

A history has footnotes and other features to prove its erudition.

Without such frills, a history becomes an unauthoritative collection of words, one assumes. This is sad, because I have so many local histories that do not carry such references. In the past I have relied on these regional publications to guide my wanderings into history.

I am undone! At least, I'm half undone!

Footnotes, as an adjunct to the text, are valuable. Footnotes, as evidence of erudition, are an ex-

travagant, needless bore. Even in such histories as use referential footnotes, many might better be part of the text and inserted as paragraphs supporting and contributing to the story.

It is such bodies as the Heritage Trust which invite incursions of status-seeking, artificially-erudite, literary mountebanks into too many volumes, there to pose as authoritative historians on the strength of empty, needless notes.

History must ever be an opinion, or a collection of opinions. But history is the tale of someone who took part or who learned a sequence of life from another, who was there. History is not simply the effort of the learned, unveiling facts.

Nell Horth lived through the latter years of the development of North Saanich. She was there. She knew the people of whom she writes. She watched the community change and fit into another age and another era. Her memories and her anecdotes are

history. They are history just as the memories of any old-timer in any community contribute to the known facts of that community.

I would submit with the force of my every conviction, that the recordings of local history by such local historians as Mrs. Horth will be cherished in the hearts of every centre of activity across Canada long after the Heritage Trust and its trustees are long gone and forgotten.

I have suggested that there is no possible criticism to be levied against the Trust for its failure to make a grant in this instance.

There is, however, every excellent reason to take issue with its rejection, because if such incidents go unprotested, we shall end our own tale where those entrusted with the distribution of funds are suddenly the arbiters of our libraries, our texts and our history.

With every deference and in great humility I would suggest that they are not competent to serve in such a capacity.

## College ready to offer workshops on island

The teaching services of over 90 professional artists is available to Salt Spring residents under the Emily Carr College of Art and Design's Outreach program.

In a prepared statement, the college said that if requested by local groups or individuals, it can arrange weekend workshops in Ganges next fall and spring.

The Outreach program is part of the college's commitment to provide visual arts instruction outside the Vancouver area, it says.

Over the past four years on the Gulf Islands, the college has provided workshops on Mayne and Pender Islands featuring print-maker Evelyn Armstrong, paper-maker Sharyn Yuen and painter Jack Campbell.

The college said that all it requires to hold a workshop on Salt Spring is to have local groups or individuals advise what subjects are of interest, and to help set up the sessions.

The college's artist-teachers offer instruction in drawing, painting, ceramics, photography, print-making, colour, design and art history. New topics to be added to the existing lineup include art marketing, art framing, portfolio presentation and copyrights.

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April Curtis

# Repertory company planned

Off Centre Stage announced last week it intends to establish a repertory company to present Readers Theatre performances on a regular basis in its theatre in Ganges.

April Curtis, Off Centre Stage's artistic director, says a group of from 20 to 30 local players will be needed to make up the company.

To become a member requires a commitment, but the opportunity to join is not limited to people with previous experience in the theatre or performing arts, she continued. The only requirements for participation are membership in Off Centre Stage, and enthusiasm.

The company will be made up of four sections: children, ages six to 12 years; teens, from ages 13 to 19; adults, from 20 to 49; and seniors, age 50 years and up.

During the initial sessions, each section will meet separately, but when a production is planned, the director will call on a cast made up of members from each section, according to the demands of the script.

Plans to establish the permanent Readers Theatre Repertory Company on Salt Spring will be carried out over the summer months. By mid-September, the company expects to be able to present regular and frequent productions at Off Centre Stage, and to function as a Little Theatre group.

The first organizational meetings are set for Thursday, May 18, and Saturday, May 20. On May 18, groups will meet as follows: seniors, 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm; juniors, 3 pm to 4 pm; teens, 4 pm to 5 pm; adults, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Two meetings will be held on May 20: at 1:30 pm, and at 3 pm. Additional information regarding all meetings can be had by calling Off Centre Stage (537-5211) or the director, Don Boyes, at 537-2517.

Boyes, whose services were recently acquired by Off Centre Stage, is a retired teacher from Calgary whose background includes wide experience in the performing arts, including specialization in Readers Theatre. He will select, train and rehearse the company for its first series of presentations.

After beginning work on a home here 12 years ago, Boyes moved to Salt Spring in 1987 to retire. Now established, he said he is looking forward to becoming an active member of the community.

Boyes added that he and members of Off Centre Stage will welcome all who feel they would like to be a part of the effort, and reiterated that previous theatrical experience is not necessary.

## Activities, schedules determined for Sea Capers

A new parade route, gourmet food and even more water events are on the agenda for the 1989 version of Sea Capers.

This year's Sea Capers committee has finalized most plans for the event, scheduled for June 23 to 25.

Islanders and visitors can kick off weekend-long activities to the sounds of Club Mongo. The dance — the official start to Sea Capers — will take place at Fulford Hall. Well-known island cook Don Wallace will provide food, and tickets will be available in advance only, for \$7.50 each.

Also scheduled for Friday, is the arrival of two Navy ships into Ganges Harbour.

Saturday's activities start early — at 8 am — with the Rotary pancake breakfast.

The annual Sea Capers parade will follow, with entries from the Victoria Shriners, the Duncan pipe band and local groups. Judges will announce winners in a new

### Several changes made to traditional arrangements

category — the best service club or non-profit organization entry — as well as in the standard categories of bikes, equestrian, costumed dogs, floats, clowns, bands and costumes.

A slightly altered parade route will prevent the cross-over seen in previous years. Registration will occur on Park Drive, and entries will proceed along Lower Ganges Road, past the Harbourside Mall, Centennial Park, up to and along the bypass, dispersing on Kanaka Road.

Saturday will offer many of the same water and land events, plus a few new ones. The blind rowboat race has been changed to a blind rubber dingy race (to limit boat damages); also scheduled are log jousting and walk on water activities. The Salt Spring and Fulford Sailing clubs will offer sabot

and laser sailboat races, weather permitting. A windsurfing event may be planned at Vesuvius on Sunday.

Land events will include the famous tug-of-war competition and possibly a pasta bridge building contest.

Parents at the Salt Spring Co-operative Preschool will co-ordinate the children-oriented Lark in the Park, with boat building and face painting activities. Also scheduled for children is the Dancing Bear Story Theatre whale.

The refreshment garden will start at 1 pm, and a variety of "gourmet food" (ranging from burgers to salmon pate bagels) will be available under coloured awnings, beginning at 11 am

The day will wind down with an outdoor concert, featuring a variety of local performing artists.

The traditional Sunday treasure hunt, which sends islanders racing around the island, will commence at 10 am at Vesuvius Beach. This year's clues are being prepared by the winners of last year's event, who say the 1989 version will be the best yet.

The annual Sunday sand castle building contest will kick off at a later hour this year, due to low tides in the mid-afternoon. The event will commence at 2 pm, and judging will occur around 4:30 pm.

Organizers have expressed excitement over this year's festivities, which will also involve

local merchant window displays and the sale of Sea Caper memorabilia. More detailed ac-

counts of Sea Caper activities will be published as the event approaches.

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**book review**

by **peggy whittaker**



Cutting short my telephone conversation, I hurriedly slit open the plain brown parcel that had just been slipped onto my desk by the office runner.

One co-worker, peering over my shoulder, caught a glimpse of the package's contents, left his computer and quickly joined me.

The editor and another reporter soon became part of our group. The newsroom activity level, which had been running high, as on most press days, fell off and the sound of clattering keyboards was replaced by the hum of intense conversation emanating from the cluster of people examining the written material I had received.

Any unwary passer-by, witnessing our serious expressions and hearing the occasional snippet of conversation — "Where's Waldo?" was the phrase most often caught — would have assumed that this Waldo must be a well-known public figure, indeed, for his disappearance to cause such a newsroom stir.

In fact, Waldo may be well-known, but he's hardly a public figure. He's the hero of two children's books entitled *Where's Waldo* and *Find Waldo Now*, both of which, when let loose upon society, are guaranteed to bring a screeching halt to all deadlines, pressing appointments and other impending commitments for at least three-quarters of an hour.

Needless to say, it was these two books — illustrated by England's Martin Handford, written by David Lloyd, and published in Canada by Overlea House in Toronto — which had so drawn in my colleagues.

**Always a challenging task**

Before you draw hasty conclusions about my mentality or that of my associates, let me explain. These books are great, and as far as I'm concerned it's 50/50 as to whether they should be shelved in the "children's" section in the first place.

In *Where's Waldo?*, Waldo is an earnest, bespectacled character outfitted for a trip around the world. We meet him on the first page.

From then on, the challenge is to find Waldo. Each double-page spread depicts a scene from one of his destinations, and our job is to pick out Waldo from the perhaps hundreds of other characters who are going about their business.

This is not an easy task, but always a challenging one, and, as was demonstrated at my workplace, definitely an addictive one. Knowing that the inch-tall figure is somewhere on the beach, for example, you cannot put the book down until you've searched through the swimmers, walkers, boaters, kids playing ball, people buying ice cream, muscle men trying to impress women, mothers blowing up water mattresses, etc., etc., etc., until you locate Waldo cheerily strolling along the water's edge, seemingly oblivious to your search.

After we track down Waldo at safaris, in department stores, at airports and on ski slopes, we turn to the last page with a sigh in which relief and disappointment are mingled.

**Mini-stories along the way**

However, the fun isn't over. Waldo reveals to us that along the way he has lost all his supplies — one item on each page. Back we go to look for his walking stick, cup, kettle, snorkel and so on.

Then, just when we have re-outfitted our hero, we come across "The Great Where's Waldo Checklist" on the inside back cover, which provides us with a list of over 20 more things to search out in each scene. Once you've completed that — and it sure won't be at one sitting — chances are you've lost Waldo and have to start all over again.

If you only want to buy one of these books, the second one, *Find Waldo Now*, would be my choice.

Here Waldo travels through time, so we encounter him in the caveman days, in old Japan, at the goldrush, with the Aztecs and at a space-station in the future — to name a few of his ports of call.

Again, Waldo has carelessly lost something at each of his destinations and we are again provided with a checklist of other things to look for.

It's the mini-stories along the way that make these books so worthwhile. For example, among the hundreds of warriors at a battle scene in the Crusades, we come across a cluster of Christians besieging one castle door with a log with an unhappy looking sheep tied to the end. Of course, a battering ram. Closer inspection also reveals a feline catapult in use.

Each book is \$12.95. I can't tell you what age groups they are most appropriate for. They have certainly gone over well with my grown-up pals, but I have yet to turn them over to any of my younger relatives — and I won't until I can find Waldo at the &\*&# gold rush.

# Hysterical Society awarded funding to stage production

Members of the Salt Spring Island Hysterical Society were in shock last week after learning they had received a Canada Council grant worth \$12,800.

"It was just a joke," society member Anne Lyon said of the application the group made in January under the Canada Council's Explorations program.

"But now we've got the bucks, we're going for it."

The grant will support staging of a theatrical project budgeted to cost \$20,000. Receipts from ticket sales are expected to make up the difference between the grant and the project's estimated cost.

The play is billed as a satirical examination of island life in the midst of the pressures brought by progress.

Script development is to take place until the end of July. Rehearsals and refinements will continue until late August, when the work is to be staged in two three-night bookings at Off Centre Stage.

The play is also to be offered at Beaver Point Hall and at stops on Gabriola, Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna Islands.

Budgeting for the play covers transportation and hall rental for each staging, plus the cost of sets, costumes, props, the hiring of a director and stage manager, and a token honorarium for participants.

"And the champagne, coke, limos, gaffers and groupies," said Lyon. "None of this stuff comes cheap."

Seriously, though, the Hysterical Society was excited about receiving the grant, Lyon said, because it signifies recognition of the group's artistic track record.

Lyon speculated that the Canada Council liked the project because the play has a broad theme applicable to many locales in the region — "Invasion is a problem all up and down the coast; we're tuning up our Tranna accents" — and because it will be taken to various island communities.

She also expressed thanks that many islanders — "our fans" — wrote letters to the Canada Council in support of the Hysterical Society application.

Meanwhile, before they begin full-time work on the play May

15, the Hysterical Society has scheduled another of its irregular comedy nights at Off Centre Stage.

Lyon says the group has lots of new material. "We've been bubbling away all winter — it's time

to blow the lid off. We're itching to get back on the stage." The show is set for next Friday and Saturday — May 12 and 13 — beginning each night at 8 pm. Tickets are \$6 and available in advance only, at et cetera.



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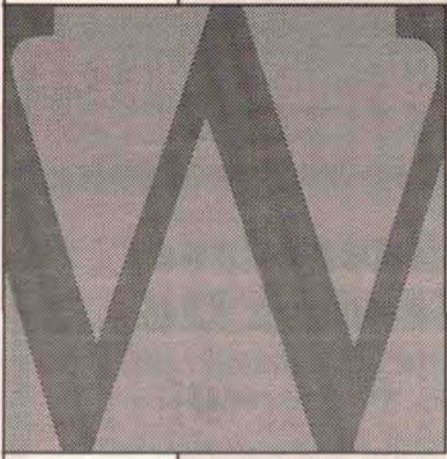
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**Bad treatment**

*Editor's note: The following is an open letter to the Sea Capers Committee, filed with this newspaper for publication.*

The treatment given to a group of 1989 grad adults on the evening of April 20 at a Sea Capers Committee meeting was uncalled for and cannot be condoned.

Regardless of whether the meeting was opened or closed does not make it right to throw the students out of the foyer of the school board office. Not a person on the Sea Capers Committee who witnessed the action spoke out against it. What does the chairperson do at these meetings? It appears to me the event was out of control.

The Sea Capers Committee's actions have succeeded in raising the ire of several parents and teachers. The committee forgets that these young people are on the threshold of independence; work here, play and spend their money here in local businesses, thereby benefiting the island economy. What does treating them that way serve Sea Capers?

More than that, what opinion has already been formed in these young minds when they see adults behave in such a manner?

The Sea Capers Committee will not get away with thinking the young people are to blame. Not only for what occurred April 20, but also for anything that may go wrong in the community, Sea Capers weekend.

Who's responsible? This letter also reminds the committee that there is no mention why the young adults were at the meeting in the first place. Why were the students not welcome? Why were they treated with such disrespect?

**MARGE KORRISON,**  
Vesuvius Bay.

**Two solutions**

A few years ago, concerned citizens thought Ganges Harbour would be polluted by the proposed sewer outfall. Under cover of the night, someone slipped out into the harbour and set fire to, and destroyed, a quarter million dollars worth of sewer outfall pipe. So it is not surprising that, as reported in Driftwood, Sue Hiscocks of the Sierra Club would have over 60 Salt Springers suggest blowing up the Crofton pulp mill as the best solution to a far greater pollution problem.

I also attended the meeting in Crofton. The noise, air and water pollution from the mill are enormous and the millions being spent are not solving the problems.

Although the noise problem has been addressed with \$75,000 worth of new equipment, there are still people living nearby and on Salt Spring forced to sell their houses and move because they can't sleep at night as the noise is so loud and intense that it rattles their windows.

One young lady asked why the mill was buying up surrounding farmland and wondered what they were dumping on this land, as she and her neighbours were experiencing rashes on their skin since the dumping started. Mr. Clarke, the Fletcher Challenge rep, said that the neighbours of the mill complained a lot so they thought it was a good idea to buy

up the land. What they are dumping is flyash, a hard-to-dispose-of, highly toxic substance containing dioxins.

The Crofton mill, reported to be the fourth worst polluting mill in all of Canada, produces more than 1,000 chemicals as by-products. Although the mill is trying to eliminate the dioxins the process they plan to use will most likely make the matter worse by reacting with some of the other 1,000 chemicals, producing an even more toxic effluent.

According to Greenpeace, there are only two solutions that will work to clean up the water and air. One, oxygen bleaching, which would cost \$20 to \$40 million dollars, is feasible and the equipment is manufactured in Canada.

Or the mill could change over to producing brown paper. Would you buy brown paper towels, napkins, coffee filters, toilet paper, feminine hygiene napkins, baby diapers, etc., if available?

The outcome of the meeting seemed to me to be that unless there is a massive public outcry, a demand by the citizens and government of B.C. and Canada that the mill completely stop water and air pollution, the problems will only get worse with money ill spent on band aid solutions.

Many of us who attended the meeting came back to Salt Spring after the last ferry sailing, on a sailboat. A beautiful starlit night, the mill's plume of stench to our back. There was a bright phosphorescent wake as the bow cut through the ocean of 1,000 chemicals dumped all day and night by Crofton Pulp and Paper. Back to our beautiful Salt Spring Island.

**MATTHEW COLEMAN,**  
Ganges.

**Clean it up**

It's too bad the focus of the article printed in the Cowichan Leader and reprinted in the Driftwood on the recent Crofton mill meeting was on "blowing it up," rather than "cleaning it up," as we suggested.

Mr. Clarke, the manager of the Fletcher Challenge pulp mill, was not quoted directly; a number of pertinent facts were left out. We will be showing a tape of the meeting in the near future on Salt Spring.

Organizers welcomed the delegation from Salt Spring of about a dozen people. Owing to the fact some signs for the meeting had been ripped down, the meeting was attended by around 100 local residents. Neither government representatives nor the major media attended, although they were invited well in advance.

Fred Henton, PPWC rep, discussed the increasing incidence of cancer rates around pulp mills and the fact that the government has not released information from mills, submitted last February, to the public. He said government must address the problems and present a time-table for the elimination of organo-chlorine toxic waste, and release pertinent information to the public.

Bill Routledge, IWA, discussed how present methods of grapple yarding were jeopardizing future logging and were based on greed. He said there was a need for public pressure to change the situation.

Mr. Clarke, the mill manager, said Fletcher Challenge has appointed Dr. Ron Woznow (formerly assistant to Tom MacMillan, federal environment minister) to create a new environment policy. He has yet to prove himself.

Brian Killen, Greenpeace marine biologist stated that the 18 pulp mills are contributing 200,000 tons a year of organo-chlorines — which don't biodegrade — to our marine environment. Alberta is demanding elimination of these from pulp mills by 1990.

During the question period Mr Clarke volunteered the fact that fly ash from the mill was being dumped on company-owned farmland. I mentioned that Fletcher Challenge recorded profits of \$180.2 million last year and should be responsible for cleaning up its pollution, which affects not only the health, livelihood and lifestyle of the 40,000 to 50,000 Cowichan Valley residents, but the 6,500 who live on Salt Spring as well, and that if it were necessary to shut down the mill, Crofton would make a good resort town despite the loss of 1,100 mill jobs.

In response to the IWA suggestion that public pressure (writing letters, etc.) is the answer, I listed

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some of the work done by islanders in the past year, namely: we held a public forum with federal and provincial government reps met with mill management to state our concerns; visited the federal department of the environment to express concern and lobbied that organo-chlorines go to the top of the Environment Protection Act; joined the pulp & paper coalition of groups sponsored by West Coast Environmental Law Association; monitored the Pulp & Paper Industry Association environmental convention; attended meetings with the North Cowichan Environment Protection group and liaised with their executive; and attended the Mac-Blo shareholders meeting and made our feelings known to them.

I summarized my statement at Crofton by saying, "What am I supposed to tell the 40 or 50 people who have approached me over the past year suggesting we should just blow the place up?"

Of course there was no answer from management or suggestion that they are seriously attempting to improve the situation. The standard reply is that they are budgeting \$250 million to modernize, \$45 million of which goes to pay for the chlorine dioxide process, which is still experimental.

The conclusion I have come to is that corporations do not have to address these problems and, as a friend advised "they are running the country."

Since government and industry are so closely aligned with "mutual interests" we must demand (among other things) that the present Department of the Environment be made a neutral, impartial non-political agency set out to create and enforce policies that protect our environment.

SUE HISCOCKS, Ganges.

Thank you

On behalf of the planners of the World Development Tea, and even more on behalf of those whose lives will be made easier and healthier because clean water has been provided for their village or medical treatment is available for their sickness, I wish to thank most sincerely those involved in Saturday's tea.

Thanks to those who brought items for sale, to those who did the work involved, to Driftwood for telling the story, and to all those who attended, bought and gave.

The tea was a donation tea. Congratulations to men and women who gave generously. What you put into the donation bowl totalled just under \$3,000.

OLIVE MOUAT, Ganges.

Thank you

Island Transit Service would like to thank the following concerned, community-minded individuals who have made significant donations towards keeping our new bus service operating here on Salt Spring.

Many thanks to Bill Simpkin of Keeper Locks for donating much time and his locksmithing expertise — when you look at the bus fare box, you can thank Bill; to Jim Napper for donating his time to helping put little things right on the bus and for spare driving when I can't be there myself; to Joe and Mary LaPage for their unflagging, optimistic drive towards getting more people to ride the bus; to Francois Jaubert for a substantial cash donation and his continued ridership support and exuberant confidence in the service; to Mary Zayha, Margaret Hudson, Jetta Martinez, Isabel Mouat and Connie Kelly for their much-appreciated cash donations towards keeping Island Transit Service rolling; to Dallas Brown and all the gang at Brown's Petro-Can for fast, friendly service on the propane pump; to Sally Chalmers and Norman Hilliard for weekly ridership support (I missed you last week "Uncle Norm"); to those of you who wish to remain anonymous, but have nonetheless made considerable donations towards Island Transit Service and whose support is very greatly appreciated; to all of you who have taken the time to speak with me personally to pass on your good wishes and hopes that the bus service is a success; to Neville Smith of Parks & Recreation and to Jack Cherry (and Siona Rook) of the Chamber of Commerce for their assistance and support in trying to help me locate a suitable bus loading zone in Ganges; to all the members of the Fulford Business Association and especially Rodney for supporting the bus and the possibility of having a covered waiting area and bench outside Rodrigo's; to B.C. Ferries for their helpful suggestions and for announcing the bus to foot passengers; to all of the riders without which there would be no service — of which there were 163 during April's 12 days of transit (an increase of 65 riders over the previous month); to the Gulf Islands

Driftwood for their support; to all of those not mentioned here today, but nonetheless remembered; and last but by no means least, to Alec McDonald whose support of the transit service ranges from minor maintenance to cosmetics to drafting art work for advertising to spare driving for me and for being my number one sounding board throughout the ongoing development of Azure Transport Ltd. and Island Transit Service. Thank you all.

JUDY KELLY, Ganges.

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Another exciting year of minor baseball is underway and at this time we would like to give a hearty thank you to the businesses that are providing sponsorships this year.

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We would also like to remind your readers of a major fund-raiser being held this Saturday evening at Meaden Hall in the Legion building.

This is our "Baseball Ball" being sponsored by the Salt Spring Island Lions Club. All proceeds will go to the Minor Baseball Association so please help support this event with your dollars. More information can be found in our ads on Page 5 and in the classifieds under *Coming Events*. See you there — "It's Going to be a Hit!"

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Home Energy Tips

Manage Your Appliances Efficiently and Save Money

Appliances certainly make life a lot easier for us. Where would we be without them? Still sitting around a wood fire cooking chicken on a stick probably. So we tend to take these devices very much for granted as they do their work saving us a huge amount of time to enjoy ourselves doing other things.

Big Improvements

What we often overlook is that technology has made some tremendous strides in improving appliance efficiency over the past decade or so.

Appliances use about a quarter of the energy in the average household so being Power Smart can result in significant savings.

This is particularly true for refrigerators and freezers, which use large amounts of power.

A ten-year-old fridge consumes about 140 kilowatt hours of electricity a month, whereas a modern, energy efficient one only uses about 85 kilowatt hours.

A decade ago a typical 16 cubic foot freezer used 90 kilowatt hours a month, but today you should be looking for one in the 45 kilowatt hour range for the same capacity.

Dishwashers have made very significant improvements too. An energy efficient one should be rated about 85 kilowatt hours. Old ones use about 145 kilowatt hours including hot water usage.

Energy efficient clothes washers and dryers should have a rating of about 80 and ranges 60 kilowatt hours per month.

Electricity costs about 5 cents a kilowatt hour. Modern households have lots of appliances and it is easy to see where inefficiencies can end up costing you hundreds of dollars over the years.

It's useful to do comparative shopping and easy if you go armed with the target energy efficiency ratings in hand.

Energuide Label

For the past ten years, manufacturers of major appliances such as fridges and freezers have been obliged to show the power consumption of their models with an ENERGUIDE sticker placed prominently either on or inside it.

The label shows the monthly kilowatt hour rating. Given that many retail outlets only carry a limited variety of different manufacturers' models, you may have to look around before you see the energy efficient model that is most suitable for your needs.

Generally, a 14 to 17 cubic foot fridge with top freezer is suitable for a family of four and a 12 to 16 cubic foot chest freezer is usually ideal for this family size.

Overly large fridges and freezers with underutilized capacities merely result in wasted energy and higher than necessary power bills.

Sensible Usage

How you use your appliances will clearly impact on their energy efficiency.

It is fair to say that you have to help your appliances be energy efficient by using them in an energy efficient manner.

Appliances such as clothes washers, dryers and dishwashers should be used when they have a full load. Short loads merely waste. Where they are unavoidable, some appliances make provision for light loads.

Clothes dryers can sense when clothes are dry, if they have an automatic drying cycle. This saves energy by avoiding overdrying which can create unwanted wrinkles which are difficult to remove.

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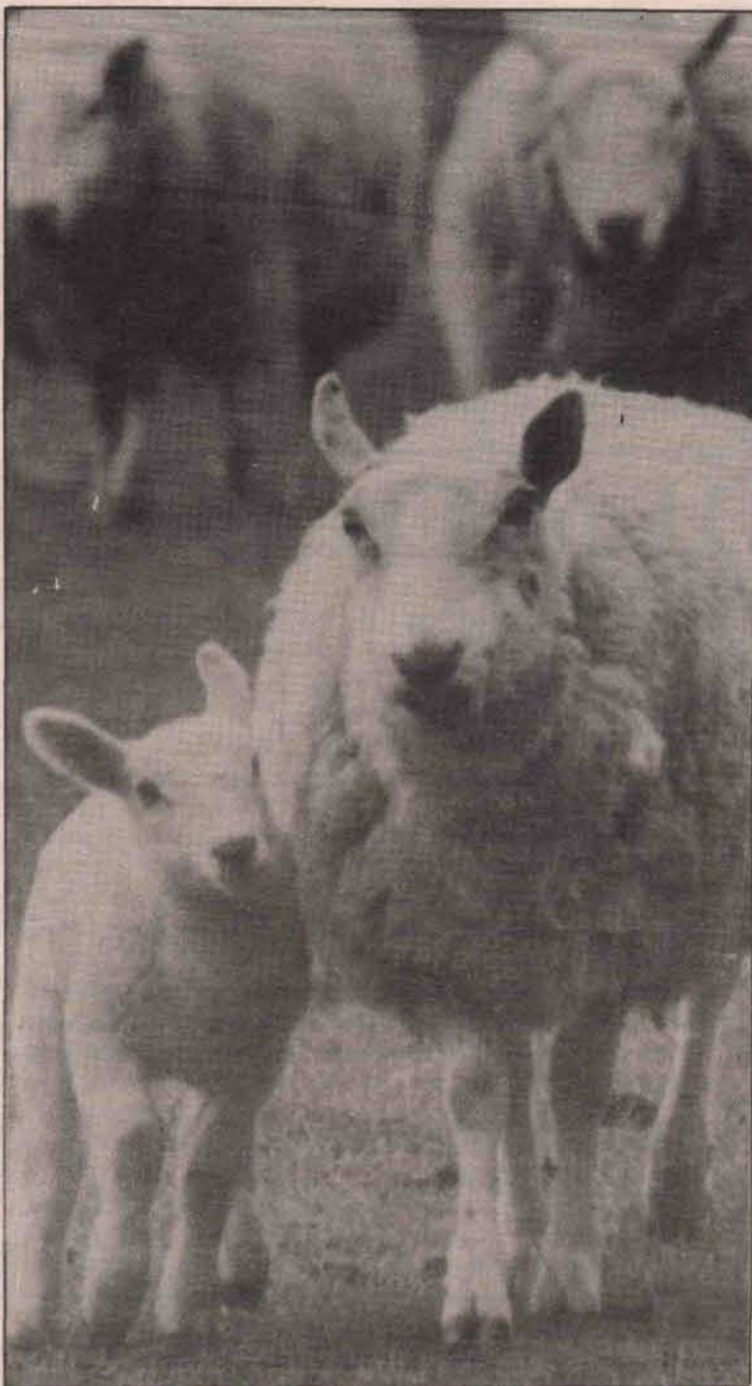
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**Ganges RCMP to move against parties at beach**

\* Ganges RCMP are warning island youth of their intention to crack down on drinking and littering on island beaches.

The warning has been prompted in part by a petition signed by 24 Beddis Beach area residents, who are tired of listening to the regular parties held on that beach. The petition requests a regular patrol of the beach in order to prevent loud gatherings and the accompanying "drinking, fighting, foul language and littering."

RCMP Sergeant Larry Wendel said local police will be directing their attention to both Beddis and Baders beaches. He said police will be making liquor seizures and handing out tickets.

The penalty for either consumption of alcohol by a minor or for consuming alcohol in a public place is a \$100 fine. The standard fine for littering is \$50.

\* Meanwhile, the Gulf Island police force will be one man stronger beginning May 15.

Constable D.R. Hodgson will assist Pender and Ganges detachments on complaints reported on Mayne and Galiano islands. He is to provide regular patrol on these islands until September 15.

**Coalition requests support for enquiry**

A loose coalition of British Columbians wants public and financial support to back its call for a full public enquiry into January's West Coast Oil Spill.

The coalition — whose ranks include Salt Spring resident Robert Bateman, geneticist David Suzuki, painter Tony Onley and UBC law professor Dr. Andrew Thompson — has won support from B.C. premier Bill Vander Zalm and environment minister Bruce Strachan.

According to a letter and an information package sent to Islands Trust chairman Nick Gilbert, the coalition made significant progress in an April 14 meeting with federal environment minister Lucien Bouchard and four federal cabinet ministers from B.C.

However, Dr. Thompson said the group has much work to do while it waits to see if its call for a full public enquiry will be answered. The tasks on hand include: soliciting wider support from people across Canada; providing more information to the national media; developing support within the business community; developing contacts with U.S. groups making similar

demands of their government; and continuing to apply pressure on Ottawa.

All of which will cost money, Dr. Thompson's letter said. Cheques should be made payable to Call for Enquiry or, if a tax receipt is required, to Centre for Justice and Peace. Contributions can be mailed to 2137 West First Avenue, Suite 5, Vancouver V6K 1E7.

The group — and concerned individuals — began pressing for a public enquiry after oil spilled from a barge in Washington State and was pushed north to Vancouver Island, spoiling beaches along the length of the west coast.

"Clean-up efforts, including Canada's own on the west coast of Vancouver Island this January, have revealed serious problems and delays despite the best efforts of all involved," says Dr. Thompson's letter.

It adds that a full public enquiry is needed into the environmental and social impacts of the exploration, production and transportation of oil and other dangerous substances in Canadian coastal waters.

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