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Ghosts, goblins and some basically weird looking people took to the streets last Tuesday in true Halloween tradition. At top, Pharmasave staff members had a new look as shown by Christy Aust (left), Jean Brown, Suki Sharp, Audrey Cottrell and Bev Cartwright. Sights on the school grounds also took a twist, as indicated by Rebecca Jestico of Salt Spring Elementary School. At bottom right, John Quinn displays his Halloween face — a mask he created himself.

## 1990 budget

### Commission may hire recreational director

The Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation Commission sent its proposed 1990 budget to the Capital Regional District (CRD) last week.

The budget, which totals \$250,000, includes a proposal to hire a full-time, permanent recreation director for Salt Spring.

John Woodward, treasurer with that group, says the commission should know by January whether that budget - up from \$215,000 this year - has been approved.

Woodward said the cost of hiring a director with an annual salary of \$35,000 and other costs associated with that new position, such as hiring a support staff and providing office space and equipment, are some reasons behind the budget increase.

Taking all costs into consideration, he said, it could cost as much as \$55,000 to bring a recreation director to the island.

He also noted that some of the work the commission had hoped to undertake next year, such as major upgrading at Portlock Park, cannot be done.

More than \$12,000 was spent on work at that park last year, and the 1990 budget provides for \$12,000 to be spent on park repairs and maintenance next year.

If the budget is passed as it now stands by the CRD, just over \$164,000 will be provided by the Regional District and the remaining

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### School Act leading to changes in the system

At its regular meeting today (November 8), the Gulf Islands school board will sit down with a list of changes that are necessary to bring its current policies in line with the new school act.

That school act was brought in last September and guidelines from the Ministry of Education require new characteristics be in place by the start of the school season next year.

Superintendent of Schools for the district Mike Marshall says the new act literally contains hundreds of changes. He added that any changes made to the system will be done gradually.

At a weekend workshop in Vancouver two weeks ago, Marshall along with seven trustees and three other representatives from this school district singled out 26 of what they consider to be major changes.

On that list were items ranging from the school calendar (or days of operation), annual reports, and parent advisory councils.

David Eyles, board chairman and one of the people who attended the Vancouver workshop, noted that many of the policies in the new act legislate practices already in place.

For example, he noted that parent advisory bodies, already in place at some of schools in this district, now have a legislated right to exist - something they did not have before.

He said that while the policy will not make a substantial difference to the way the system operates here, it could have a sig-

nificant impact on school districts elsewhere.

Overall, Eyles said, the thrust of the new act was communication and accountability between a variety of groups and at a variety of levels. The overall goal of the new act is to establish a closer working relationship between the schools and the public.

An example of the move toward increased communication and accountability is the new requirement that the board submit an annual report to the public and the ministry.

While the board has in the past worked to keep the public informed of school-related activities through the media, it can now provide more

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## Memorable Christmas campaign

A Salt Spring Islander is encouraging residents here to send Christmas cards and get well wishes to Jarrod Booth, the young cancer patient who has been one of Terry's Team Members in the Terry Fox run for the past two years.

Brian Harding, the person organizing the card campaign says he hopes to make this Christmas a memorable one for Jarrod who turned eight last March.

He also said that with enough participation, the campaign could make its way into the Guinness Book of World Records.

The Ganges youngster was diagnosed as having cancer three years ago and has since undergone a series of chemotherapy treatments at the Victoria General Hospital. Jarrod's father Eric Booth says his son is currently undergoing treatment on five week cycles and will be returning to Victoria for another one next week.

The treatments, Eric says, usually involve a two day stay at the Victoria General Hospital - one of those is spent in treatment, the other in recovery.

Jarrod's mother, Cindy Booth, says that on the first morning of his

stay, Jarrod's kidneys and liver are tested to see whether they meet a certain required standard.

That in turn, is followed by a second test on his hearing which has declined significantly since the treatments began last January. Cindy says Jarrod was recently fitted with hearing aides to help him with his loss of hearing.

The treatments, she explains, take 12 hours, a period during which Jarrod takes eight drugs. Some of those are taken orally, while others are fed into his chest through a device implanted into a main artery leading to his heart.

That implant was done after Jarrod's veins collapsed during his second treatment last February.

While his parents say Jarrod is in good spirits 95 per cent of the time, Cindy says he returns home exhausted and the worst period is 10 days after the treatment when his blood level has depleted, a condi-

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## Holiday hours in effect

In keeping with the Remembrance Day holiday, the *Driftwood* front office will be closed on Monday, November 13. Those wishing to place classified ads should contact the *Driftwood* by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 10.

The new deadline for real estate advertising, 4 p.m. Thursday, will be in effect this week. All display advertising deadlines remain unchanged.

## INSIDE

The Legion is honouring Samuel Beddis and the Nurses Association at this Saturday's Remembrance Day ceremonies. For these items and a related story, please turn to Pages B1 and B2.



## THE WEATHER

**OUTLOOK:** For the week beginning Monday November 5.

Cloudy with some sun, turning to rain and wind by Wednesday. Rain should continue through Thursday and Friday, and show signs of

tapering off by the weekend.

**HIGHS:** 14 degrees C.

**LOWS:** 6 degrees C.

Chance of precipitation 100 per cent Wednesday, 90 per cent Thursday and Friday.

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# Christmas card blitz could improve spirits

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tion caused by the drugs. At that point, Jarrod usually returns for treatment either to the local hospital or Victoria for between two days or a week, depending on whether he needs antibiotics or a blood transfusion.

Cindy says that overall, Jarrod has accepted the treatments as a fact of life although the drugs depress him.

Eric says there is no way of knowing what stage the cancer, which is in the form of a tumorous growth on the stem of his brain, is at.

Harding, in the meantime, says the idea for the Christmas card campaign came to him during a visit to England earlier this year. Well wishes there, he said, had sent more than 200,000 cards to another young cancer patient.

Harding thought Christmas cards would be more appropriate at this time of year and they would also contribute to the Christmas spirit in the Booth household.

"I think it would be a nice gesture from all of these well wishers," says Harding, adding that Jarrod's "is one name you won't want to miss off your Christmas list."

Harding says he is well aware that Salt Spring residents themselves could not beat the figure being set in England, but if Christmas cards and get well wishes start coming in from other parts of the province and even the country, that record, he said, could be beat.

The cards should be sent as soon as possible in care of the *Driftwood* which will be keeping a count.



Jarrod Booth

# Money still a concern for Park Commission

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\$85,000 will come from revenue generated by local programs. Woodward said more details will be released in January once the budget is approved.

In the meantime, Woodward said the board is concerned about maintenance costs associated with the new sea walk, which the commission may have to pick up after the walk is turned over to the group the first of next year.

Construction on the walk, which is expected to circle the waterfront of downtown Ganges, started last August and is expected to be completed by the end of next month.

The Chamber of Commerce here oversaw both the funding and construction of the project, which will be turned over to the CRD on January 1. The CRD will in turn, pass it into the hands of the local recreation board.

Woodward noted that with its current budget constraints, the recreation board has neither the money to repair the project or pay for what could be high insurance costs.

# Hospital prepares survey

The Lady Minto Hospital Board is undertaking a survey on Salt Spring, attempting to determine the status of health and health care needs of residents here.

The Board intends to use this information to establish a long term plan for the hospital.

A 1987 study, co-ordinated by the Capital Regional District (CRD) planning board, outlined a series of possible initiatives for the hospital to take.

Hospital Board members feel, however, the study suffered several limitations as a planning guide. It was not limited to Salt Spring and only a small percentage of people (53) on this island took part in it. Those who did participate, were not selected in a way which insured that their views were representative of island dwellers in general.

The Board has hired Dr. Elaine Gallagher of the University of Victoria School of Nursing to conduct the phone survey so islanders will have input to the planning process.

People will be selected, contacted and surveyed at random from the telephone book, throughout the next few weeks.

Gallagher said she hopes those contacted will take the opportunity to make their feelings and opinions known. She said the interview should last about 20 minutes.

She said the need for futuristic planning in small, rural hospitals has been well documented.

In the United States for example, 154 small-town hospitals were forced to close between 1980 and 1984, and it is estimated 500 or more will close by 1995. About half of those which shut down, have reopened after narrowing their scope to more accurately meet the needs of local clientele.

Hospital closure is most frequently caused by economic downturns, declining hospital utilization, and increasing utilization of health care services by the elderly and poor.

The current role statement of Lady Minto Hospital — established in August, 1987 — outlines four areas of concentration: provision of care for illnesses and elective procedures, geriatric assessment and care, unexpected emergency care, and referral and communication with local practitioners and other service agencies.

Given the changing needs of the community and the declining need for acute care services, the hospital board has decided to look at other possible roles for the hospital.



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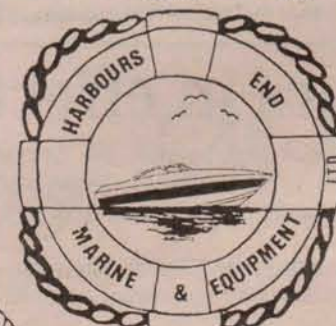
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# Salt Spring chess champion, 10, scoops the number four position

A year after playing the game for the first time, 10-year-old Graeme McKague placed fourth in the B.C. Open chess championships held in Vancouver three weeks ago.

Margot McKague said the games were both competitive and challenging, attracting top players from the area including the Canadian champion. Altogether, Graeme won four out of the five

games he played, each lasting between 30 and 45 minutes.

He walked away with standardized chess board, a book and a fourth-place certificate.



Graeme McKague

This is not the first time Graeme has placed in a top position since he learned the game last year. He placed third in his age category at the regional championships in Vancouver last spring. Three other elementary school children from the island also placed in that competition.

Margot says it is not just the opportunity to compete that attracts Graeme to the competition - it's the chance to compete with people having similar skill levels.

Graeme hopes to compete again at the regionals next spring and if successful, could go on to play at provincial, national and even international levels.

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# Annual auction to aid food bank

BY NANCY VAIL

One of the more unusual items sold at last year's community auction was a French dinner for eight donated by Tom and Irene Wright.

Irene teaches French immersion at the high school and preparing French cuisine is a part of that. When the meal is served in December (it was postponed due to a family move), Irene will start with mini quiche or stuffed mushroom caps, Coquille St. Jacques, Boeuf Bourignon, cherries jubilee followed by coffee and liqueur.

**Last year food bank delivered 100 Christmas hampers**

While it's still not certain whether there will be a donation similar to that this year, the auction will offer a series of seven taped messages for an answering machine donated by the local Hysterical Society, plus a framed print by island artist Carol Evans, worth about \$450. (The frame has been donated by A Thousand Words Picture Framing Shoppe & Gallery.)

Altogether, Frances Eide, the organizer of this year's sale, expects to auction about 60 items, an amount she estimates will take three hours to sell. The auction is scheduled to take place in Mahon Hall on Sunday, November 26.

All of the money raised through the sale is donated to the Salt Spring

Community Centre and then to the food bank.

Last year, more than \$4,000 was raised through the auction, an amount which carried the food through the Christmas season and the better part of the year.

That's a good thing too, says Sheila Sayer, a community worker who oversees the operation of the food bank, because while the need is great at Christmas, there is a continuing need for both food and money through the rest of the year. She noted the demand at the food bank tends to be especially heavy in January, when people realize they overspent at Christmas or when the social assistance money which was delivered to recipients early (before Christmas) runs out.

Last year, Sayer notes, the Salt Spring food bank delivered 100 hampers to meet the needs of 200 people at Christmas. During the rest of the year, 30 families or individuals were served through 130 visits.

Sayer says the Christmas food hampers contain all the basics for a fairly standard Christmas dinner including fruit, fresh buns, nuts, cranberries, fresh produce and certificates to buy meat.

Contained in the food packages distributed in January and the rest of the year are enough basic food items to see the individual or the family through a few days.

All of this explains why money raised through the auction is important to the food bank.

The need for goods, of course, is one of those reasons, but the money generated through the sale allows

the food bank to buy standard goods for their packages.

It also explains why the cost of admission to the auction is a non-perishable food item.

"What I am impressed with in the event is that it goes beyond social, moral and political boundaries and it brings people together who want to give regardless of other affiliations. The motivating force is what it gives," says Eide, adding that all of the work that goes into organizing the event and even the auctioneering is done by volunteers.

While the spirit of giving is one aspect that makes this event special, it is also the spirit of Christmas.

It is here many buyers will do some serious shopping, but then where else could someone find a hand-painted vase by Barbara Neville, furniture from the Great Ganges Junk Co., a cordless drill, and yes, even earthquake insurance.

Last year, Eide says, Mahon Hall, the place where the auction is held, was full.

"It's a venue for people who want to buy Christmas gifts and at the auction, people do start thinking about what they need," Eide explains.

A list of the items to be included in this year's auction will be published the Wednesday before the auction.

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## Take time out November 11 to Remember

As the president of the Royal Canadian Legion, one of Ivan Mouat's responsibilities is perpetuating the memory of Canadians who gave their lives to preserve the freedom we enjoy today.

With the Second World War now more than 40 years behind us and the First World War having ended more than 60 years ago, Mouat says his job is getting harder all the time.

It should not be that way. What those people gave, through the sacrifice of their own lives, after all, is nothing less than the freedom and opportunities we enjoy today.

With the realities of war blatantly exposed by the Vietnam War, and the mounting public opposition that occurred during that time, the concept of "war" in our society has gathered increasingly negative stigma.

Even if today, we oppose war and the unnecessary loss of life that accompanies it, we have no right to attach the negative stigma on those who fought for this country.

There are some startling statistics from two of the major wars of which Canada played a part. Some 68,300 Canadian lives were lost in the First World War and 42,000 in the second. Neither figure includes the number of Canadians that were wounded or taken prisoner.

These Canadian service people are credited for a number of actions, including the liberation of Holland in 1945 and the taking of Vimy Ridge in April, 1917. The later battle claimed 15,000 Canadian lives alone.

This list, as we know, is endless.

It is easy for us to overlook the importance of Remembrance Day at a time when we enjoy such a

high standard of living, when we have the opportunity to further our education, travel and build a secure future for ourselves and our young.

But that would be to forget that others fought to make it possible. It's only appropriate, then, that we take time this Saturday to remember and be thankful.



## My pink-eared monster strikes fear into all

Things that go bump in the night.

This wasn't actually the night . . . but it was still dark out. And it wasn't actually Halloween . . . but it could of been: I understand it caused adequate trauma and trembling.

It was about 6:30 a.m. The macho man of the house was wandering about downstairs, trying to wake up, but I had absolutely no intention of leaving my duvet cocoon until five minutes before I had to be at work.

So when the great thud and crash happened beneath me, I listened for movement to follow, and then slowly buried myself further under the covers, intending to feign sleep unless the crisis was really bad.

A few more thuds followed, but I could tell these were humanly caused wake-up-and-come-down-and-see-what-happened crashes. I pulled the pillow over my ears.

### off the record

susan dicker



Finally heavy wake-up footsteps on the staircase indicated I would hear the cause of the crisis anyway.

"So what happened?" I allowed one eye to peer from between the duvet and pillow.

"It was terrifying."

Turns out he was standing at the stove, waiting for the kettle to boil, when a mouse ran across his foot. Macho male jumped three-feet in the air and landed on his backside somewhere in the middle of the room.

He got no sympathy from me: "Was it the cute little grey one with

big pink ears and little pink feet?" I call him Felix: he's a thrill-seeking little rodent who likes to zip around the room, taking daring dashes between the woodstove and electric stove, while the cat sits in a daze, head twisting around like an owl.

Sometimes I hear Felix rustling about in the compost. I spring open the cupboard, just in time to see his little pink nose twitch in recognition, before he slips up the side of the bucket and scurries off to tantalize the cat, run across a human foot, or perform some other daring activity.

Sometimes, when no one is looking, I leave little bits of cheddar under the stove.

You have to understand I was one of those hamster children. Snuffles (Snuffy for short). Twitch. Mic and Mac. I had a large hamster cage, with a maze of habitrail tunnels attached, a bright orange exercise wheel and a couch where they would periodically disappear.

(However difficult it is to extract a hamster from a couch is quite nominal compared to removing it from the walls, where my good friend Sarah's hamsters preferred to stretch their little legs.)

Our hamsters were pretty important. Snuffy won several ribbons at the SPCA Junior Pet Show for such auspicious qualities as "nicest colour" and "biggest feet."

One morning I arrived at Sarah's house en route to school, to discover her hamster "Mouser" had passed on into the afterlife. Sarah's parents had already gone to work and we had strict orders to hop on

our bikes and pedal directly to school, without Passing Go or Collecting \$200.

We had a funeral instead.

We sat in her bedroom, reminiscing about all those qualities that made Mouser a special hamster. We went through a box and one-half of Kleenex. We prepared a special coffin. We missed a morning of school.

Felix is a great compromise over hamsters and gerbils. No cages to clean; no boxes of mouse food to purchase. And all this excitement at all times of the day and night.

Sometimes he gets a little noisy — one hears him practising the 100-metre dash in the walls — and a little messy — bits of compost tossed over the side of the bucket.

But he's so scary. All two grams of him. Who needs a vicious dog or a burglar alarm, when Felix-the-mouse can send any burly man jumping for fear, merely by showing his little face.

letters

Cyprus Bowl

To the Editor,  
Perched high upon a knoll above the sea, overlooking Saanich Peninsula, I sat, waiting for a new day to begin. As the early morning mist crept up the side hill it began swirling and dancing as it was caught by the early autumn breeze. Suddenly, a thunderous crashing noise pervaded the pre-dawn silence. Chills came over me and I tucked myself closer into the rocky outcrop trying to imagine what exactly "it" could be. The pale half moon was fading rapidly, dissolving itself into the icy mist. Could this possibly be true, a huge ominous beast (a dinosaur) was rummaging through the forest and now the mammoth monster had come crashing out onto the clear cut, stomping and reeling, trying to shake off his ancient cobwebs.

His eyes met my eyes, we became frozen in our stares. Finally he broke the silence. He began by speaking softly with a heavy broken accent. He said quite profoundly "Don't worry, buddy — all of us dinosaurs became extinct without any human intervention whatsoever". He sighed, I sighed, and we both turned to witness the sun come rising from the east over the rocky ridge.

M. CYPRUS,  
Ganges

P.S. If you're looking for a lift, consider making early reservations for Salt Spring's only Ski Resort — the real "Cyprus Bowl."

Pleased

To the Editor,  
We were very pleased with the numbers at the Health Fair. The numbers who attended — over 300 persons; the numbers who participated — over 50 groups and organizations, but especially the numbers of volunteers who gave of their time, energy and goods. Without them, there would have been no fair. On behalf of the Gulf Islands Chapter of the RNABC, could I publicly thank through this letter:

Ganges Village Market, Mobile Market, and Andy Kinnear for the food donations, and especially the Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers who made up the lunches and distributed them to stave off starvation among the participants. The remainder will not be named individually in case I miss somebody, but many thanks to those who helped set up, take down, park, make signs, distribute posters, pass out pamphlets, trundle equipment, push wheel-

chairs, write letters, make phone calls and endow us all with your enthusiasm.

And to my fellow nurses, great work gang, ... in another three years ...

VONNIE SIMPKIN,  
Ganges

No Trace

To the Editor,

I agree that the residents of Cusheon Lake deserve to have pure drinking water but I'd like to point out that the situation is a long way from the "environmental catastrophe" that some people would have us believe.

We have never found evidence of toxic leachate in Cusheon Creek. The pH of the lakes and the creeks is around 6.9, and we haven't found traces of ammonia (a chief component of toxic leachate). We are going to be doing regular testing of the water. I have a BSc and have done nine years of research in biochemical analysis and am qualified to do the tests even if Peter Rice doesn't think so. Any time we have suspicious test results we will notify the department of environment.

One of the main criteria for determining the presence of pollutants is egg viability. In our hatchery we have over 90 per cent fish egg survival. There has also been a record hatch of bass in Cusheon and Blackburn Lakes, the creeks below the dump are crawling with cut-throat trout fry every spring. So all the signs are pointing to good water conditions so far. (There is over 3000 feet of swamp between Blackburn dump and the lake and this may be why we have been lucky.)

I agree that the dump should be moved to a safer site on Salt Spring Island, and there are several safe sites that are not in sensitive watersheds that would be suitable (Norm Twa's is one).

Tod Creek, however, below Hartland dump is continually being poisoned by hot sticky brown ooze pouring out of the dump with flows of up to 400 gallons a minute. CRD future plans

for "treating" it consist of a pipe that can't handle the whole flow taking it untreated to the ocean. In the present situation they try to pump it back over the dump with a sprinkler system that doesn't always work.

I feel that the Hartland Road dump is an ecological nightmare out of control, and sending even our smaller amounts of garbage to leach over there is incomprehensible. More wells are contaminated every day and plans call for filling in Heal Lake, a pretty lake very similar to our own Roberts Lake.

I would also like to point out that there are dozens of septic tanks (some within 50 feet) draining into Cusheon Lake and that one of our big concerns is "Linear Alkalate Sulfurates (LAS)," compounds found in detergents that are toxic to fish at concentrations greater than .2 mg/L. The effect on humans is not known. We are hoping to publish a list of safe detergents soon.

Also, because a garbage transfer station is not a suitable industry to locate on an estuary especially one as important as Fulford Harbour I would like to ask people to vote a strong NO on election day and all co-operate to recycle what we can and find a safe spot on Salt Spring Island to bury the rest.

KATHY REIMER,  
Ganges.

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## capital comment

by hubert beyer



VICTORIA — I have an eight-year-old grandson who is half Chinese, and I just thought I'd let Neil Vant know that Justin didn't appreciate being referred to as a "Chinaman."

The term was derogatory when the last spike was hammered into the Canadian Pacific steel ribbon, and it's downright nasty and odious today.

This latest furore was one the Socreds couldn't pin on the media. They brought it on all by themselves. I don't know about you, but I don't like to be governed by people who feel they can step across the bounds of good taste and come dangerously close to being racist, as long as they are among themselves.

There simply is no excuse for what happened at the caucus breakfast meeting that Saturday morning during the Social Credit Party convention in Vancouver. Funny thing is I was at the early part of that breakfast, but decided to leave when Walter Davidson, MLA for Delta, told a couple of filthy jokes that embarrassed a lot of people.

### Line drawn at Vant's offensive joke

Davidson's display of bad taste, however, wouldn't have prompted me to write about it. I probably would even have ignored Premier Vander Zalm's joke about a Jew who wanted to win the lottery without buying a ticket. But I would have drawn the line at Vant's offensive joke about a "Chinaman" who blamed the Jews for the sinking of the Titanic and when told it was an iceberg that sank the ship, said "iceberg, Goldberg, what's the difference."

Had I been witness to that latest display of Vant's questionable behaviour, my initial reaction to the convention would not have been as favourable as it was.

The tragedy for the Socreds was that they had everything going for themselves at the convention. They managed to present a unified front and more or less avoided any pitfalls. And then this.

I can tell you that the caucus breakfasts weren't always like this. They used to be one of the highlights of the convention and, more important, they used to be really funny.

### Negated any headway made

The argument that the affair was off the record doesn't apply anyway in this case. News of the premier's and Vant's questionable jokes spilled out into the corridor after a number of delegates left in disgust and complained to reporters.

The damage done to some extent by the premier, but mainly by Vant, was considerable. It negated any headway the party had made at the convention.

Socred caucus chairman Carol Gran defended Vander Zalm. She called his joke inappropriate, but added that the premier, an immigrant himself, would not intentionally cast aspersions on any other race. Vant, on the other hand, had to "defend himself," Gran said.

Meanwhile, a lot of people were up in arms. Dr. Michael Elterman, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific Region, was demanding an apology from Vant and the premier. "They should apologize if they want to promote the politics of tomorrow and not be a party of exclusion," Elterman said.

### Didn't include Vant in new cabinet

The most poignant comment came from John Dixon, president of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association. "There are probably worse things than telling a dumb ethnic joke, but if the premier of the province has so little judgment as to utter one in public, maybe we should brace ourselves for some of those worse things," he said.

Both the premier and Vant did, indeed, apologize, but unfortunately, the damage had been done. To his credit, the premier didn't include Vant in his new cabinet.

I have been criticized for mercilessly attacking Vant on previous occasions, which included crude remarks about women and highly offensive statements regarding native Indians. He didn't really mean it, some readers told me. He's not a bad chap, they said.

Well, I'm standing by my judgment of the man. He never should have been a cabinet minister. Perhaps this latest example of the man's total lack of sensitivity and tolerance will convince some of my directors that I've been right all along.

Vant's latest exhibition of ignorance couldn't be forgiven. He had to be removed from office. Furthermore, I wouldn't be one bit surprised if the Socreds in Cariboo sent him packing altogether at the nominating meeting prior to the next general election.

Vant, meanwhile, was unrepentant to the end. Asked by reporters whether he was perhaps removed from cabinet because he repeatedly embarrassed the government, the ex-minister said, no, he doesn't think he embarrassed the government.

# Cautious optimism greets act

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information through other or additional means.

Eyles noted that current efforts of the board to keep the public informed probably already surpass the guidelines contained in the new act.

He said the general reaction from school staff and representatives to the new act is one of "cautious optimism."

The caution, he said, comes from a growing concern about the number of changes being made in the education system.

The new school act includes recommendations taken from the Sullivan Commission, which called for programs such as dual entry and continuous programming at the elementary level.

Those, too, must be in place by next September.

All of these changes, Eyles, have left many educators feeling overwhelmed. On the other hand, many educators feel optimistic about the flexibility provided through the new act. For one thing, school boards can now set their own school calendars so long as a specified number of instructional hours are met.

Another example and something already occurring here to a limited degree is that students will be able to receive credit toward their high school diplomas through work experience programs. All of this, he noted, is part of the ministry's goal to make education relevant to the work place.

In the meantime, Eyles said the intention now is to implement the changes while at the same time gathering public input and keeping the public informed.



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In general terms the intent of the following proposed bylaws is as follows:

1. Proposed South Pender Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 28 cited as "Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1989" is a bylaw to adopt the Official Community Plan for South Pender Island, Blundon and Skull Islets and the surface of the sea within 1000 metres of the shoreline of South Pender Island and mid-channel between North Pender Island and South Pender Island. The Official Community Plan provides goals, objectives and policies to guide development and maintain the rural character and environment of South Pender Island. The proposed bylaw would replace the Official Community Plan (South Pender Island) Bylaw 1973.
2. Proposed South Pender Island Trust Committee Bylaw No. 29 cited as "Official Community Plan (South Pender Island) Bylaw, 1973 Amendment Bylaw No. 1, 1989", is a bylaw to delete Subsection (h) under the heading Rural Residential and replaces it with the following:
 

"only one single family dwelling shall be permitted on any one land registry parcel which is less than 0.8 hectares (2 acres) in size,"

and adds a new section that allows:

"only one single family dwelling and one seasonal cottage shall be permitted on any one land registry parcel which is 0.8 hectares (2 acre) or more in size."
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A copy of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1106 Cook Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays.

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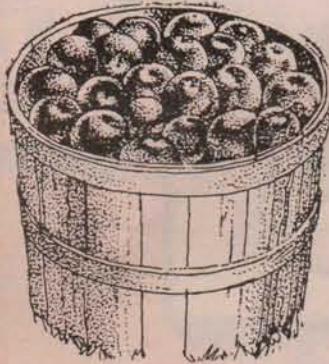
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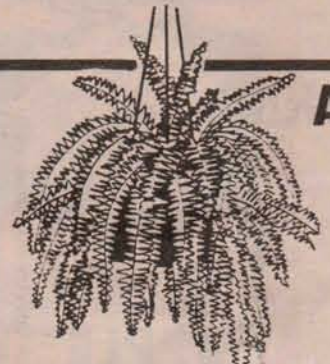
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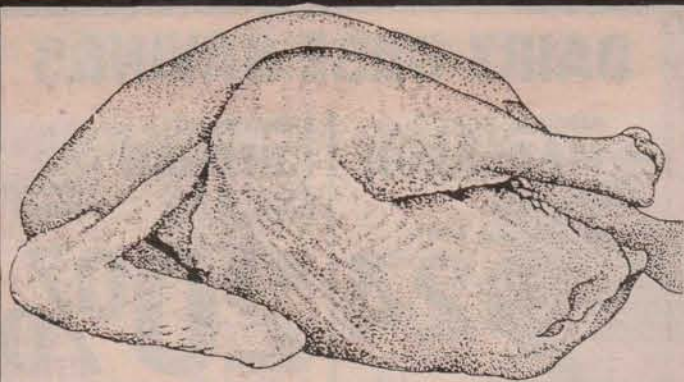
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State of the Islands

# Conference calls for reform in B.C.'s logging practices

By RANDY THOMAS  
Special to the Driftwood

In what one observer termed "an historic turning point," more than 500 fallers, fishermen, native leaders and residents from Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands called for immediate and far-reaching reforms in B.C. forest tenure and logging practices during the first State Of The Islands Conference, held October 27 and 28 in Nanaimo.

Summarizing the mood and aspirations of a broad cross-section of island forest workers and residents, Haida elder Lavina White declared: "We need a system that is democratic — not an illusion of democracy. A dictatorial regime must quickly be changed. The government must once again belong to the people — not the corporations."



A number of people spoke on issues relating to logging in B.C. at the State of the Islands Conference held recently in Nanaimo.

The immediate settling of native land claims, leadership roles incorporating the holistic perspectives of women and natives, public access to forest information and the return of B.C. forests to community control highlighted Saturday's day-long meeting at the Beban Park auditorium.

More than a dozen speakers representing island communities, universities and industry agreed that after 90 years, B.C.'s forest practices are not working. With more than 82 per cent of our old growth forests now reduced to stumps, and the remainder rapidly

disappearing under a relentless mechanized assault, many conference participants were stunned to learn of the vulnerability of B.C.'s low-quality second-growth tree plantations to market demands and global climate change.

Dave White, former owner of B.C.'s second-largest silviculture company, explained that despite a massive increase in replanting efforts, less than one tree is currently being planted for every three taken in B.C. — and that up to 60 per cent of these seedlings are dying in burnt and compacted, nutrient-deficient ground.

Growth problems among the seedling survivors are already yielding wood of such low quality "it is not even fit for pulp," White said.

Citing a "growing environmental disaster in the woods," veteran faller Lyn Kistner called for "the saving of Carmanah," "the nationalization of Fletcher Challenge" and "a stop to the total decimation of the old growth forest."

Warning that there "won't be any change until the corporate monopoly of our forests is broken up," the IWA representative added demands for an end to clear-cutting, a lower Annual Allowable Cut, more intensive silviculture and a ban on raw log exports. Kistner's call for a provincial forest inventory and the expansion of a Forest Service decimated by 50 per cent layoffs since 1983 was applauded by professional foresters in the audience.

In an impassioned, often sardonic speech, hereditary chief Simon Lucas recalled how years of Catholic schooling and legislating against native language, religion and customs almost dislodged his people from their nature-connected life. "Our people made cedar blanks from a standing tree — and they called us savages!" he said.

Echoing Lucas' plea to "return old thinking to the old forests," master forester Herb Hammond suggested that a Land and Conservator Ethic — such as that long practised by aboriginal peoples — would lead to the protection of the forest first, before we use it.

"If you have a community and a consensus on where you want to go, you'll go there, logging in such a way that meets the needs of the community and forest," Hammond pointed out.

Exploring alternative logging methods in a forest setting brought several 100 conference-goers to Merv Wilkinson's 45-year-old woodlot in Ladysmith the following day.

Leading groups into a woods bright with birdsong and autumn foliage, "Zen"-forester Dr. Chris Maser showed how the seldom-managed "underground forest" of interwoven roots, fungus and bacteria contributes to the process that is a living forest.

"Half the forest structure is below ground," Maser told his rapt audience. "The health of the forest industry is a mirror reflection of the health of the land. If we destroy the soil, we destroy the soil forever."

Maser observed that this new data is not fitting into our old rigid belief system, which focuses on products rather than process.

"That's why we're in a paradigm shift," he said. "Then the head-bashing starts — that's when we need to be gentle. There's always value in the old. And not all of the new ways are right."

This conciliatory, holistic approach to forestry saw foresters from MacMillan Bloedel and Fletcher Challenge taking notes as Herb Hammond demonstrated how he "walks the way the land flows," determining "forest-use zones" that range from complete protection of wetlands, habitat and tourism areas to selective "thinning" of perhaps half of a given tract.

Totally absent were an environmentalist's ego and agenda as this ecologist explained to groups spanning all ages and forest experience how diverse, multi-aged forest stands naturally resist fire and pests. Disease, Hammond added, is as essential to the forest's regeneration as the presence of rotten logs and snags on the ground.

Optimism was the keynote of this two-day gathering, which saw a long list of forestry ills addressed by an equally detailed prescription of solutions. Asked why he was attending what some viewed as an environmental meeting, Fletcher Challenge forester Steve Lackey replied: "Because it's about time."

Lackey found the exchange valuable — and agreed with the participants' exuberance.

"I've been brought up in the industry way for 20 years," he said. "Things won't change fast."

But the commercial forester noted that the New Zealand company has recently doubled its rotation period for spruce and is experimenting with natural pest controls.

Woodlot owner Merv Wilkinson closed the historic mid-island conference to cheers when he said: "We're all heading for something better for B.C.'s forests."

parcel of land located behind the Fulford Inn.

She says several islanders are looking at taking non-confrontational action on the site, in a movement similar to action taken early last month at a logging site on Mt. Tuam.

On October 5 some 12 Salt Spring residents met with loggers on the 300-acre Mt. Tuam parcel.

Sunshine says islanders who are concerned about the clear-cut logging, or who are interested in becoming involved in taking action against it, should contact the Green Islands office.

## Non-confrontational action may occur

A group of islanders are once again considering taking non-confrontational action against clear-cut logging on Salt Spring.

Sally Sunshine at the Green Islands office says a number of people are growing concerned over clear-cut logging taking place on a

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# Salt Spring potters gearing up for annual pre-Christmas sale



Members of the Potters' Guild have been working hard to produce items for the pre-Christmas craft sale.

The Salt Spring Island potters are thinking Christmas.

The potters, like members of four other guilds on the Island are preparing for the annual pre-Christmas craft sale at Mahon Hall, scheduled for November 17, 18 and 19.

The Guild Christmas craft sale took the top spot at the recent Potters' Guild pot luck supper and annual general meeting. Members discussed their role in setting up displays and staffing the sale.

The potters plan to offer a wide assortment of ceramic forms, including both functional and one-of-a-kind decorative pieces: everything from tea sets and casseroles, porcelain bottles and bowls, to raku pots and jewelry, sculpted boxes, colourful Christmas tree ornaments and other unique gift ideas.

The Potters' Guild works with weavers, painters, woodworkers and jewellers in presenting the annual craft sale.

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# Sunday opening requested

Organizers of the annual pre-Christmas craft sale are hoping Salt Spring Island merchants will cooperate in opening the island to a weekend-long Christmas shopping spree.

The annual craft sale, which is scheduled to run November 17, 18 and 19 at Mahon Hall, offers for sale products made by members of the weavers', potters', jewellers', woodworkers' and painters' guilds.

In conjunction with the craft sale at Mahon Hall, members of Salt Springs' Fabric Guild and Friends are offering a sale of their wares at the United Church on Hereford Road, the same weekend.

Organizers of the Mahon Hall event say the annual craft sale has grown over the years, bringing numerous people to the island for the event. Last year the three-day sale grossed some \$36,000.

Organizers are encouraging island merchants to keep their businesses open on Sunday, November 19, giving shoppers further impetus to come to the downtown core.

The Mahon Hall sale runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

# Fabric artists preparing for craft sale

Members of the Salt Spring Island Fabric Guild are busily planning their second Christmas craft show after a very successful introduction last year.

The Fabric Guild and Friends Second Annual Craft Show and Sale will take place in the United Church Hall on Hereford Avenue on November 16, 17 and 18 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The event will coincide with the annual Christmas and Craft Show at Mahon Hall.

The practical and decorative uses of fabric know few boundaries and Fabric Guild members plan to contribute high quality professional pieces, using techniques of quilting, weaving, applique, felting, silk screen and fabric painting.

Items offered will range from kitchen and other household accessories through scarves and clothing.

With Christmas shoppers in mind, there will be a large selection of Christmas decorations and gifts, including household items in festive fabrics, nightgowns, toys and children's clothing.

Fabric Guild "Friends" will contribute jewellery and candles, dried flower arrangements, sheepskin products, photo cards and enlargements, soaps, jams and jellies, and blown and fused glass.

This year the group will also provide snacks on the premises. Muffins and coffee will be available during the mornings, soup and sandwiches for lunches and desserts Friday evening. Tea and scones will be served each afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.



Driftwood photo by Nancy Vail

# Woven products offered at Christmas craft show

The artistry and skill of local weavers will be displayed at the annual pre-Christmas sale, scheduled for November 17, 18, and 19 at Mahon Hall.

Members of the Salt Spring Spinners and Weavers Guild have been busy preparing wearable art, clothing and household items for sale at the event.

The annual sale will see items for sale offered by members of several Salt Spring Island guilds.

More than 70 people participate in the local Spinners and Weavers Guild. Weekly meetings (Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Mahon Hall), give weavers the opportunity to discuss their projects and participate in workshops. Many guild members have cottage industries on the island.

Two members — Jane Stafford and Evelyn Oldroyd — have recently established their own company: Stafford and Oldroyd Handwovens. This company will be producing fine silks and mohairs for custom clothing designers.

Stafford has trained in the fine arts, obtaining her Bachelor's Degree from Lakehead University on Thunder Bay. She undertook advanced study in textiles at the Banff School of Fine Arts, and joined the staff there in 1983. She is continuing her advanced training on Salt Spring.

Both Stafford and Oldroyd are both participating in the prestigious Canadian Guild of Master Weavers program.

While the Spinners and Weavers Guild is not a teaching guild *per se*, members offer classes, mentoring, advice and materials to interested people.

Those interested in obtaining further information should contact Ilse Leader at 653-4273.

Weavers Evelyn Oldroyd (left) and Jane Stafford have recently established their own company on Salt Spring. They are just two of several weavers offering their wares for sale at the pre-Christmas guild sale, November 17, 18 and 19 at Mahon Hall.

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# Junk fair planned

Islanders are invited to save their plastic and paper for the upcoming Great Family Junk Fair.

On November 25, the Activity Centre at Salt Spring Elementary School will set the back-drop for the Junk Fair, which will provide families the opportunity to combine creativity, community and conscience, organizers say.

To prepare for the event, islanders are invited to save paper and plastic, as well as string, ribbon, foil, beads, yarn, sequins and wire.

Parents and children will bring the sorted goods to the Activity Centre, where they will be pooled.

Organizers promise to have lots of helpers on hand to aid in the creation of gifts, cards, decorations, lanterns, hats, wraps and multimedia art. They will provide supplies of tempera paint, glue, sponges and potatoes for printing.

Productiveness can be increased by bringing scissors and staplers, and messy creators are advised to bring an apron or old shirt.

The Fair, scheduled to run between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., will operate on a drop-in basis. Those planning to make a day of it, are advised to bring a bag lunch. Simple refreshments will be available at a nominal cost.

Organizers sponsoring the Great Family Junk Fair include local chapters of Amnesty International, the Disarmament Group, Potters Guild, Sierra Club, Tools for Piece and Voice of Women. Anyone wishing to obtain additional information, should call 537-9804.

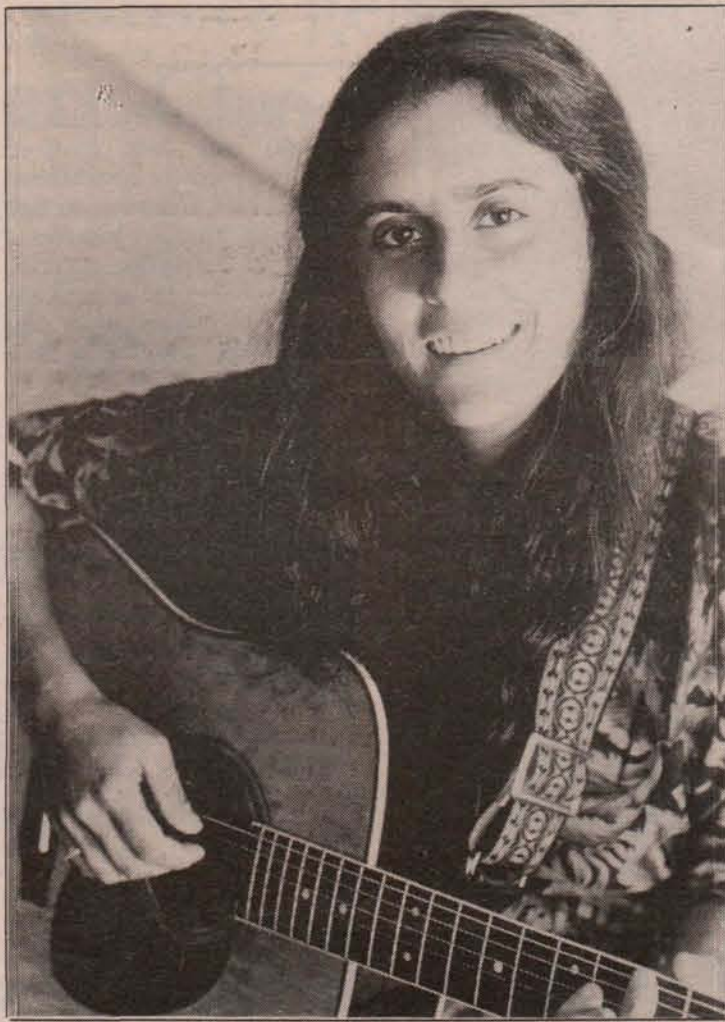
## Drums, dance on tap Sunday

Mahon Hall will vibrate with the sound of African drums this Sunday, when Continuing Education presents a drum and dance workshop with Dido and William Rose.

Topics of the event will include basic rhythm, singing, percussion, bells, shakers and more.

The first workshop is scheduled to run between 10 a.m. and noon is African drum for youngster aged nine and older. Cost is \$10. The adults' drum session follows from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., followed by a dance workshop for all between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the drum workshop and \$12 for the dance.

Pre-registration is necessary and can be obtained by calling the Continuing Education office at 537-2822.



Folk artist Alice DiMichele

## The popular DiMichele makes Canadian debut

The "amazing" voice of Alice DiMichele will fill the building at Off Centre Stage this Friday night.

DiMichele, who has been described as one of the Northwest's finest folk artists, will make her Canadian debut on Salt Spring, November 10.

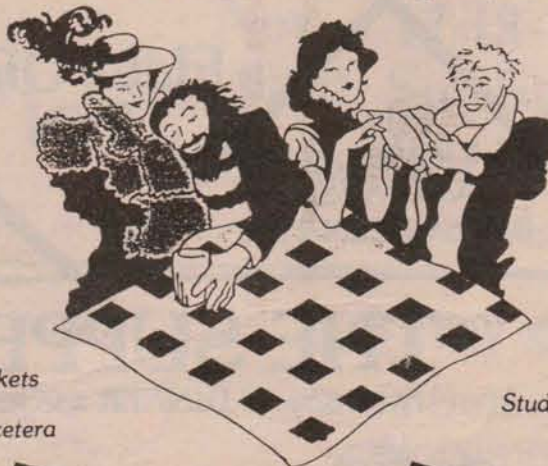
Salt Spring resident Rainbow May — a friend of the Oregon-based folk singer — says she can only describe DiMichele's voice one way: "amazing."

Writer Kindler Stout, however, found a few more words, when he said, "Alice's gorgeous, strong, deep-textured alto voice, her special knack for vocal phrasing, and her striking guitar arrangements make her performance a delight for all ages."

May says DiMichele's performance carries with it an environmental message that will be enjoyed by all members of the family.

Tickets for the event, which begins at 8 p.m. following a bistro, set up at 7 p.m. — are available at the door for \$6.

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Local artist and art teacher Adrien Towne stands beside her work, now on display at Off Centre Stage. The show consists of a variety of subject matter including portraits, boats, animals and impressions, painted in both water-colour and oil. The show runs until November 18. The gallery is open Monday to Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

## Kate and her crew to belt out the blues

No More War is the theme of a Remembrance Day Dance at Fulford Hall, featuring Auntie Kate and her Blues Bums.

Produced by Deliberate Fabrications and T-Bop, the bluesy tunes of Auntie Kate (Cathy Roland) will be accompanied by a visual multi-media "extravaganza."

Organizers say the musical "smoke and mirror" event promises to be one of the year's best.

Auntie Kate's Blues Bums include Tom Bowler on lead guitar, Doug Saunders on bass, Gary Quiring on the drums and Dave "Duck" Ruse on the sax.

Proceeds from the event are being directed to the Salt Spring Cinema Club.

The dance, which is scheduled to start at 9 p.m., Saturday, November 11, will offer food by Sunrise Catering.

Advanced tickets only are available for \$7 at et cetera in Ganges and at Stuff and Nonsense in Fulford Harbour.



Auntie Kate Roland

## Ghost busting team returns to local cinema

The four-man team of Bill Murray, Harold Ramis, Dan Aykroyd and Ernie Hudson return for the inevitable Ghostbusters II, showing this weekend at Island Cinema on Salt Spring.

The movie in which New York gets repossessed, will be shown November 11, 12, and 13 (Saturday, Sunday and Monday).

The beginning of Ghostbusters II finds the spoke hunting agency defunct, rendered bankrupt by a damage lawsuit by the city, and with a court order prohibiting further ecto-activities.

Things get turned around when Murray's baby gets snatched by supernatural force in the centre of a crowded Manhattan street.

Producer/director of the film said the most difficult part of creating the sequel movie was finding the element of surprise for the audience.

He says Ghostbusters II is lighter on special effects, favouring a human study instead. "We focus more on the character scenes, because in the end, that's what people respond to."

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# "Mind and body link promotes self-healing"

By NANCY VAIL

*"No matter how badly off you may be, or how handicapped, there is a strong power within you which can always heal you or at least make your situation better.*

*No matter how isolated you feel, your higher self is always there to be your best friend. Knowing this, you need not feel isolated, fearful, or helpless. Our power of healing exists in every muscle of our bodies, in every brain cell, every nerve fibre, every blood vessel. We are born with the power of healing ourselves, and we only need to re-discover it."*

When Meir Schneider came into this world 35 years ago, he came with a set of visual impairments ranging from glaucoma to astigmatism and cataracts. Seven years and five unsuccessful operations later in his home country of Israel, Schneider was declared legally blind.

For many people with a similar handicap, the struggle would have become one of learning to live with the condition. But for Schneider, it was the start of years of hard work and experimentation which eventually helped him regain his sight.

Today, he no longer uses magnifying glasses to see and he reads and writes like any other person with normal vision.

In the past 10 years, Schneider estimates he has helped thousands of people overcome conditions ranging from spinal problems to polio using an approach to healing which helps the body help itself.

Schneider, who now operates a treatment centre in San Francisco and who will be in Ganges tonight (Wednesday) for a lecture and Sidney for a two-day workshop this weekend, firmly believes it is the way people relate to and use their bodies that determines their health.

He is also convinced that if people pay more attention to their

bodies and change the way they think, they can prevent illness later on.

Behind Schneider's treatment is the belief there is a close working relationship between the mind and the body.

Part of the problem, he says, is that tension which may have been generated in the mind is stored in the body and staying well requires finding new ways to release that tension.

Another problem, he adds, is that the mind, like any other machine is programmed to operate in a certain and sometimes limited way. If the mind is sending harmful messages to the body, people must make a conscious effort to change what the mind is telling the body to do.

Sometimes that means finding new ways and new muscles to

move, new ways to relax and new ways to listen to the body.

Says Schneider: "The brain basically has a tendency to repeat the system as it is. . . it doesn't tell the system to change. You need to tell the brain how to function."

"The main thing that I am teaching is to find a way to communicate with your body. We try to feel all the system, how well they can work it so that it comes to breaking patterns."

The techniques used in his therapy are simple in that they relate to movement, breathing technique, message and relaxation but they are complex in that the each program is geared to the individual.

So far, he says, the reaction from the medical community toward his treatment has been largely negative although that, he says, is not surprising since the medical com-

munity has a vested interest in many of its current practices.

He added, though, that as society continues to become more aware of the important of the mind/body connection, there is a growing number of practitioners in the medical and physiotherapeutic fields who are receptive to this healing approach.

In the meantime, Schneider says he hopes to continue teaching his healing methods to others and would eventually like to see centres such as the one he operates in San Francisco and even self-healing communities in various locations around the world.

"I am young but I don't want this information to die with me. Too many good things have died. I no longer have to struggle to survive. Now the struggle is . . . for better methods for the community."



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